Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please note the important information and schedule variations for Finals and Intensives at the end of January, included in this newsletter (see below). If you still have questions, please call your student’s counselor or our main office so that we can assist you.

Recently a parent asked for clarification on how Reuther assists students who need credit recovery and extra help. Our daily school schedule has designated time for students to work with certified teachers for this purpose. Cohort or Literacy time is scheduled to help different grade level students with their unique needs for either skill development and/or credit recovery. All freshman and sophomores are required to build on their reading and math skills in addition to regular class time and credit recovery if needed. Students are able to stay on track with credit earning by completing their work at the required standard. If your student is falling behind, it is most likely due to attendance problems or not using their time wisely when they are in school.

Juniors and seniors needing credit recovery coursework also have required designated time daily/weekly schedule. Juniors start the day with credit recovery time. Juniors who are not credit deficient can optionally use first period to get extra help on assignments. Seniors have designated time in their daily course schedule and in addition, every senior with credit recovery needs are required for Wednesday “Compass time” in addition to elective courses.

Credit recovery is most frequently accomplished by students working on computer-based instruction through Odyssey-Compass Learning courses. Teachers monitor their work, provide assistance by helping students with difficult concepts or providing learning strategies, and grade any essential off line assignments. Students work on these courses online during the school day and can also work on components at home. You can check with any teacher for a credit recovery subject at your student’s grade level for a progress update and information on what your student should be doing. (Continued on page 2.)

Principal’s Corner

Graduation Test (ITED TEST) - Will be taking place on January 30th and January 31st at 7:30AM and 11:30AM on both days. If you know of someone or you yourself are interested in taking the test, please contact Meg Wolfers at (262) 359-6162 to Pre-Register or with any questions. There is a $6.00 Cash fee that is required in order to at the time of Registration.

Intensives—January 16th, 17th 18th, 21st (AM ONLY) & 22nd

Intensives are a 4-day in-depth elective experience where students and staff will divide into a specific topic from January 16th-22nd. To earn a spot in an intensive, a student must be completed with all of his/her work from 1st semester. Some of the great choices for students to enjoy this year are: Lunch Bistro, Movie Making, Boat Building, Non-Traditional Painting, Flower Power Service, Chess and Problem Solving, Italian Culture, ACT Prep, Self-Sustainable Gardening, Scrapbooking and Creative Writing!! Students will receive .25 credit for completing an Elective Intensive. If a student needs to complete 1st semester course work, then he/she will attend Academic Intensive. In Academic Intensive students will finish work and set goals for the upcoming semester.

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES/SCHEDULE:

- 1/15/13 - No School for Blended Learning Students Only (Transition and Skill building will still have classes)
- Early Release—1/21(10:45), 1/23 8 24 (12:55) & 1/25 (11:10)
- Intensives—January 16, 17, 18, 21 (am only) & 22
- Final Exams—1/23 & 1/24 (Early Release @ 12:45) and —1/25 (Early Release @ 11:10)
- Graduation Test (ITED) - Testing on 1/30 & 1/31
- On-Line Learning 2-15-13 - Library Open for On-line Learning (Students must sign up ahead of time)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - See Page 5
- Workkeys Writing Test - 3/4 thru 3/8
Any student that has incomplete work in their direct instruction class, before our January Intensives, will be required to take Academic Intensive. All students with complete course work (not including independent computer courses) take Elective Intensives. Academic Intensive is designed to complete 1st semester direct instruction courses. (Not Credit Recovery)

“Incompletes” or credit deficiency also will result in a need for summer school. The best way to know how to get help now is to talk with our teachers. They are always willing to explain how this can be done, as it varies by grade level, class and teacher. There are two formal parent conferences however you are able to meet with your son/daughter’s teachers if needed. Please email or call us if this will assist you in supporting your student.

Each student will need 23 credits to graduate. Some credit deficient seniors opt for the Graduation Test Option once they turn 18.

This diploma is accepted by Gateway Technical College, Parkside University and post-secondary schools. Graduation Test option is explained more fully on our website and if you wish to discuss this option, please contact Maria DelReal, the senior student’s counselor. Eligible students may take this test if they are credit deficient in February and May of their senior year and September following the senior year.

Please contact your student’s counselor, teachers or administration for any questions. We recognize how important it is for you to understand your student’s credit needs. You may also get help with serious attendance problems, the primary reason for credit deficiency contact Alyssa Sigman, Dean of Student Engagement.

Our main priority is to help students engage in their education and prepare for their post-secondary goals of continued school and work. Thank you as always for working together with us!

Yours truly in Education,
Karen Walters, Principal

*Please Note: Second semester parent conferences are March 27 and 28.

