



Rockville High School Senior Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Students: Wellness Block

Parents: 6:30pm

Agenda: Wednesday, September 30th

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REMINDER!!

FINAL GRADE CALCULATION



Grade calculations will be the same as last year

Semester: $(MP1 + MP2) \div 2 = \text{Letter Grade}$

Ex: $(90 + 85) \div 2 = B$

Full Year: $(MP1 + MP2 + MP3 + MP4) \div 4$

MP1 INTERIMS WERE DUE ON 10/02/26! END of MP1 is 11/30/26. Take care of your grades NOW to earn S1 credit! The final percentage matters!



Why your MP1 grade matters:



EVERYDAY THE RAM WAY
RESPECT • ACHIEVEMENT • MINDSET • SERVICE

- The final semester grade is the **average** of the two marking periods, calculated by adding the numeric grades from both marking periods and dividing the sum by two (**for courses without an End of Course exam**).

- HS credit for courses is earned by passing the semester with at least a 60%.

Q1 Grade	Minimum Q2 Grade Needed			
	Semester = D	Semester = C	Semester = B	Semester = A
20%	100%			
25%	95%			
30%	90%			
35%	85%			
40%	80%	100%		
45%	75%	95%		
50%	70%	90%		
55%	65%	85%		
60%	60%	80%	100%	
65%	55%	75%	95%	
70%	50%	70%	90%	
75%	45%	65%	85%	
80%	40%	60%	80%	100%
85%	35%	55%	75%	95%
90%	30%	50%	70%	90%
95%	25%	45%	65%	85%
100%	20%	40%	60%	80%

Mental Health Awareness Week:

Reach out to a trusted staff member if you need to talk with someone



*Call, text, or
chat 988 for
immediate
support*

SGA Officers, Admin & People to know

SGA Officers

Schoolwide President:

Jess Taylor

Class Officers

Enensa Thomason

Nikki Murillo Claros

Melat Abiot

Valery Vasquez Araya

Administration

- **Principal:** Ms. Pyles
- **AP:** Ms. Bado-Aleman

People to Know

- **2027 Sponsor: Ms. Lane**
 - Carolyn_M_Lane@mcpsmd.org
- **SGA Sponsor: Ms. Hill**
 - Elizabeth_Hill@mcpsmd.org
- **Grad. Coordinators:**
 - Ms. Wolk & Ms. Ezerski
- **CCN: Ms. Wolk**
 - Victoria_A_Wolk@mcpsmd.org
- **SSL Coordinator: Ms. Shevchenko**
 - Honor_C_Shevchenko@mcpsmd.org

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Student Service Learning (SSL)

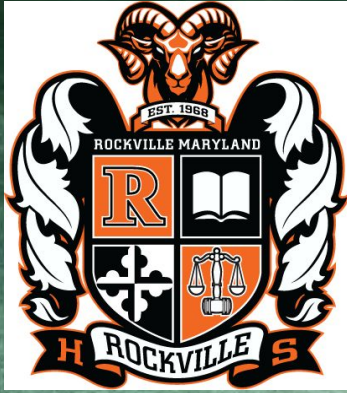


SSL Coordinator: Mrs. Shevchenko
Honor_C_Shevchenko@mcpsmd.org

Join Ms. Shevchenko's SSL Canvas Course and be the first to know about SSL opportunities not only at RHS, but throughout MCPS



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SSL Information



What is the goal? 75 Hours



Check off **THIS**
graduation **NOW.**
Do not wait!



Did you earn the
Superintendent's SSL
Award in Middle
School?



You can also earn the Certificate of Meritorious Service if you earn 240 SSL hours or more by the end of your HS senior year!

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MCPS Form 560-51: **NEW**

SSL Activity Verification Form

❑ Students MUST completely fill out sections 1 and 3 (answering all the questions in complete sentences)

❑ Please make sure the organization **MUST** be on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center Website

❑ Forms may be turned in the media center basket or counseling office basket.

❑ Please see Mrs. Shevchenko in the math office room 2098 if you have any questions.



