

November 2020

Dear Students, Parents, and Friends of Theodore Roosevelt High School,

I know this is not the school year anyone anticipated or wished for, yet, there is still much for which we are thankful. Many students, staff, and parents continue to be amazing. Throughout the state there are so many different approaches high schools are taking to safely educate students. It can range anywhere from five days a week of in-person classes to fully remote. We would love to have students in class five days a week but we understand that right now, the blended learning schedule is the safest for the Roosevelt learning community. We are currently working hard to continue implementing the best possible blended learning model. We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we move through uncharted territory.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to communicate with one another. Our staff is great when it comes to returning phone calls or emails. During the last few weeks of the grading period many teachers called parents or guardians of students who were struggling in class. We will also communicate with you through the [Roosevelt Website](#), [Final Forms](#), the Remind application, and [Progress Book](#).

Report cards are posted on Progress Book. If you are having trouble logging in, please contact Mrs. Harris at 330-676-8700 or nharris@kentschoolnet or use this [Progress Book link](#). You may also contact your student's counselor:

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Some very good news includes our proud [induction of 53 new students into the National Honor Society](#). Students accepted into this prestigious group must learn at high levels, exhibit leadership characteristics, serve others and be of strong character.

Our 2020 Homecoming festivities were quite different this year, but Student Council and Boosters were still able to host the presentation of our 2020 Homecoming Court and a virtual DJ. Congratulations to the **2020 Homecoming Court students**, who were recognized at the TRHS Stadium presentation on Saturday, October 17:

UNDERCLASSMEN

Freshman Attendants -- *Bronwyn Stewart & Ronald Spears*

Sophomore Attendants -- *Katie Keller & Cayden Foreman*

Junior Attendants -- *Skylar Benedik & Luke Jenkins*

SENIORS

Senior KING Candidates: *John Burroughs, Patrick Gallagher, Josh Hido, Josh Thompson, Andrew Valetta*

Senior QUEEN Candidates: *Ava Bozich, Tala Ghumrawi, Jillian Hanna, Kaylie Loughry, Cassie McCoy, Maggie Oldham*

Seniors **John Burroughs** and **Maggie Oldham** were crowned King and Queen, respectively. Later that evening, all students were invited to attend the virtual dance, hosted by Roosevelt grad, **Omara Kazadi-Abe (DJ OK)**.

A special congratulations to all our marching band members, cheerleaders, our fall athletes, music directors, coaches and trainers. All of these people went far above and beyond expectations in an effort to make the fall season as normal as possible. Every game or match we were able to participate in was a gift. Thank you to all of our fall sports senior captains and drum majors.

- CHEER -- **Ava Bozich, Makhia Friedman, Hailey Park, & Taryn Thomas**
- CROSS COUNTRY -- **Katelyn Moisio and Ezra Turner**
- FIELD HOCKEY -- **Gabby Finelli, Tala Ghumrawi & Ryan Rhinehart**
- FOOTBALL -- no captains
- BOYS GOLF -- **Gavin Markham**
- GIRLS GOLF -- **Sydney Leavery, Isabella Mineo & Maren Seaholts**
- BOYS SOCCER -- **Johnny Burroughs, Josh Hido & Philip Vorhauer**
- GIRLS SOCCER -- **Kassidy Fischer, Ava Mathys & Maggie Oldham**
- TENNIS -- **Julia Hofstetter & Cherilyn Kowalski**
- VOLLEYBALL -- **Faith Kaminski, Megan Moser, Jillian Hanna, Andrya Hanmore & Alexis Hanmore**
- DRUM MAJORS -- **Madison Walker & Mathias Broyles**

A special shout out to Junior **Maren Seaholts** who qualified to participate in the OHSAA Women's State Golf Tournament.

Recently the Portage County Commissioners declared racism a public health crisis in our county. Racism is and has been an issue in our city, county, and country. This summer we began work on creating an Equity and Inclusion Task Force for Theodore Roosevelt High School. The goal is to create an environment where students and staff of color feel respected, safe, and have the opportunity to thrive. In order for this to happen, we will have anti-racism training to examine our organizational structure, systems, policies, practices, and attitudes. Anti-racism training will allow us to self reflect and grow as an equitable and inclusive school community. Based on the advice of a task force consultant, we decided to read New York Times bestseller, *White Fragility*. Just as this was a starting point for our task force, we felt strongly it would be a great read for our entire staff. Fortunately, media specialist, Mrs. Flaherty, was able to secure a grant enabling us to purchase a book for each staff member. We began our staff book discussions in mid October.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Tuesday, November 11 & Wednesday, November 11** -- Picture Retakes (during lunch periods)
- **Tuesday, November 24** -- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Wednesday, November 25-27** -- Thanksgiving Break -- NO SCHOOL

Respectfully,
Dennis Love, TRHS Principal