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### Student Applications Are Now Being Accepted

Do you have a family friend or member who is interested in attending Reuther? Reuther is accepting applications for the Spring semester, as well as, the Fall semester for incoming 9th graders. Applications can be picked up in the Reuther Main Office or they can be also be found on our Reuther Website @ [http://reuther.kusd.edu/about/app_process.html](http://reuther.kusd.edu/about/app_process.html) If you have any questions or concerns please contact Alyssa Sigman at (262) 359-7583.

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### Volunteer Information

Reuther has a great opportunity for students to complete their 10 hours of Community Service they need to graduate. This project is done after school Monday – Friday (when school is in session) from 3:30-5:30pm. They can visit various nursing home with our coordinator Rose Colwill. They attend Retirement Homes, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Homes. The students get a wide range of experience of being with Senior Citizens at different levels of their lives. These students can complete their 10 hours of community service in five visits.

Rose has been doing this for 16 years now with elementary and middle school students. She has agreed to this for Reuther this year so our students can complete their Service Hour Commitment. If you would like your child/student involved with this project please contact Rose Colwill at 359-7859 to get a permission slip and set your days to attend.

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### Parent’s Rights

**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 form 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 children’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.

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### New Logo?

Have you noticed this new Logo outside the building or perhaps even on staff shirts? Have you wondered what it might mean? 3 in 1 (3 inside the 1) Stands for 3 Choice Schools with in 1 Building = Reuther, Harborside & Paideia are now all located inside our building at 913 57th Street, Kenosha.
Guidance Department Newsletter

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 156 and we are very happy to welcome Missy to our department! She is very eager to get to know our families!

Sue Nighbor (Secretary/Registrar) 359-6134
Char Stachon (Sec/Immunizations) 359-5911
Maria Del Real (2013/2014) mdelreal@kusd.edu 359-6102
Missy Werner (2015/2016/Transition) mwerner@kusd.edu 359-6113

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College Application

Any senior who is planning to attend college in the fall of 2013 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!!

Community Service Requirement

Starting with the 2013 graduating cohort, all students will be 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 documented. The Community Service Hours Verification Form can be found on our website or in Guidance and should be turned in to your counselor.

Cap and Gown Orders

Josten’s will take Cap and Gown orders Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at Reuther. Total cost will be $29.55. Seniors will be receiving information in the mail about also ordering Graduation announcements or class rings.

Scholarships!

PARENTS AND/OR STUDENTS: IF YOU WANT EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS OF SCHOLARSHIPS, SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO mdelreal@kusd.edu AND ASK TO BE ADDED TO the scholarship list. Please write “place in scholarship notification list” in the subject line.

ACT TESTING

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.

**NOTE: Reuther SCHOOL CODE: 501-014

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The ACT website at www.actstudent.org allows you to register online and to view sample test questions.

Youth Options

Sophomore and Junior students interested in learning about the Youth Options Program should attend a presentation on February 7, 2013 at Indian Trail Academy and High School auditorium, 6800-60th Street. from 5:00-6:20 and repeated again from 6:30-7:45. The deadline to apply for the Fall semester is March 1, 2013.

College Goal Wisconsin February 23 & 24

Save the date! Receive free assistance filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). On 2/23 at Gateway Technical College and on 2/24 at UW Parkside. Start time is 2:00pm. More info to come!

SIGN UP FOR ....

2012-13 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:

Medical Terminology (Tremper)
Automotive Technician (Horizon Center)
Early Childhood Education (Reuther)

Gateway College Connection Advisor...

A.J. Laird is back at Reuther this year to work 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 also is available to help students transition into any college setting, not just Gateway! A.J. also has resources to help students explore career options. Please encourage your student to visit with A.J. He visits Reuther every Thursday and is located in the first floor nook by the north stairs.
Safe and Secure Schools
A Prescription for Problems: Teen Misuse of Prescription Drugs
(Laurie Bonnar – MSW, LCSW & Floyd Asownha - MS)

The problem is more common than many parents think. More teens are abusing prescription drugs than any illicit drug except marijuana. In 2008, more than 2.1 million teens ages 12 to 17 reported abusing prescription drugs.

Students have become very aware that prescription drugs including pain medication and tranquilizers along with stimulants often used for Attention Deficit Disorder can have many uses. Often taken to get high but also used to address other personal needs (staying awake/alert, concentrating, managing anxiety, etc) our youth are risking physical and emotional injury, addiction and possibly death. Sadly we are sending kids to the hospital, law enforcement is writing tickets and students are suspended or expelled from school for what they think is the fun or a wise choice.

Youth often learn from observing older teens and adults. As adults and parents we need to talk with our kids about the dangers of taking someone else’s medication. Needless to say we adults, shouldn’t be doing it ourselves. Youth obtain these drugs from medicine cabinets, friends, buy them on the street, or may access them over the Internet. The Internet has become a primary source of information on how to get high.

