

ROSS STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 07, 2009

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (date of earliest event reported):  
**December 4, 2009**

**ROSS STORES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>0-14678</b> (Commission File No.)	<b>94-1390387</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>4440 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton, California, 94588-3050</b> (Address of principal executive offices)		

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
**(925) 965-4400**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers.**

(b) (c) On December 4, 2009, Ross Stores, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing officer promotions, including the following executive officers: Barbara Rentler, to the position of President and Chief Merchandising Officer of Ross Dress for Less; Michael B. O'Sullivan, to the position of President and Chief Operating Officer; and James S. Fassio, to the position of President and Chief Development Officer. Ms. Rentler and Messrs. O'Sullivan and Fassio will continue to report to Michael Balmuth, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, who will discontinue using the title of "President" in connection with these promotions. The full text of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(c) Exhibits.**

Exhibit

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	December 4, 2009 Press Release by Ross Stores, Inc.*

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 7, 2009

**ROSS STORES, INC.**  
Registrant

By: /s/M. LeHocky  
Mark L. LeHocky  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate  
Secretary