Student Service Learning Activity Verification

Division of School Leadership & Improvement
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland 20850

To qualify towards the state graduation requirement, all Student Service Learning (SSL) opportunities must meet the *Maryland Seven Best Practices of Student Service Learning* and must include the three core components of service-learning: Academic Preparation, Service Action, and Structured Reflection.

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS: (NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT HAS TWO PAGES AND MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY):

1. Complete **Section I (Student Information)** on page 1 of this form prior to the service-learning opportunity and **Section III (Reflection)** on page 2 of this form after the service-learning opportunity is completed.
2. Ask the **adult supervisor from the community organization** to complete **Section II (Community Organization Information)**.
3. Submit this completed form to your school's SSL Coordinator by the appropriate deadline:
 - **Last Friday in September (recommended):** SSL forms for service completed during the summer
 - **First Friday in January (recommended):** SSL forms for service completed during the summer and 1st semester
 - **Last Friday in March (REQUIRED):** SSL forms for service-learning hours to count towards the Certificate of Meritorious Service (high school seniors) or the Superintendent's SSL Award (middle school)
 - **Last Friday in May (REQUIRED):** DEADLINE for all SSL forms for service completed during the current school year.

SECTION I. STUDENT INFORMATION—To be completed by the student

For detailed instructions on how to complete this SSL form, please watch the video at <https://tinyurl.com/SSLForm101>.

Student Full Name _____ Student ID _____
School -- Choose One -- First Period Teacher _____ Grade _____
Email _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone: Home or Cell _____

SECTION II. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION INFORMATION (including faith-based agencies or institutions)—To be completed by the supervisor after the service-learning opportunity

Is your organization listed as MCPS SSL on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center website?

☐ Yes ☐ No (If No, and you are not an MCPS staff member or a PTSA representative, you and the student **MUST FIRST** complete MCPS Form 560-50 (<https://tinyurl.com/SSLPreapproval>) and submit it to the SSL Coordinator for approval **BEFORE** completing and submitting MCPS Form 560-51.)

Organization Name _____
Federal Employer Identification # _____ (for tax-exempt organizations) Phone _____
Address _____
Email _____

Academic Preparation—Describe how you taught the student about the community organization and/or the community need that they addressed:

Service Action—Type(s) of Service (check as many as apply): ☐ Direct ☐ Indirect ☐ Advocacy
(See definitions of the types of service at <https://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/pages/service-learning/guidelines.aspx>)

Describe the service activity that the student completed to address the identified community need:

Service Record

Date From	Date To	# Days of Service	# Hours Per Day (8 in a 24 hour period maximum)	Total # Hours Completed (award 1 SSL hour for every hour of service)

Supervisor Name (print) _____ Title _____
Supervisor Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

IMPORTANT

Students **MUST** fully complete Section III (Student Reflection) on page 2 of this form for SSL hours to be recorded.

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Montgomery County Volunteer Center Website

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/>



Montgomery County
Maryland

Search...



[Services](#) [Residents](#) [Businesses](#) [Government](#) [News](#) [Calendar](#)



All Opportunities



All Organizations



Calendar



MCPS SSL
Opportunities



MCPS SSL
Organizations



Court Ordered

The website which has all the approved opportunities for SSL

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Important Deadlines for SSL Paperwork

Systemwide Student Documentation Timeline

Time Frame of Service	Documentation Due Date
Service completed during the summer	September 25, 2026
Service completed during the summer and 1st semester	January 8, 2027
Service completed during the summer, 1st semester, and 2nd semester	May 28, 2027*

All SSL Forms for service completed after **June 1, 2026, through the end of the 2026-2027 school year, are **REQUIRED** to be submitted to the school SSL Coordinator **no later than May 28, 2027**.

Systemwide SSL Award Timeline

Award	Documentation Due Date
Documentation that qualifies seniors for Certificate of Meritorious Service – This award, along with a purple tassel for graduation, is given to seniors who earn 240 SSL hours or more.	March 25, 2027*
Documentation that qualifies middle school students for the Superintendent's SSL Award. This award is given to students who meet the 75 hour graduation requirement during middle school and is only awarded once.	March 25, 2027*

ALL SENIOR SSL FORMS DUE BY APRIL 23TH

Interested in becoming a Leader in Me Student Ambassador?

