Dear Parents/Guardians,

Graduation is just around the corner (June 7)! We are looking forward to a Saturday afternoon event this year. Celebrating with seniors and their families is a highlight of our school year. Please make sure you are aware of timelines for completion of credits and service hours with your senior as those timelines often need support and reminders. Please see more information inside, and call us with any questions.

You do make a difference! Two problems most likely to cause students to graduate late or not at all are attendance problems and lack of effort with school work. We work on these continuously at Reuther, as you know. Please know that your influence is a critical component of your student’s success. If they push back about attending or doing school work, don’t give up! Persistence is one of the things our students later on tell us that shows parents and teachers care. I often hear students voice appreciation for the people who continued to “support” them until they succeeded. This week I had a student who visited after finishing her graduation requirements. She said she would not have finished without people showing that they believed in her, even when she was giving up herself.

Parent and community planning group update.
Our planning priorities have been determined by our goal setting. Priorities developed by the group are: communicating; improving student/family involvement in school activities; and coordinating community resources for students and families. I appreciate that we have a few dedicated parents and staff helping with our plan, along with our community friends from NAMI and Boys and Girls Club. If you would like to be more involved in school support or planning activities, please call our main office. We will be adding more opportunities for next year and would love to have your input and support!

Exciting things happening at school.
Student leaders have been working recently with our staff to create some lessons for younger children about bully prevention, and they are taking their lessons to Frank Elementary. See page 6 for more of their story.

Fridays often provide opportunities for students to complete their volunteer experiences. For a list of future volunteer opportunities, see page 5.

IMPORTANT! Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 24 & 26 from 4:30 - 6:30.

Our Carthage College partnership has exciting news. Carthage College was selected for a district Business in Education award for our Literacy Project. This Spring, the Malala book club students will attend a dinner at Carthage and share their thoughts about the book with college students and professors. The writing contest, newly named “The Leonard Pitts, Jr., Diversity Writing Contest” sponsored by Carthage College, will be coming to a head in the next few weeks with finalists being announced this week, a finalist workshop scheduled, and the winners announced in April. We had over 70 students submit entries!

Finally, we will be scheduling classes for next year this Spring and will take into consideration the things you share at parent conferences. We will identify students that need summer school in fourth quarter, but in some cases it will be evident now due to credits needed. Please join us this month for our second set of conferences (see dates below). Remember: If you ever want to contact teachers or meet at other times, you are always welcome. See you soon!

Yours truly in Education,
Karen Walters, Principal
Parents’ Right to Receive Teacher Information

The recently reauthorized federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the “No Child Left Behind Act of 2001” requires additional reporting by both the state and the local education agencies. Among some of those options that every parent has a right to know is the following:

- Attends school which has been identified for improvement
- Attends school which is considered safe
- School has been identified as limited-English proficient and is or will be participating in a language instruction program

The “No Child Left Behind Act” says parents have the right to request the following informational qualifications of their child’s teacher:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and has a license for the grade level and subject area he or she teaches
- Whether the teacher has an emergency or provisional license
- What degrees the teacher holds and the field of discipline or his or her certification or degree
- Whether the child is being provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

Any parent or concerned individual may request any of the above information. Simply send in your request in writing to Reuther Central High School and the information will be given back to you in a timely manner.

Summer School 2014

Plans are under way for another great summer school experience for Reuther students. We have two formats for summer school for you to register your student: AIS and Credit Completion.

Credit Completion sessions are intended for students in the Blended Learning program that have an incomplete (I) on their report card during the school year. In an effort to ensure that they do not lose their intended credit, students with incompletes are expected to attend summer school until all incompletes are completed and the credit has been earned. Reuther staff will be communicating to families of the students with incompletes as to start dates and expectations.

AIS Credit Recovery summer school is a computer based curriculum that your student can take if they are at least 16 years old and behind in credits. Students are taken in order of graduation date and completed registration forms.

Registration for summer school opens on April 1 this year and applications can be found on Reuther's website, the KUSD summer school website, or picked up in the Main Office. Summer school will begin on June 23 and end on July 14 (with no students reporting on Fridays). AIS students would attend the whole scheduled session and Credit Completion students will only attend until they have completed their work. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Alyssa Sigman at 359-7583.

Student Applications Are Now Being Accepted

Do you have a family member or friend who is interested in attending Reuther next year? Reuther is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 year for all grade levels. Applications can be picked up in the Reuther Main Office or they can be found on our Reuther website @ http://reuther.kusd.edu/about/app_process.html. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alyssa Sigman at (262) 359-7583.

