

Good evening, Rocky Hill MS Community!

This is Principal Johnson with your Weekly Wildcat Updates:

EPICC Celebrations:

Rocky Hill is committed to elevating the voices of all students. Shoutout to our bi-lingual, student-led morning announcements!



Announcements:

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

MON, OCTOBER 24

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS- PROFESSIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS

TUE, OCTOBER 25

PD 5 DAY: 5, A, 6, 7, 1, 2

ACTIVITY BUSES

SGA SPIRIT WEEK (SPORTS/FAN DAY)

BOYS/GIRLS SOFTBALL PRACTICE

CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE

KICKBALL INTRAMURALS

ARCHERY INTRAMURALS

BFFF TUTORING TUESDAY

RECXTRA TENNIS CLUB

GREEN TEAM

WED, OCTOBER 26

PD 3 DAY: 3, A, 4, 5, 6, 7

ACTIVITY BUSES

SGA SPIRIT WEEK (PJ DAY)

6TH GR BAR-T FIELD TRIP

BOYS/GIRLS SOFTBALL PRACTICE

CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE

TENNIS/PICKLEBALL INTRAMURALS

KICKBALL INTRAMURALS

ROCKY HILL JAZZ BAND

RECXTRA GUITAR CLUB
BFFF MEN'S & WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
RECXTRA MOVIE CLUB
CLUSTER CONCERT

THU, OCTOBER 27

PD 1 DAY: 1, A, 2, 3, 4, 5

Activity Buses

SGA Spirit Week (Teacher/Student Swap Day)

6th Gr Bar-T Field Trip

Boys/Girls Softball Practice

Cross Country Practice

Kickball Intramurals

RecXtra Dance Club

RecXtra Movie Club

FRI, OCTOBER 28

PD 6 Day: 6, A, 7, 1, 2, 3

SGA SPIRIT WEEK (PINK OUT DAY)

We are going to do a "Paws for A Cause" activity on October 28 during Advisory where we have students writing positive notes to men and women in cancer therapies at the Aquilino Cancer Center at Shady Grove Adventist.

BUY A BRICK ART MURAL FUNDRAISER!!!

IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO BEAUTIFY OUR SCHOOL, THE ARTS TEACHERS ARE HOSTING A "BUY A BRICK" FUNDRAISER TO HELP PURCHASE THE PAINT TO CREATE A STUNNING MURAL FOR OUR ARTS HALL. OUR FUNDRAISER WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER 24TH TO NOVEMBER 21ST. FOR \$50, WE WILL PAINT YOUR FAMILY NAME ON A BRICK NEAR THE MURAL IN THE HALLWAY. THERE IS A SMALL PROCESSING FEE MCPS CHARGES. YOU CAN ALSO DONATE A SMALLER AMOUNT IF YOU WISH, ANY AMOUNT WILL HELP US GET TO OUR GOAL OF \$2000! THIS WILL BE A TOTALLY ONLINE EVENT, PER MCPS POLICY. ANYONE CAN DONATE! SEND IT TO YOUR GRANDPARENTS, UNCLES, AUNTS, FRIENDS AND COWORKERS! PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO DONATE TO OUR FUNDRAISER:
<https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/fee/details/16859/354/false/true>

ANY EXCESS MONEY WILL GO TO OUR SCHOOL TO HELP WITH OTHER PURCHASES FOR OUR STUDENTS IN CLASS. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ANY AMOUNT YOU CAN HELP WITH. WE APPRECIATE OUR RHMS COMMUNITY!

THE ARTS TEAM

6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP!

THE 6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO BAR T IS 1.5 WEEKS AWAY. ALL PERMISSIONS SLIPS AND MONEY ARE DUE **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**. STUDENTS IN **SESSION 1** WILL ATTEND ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND** AND **SESSION 2** STUDENTS WILL ATTEND ON **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**. THIS IS AN ACADEMIC TRIP DURING THE SCHOOL DAY THAT WILL FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND TEAM BUILDING. STUDENTS MUST BE PREPARED TO BE OUTSIDE **ALL** DAY SO DRESSING IN LAYERS IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING LUNCH ON THE DAY OF THEIR TRIP. WE EXPECT ALL STUDENTS TO ATTEND THIS UNIQUE HANDS-ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITY. SCHOLARSHIP HELP IS AVAILABLE TO ANY FAMILY THAT NEEDS IT. PLEASE CONTACT **MRS. QUINN** DIRECTLY (LORIE_QUINN@MCPSMD.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TRIP. THE PERMISSION SLIPS AND PARENT INFORMATION LETTERS ARE POSTED ON THE **ROCKY HILL** WEBSITE IN THE **NEWS** SECTION IN BOTH **ENGLISH** AND **SPANISH**.

