



Reading Schools

Blue Devil eNews

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Open Enrollment Begins April 1, 2019

The Reading Board of Education will be accepting applications for new open enrolled students, ***in person only***, beginning **Monday, April 1, 2019, 8:00 a.m.** at 1301 Bonnell Avenue, Office of the Superintendent.

The deadline for accepting applications will be Tuesday, **May 14, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.** Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received. All individual applications will be date/time stamped when presented at the Board of Education Office. ***Applications received by mail will not be accepted.***

Click the link below to view the application. Paper copies are also available.

[2019-2020 Open Enrollment Application](#)

Reading Launches Program to Connect Professionals to High School Students

Reading Schools has launched a program to connect current high school students with Reading graduates or residents who are professionals in the career field of each student's interest. The goal of the program is to expose students to practical advice, real-world experiences and career opportunities. We are seeking volunteers from all career fields. Mr. Brian Page has developed the program as part of his Personal Finance class, although upperclassmen who took his course prior to this opportunity can also participate.

For the program to be a success, we need the support of Reading graduates or residents. Our [program website \(https://readingscareerresources.weebly.com\)](https://readingscareerresources.weebly.com) is full of details.

You can support the program in two ways:

- [Click here](#) to volunteer
- Share this program with fellow Reading residents or graduates and encourage them to volunteer

Blue Devils Move On in Post-Season Tournaments

Congratulations to our boys basketball and wrestling program for their success so far in post-season play!



On March 2, Reading High School's boys basketball team beat Georgetown 66-46 to advance to the District finals! It's their first District Championship game since 2005.

The District finals game will be held on Sunday, March 10, at 1 p.m. at the University of Dayton Arena. Tickets are available at Reading High School for \$6. Tickets will be available at the door for \$7.



On March 1-2, the Blue Devil Wrestling Team was in Troy, Ohio for the Districts with the top 4 qualifying in each weight class for the State Championships. Reading had 4 wrestlers compete at districts: Orlando Smith, Caden

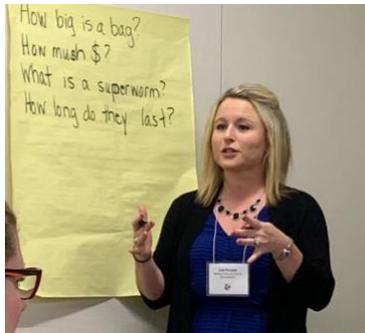
Conner, Michel Carter, and Colton Robins.

Colton Robins won four times and is a District Champ and STATE BOUND! His record is now 34-2 with 124 career victories. The OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament will be held March 7-9.

Colton is Reading's 113th state qualifier and Coach Dick Engel's 79th state qualifier. The Devils have four State Champions, six State Runner-Ups, and a total of 36 who placed in State.

Central Teacher Presents at Math Conference

Reading Central Elementary teacher Julie Rumpke presented at the Southwest Ohio Council of Math Teachers Conference on Saturday, March 2. Her presentation was titled "Math Thinkers, not just Doers."



"I tell my students that they need to be math thinkers. They need to be able to think about a problem before they solve it, not just look at the numbers," Mrs. Rumpke shared. "It was so amazing to be in a place with so many other passionate educators supporting each other and learning from each other."

Mock Trial Team State Run Ends



Reading High School's Mock Trial team's great season came to an end on Friday, February 15, at the Regional Championship. The Blue Devils team defeated Mason in the first trial and lost a close one to Indian Hill in trial two. Junior attorney **Erin Vaughn** was named best attorney against Mason and senior captain **Anna Sofio** was named best witness against Indian Hill.

"After the regional trial, the Indian Hill advisor said his students agreed that of all of their trials this year, the trial against Reading was the only one they felt they may have lost," said Mock Trial Advisor, Andy Janig.

Even though the Blue Devils are out of the State competition, they have accepted invitations to scrimmage with Indian Hill and Sylvania, last year's State Champ, to prepare them for the state competition.

RHS teacher Mr. John McClellan is also an advisor to the team.

