

**Good evening, Rocky Hill MS Community!**

**This is Principal Johnson with your Weekly Wildcat Updates:**

**EPICC Celebrations:**

**Students! We are very proud of your first quarter accomplishments! Here are the numbers:**

**655 Honor Roll and Straight A students**

**93.6% of RHMS students are eligible (2.0 or higher)**

**6.4% of RHMS students are soon to be eligible**

**1061 students who ARE some of the Best and Brightest Students in the World!**

**Thank you Ms. Tippett, staff and students for an EPICC Veterans Day celebration to honor our veterans and thank them for their service to our country.**



**Announcements:**

**(The weekly calendar can be found on the right side of the RHMS website)**

**MON, NOVEMBER 14**

**PD 2 Day: 2, A, 3, 4, 5, 6**

**Leo Club Recycle for Sight Drive**

**Leo Club Animal Shelter Donations**

**TUE, NOVEMBER 15**

**PD 7 Day: 7, A, 1, 2, 3, 4, HR**

**Activity Buses**

**Leo Club Recycle for Sight Drive**

**Leo Club Animal Shelter Donations**

**NJHS**

**Soccer Intramurals**

**BFFF Tutoring Tuesday/THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**

**RecXtra Tennis Club**

**Green Team**

**WED, NOVEMBER 16**

**PD 5 Day: 5, A, 6, 7, 1, 2**

**Activity Buses**

**Leo Club Recycle for Sight Drive**

**Leo Club Animal Shelter Donations**

**Tennis/Pickleball Intramurals**

**Soccer Intramurals**

**RecXtra Guitar Club**

**SGA**

**RecXtra Movie Club**

**THU, NOVEMBER 17**

**PD 3 Day: 3, A, 4, 5, 6, 7**

**Activity Buses**

**Leo Club Animal Shelter Donations**

**Leo Club Recycle for Sight Drive**

**Fidos for Freedom Therapy Dog Visit (During Lunches)**

**RecXtra Book Wars Club**

**RecXtra Dance Club**

**RecXtra Movie Club**

**Soccer Intramurals**

**Winter Orchestra Concert**

**FRI, NOVEMBER 18**

**PD 1 Day: 1, A, 2, 3, 4, 5**

**Leo Club Animal Shelter Donations**

**Leo Club Recycle for Sight Drive**

### **BUY A BRICK ART MURAL FUNDRAISER!!!**

**IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO BEAUTIFY OUR SCHOOL, WE ARE SELLING "BRICKS" TO RAISE MONEY TO BE ABLE TO PAINT A MURAL IN OUR ARTS HALLWAY, MUCH LIKE THE MURALS IN OUR PE AND MUSIC HALLWAYS. OUR "BUY A BRICK FUNDRAISER" FORM CAN BE FOUND AT THIS LINK:**

**[HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/DOCUMENT/D/1LR7Q7rCAU\\_vp8T\\_A-mKYnFMP9rEG4z\\_3LKAvMu\\_h4bY/EDIT?USP=SHARING](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LR7Q7rCAU_vp8T_A-mKYnFMP9rEG4z_3LKAvMu_h4bY/edit?usp=sharing)**

**ON THE FORM IS THE LINK TO THE MCPS ONLINE PURCHASE SITE WHERE ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY CAN MAKE A DONATION OF ALMOST ANY AMOUNT TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$2000. IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY NAME INSCRIBED ON A BRICK, A \$50 DONATION IS REQUESTED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO "SHARE" A BRICK, NO PROBLEM, TWO FAMILIES CAN EACH PUT IN \$25 FOR A BRICK. PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE TO MAKE ROCKY HILL THE BEST MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE STATE, COUNTRY, AND THE WORLD!**

### **The Leos, National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and Student Government**

**Association (SGA) will hold a canned food and toiletries drive from Dec. 1st- Dec. 9th.**

**This will be used to replenish the Wildcats Care food closet at RHMS and make a donation to the Damascus Food bank. The Damascus Lions Club will pick up food donations on December 14th.**

## **MCPS Tutoring:**

***In addition to the tutoring offered at Rocky Hill Middle School, All MCPS students have access to free, virtual tutoring services through FEV Tutor and Tutor Me Education.***

- **Both companies offer two services:**
  - **Free on-demand tutoring for homework help, no scheduling needed**
  - **Free, scheduled tutoring for on-going support, scheduling required**
  - **Both companies record sessions, take session notes, and communicate directly with families**
- **The difference between the two companies:**
  - **FEV Tutor - no camera for tutor or student - ideal for grades 3-12 students for whom the camera is a barrier to learning**
  - **Tutor Me Education - camera for tutor and student**
- **Students access tutoring through using their MCPS Clever account.**