Juniors & Seniors
interested in
being LiM
Ambassadors
should sign-up
at
bit.ly/RHSLiM27

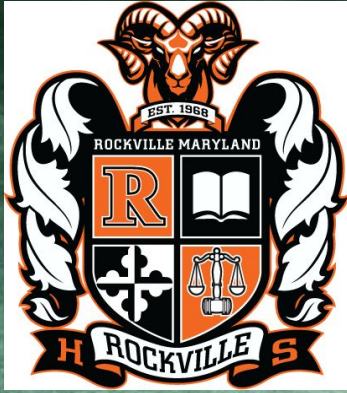
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Rockville High School Leader in Me
EARN SSL HOURS!

First meeting will be - Wednesday, 10/07/26 (during WB8)

Juniors and Seniors ONLY!



Counseling/College and Career Information



RHS Counseling – RHS webpage



Rockville HS College Application Process

Create and Complete your Common App Account

- ☐ Link your Common App account with Naviance
- ☐ Sign your FERPA waiver
- ☐ *If your application is not on Common App, manually add the school to Naviance (Montgomery College, International).

Complete all Naviance and other tasks

- ☐ Brag Sheet in Naviance or [Google Doc](#) and share it with your counselor
- ☐ Add colleges to your "Colleges I am Applying To" list.
- ☐ Speak to 2-3 teachers to request letters of recommendation and add them in Naviance.
- ☐ Complete a Resume and generic scholarship essay

Request Transcripts in Naviance and Complete the College Application Checklist

- ☐ Request your **initial** transcript in Naviance when you are ready to apply.
- ☐ Submit your checklist to request your materials from counseling. bit.ly/Chcklst27

College/Career Navigator: Ms. Wolk, Victoria_A_Wolk@mcpsmd.org
Registrar: Ms. Waterton, Toni_T_Waterton@mcpsmd.org

sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/rockvillehighschoolcounseling/seniors

counseling

School Counseling Team

Seniors

Juniors

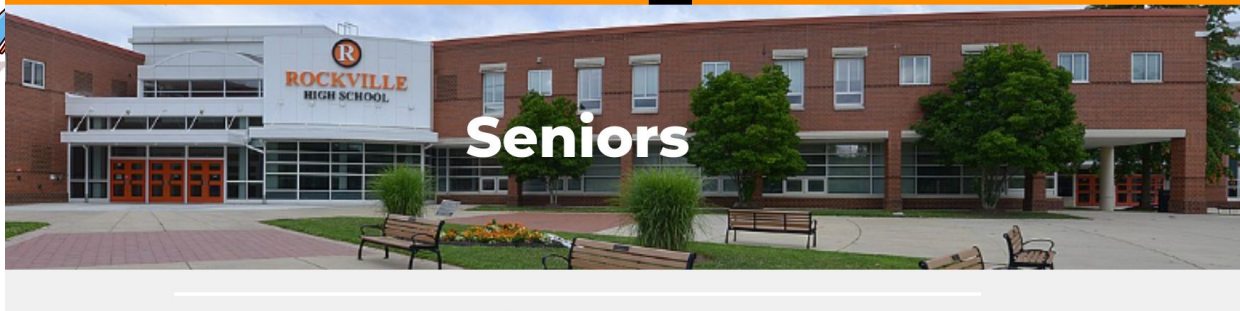
Sophomores

Freshmen

Dual Enrollment

ACES Information

Resources



If your college application is due on or around...	Oct 1	Oct 15	Nov 1	Nov 15	Dec 1	Dec 15	Jan 1	Jan 15	Feb 1	Feb 15	Mar 1	Mar 15	Apr 1
Submit your checklist, recommendation and transcript requests by...	Sep 6	Sep 20	Oct 4	Oct 18	Nov 8	Nov 20	Nov 29	Dec 13	Jan 3	Jan 17	Jan 31	Feb 14	Feb 28

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College & Career Center Website



The [college & career center website](#) is a useful tool for navigating the college admissions process.