Upcoming Dates

March

- 3/7 Conferences/Early Release
- 3/8 NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS - Records Day
- 3/15 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/22 Report Cards Mailed Home
- 3/25 Spring Break Begins
- 3/29 Spring Break Ends
- 4/1 School Resumes

March RHS Guidance Corner

- Students taking AP courses that plan to take the AP tests need to pay their deposit of \$15 by April 14. Checks should be made payable to Reading High School and payments should be made in Guidance. The total for each test is \$85.
- Local scholarships will be available to Seniors on Wednesday, March 6. Applications are due back to Guidance by 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 20.
- Quarter 3 ends on Friday, March 15.
- Senior pictures for the Yearbook are due to Mrs. Freese by March 15.
- The National Honor Society Induction ceremony is Thursday, March 21. Invitations will be sent out.
- Report cards are mailed on Friday, March 22.
- Students that plan to take CCP classes in the 2019-2020 school year need to turn in their Intent Forms by April 1.
- Quarter 3 Honor Roll Breakfast is Monday, April 8.

Power of the Pen Winners Advance to Regionals

Congratulations to RMS students **Chloe Watts** and **Grace Longworth** who competed in the Power of the Pen district competition and earned scores to qualify them to advance to the regionals on March 16. Thanks to RMS teacher Kate Moster for leading this program.

Alum in the News

Reading High School graduate **Justin Dreyling**, who attends Findlay University, won the triple jump event at the conference indoor championships last weekend with a jump of 47 feet. Justin attends Findlay on a track and field scholarship.

Follow Reading Athletic Boosters

Our Reading Athletics Boosters are on Facebook and Twitter. Follow them at the links below:

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Twitter - [@BoosterReading](#)

Band News

News from Reading Band

Reading pep band has enjoyed performing at the boys' varsity basketball games, and were asked to perform at the girls' senior night, which took place at Finneytown.

In January, **Bo Powers** participated in the OMEA High School Honor Band, and **Jordan Chandler** and **Chris Powers** participated in the OMEA Junior High Honor Band. These are auditioned groups who seek excellent musicians within the District 14 band community. In addition, **Logan Reichling**, **Bo Powers**, **Matt Schueler**, **Makayla Lawson**, and **Tommy Sullivan** were chosen to participate in the Xavier University Honor Band. On January 26, the District 14 OMEA solo and ensemble contest yielded superior ratings for **Tommy Sullivan**, and **Jeremy Easter**. **Dallas Hadden** received a rating of excellent. We are very proud of our students!



On February 16, **Makayla Lawson** and **Jeremy Easter** traveled to Thomas More University to participate in TMU Band Day, where they rehearsed with the band and joined them for a home basketball game. Reading band alum **Maggie Rohlf**s, who attends Thomas More, welcomed them to the college band world.

On February 26, band classes in grades 7-12 attended the young people's concert at Music Hall, featuring the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

The extremely dedicated Reading Band Boosters continue their endless support of the band program. The Reading Band Boosters can be contacted at readingbandboosters@gmail.com if you have any questions about upcoming fundraising events. Any contribution made is greatly appreciated.

God, Flag and Country Winners

Central Elementary students **Lorena Zander** finished first and **Violet Miller** finished third in the recent God, Flag, and Country Oratory Competition held at the Reading Eagles. Lorena will move on to the county competition in Loveland in mid-March. We are proud of both girls who competed in the 10-11 year old division.



Reading Middle School Science Expo

The Middle School Science Expo was held on February 19, 2019. Many science club members participated in the judging process and a great time was enjoyed by all! We want to extend a special thank you to our judges, Mr. Mark Griffen, Dr. Sarah Watzman and Mr. Tyler Knecht.

"We had excellent community support and we are glad that so many family and community members were able to attend this year's science expo," said RMS teacher Kaitlin Knecht who organized the Expo.



Students earning a Superior Rating and eligibility to compete at the District Science Day were **Sage Altman**, **Reagan Stouder** and **Kristen Bailey**. Students earning an Excellent Rating- **Oshi Cornett**, **Miranda Whitt**, **Yomarie Perez**, **Kaylee Smith** and **Grayden Pieper**. Lastly, earning a Very Good Rating- **Chelsea Lonas**.

Students also were able to win special awards for the following categories:

People's Choice- **Kristen Bailey**

Best Use of the Scientific Method-Miranda Whitt and **Yomarie Perez**

Best Poster-**Reagan Stouder**

Most Creative Project Idea- **Chelsea Lonas**

Best Presentation-**Oshi Cornett** and **Kaylee Smith**

Most Surprising Conclusion-**Sage Altman**