We have prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs that suggest they can fix anything today. With this intense media promotion of prescription and over-the-counter drugs it is important for us to talk with our kids and have them think critically about the risks and dangers of abuse of these chemicals.

Helping our children to make safe choices calls for them to:
1) Have accurate information.
2) Know how and believe they can handle the pressure when invited to misuse a drug.
3) Be very aware of parent’s expectations to make safe decisions.

Nurses Corner- A Note from the School Nurse about Asthma

Asthma is a long-term disease that inflames and narrows the airways of the lungs. Airways are more sensitive to irritants such as dust, smoke and allergens (things that cause allergic reactions). This causes the immune system to overreact and produce inflammation and thick mucus that blocks the airways. During the winter months, individuals who have asthma or other breathing problems often have more difficulty.

* An asthma episode may be triggered by: Allergies, Respiratory infections (colds, flu, sore throat) Exercise, Irritants (smoke, pollution, dust, aerosol spray, chemicals, perfume) Stress (over-excitement) Weather (cold, humid, windy, heat) *Early signs of an asthma episode are: Coughing, Feeling of not being able to get enough air, Chest feels tight, Stuffy or runny nose, sneezing, Wheezing, Itchy throat, chin, and/or eyes, Feeling tired or irritable
* Severe signs of an asthma episode are: Continuous cough, Pain or tightness in the chest, Shortness of breath/gasping, Retractions, the skin and muscles around the collarbone, ribs, and Wheezing, diaphragm sink inward when breathing in Flaring of nostrils, Bluish or grayish color around lips, fingers/nails
*Steps to follow for an asthma episode: Have the person focus on taking slow, deep breaths through pursed lips, and sip water Have the person sit upright with hands resting on their knees, Medication for asthma should be used if available SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SEVERE SYMPTOMS, OR IF NO RELIEF FROM MEDICATION

It is strongly recommended to have an individual’s medication, such as an inhaler, available for use during school hours.

Students who may need to use an inhaler during school hours must have a medication authorization form completed by the health care provider (required for all prescription medications) on file in the office. Medication authorization forms are available from the school office, or on the KUSD website.

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
   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 a teacher 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.
Join us for:

Reuther Parent/Title One Meeting

Topic – Help us with ideas for connecting with Reuther parents

Mid-Year update on school Title One planning

**Free lunch will be provided**

Wednesday, February 20th

Reuther High School (Enter at West Door)

11:45 - 12:15 Free Lunch & 12:15 - 1:15 Program

Please Complete and Return to Reuther Main Office by: Friday, February 15th or call (262) 359-6104

Student’s Name(s) ___________________________ Grade ___________________________

Parent’s Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

Number of Adults Attending Meal & Program ___________________________

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Kenosha Area Transit

Effective January 2013, the City of Kenosha has increased the daily Student Bus Pass to $1.25 and the monthly Bus Passes to $35.00. Monthly bus passes can be purchased in the Main Office. For more information or bus routes, please contact the Kenosha Area Transit at 262-653-4287

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E-mail Communications

In an effort to reduce costs we will now be able to send out e-mail communications, including our Reuther Newsletters. Please take a moment to visit our Reuther Website and sign up at the bottom of the page. (This will only take a few moments)

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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:

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- Must cover chest at all times
- 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 the school
- Hoods, hats, caps, bandanas, sweatbands, skullcaps, hair curlers or do-rags are not allowed within the building.
- Must be neat, clean and in appropriate repair, no holes or tears

We will continue to work directly with students daily who are not in the compliance and call parents when your 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 will be invoiced for missing items or replacement of items not returned. (Any unpaid fees will be billed to the students Unified Account.)

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Memo to Parents, Guardians, and Transition Students:

(Unless noted, all normal school days will be in session.)

AM Transition Schedule

January 15: Full day for Transition students (No lunch served)
Note: Only Blended Learning students do not have school.
January 21: 10:45 A.M. release (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
January 23 & 24: Full day for Transition students
January 25: No school for Transition students (Transition teacher work day)
January 28: No school for Transition students (teacher work day)

PM Transition Schedule

January 9: 3:30 P.M. release for Transition students
January 15: Full day for Transition students (No lunch served)
Note: Only Blended Learning students do not have school.
January 21: 10:45 A.M. release; No school for PM Transition students
January 23 & 24: Full day for Transition students (No lunch served)
January 25: No school for Transition students (Transition teacher work day)
January 28: No school for Transition students (teacher work day)
January 30: 3:30 P.M. release for Transition students

*Note: The semester ends January 24, but the final day to hand in book reports will be January 22. Any questions, call Ms. Natalia and Ms. Tina 359-6375 or 359-7479.

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