Safe Schools

We want our staff and students to be safe. During the month of April, Reuther will be holding both a Tornado Drill and a School Safety Drill. If there was a tornado, students would be safe in our basement, which is also a former nuclear fallout shelter. In the event of a true emergency we may need to take students out of the building. Frank Elementary is our reunification site. Frank is located at 1816 57th Street. During a true tornado or evacuation emergency, calling to get information is not advised, because the phone lines may be tied up. If you choose to get your child, you would be directed to Reuther personnel to sign out your child. In both the tornado or building evacuation scenarios, only people on your signed emergency card would be able to pick up the students. Please make sure your emergency card has all updated information if it has changed since registration in August. If you have any other questions regarding our school safety procedures, please feel free to email Nancy Weirick, Reuther’s assistant principal at nweirick@kusd.edu or call at 359-5932.

Parent’s Rights

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News from the Guidance Office

Guidance Staff

Listed below is the Reuther Counseling Staff. Please feel free to contact your child’s counselor if you have any concerns. There are a few changes. We are now located in Room 146.

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Char Stachon Sec/Immunizations 359-5911
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Jessica Kapellusch 2016/2017/Transition ichrusti@kusd.edu 359-7548

Information for Seniors

College Application Deadlines

Any senior who is planning to attend college in the fall of 2014 should meet with his or her counselor for information, applications, letters of recommendation, admission requirements, etc. Many universities have application deadlines that you need to keep in mind. Please do not delay!!!

Scholarship Information

Scholarship information and applications come in to our office regularly as the school year progresses. Applications can be found in the Guidance Office. A scholarship listing is also available in Guidance and on the Reuther website. Please have your student see their counselor for assistance regarding scholarships. Seniors, please check & apply!

Student Fees

Please remember that all student fees are due prior to graduating. Contact the school office at 359-6160 for current amount due. Be sure to plan ahead!

Community Service Requirement

This is a reminder that all students are required to complete at least 10 community service hours as part of their graduation requirements. Students will not be allowed to graduate until these hours are completed and documented. The Community Service Hours Verification Form can be found on our website and should be turned in to your counselor as soon as possible. Try to complete the hours before your senior year!

Cap and Gown Orders

If you have not ordered your Cap & Gown, please stop by Guidance and place your order. Cap and Gown is required to participate in the graduation ceremony. The current cost is $35. Acceptable forms of payment include cash and money order (made out to Josten’s). If you prefer to pay by credit card, please contact Josten’s directly at 414-425-4012.

Graduation Ceremony

Plan ahead! The Reuther Graduation Ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 1:00pm. Seating availability is first come, first served. Please note that there are no tickets issued for this event! We do not limit the number of friends or family who want to celebrate the graduation of their student.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for March 24 & 26 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

ACT Testing

Attention all college bound students!

Seniors planning on attending college should register for the ACT to either take the test for the first time or to retake it. Juniors should plan to register to take the ACT in April or June. Universities require an ACT score for admission. Technical colleges do not. Registration packets are available in the Guidance Office.

We have ACT fee waivers available for any students with free or reduced lunch. Please see your counselor to get one.

Free booklets for ACT test prep are also available in the counselors’ offices. Sample test questions are also available at www.actstudent.org.

Reuther SCHOOL CODE: 501-014

Test Date Reg. Deadline Late Reg.
April 12, 2014 March 7, 2014 March 8-21, 2014
June 14, 2014 May 9, 2014 May 10-23, 2014

The ACT website at www.actstudent.org allows you to register online. With online registration, you can complete your registration quicker and receive your admission ticket sooner. Test sites are decided on a first come, first served basis.

Contracted Services

Sign up now for 2014-2015 Contracted Services

There is still time to apply for these Gateway courses for second semester. Students who are juniors or seniors in good standing are eligible to take these courses for college credit and high school elective credit. Please see your counselor for applications and to confirm your eligibility for any of the following courses:

- C.N.A (Tremper and Indian Trail)
- Medical Terminology (Tremper)
- Automotive Technician (Horizon Center)
- Early Childhood Education (Reuther)
- Criminal Justice (Indian Trail)
- Emergency Services (Indian Trail)

Gateway College Connection Advisor

AJ Laird is working directly with our senior students with their plans once they graduate high school. He is our expert and connection to Gateway and all of their programs and their requirements. He is available to help students transition into any college setting, not just Gateway! AJ also has resources to help students explore career options. Please encourage your student to visit with AJ! He visits Reuther every Thursday and is located in the guidance office.

