

The Rampart

Rockville High School's PTSA Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 8.24.11
Everything
Rockville
5-8 pm
- ◆ 8.28.11
9th Grade Parent
Meeting 7-8 pm
- ◆ 8.29.11
First Day of
School
- ◆ 9.8.11
Back To School
Night
7-9 pm

President's Welcome

Dear Rockville Families,

On behalf of the PTSA, I would like to welcome everyone back for the 2011-2012 school year. To those of you new to Rockville this year, I extend a special welcome. We are delighted that you will be a part of this dynamic community of students, staff and parents.

The PTSA is dedicated to serving students, supporting teachers, and being a voice for parents. To be effective, we need everyone's participation. Membership is crucial to our efforts, and your dues help drive vital school programs and activities. Additionally, your dues entitle you to vote on important school, county, and state-wide educational issues. We invite you to attend our meetings to lend your thoughts and share ideas. They are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 in the staff lunch room on the first floor. On the back of this letter, you will find a membership form that lists the various uses of PTSA funds - from student scholarships to staff appreciation events. I hope you will take a few moments to complete it and return it to school.

To returning families, I want to extend my gratitude for the continued support you've given to our students and our school. Rockville's success has been achieved through the hard work of our kids, the dedication of our staff, and the tireless efforts of the many parents who volunteer. To new families, there are so many places to hang your hat (beyond the PTSA of course), that can benefit from your time and talents. Many organizations are looking for volunteers, from the Booster Club, to FORM, to Drama, to the Hispanic Parent's Group and the NAACP. The benefit is reciprocal. The satisfaction of giving back to your school, while making new friends, is priceless.

Please note two up-coming events to mark on your calendars. Everything Rockville is on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. This is a cluster-wide extravaganza that brings all the Rockville cluster schools and families together for celebration and fun. Start gathering your unwanted items that are cluttering your closets, and donate them to the "No Sale, Yard Sale." All items are free for the taking -- clothes, books, and household items.

Back-to-School night will be held on Thursday, September 8th. Making that personal connection with your child's teachers is an important step in ensuring academic achievement.

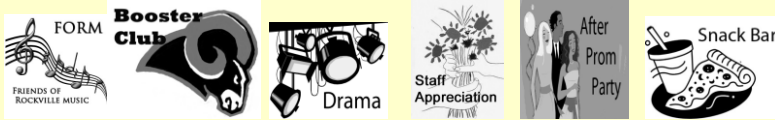
On a final note, the PTSA will be hosting a welcome back breakfast for the entire staff on Friday, August 26th. Again, your dues allow us to celebrate our staff to let them know how grateful we are for their hard work.

I wish you and your student a successful and safe year ahead.

Sincerely,

Susie Sorrells
PTSA President

P.S. Don't forget to sign up for Edline to keep up-to-date with your student's classes. Check the Rockville High School website or get more details at Back-to-School Night.



PLEASE GET INVOLVED!

AFTER PROM PARTY COMMITTEE (APP) is looking for parents to get involved to put on a party that the kids will remember years after graduation. Parents plan and execute this event for our graduating seniors and their dates. For the past 20 years RHS has kept this event FREE for all attendees. Volunteers are needed all year to raise the funds necessary to make this late May event a success. People are needed to plan food/prizes/games/decorations and to help organize and facilitate fundraisers. Check Ramsnet for upcoming events and information on how you can help!

FRIENDS OF ROCKVILLE MUSIC (FORM) is a parent organization created in 2004 to support and maintain the outstanding music program at RHS. FORM provides parent volunteers to help with in-school concerts, festivals and concerts off school grounds, to accompany students on day long trips and see to other needs where the music department requires an extra pair of adult hands. Dues are \$20 a year and meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Instrumental Music Room (1084) at Rockville High School. All are welcome to join. Contact: Susan Townsend-Gray at stgray4@verizon.net

THE BOOSTER CLUB, although associated with sports in many peoples' minds, in fact raises money to support a wide variety of activities, such as the music program, student publications, and After Prom in addition to the athletic program. The energy and talents of parent volunteers are essential to their fundraising efforts, including the sale of spirit wear, running the snack bar at athletic events, and the spring mulch sale which has become a community tradition. Booster Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month and all interested parents are welcome. Contact: www.rhsboosterclub.org.

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL THEATER needs parents and community members to help with costumes, bake sales, set-building, and the many other aspects of putting on our full-fledged productions. Help from local businesses and publications are also greatly appreciated, particularly with advertising and media coverage of shows and RHST events. RHST will happily sell advertisement spots in the program to businesses.

THE STAFF APPRECIATION TEAM is hoping that parents will show their support for our teachers and staff with their generous donations of food and funds for buffet events throughout the year. By popular demand, we will continue our program of monetary donations in honor of favorite teachers. Check Ramsnet for upcoming events and information on how you can help or contact Andrea Krupinski at ask9157@comcast.net

THE AFTER SCHOOL CAFÉ needs parent and student helpers. This snack bar is open for quick snacks Monday-Thursday from 2:10-2:40. No experience is necessary. Workers volunteer for one day a week and the time goes by quickly. All proceeds go back to the PTA, and towards enriching the lives of RHS students. Community service hours are available for interested high school volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Debby Hailey at 301-929-9033 or email: hailey15212@comcast.net


THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE ORGANIZATIONS LOOKING FOR RHS PARENT SUPPORT. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY GETTING INVOLVED!

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