It includes resources for:

- College Admissions Testing
- Paying for College
- Scholarships
- Jobs and Apprenticeships
- SAT/ACT Prep
- Applying to MC

For more information, contact

[Ms. Wolk](#), College & Career Navigator

Suggested College Process Timeline					
9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	11th grade	Summer/Fall 12th Grade	Graduation
Welcome to Rockville High School! - Build relationships with your teachers and staff. - Learn the school's expectations and rules. - Join a club or get involved with an Extracurricular!	Challenge yourself. - Continue to build relationships and get involved. - Take the PSAT or SAT. - Get involved in a leadership role. - High-achieving college plans and goals.	Start taking a look at options. - Continue 10th grade classes. - Complete a career interest profile. - Take the PSAT/ACT. - Complete a college search.	Time to get to work! - Take the SAT and ACT. - Start to prepare for college. - Begin to prepare for college. - Complete a college search.	You can do this! - Begin to prepare for college. - Complete a college search. - Complete a college search. - Complete a college search.	Decision Time... (wait the whole thing out a decision). - Acceptance of acceptance. - Acceptance of acceptance. - Acceptance of acceptance. - Acceptance of acceptance.

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Important Updates From College & Career Center

- Stop into the Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays for help with FAFSA and soon, MDSIS
- Supplemental Essays workshop/session Lunch on Oct. 6.
- **College Checklist party @ lunch** week of Oct. 26. Let's make sure those applications are good to go!
- College isn't the goal? There are so many other options! Stop in to talk about it and a plan.

A purple poster for Montgomery College's visit to Rockville High School. It features yellow and pink lightning bolts, a 'MC RAPTORS' logo, and a list of visit dates. A yellow box with a starburst contains a registration link.

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
IS COMING TO VISIT
DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 11
WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 7
MONDAY

JANUARY 21
THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 17
WEDNESDAY

APRIL 6
TUESDAY

MAY 13
THU

Register here:
bit.ly/MCvisits27

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
VICTORIA.A.WOLK@MCPSMD.NET

Why Complete the FAFSA?

• Not completing the FAFSA tells a school you can pay full price- \$26,000+

• If you don't complete the FAFSA before school begins, and your financial situation changes, the school won't be able to adjust your Financial Aid.

1 Money, Money, Monaaaayyy!

• Scholarships may need FAFSA submission confirmation (SAI).

• A way for scholarship awards to review your info/data.

• Colleges may require it for Merit award consideration.

More Money

2

Learn More!



3

Staying in Maryland? The FAFSA is required to receive State funding aka MORE MONEY.* (MHEC One-App is equivalent for state aid).

Review lessons and Q&A for more info:



4

Upcoming Financial Aid Assistance

September 23 @ 5:30pm
October 6 @ 5:30pm
December 3 @ 5:30pm
February 3 @ 5:30pm
February 22-26 Financial Aid Fever Week!

Check in with your CCN for updates:
Ms. Victoria Wolk
victoria_a_Wolk@mcpsmd.org

FAFSA Opens
Oct 1
FAFSA & MDCAPS
Due: March 1

Logging Scholarship information coming soon. Aiming for over 15 MILLION. In the meantime - Play this game!

Watch the recording of the last financial workshop on the College/Career Website.

Next FA session, OCT 6. St. Mary's College of MD FA office will be here to help. Attend if you missed any information or need help.

FREE PLACE

PLACE

PLACE

PLACE

TRAIN

PLACE

PLACE

COMMUNITY GUEST

PLACE

TRAIN

PLACE

PLACE

UTILITY

PLACE

CHANCE

CHANCE

CHANCE

TRAIN

INCOME TAX

PLACE

THE RACE IS ON!!! 25 GRAND PRIZES!!!

WORK YOUR WAY TO FINANCIAL AID COMPLETION

Complete each step & show proof to Ms. Wolk or Mr. Solorzano to earn a point towards winning a grand prize.
Deadline: November 25, 2026

1. CREATE A FSA ID
2. CREATE A MDCAPS ACCOUNT
3. HAVE A GUARDIAN SIGN INTO FAFSA
4. COMPLETE THE FAFSA OR MHEC ONE APP
5. APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP
6. POP QUESTION!!! (ENTER NAME IN TWICE)

*If ineligible for FAFSA - research the Dream Act or the dream.us and report a finding (Still eligible for all points).



