



Rensselaer Central High School

Hot Gifts for 2014

Gifts that most teens want this holiday season include the new gaming consoles, the Xbox One and the Playstation 4. These are a must-have because they have amazing graphics, top-rated games, and larger hard drives than their predecessors. Another popular item is Beats headphones. There isn't a person out there who hasn't wanted a pair of these. There are also Bose headphones and speakers which are very similar to Beats. Something that has been a popular gift for years are North Face jackets. This is a gift that someone would be able to use for a few years, and it is practical. Another item teens would enjoy is a Google Chromecast. With this, users can transmit videos from their phone or laptop to their TV at the touch of a button. Keep these items in mind when you are making your shopping list.

Story by Allie Cox

Rudolph Run

The Community Service Club is hosting their 9th Annual Rudolph Run this Saturday, December 13. Race Day Registration and Packet Pick-Up will be held at the Bridge (Formerly Assembly of God Church) between 7:00 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. The race will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Brookside Park. The race is open to all age groups male and female. Top finishers in each age group will receive an award. The entry fee is \$25.00. Checks can be made payable to RCHS Community Service Club. All proceeds go to Riley's Children's Hospital and the food pantry. Sign up today!

Story by Megan Dobson

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Tips for Finals

As 2014 is coming to an end, students at RCHS have two things to look forward to: winter break and the end of the first semester, which means finals. On the last two school days of 2014, students will be taking their finals for all of their classes to try and get those last points and boost their grade more to the approval of their parents. The best way to do so is simple. Start your day with a good, balanced breakfast. Having a full stomach will help keep your mind off eating, so you can concentrate on your exams. It also gives you the energy to have a good day. Studying always helps as well. If you were able to take notes and hold on to them throughout the entire year, go through and highlight the important things to study. Making a schedule of when to study and for how long will help you stay on track so stress levels are lower. A lot of stress combined with how it is managed can be a huge factor in whether or not you do well on your finals. Finally, make sure you get plenty of sleep the nights before exams. Don't stay up all night and then wonder why you couldn't focus on your exams because you were too tired to stay awake. Following these steps will definitely help improve your scores for finals.

Story by Anjel Clemente

Ask a Bomber:

What was the best part of State?

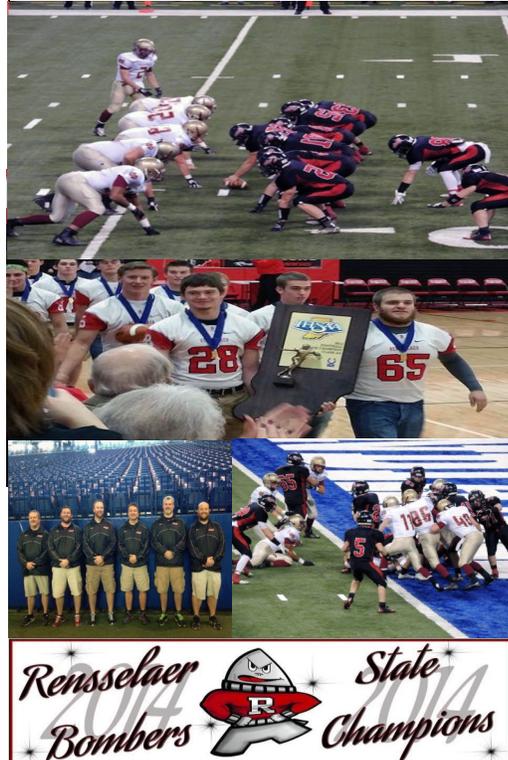
Georgia Frost- "Playing with the band and seeing all my peers get so pumped for the Bombers"

Zach Alsman—" When the game first started, and the whole crowd roared. Seeing other schools come out to support ours."

Madison Black: " I think it brought our senior class closer. Being able to cheer and knowing that we went to state my senior year was amazing."

Ariana Parrish: "Probably cheering on the team and watching their faces light up after they got the "W"

State Champions : RCHS Bombers



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Unbreakable and Unbeatable: The Gridiron Kings

Bomber Nation made history this year down at Lucas Oil Stadium when the Rensselaer Central Bombers defeated the Evansville Mater-Dei Wildcats 45-21. The Bombers went into this game confidently that they would come out victorious. The team practiced at the Saint Joseph's College Recreational Center on Monday to prepare for Evansville. The boys then went outside on Tuesday to face the scout team and the cold for a long practice. On Wednesday, the team traveled down to Lucas Oil Stadium to practice on the field for an hour to get a feel for it. After that practice, the team went up to Purdue University's indoor practice facility to practice for another two hours. On Thursday, the team ended Thanksgiving early to go to Indianapolis. They had a walk through at an indoor facility courtesy of a friend of the team. The Bombers then went back to the hotel and rested for the biggest day in Bomber football history. The sea of black flowed in early on that Friday morning to watch the Bombers take on Evansville. At kickoff, nerves were high for the team and the Bomber Nation fan base. At the end of the first half, the Bombers were leading the number one ranked Evansville Mater-Dei Wildcats. The second half cranked into high gear when senior kicker Nathan Ziese made a huge field goal that put the Bombers up by 10 and started the waterfall of points. The Bombers ran away with the victory! When the final buzzer went off, there were tears of joy, and the entire crowd was stunned that the Bombers had achieved the impossible.

Story by Aron Mattocks

RCHS Recap 2014

2014 began with a deep freeze. The entire week of school following winter break was canceled due to the polar vortex hitting the Midwest. This led to the school board extending school days by adding time both before and after the regular hours. This kept school from running far into June and allowed the graduation date to stay the same.

On June 8th, the class of 2014 said goodbye to RCCHS as they walked across the graduation stage. The seniors, however, didn't leave RCCHS without a bang; they greeted all the underclassmen with water balloons at the end of the last school day.

RCCHS also said goodbye to a few teachers at the close of last school year. Mr. Schlueter, Mr. Standish, and Mr. Sims all decided their time at RCCHS was up, and they moved on to the next phase of their careers.

Fall semester 2014 has been incredible! With new teachers, a new class of freshman, and a new bunch of seniors to lead, the halls of RCCHS have never been filled with this much excitement.

Sports have succeeded far beyond measure this year. The boys soccer team won its first sectional title ever, breaking all sorts of scoring records in the process. The girls cross country team won their first sectionals since 2006, and two runners, Hailey Henry and LeeAllison Korniak, made it to semi-state. Those girls were joined by senior Anthony Alzman who represented the boys cross country team. The girls golf team qualified as a whole to make it onto regionals, and the girls volleyball team just missed a title by falling to Winamac in the sectional championship.

The biggest accomplishment of the fall sports season without a doubt was the triumphant season played by the Bomber football team. The boys in black dominated their season by going undefeated in their journey to state. Not only did the football team make its first appearance at state, the Bombers also brought home the first team state title in the school's history. This was a huge accomplishment not just for the team, the coaches and the school, but for the community, the surrounding communities and Bomber fans everywhere.

The Bomber Brigade, led by second year director Kelso Daning, also saw success at the state level this year. They made it to the state competition where they received a gold rating. The band has received multiple gold star and high ratings this year. Hopefully they will continue their success and beautiful music throughout the winter season.

With all the excitement this fall has presented RCCHS with, the start of the winter seems to be filled with endless potential. As the temperature drops and our student activities move indoors, we prepare to finish off the exciting year 2014 was. Hopefully 2015 can live up to the hype!