Important Dates:

November 4, 2022—Application Deadline for Regional/Countywide High School Programs

November 7, 2022-End of Quarter One

Holiday Giving Project 2021 Referral and Consent Form

The Holiday Giving Project has provided Thanksgiving and December holiday assistance to low-income households for over 30 years. A network of social workers, school counselors, and human service professionals refer families in need of assistance. Local non-profits, faith-based organizations, and public agencies serve Holiday Giving recipients, as donations are available. If you and your family are in need and would like to be referred for possible assistance for the holiday season, please complete this referral form to provide the required information. Resources are limited: please apply only if you and your family are truly in need. While a referral is not a guarantee of assistance, the Project helps as many families in need as donations allow.

El Holiday Giving Project ha brindado asistencia para el Día de Acción de Gracias y las vacaciones de diciembre a hogares de bajos ingresos durante más de 30 años. Una red de trabajadores sociales, consejeros escolares y profesionales de servicios humanos remiten a las familias que necesitan asistencia. Las organizaciones locales sin fines de lucro, las organizaciones religiosas y las agencias públicas sirven a los destinatarios de Holiday Giving, ya que las donaciones están disponibles. Si usted y su familia lo necesitan y les gustaría ser referidos para una posible asistencia durante la temporada navideña, complete este formulario de referencia para proporcionar la información requerida. Los recursos son limitados: solicite solo si usted y su familia realmente lo necesitan. Si bien una remisión no es garantía de asistencia, el Proyecto ayuda a tantas familias

necesitadas como lo permitan las donaciones.

Please click the link to complete a referral: (Haga clic en el enlace para completar una referencia)

[Holiday Giving 2022 Referral Form](#)

Deadline for December Holiday is Friday, November 11th. (La fecha límite para las vacaciones de diciembre es el miércoles 11 de noviembre.)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Isha Gupta, Resource Counselor, at Isha_S_Gupta@mcpsmd.org or 240-740-6680. (Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, comuníquese con la Sra. Isha Gupta, Consejera de Recursos, en Isha_S_Gupta@mcpsmd.org o al 240-740-6680.)

Admission Process Information Overview for Regional/Countywide High School Application Programs:

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) offers a wide range of high school application programs for students entering Grades 9 through 12. These programs have a centralized admissions process, which begins with a common online application. The admission process opens in early October 2022.

- For students entering Grades 9–12 in 2023–2024, the regional/countywide high school application process admission, timeline, and program information is available at the Special Programs website:
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/
- MCPS has streamlined the Grade 8 high school application process by providing one common online application for all programs via Synergy. Grades 9–11 will apply electronically through a link provided on the website above.
- Program eligibility is based on the student's address and middle school for current Grade 8 students; and for current Grades 9–11 students, it is based on the home address only.

MCPS Regional/Countywide List of Programs by Home/Base High School

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UNdicCl1xkEIsRvmCF6Cqh97D_I7hoplCqUszgXZW0M/edit?usp=sharing

Parent/guardian/student flier

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B_0vd_G2JgjHOdCUJNfdtwkw6EORqwMCzYNaxiEu4g/edit?usp=sharing

Reminders:

- Rocky Hill Middle School is an “Away All Day” personal mobile device school. Students may use their PMDs before school, during lunch and after school. We have also allowed students to use them during Wildcat Wellness Day and plan to continue this during the next scheduled day. Students who use their PMDs during times that are not allowed are subject to having them taken and a phone call made home. Overall, our students have been doing a great job with this responsibility. As you know, Personal Mobile Devices can be a big distraction from teaching and learning. We need your partnership and support in reminding your child at home.
- Please remind your child to charge their Chromebook each night and bring their charger 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!
- *Interested in becoming a Rocky Hill Parent Volunteer? Visit the [MCPS Volunteer Webpage](#) to learn more information about what is required to become a volunteer. There is also a step-by-step [Support Guide](#) to help parents through the process. We are excited to partner with parents in our community and together we can ensure every student has an EPICC experience at Rocky Hill. Please contact the main office if you have any questions.*

PTA:

[GO TO THE PTSA WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR MEETING DATES & INFO](#)

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

- **[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)