RHS College Fair

About 60 Colleges/Universities, Trade Schools, and Military from across the nation and internationally.

All students will attend and are encouraged to engage with the representatives.

**Not sure what to ask?
Sample questions will be posted around the gym.**

Proudly Present

IN-PERSON COLLEGE FAIR

FALL 2026

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**OCTOBER
9, 2026**

9:30AM-12:30PM

**ACTIVITY CENTER AT
BOHRER PARK**



- ✓ College Admissions Counselors will be at the fair to meet you in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
- ✓ You will receive a link that will allow you to complete an online profile.
- ✓ Scanning app is free, and will provide college admissions personnel all your important information.
- ✓ This is a wonderful opportunity to take the first steps in your college search process.

The fair is on Oct 9. See Ms. Wolk for permission slips.

We will leave at 9:30am and return by 11:20am.

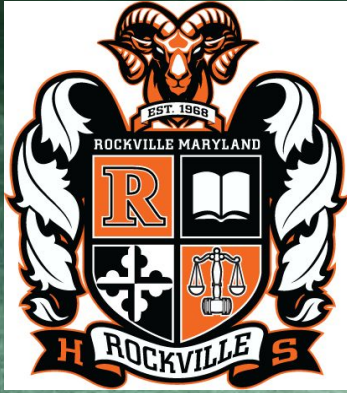
You will need to register with the fair-QR link found on the back of the permission slip.

You have to download an app to get a code.

You will not be able to enter the fair without doing so.

Permission slips are due by Friday October 2.

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PSAT and Credit Recovery



PSAT Day

When: Wednesday, October 14th

What: Select 12th graders -- opportunities for:

- ❑ SSL hours you will receive an invitation!
- ❑ Credit recovery / Edmentum support
- ❑ Seal of Biliteracy Test

Check your email daily for notices, pay attention to announcements, and follow passes!



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WANT SOME BLING AT GRADUATION?



See Ms.
Chaney
in room
1032 if
you have
questions

✓ WHO CAN TAKE IT?



You can earn the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy if you are:

- a native speaker of another language, OR
- enrolled in a Level 4 (or higher) of a language, or ASL 3.

WHY TAKE IT?



- Showcase your language skills
- Strengthen college and job applications
- Stand out for scholarships

 **SIGN UP:** <https://bit.ly/4yDi3Qf>



Credit Recovery

Online (Edmentum) CR begins this week – October 1st!



Eligible seniors will be sent an email and given a pass to attend a meeting about the process. Check Edmentum – a class may be loaded already for you!

Oct 14 (PSAT DAY) will be a required day for seniors who need CR!

CR Teachers available at lunch, after school, and select periods for check-in support:

Ms. Holcomb (English),
Mr. Stohlman (Soc St, Health),
Ms. Ostroman (Math),
Mr. Gabriel (Science)
Mr. Barrett (Comp. Sci)

See your counselor, Ms. Bright (1049B) or Ms. Bado for details.

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Senior Events and Engagement



Volunteering

Fundraising: Last five fundraisers were very successful.

Thank You:

- Senior Sunrise
- Mulch Sale
- Chipotle
- Homecoming Halls
- Class of 2027 T-Shirts



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Prom

Location: Pinstripes in Pike & Rose

Date: Friday, April 16th 2027

Time: 8pm–11pm

After Prom: TBD* Sponsored by PTSA
and Booster Club.



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Stay Connected

Instagram:

SGA main: rockville_sga

Class: rhs2027_sga

Boosters: @rhsbooster

School: @RockvilleHS

College and Careers: @RHSCollege_and_career

Twitter:

Principal Pyles: @PrincipalRHS

MCPS: @MCPS

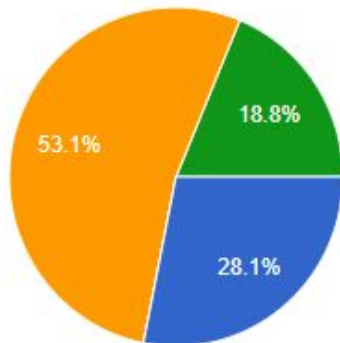
End of the year activities

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Senior Surveys and End of Year Activities

Do you want an After Prom Party?