**If you would like to set up scheduled, on-going sessions, here's how:**

**To set up tutoring sessions with FEV Tutor:**

- [mcps@fevtutor.com](mailto:mcps@fevtutor.com)

**To set up tutoring sessions with Tutor Me Education:**

- [MCPS@tutormeeducation.com](mailto:MCPS@tutormeeducation.com) or 240-618-2549 OR
- Fill out their [request form](#) \*\* best way

## **Thanksgiving Dinners**

***Every year the Clarksburg Ambassadors give away 60 Thanksgiving dinners to families in need at Clarksburg High School and Rocky Hill Middle School. The Ambassadors are actively fundraising for this amazing service project that helps so many families in our school.***

***If you would like to contribute to our cause, the link is listed below. For \$70 you can sponsor an entire Thanksgiving dinner for a family. Any contribution is welcome. Thank you.***

**<https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/15876/354/False/True>**

## **Athletics:**

***Basketball Tryouts are quickly approaching! Tryout dates are December 6, 8, & 13th. Athletes are expected to attend ALL 3 days of tryouts to be considered for the team. Tryouts are open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are ACADEMICALLY ELIGIBLE Quarter 1 with a 2.0 GPA and no more than 1 E, a current physical signed and dated by a doctor within the last 2 years on file at Rocky Hill, and a parent permission slip turned in to Ms. Brouillard. Paperwork can be turned in to Ms. Brouillard, or parents may also register their students through ParentVue. Forms and information on how to register can be found on the [Sports Page](#) of the RHMS website.***

## **School Safety Update:**

*Rocky Hill Middle School will continue to place safety as our highest priority. On Wednesday, November 9, 2022, we conducted our first ever, Safety Day. Thank you to Mr. Horsley and the RHMS Safety Team who created the opportunity for Staff and students to learn about safety protocols and practice emergency drills throughout the day. Staff will also receive updated safety and security protocol training at our November faculty meeting. MCPS has developed a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to provide information and reassure families.*

## **Important Dates:**

**November 15, 2022-** COVID Testing Kits will be distributed through Homeroom at the end of the day.

**November 18, 2022-** School-wide Celebration for Marking Period One

**November 21, 2022** - Early Release and Parent Conference Day

Parent Conferences will be held, Monday, November 21, 2022, from 1:00pm - 6:00pm.

Parents may sign up for individual conferences through ParentVue, beginning November 12, 2022. Please use this link to access the

[Parent-Teacher Conferences \[ParentVUE Support Guide\]](#)

If you have questions, please email your child's team leader or counselor:

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**November 22, 2022** - Early Release Day

**November 23 - 25, 2022-** Thanksgiving Holiday

## **Reminders:**

- Please remind your child to charge their Chromebook each night and bring their charger and Chromebooks with them to school each day. Also, it is the students responsibility to take care of their Chromebooks to prevent loss or damage. We thank you parents for your partnership!

## **PTSA:**

**[GO TO THE PTSA WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR MEETING DATES & INFO](https://sites.google.com/view/rhmspta/home)**

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- **['Tis the Season catalog Fundraiser November 1-27th, with extended online shopping days! Over 800 Online Products prices starting from \\$9.50...](#)**
- **[Family Night Out planned for November at Villa Maya, in the works for the first or second WEDNESDAY in November, stay tuned in for details...](#)**
- **[Staff Appreciation Lunch Buffet for Parent-Teacher Conferences Day, November 21st - Sign Up to donate food items or volunteer to help through Sign-Up Genius links on the PTSA website, click below...](#)**
- **[National PTA 'Reflections' Arts Program begins this fall! Student participants present their original works in several categories, and compete at local, state & national levels.](#)**
- **[Give the Gift of Books! Our SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is coming to the Media Center December 12-16th...](#)**
- **[A special Family Fun & Shopping Time being planned for Scholastic week!](#)**

**[PLEASE REGISTER YOUR FAMILY & JOIN YOUR PTSA TODAY! Every Membership funds our basic operating costs and ensures we can continue to serve our Rocky Hill Community with PRIDE...](#)**

**<https://sites.google.com/view/rhmspta/home>**

**[PLEASE JOIN our new OFFICIAL Private PTSA Facebook Group too! Get timely reminders for events, opportunities & sign-ups, communicate with our school PTSA community privately!](#)**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rhmsptsa>**

***We are looking forward to an EPICC year at Rocky Hill! Thank you for your support! We are Rocky Hill Middle School-Growing Stronger Together!***

***With Wildcat PRIDE!***

***Darryl V. Johnson  
Principal***

***(English and Spanish copies of the Weekly Wildcat Update are attached to this message)***