U Hafta FAFSA! Announcing FAFSA Help

Chandar Robertson, our Great Lakes College Access Advisor, will be here more Thursdays. Come in for help completing your Free Application for Federal Student AID (FAFSA) form next Thursday!

Thursday, March 13, 2014 @ 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 27, 2014 @ 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 10, 2014 @ 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Go to www.fafsa.gov to learn more about FAFSA today!
REUTHER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
2013-2014 2nd SEMESTER CALENDAR UPDATE

February 28 (Friday) ................................................................. Mid-Winter Break, Schools Closed
March 14 (Friday) ................................................................. Early Release School Day, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
March 28 (Friday) ................................................................. Third Quarter Ends, Regular School Day, 1:09 p.m. Dismissal
April 18 (Friday) ................................................................. Spring Recess Begins, Schools Closed
April 28 (Monday - Schools Reopen) .............................................................. Students Report
March 24 & 26, 2014, (4:30 p.m.)

May 26 (Monday) ................................................................. Memorial Day
June 4 (Wednesday) ............................................................. Last School Day for Seniors
June 7 (Saturday) 1:00 p.m. ........................................................ Graduation
June 9 (Monday) 5:00 p.m. ........................................................ ITED Graduation
June 12 (Thursday) ............................................................... Fourth Quarter Ends, End of Year for Students
June 13 (Friday) ............................................................... Staff Workday

In-service Days

Intensives
June 3-6, 2014

Blended Learning
June 2, 2014 - no school

Final Exam
June 10, 2014 (review)
June 11-12, 2014 (7:45-12:30)

Schedule Change Reminder:
School Ends at 3:10p.m.on Mon-Thur and at 1:09 p.m. on Fri

Parent Conferences
Mar. 24 & 26, 2014, (4:30-6:30 p.m.)
March 28, 2014 (a.m.) CANCELLED – Make-Up Day – Regular School Day – Dismissal at 1:09 p.m.

Just a reminder! If your student misses school and you forget or are unable to call him/her in that morning, please contact the attendance office within 24 hours by phone or written note. We are unable to honor parent excuses weeks after the absence. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us!

School Board Policies Attendance
1. The Executive Director of Educational Accountability is designated as the District attendance officer. The building principal/designee is designated as the school attendance officer.
   A. Absence Reporting
      a. An excuse from a parent/guardian is required for any student absence from school. For extended or excessive absence because of illness, a statement from a physician, dentist or other qualified professional may be required.
      b. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school during the morning of the day that the student is absent.
      c. Students of legal age shall be responsible for providing absence excuses and school notification of such absences themselves.
      d. Unusual or frequent absence by a student shall be reported to the principal and/or school attendance officer, and /or the Executive Director of School Leadership.
      e. A record of attendance for each student will be kept and will be noted on the permanent record in accordance with established District procedures. Each teacher will keep an accurate daily record of each student’s attendance including tardiness, and shall submit a report as directed by the principal. A student sign in log will be maintained by the office staff or those students arriving to school tardy.
   2. Under state statute 118.15 (3) c., any child excused in writing by his or her parent or guardian before the absence. The Board shall require a child excused under this paragraph to complete any course work missed during the absence. A child may not be excused for more than 10 days in a school year under this paragraph.
   3. Extended absence is an absence that is four or more consecutive days. For extended absences, due to illness, a statement from an authorized medical professional may be required by the principal.
   4. Excessive excused absences are ten or more cumulative days of absence, consecutive or non-consecutive within the school year. Principals may require medical documentation for any excessive absence to be excused. If appropriate medical documentation is not provided, the absence will be unexcused. Unexcused absences will be considered truancy.
   5. The time period for which any medical certification is valid may not exceed thirty (30) Days.
   6. Habitual Truancy: Students who miss part or all of five (5) or more days with in a semester, without an acceptable excuse will be considered habitually truant. School officials will initiate District truancy procedures for those students identified as habitually truant. School officials will meet with parents/guardians, develop an intervention plan, evaluate the education learning status of the student and recommend appropriate interventions. Legal action including referral to Kenosha County Juvenile Court and/or City of Kenosha or Village of Pleasant Prairie Municipal Courts may be considered.
From the desk of the librarian . . .

Mark your calendars!
The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving again the week of March 24th. This fair will be a buy one, get one free fair (BOGO), so start saving your money to get some summer reading. The fair will be open each night during this week to accommodate parents and conferences. Please stop by and bring your friends. The money we earn goes to support the library.

