

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2017-2018

Week of January 8, 2018

Below are important reminders to help you stay involved and engaged with your student's upcoming events at Rocky Hill Middle School.

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The RHMS main office hours are 7:45am until 3:45pm. A reminder that the main office for our school closes at 3:45pm each day. The phones are not answered after this time and all messages left will be picked up the following morning at 7:45am.

Our weekly Sunday evening email has three sections:

1. RHMS Events/Information and Calendar
2. RHMS Reminders
3. PTA News and Updates

1. ROCKY HILL EVENTS/INFORMATION:

After School Activity and Bus Information:

After-school activities are scheduled on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00-4:25pm. Please take this opportunity to discuss which route your child should take (activity bus stops on our website) to get home and have them write it in their agenda book—Bus 1, Bus 2 or Bus 3. Please review the route they should walk—as activity buses do not use the same routes as the regular school bus. Additionally, for students who walk home, please review the route they should take. All students who are car riders need to be picked up NO LATER than 4:25pm. Please be on time.

Monday, Jan. 8 – Periods 71234

No After School activities or Buses

Tuesday, Jan. 9 - Periods 56712

Basketball Game v. Hallie Wells MS (3:05-4:25pm) (Boys Home/Girls Away)

Extended Day Math (3:05-4:25pm) (3:05pm in Cafeteria)

Math 8 Support (Ms. Braune - Rm. 157)

Algebra Support (Ms. Murray - Rm. 152)

Math 7/IM Support (Ms. Sampson - Rm. 368)

RecExtra Green Team (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Evans - Rm. 260)

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Periods 34567

Basketball Practice (3:05-4:25pm) (Gym/AUX Gym)

Drama Cast Party (3:05-4:25pm) (Heinemann - Rm. 105)

Extended Day Math (3:05-4:25pm) (3:05pm in Cafeteria)

Math 8 Support (Ms. Braune-Rm. 157)

Algebra Support (Ms. Evans - Rm. 260)

Math 7/IM Support (Ms. Sampson Rm.-368)
Leo Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Stevenson Rm. 258)
Model UN (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Fong – Rm. 358)
M.O.R.E. Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Rm. 180/Cafeteria)
RecXtra Lego Robotics (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Smith - Rm. 143)
RecXtra Book Wars (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Gramatges – Media Center)
Chess Club Prep for Tournament (5:30-6:30pm) (Mr. Harris – Rm. 150)
PTA Meeting, 6:30-7:00pm, Media Center (snow date – 1/17/18) followed by a
Stem Presentation by Ms. Sweeney and Ms. Smetanick 7:00-8:00pm, Media center (Preregister
at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4aaba92da64-ptajbruary>)

Thursday, Jan. 11 – Periods 12345

Basketball Game v. Baker MS (3:05-4:25pm) (Girls Home/Boys Away)
FCA Huddle (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Delescavage – Rm. 180)
NJHS Meeting (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Smith - Rm. 143)
RecExtra Science Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Evans - Rm. 260)
Yearbook Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Belman - Rm. 376)
Incoming 6th Grade parent Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Cafeteria
Rising 9th Grade Parent meeting @ CHS, 6:00-8:00pm, CHS

Friday, Jan. 12 - Periods 67123

No After School activities or Buses

JANUARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

PTA Meeting and STEM Presentation (Wednesday, January 10th 6:30-7:00pm and 7:00-8:00pm):

We will have our next general membership meeting this **Wednesday, January 10th 6:30-7:00pm in the Media Center.** Following the meeting from 7-8pm, Ms. Sweeney and Ms. Smetanick, will do a presentation for parents on Math and Science in middle school (STEM). Please register ahead of time if you can so we can plan materials accordingly.

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PE NEWS

PE Polar Bear Club activity began on January 2nd. Students will not be allowed outside without a permission form or appropriate clothing. Please make sure your Polar Bear has what he/she needs to participate!

Parent Meeting for Incoming Grade 9 Students

Families of incoming grade 9 students are invited to attend the CHS Incoming 9th Grade Parent Meeting this Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Clarksburg HS in the auditorium. Hear from the high school staff to learn about your child's transition to high school including course registration procedures, graduation requirements and course offerings. Please see the attached flyer.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Agst7WiKr9LXCSzSkWCDwi0k4FwrkOKT/view?usp=sharing>

Men Organized to Raise Engagement (MORE)

M.O.R.E. meets every other week—The next meeting is this Wednesday, January 10 at RHMS right after school. For more information please contact: Sullivan Phillips at kaphung19@gmail.com OR Raymond James at Raymondjamescompliance@gmail.com

Green Team and Science Club News

The Green Team and the Science Club are collecting bottle caps. Please save any bottle caps and bring them in to any designated containers around the school.

Ms. Evans and the Science Club would like to thank everyone who participated in our Nature’s Vision fundraiser. It was a great success. Thank you!!

2. REMINDERS:

RHMS' Black History Event is coming! (The date is pending but please let us know you're interested in helping): The PTA planning committee is looking for students and parents interested in helping at our Black History Month event. Please sign up at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/5080a4dadae2eaafa7-rocky/2030035>. We look forward to a wonderful celebration with all of your support!

Rocky Hill’s Got Talent is coming!

What is your talent? Can you sing, dance, juggle, tell a good joke, play a musical instrument - show it off at the show on Wednesday, February 21. Want to audition? Auditions will be held on February 1st, 6th and 13th. All details are posted on the board outside the cafeteria. We need 15 auditions scheduled or the talent show MAY be cancelled. Got questions? – see Ms. Belman in Room 376.

Mark your Calendar for Grade 6 Outdoor Ed!

This spring, your child will participate in an exciting MCPS program: Outdoor Education at Summit Lake Camp, near Thurmont, MD. This three-day, two-night trip is an important and vital part of the sixth-grade curriculum and planning is already underway. Rocky Hill sixth-graders will be attending camp during one of the following sessions: April 23 – 25, or April 25 - 27, 2018. There will be an important parent information meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30 pm in the Rocky Hill dining hall. During this meeting Mrs. Quinn will review the curriculum and answer any questions.

If you have any questions, please contact Lorie Quinn at 301-353-8282 x1070 or Lorie_Quinn@mcpsmd.org.

Summer School 2018 – Save the dates – July 9 – 27 (pending approval)

RHMS is planning to offer a Local Summer School Program designed to meet the needs of RHMS students. Similar to last year, below are the sessions we plan to offer:

- Support Reading 6/7/8 is for rising 6th,7th, 8th graders who would benefit from extra support in strengthening reading skills.

- Support Math 6/7/8 is for rising 6th,7th, 8th graders who would benefit from extra support in strengthening math skills.
- Bridge to IM is for rising 6th graders being considered for IM and 7th graders taking IM who would benefit from extra support to prepare for IM.
- Bridge to Algebra is for rising 8th grade students who would benefit from extra support to prepare for Algebra or took Related Math in 7th grade.
- Focus on Algebra is for rising 7th and 8th graders taking Algebra next year.

The dates for the program will be July 9-July 27, 2018 for incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders, 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There is an approximate \$250 fee for this program, and transportation services will be available for those students eligible for bus transportation during the regular school year. Final plans and registration will be announced as soon as possible. If your student would benefit from summer school, please consider saving these dates in July! If you have questions, please contact Lisabeth Belman, Summer School Coordinator at Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org.

Homework Hotline

Please visit the Homework Hotline link on the RHMS Home page.

Resources include live help with MCPS teachers via text messaging, snapchat, email and by phone. <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/hhl/>.

3. PTA Notes – PTA Notes will be sent in a separate Connect Ed message every Tuesday at 9:00am.