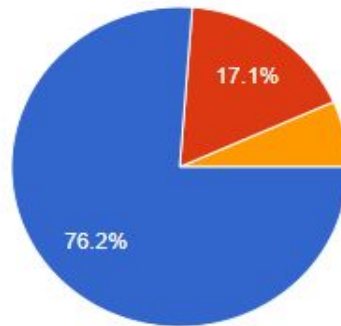
64 responses



- Yes
- No
- I would prefer a Senior Class Trip Instead
- Undecided

Seniors! Which one of these activities would interest you most for an end of year senior activity?

106 responses



- Amusement Park (Kings Dominion, Hershey Park, etc.)
- RHS Stadium Hangout with Food and Games
- Adventure Park (Go Ape, Sandy Spring Rope Course, Etc.)

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Senior Dues

Senior Dues: Projected \$105*

Payment via [School Cash Online](#).

Deadline for payment: Early April 2027

*The \$105 covers costs related to graduation—
cap & gown, venue fees, and the end of year senior
celebration.*



Tickets for Graduation are Free

**if experiencing a hardship, contact Mr. David Stough, business administrator: david_stough@mcpsmd.org*

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Graduation Ceremony.. Save the Date!



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Order your Cap & Gown
& select who you would
like to read names at
graduation:

bit.ly/GradReaders27



WHAT SIZE CAP & GOWN DO YOU NEED?



IMPORTANT NOTE



IMPORTANT

Cap & gown fees are part of the senior dues. Caps & gowns will be handed out at graduation rehearsal when all obligations are paid.

NEW for the Class of 2027:

In addition to decorating caps, Graduates will be allowed to order a stole representing international flags to celebrate their heritage.

These stoles MUST be ordered from the identified vendor only. Orders are OPTIONAL and will incur an additional cost to cap & gown fee.

More information will be provided in the January senior meetings



Cost and vendor: TBD

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Want to be featured in the
Yearbook?

Fill out this form

<https://bit.ly/rhsyearbook27>



Pet Feature - Have your pet featured - **FULL FOR SOPHOMORES**

Fashion Page - Have a great sense of style? Have it featured!

Summer Travel - Share what exciting things you did over the Summer.

Hot Spots - Share the popular hang spots around Rockville/Maryland.

Club Feature - Have your club featured in the yearbook.

GET INVOLVED!



Things **everyone** can do:

- Follow official sources of information for the latest updates.
 - Social Media Accounts, RHS Webpage, Newsletter, PTSA website

Students:

- Connect with senior class officers about your ideas for Class of 2027
- Attend meetings for prom, senior picnic, fundraising, etc.
 - Info posted via Insta rhs2027_sga and WRAM Announcements.

Families/Guardians:

- Check rockvilleptsa.org, Principal Pyles' Newsletter, and RHS Website

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BE IN SCHOOL! GET INVOLVED!



Attendance Matters: be in school and in classes, ON TIME

Behavioral Expectations at Events -- don't risk missing out on games, prom, senior events, graduation, etc.! Stay on track!

Senior meetings and academic contracts for students not in good standing are beginning this week. Get it together if you want to graduate on time.

The last day of classes for seniors *in good standing* is Friday, May 21, 2027. Graduation rehearsal and senior event dates are TBD. Check your email regularly!

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Save the Dates – Senior Meetings SY27!

Mandatory SENIOR Meetings

Student Meetings:

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 (<i>during the school day</i>)	Wellness Block 7: 9:19 a.m.-9:55 a.m.
Wednesday, January 27, 2027 (<i>during the school day</i>)	Wellness Block 1: 9:19 a.m.-9:55 a.m.
Wednesday, April 7*, 2027 (<i>during the school day</i>)	Wellness Block 2: 9:19 a.m.-9:55 a.m.
(*no parent meeting on the evening of April 7th; parents will meet in May)	

Parent Meetings:

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 (<i>evening meeting</i>)	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 27, 2027 (<i>evening meeting</i>)	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12, 2027 (<i>evening meeting</i>)	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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