National Digital Learning Day 2014
On March 5th, over 20 different Reuther High School classrooms participated in a celebration of Digital Learning Day. Here is just a sample of the fun and educational digital activities that Reuther students participated in. Students learned how to:
• Access library e-books on electronic devices
• Use Google Drive to create and modify English papers.
• Explore international cuisines.
• Perform career exploration by completing three career and learning style inventories on WiscCareers.com.
• Take better notes by watching a video on YouTube.
• Compose a song using .wav files and upload them to My Big Campus.
There were so many great ways students were able to use technology in their education!

It’s spring cleaning time!
Look around your houses for all those library books you’ve been cuddling up with this cold long winter. Return them to the library so they don’t get marked as lost and added to your Zangle account in June. Your library thanks you!

Togetherness Everyone Succeeds!
Everyone is responsible for attendance!

Parent/Guardian Responsibility
For all student absences from school, the student’s parent/guardians are:
⇒ Legally responsible to ensure their child attends school.
⇒ Parents/guardians are required to notify the school office on the morning of the absence and provide a reason for the student’s absence.
⇒ To encourage and support regular school attendance.

Student Responsibility
⇒ Students are required to attend all of their scheduled classes, study halls, and lunch periods.
⇒ Students that are approved to leave are required to sign in and out.
⇒ Students are expected to meet with their teachers and develop a plan to complete make-up work.
⇒ Students are ultimately responsible for completing missed school/home work.

Be a Star and Volunteer with Reuther!
There are several great opportunities left to earn volunteers hours for graduation. Plan ahead before it is too late!
March 21st - Kenosha Achievement Center
April 4th - Memory Care Nursing Home
April 11th - Shalom Center and Salvation Army
May 9th - Kenosha Achievement Center
May 16th - Memory Care Nursing Home

Check Out Chess Club!
Did you know that scientific research has proven chess really makes you smarter? Here’s your chance to find out! Reuther Chess Club meets every other week, Monday through Thursday, during lunch. Even if you don’t know the difference between a knight or a bishop, come and check it out. See Mr. Strouf if you would like to learn more.

Congratulations to our Reuther Basketball teams on great seasons! Thanks to all of the coaches and players for all of your hard work!
News from the Social Workers

Reuther Leadership Team

Making a Difference in our Community

On 2/6/14, a small group of our Leadership team presented a Bullying Prevention Lesson to 4th Grade students at Frank Elementary. The class they presented to were very energetic, active and engaged in the lesson that the students presented. Our leaders were able to engage a group of twenty one 4th grade students to listen, take a self-inventory on compassion, discuss kindness, break into diverse groups for role-plays with hand puppets and refocus the class when necessary with “Capturing Kids Hearts” cues such as the “T” symbol for quietness.

Darnell Curry, Felix Garcia, Jose Martinez, Shamel Shaw, and Roxie Valdez were very patient with the students, interacted positively with their groups and were encouraging as they worked to help students develop solutions to their given “bullying” scenario. They were engaging and modeled positively some solutions to the bullying scenarios.

Our Reuther Leadership Team did an excellent job and represented Reuther in the most positive way. They received many thanks from Ms. Pedicone (classroom teacher) and the school social worker for teaching a lesson that reinforces the building of a caring community and positive character traits within their school. Way to go Leadership Team!!!

Social Worker Staff

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Heroin Awareness Campaign

The Fly Effect

Since 1995, the number of teens between the ages of 12 and 17 who have tried heroin has increased by more than 300%. According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, more than 75% of people who try heroin once will use the drug again. With numbers like that, the state has decided to reach out to Wisconsin’s young people before heroin reaches them.

In the fall of 2013, the Wisconsin Department of Justice launched a new statewide campaign called The Fly Effect to raise awareness of heroin’s destructive power. In television and radio ads, posters, stickers and more, they’re showing teens how one small decision—the decision to take a hit—can quickly spiral out of control. You may have seen some of these Public service ads on our local TV and billboards.

At Reuther, we are presenting to all 11th & 12th crews awareness information about the harmful effects of heroin and other opiate drugs such as Vicodin, Oxycodone, and other pain relievers. They are given vital information about signs and symptoms of usage and what to do if they know someone who may be experimenting with drugs.

Our Kenosha numbers convinced us of the need to educate our students and parents. In Kenosha alone, we have experienced 12 heroin deaths in 2010, 10 in 2011, and 18 in 2012. For 2013, there were 35 confirmed drug-related deaths—of those, 11 were due to heroin use/abuse; 17 cases are still being studied for cause of death.

For more information, see the DOJ website http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dci/heroin-awareness/fly-effect-heroin-prevention-campaign or contact Laurie Bonnar, MSW, or Floyd Asonwha, Prevention Specialist, at 359-7853.

WorkKeys Business Writing Test

It’s not too late! The ACT WorkKeys Business Writing test is given in room 236 at Reuther the entire week March 10-14. For some students this test is a requirement for the KUSD High School Competency Diploma. The cost for the test is $11.00 and takes about 1 hour to complete. Please call 359-6162 to determine eligibility and register or if you have any questions.

ITED Graduation Test

Now is the time to start preparing for the end of the school year ITED tests. The last chance to take the ITEDs this year will be April 28th-May 9th at Reuther.

For those of you who have taken the tests before, please call 359-6162 to register to take the remaining subtests and to arrange to pick up materials to help you prepare for success in test taking.

For potential first time test takers, please be sure to speak with your counselor to determine if the ITED diploma is the right course for you and your future. You are also welcome to call 359-6162 with any questions. Reminder - the cost for the test is $12.00 and pre-registration is required.
Have you noticed anything different?
The Reuther West Doors are now locked during the school day. Please use the outside security buzzer to obtain access to the building, and the receptionist at the West Door will be happy to buzz you in!

Introducing... Xavier Ramsey, Class of 2009

Hello, my name is Xavier Ramsey, and I graduated from Reuther High School in 2009. I attended Indiana University for one year studying Human Services. After my first year I moved back to Kenosha and attended GTC, continuing a degree in human services.

After I graduate from GTC this summer, I plan to move to Florida and get my masters degree in audio recording engineering production. Another goal I have is to get my bachelors degree in social work.

Some of my best memories at Reuther came from being on the basketball team. Why? Because I had some of the best coaches come into my life at that time and carry me to the promised land. They taught me about what it means to carry yourself with respect and professionalism. It is something I will never forget.

I also have great memories from the camping trips that we would take every year. Camping really taught me how to survive. Not only just survive, but what the real true meaning of family and sticking together with a core group of people and forming a bond that would last for a life time truly means.

I would like to share this with the next generation of kids:

“Whatever you do in life, remember as long as you have ambition, drive, and determination, your dreams will never die.”

Thank you for sharing your story with us, Xavier!

Fitness Fun!

Summer is right around the corner! Come and join Mr. Strouf after school on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. for a healthy workout to get in shape for summer! All experience levels are welcome, so don’t delay!

Spring Book Fair!

Join us for our Spring Book Fair!

March 24th - 28th
During school and conferences
2nd Floor, in front of the Library
Buy One, Get One Free!

Dress Code Reminder - Dress for Learning

We are asking again for your help. Addressing dress code problems interrupts valuable instruction time. Thanks for your support by talking with your student.

Concerns that parents can help with:

- Tops must be long enough to be tucked in, no skin showing between bottoms and tops when seated or standing, skirts and shorts must be fingertip length when standing.
- Clothing must cover chest at all times.
- Clothing must fit appropriately and not be too baggy or tight.
- Underwear must be covered at all times.
- Pajama bottoms or tops, house slippers, and leggings worn as bottoms are not acceptable attire in school.
- Hoods, hats, caps, bandanas, sweatbands, skullcaps, hair curlers or do-rags are not allowed within the building.
- Attire must be neat, clean, and in appropriate repair with no holes or tears.

We will continue to work directly with students who are not in compliance, and call parents when help is needed for supporting the “School Board Policy.” This can be found on page 14 in the Student Handbook located on our Reuther Website. Students with school-loaned clothing will be invoiced for missing items or replacement of items if not returned. (Any unpaid fees will be billed to the student’s Unified Account.)

Fee Schedule: Lanyard - $.50, Replacement ID - $1.50, T-Shirt - $7.00 (to cover inappropriate attire)

Your Student’s School Supplies May Be Running Low!

Please check with your student or his/her teacher to see if items such as, pencils, pens, folders, paper, etc. may be needed.

Zangle Replacement is Coming Next Year

For the 2014-15 school year, KUSD will be moving to a new student information system called Infinite Campus. Our current system, Zangle, will continue to be used until the end of the school year. Course requests for the 2014-15 school year will be done with Zangle.

Infinite Campus is planned to go live on July 7, 2014. The last day for Zangle is June 15, 2014. Before June 15, we recommend that parents log into Zangle Parent Connection to verify that their family and student information is up to date and accurate.

Spring Newsletter

We are introducing a new feature to our newsletter this spring. In every newsletter, we will be featuring a Reuther alumnus and find out what they are up to now.

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