

## THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019

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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**Our weekly Sunday evening email has two sections:**

1. **RHMS Information and Calendar**
2. **RHMS Reminders**

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### 1. **ROCKY HILL Information and Calendar**

#### **Main Office Hours**

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

#### **Monday, Nov. 19 – Periods 23456**

Mr. Conley/Ms. Kroll/Ms. Grimsley/Ms. Braune Classes-Field Trip to Smith Center, 9:30 am-1:30 pm  
No after-school activities. No after-school activity buses.

#### **Tuesday, Nov. 20 – Periods 71234 HR**

**NJHS Meeting, Rm. 143, for all members; Grade 7-A-Lunch, 10:46-11:16 am/Grade 8-B Lunch, 11:24-11:54 am**  
Report Card and Picture distribution in Homeroom, pm  
No after-school activities. No after-school activity buses.

#### **Wednesday, Nov. 21 – Periods 1234675**

Jazz Band, 7:00-8:00 am (Ms. Schiller-Rm 103) [Heidi L Schiller@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Heidi.L.Schiller@mcpsmd.org)  
Basketball Jamboree in PE classes  
No after-school activities. No after-school activity buses.  
**Early Release Day for all students at 12:30 pm**

#### **Thursday, Nov. 22**

**No School-Thanksgiving Day-*Happy Thanksgiving!***

#### **Friday, Nov. 23**

**No School-Thanksgiving Holiday**

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## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER EVENTS

### Attention all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball players-tryouts are November 27-29

The Cross Country & Softball seasons are over and Basketball season is just around the corner! If you are planning to try out, you must have the necessary paperwork turned in to Ms. Brouillard ***PRIOR to November 26<sup>th</sup>***. [Melanie J Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org)

Here are 3 things you need in order to try out:

- 1) **be academically eligible** with a minimum of a 2.0 GPA for Quarter 1
- 2) a ***CURRENT* physical form signed and dated by the doctor**; and
- 3) a **signed parent permission slip**. The physical forms and permission slip links are below. They can also be found on the school website under “After School” or you can pick them up from the Girls Locker Room. It’s never too soon to get that paperwork in, so see Ms. Brouillard today!

***Tryouts are on Tuesday, November 27- Tuesday, Dec. 4. Anyone trying out is expected to attend all try-out days. Please see the tryout schedule below:***

--Tuesday, Nov. 27 - BOYS ONLY

--Wednesday, Nov. 28- GIRLS ONLY

--Thursday, Nov. 29 - Both Boys & Girls (\*1st cuts will be made)

--Tuesday, Dec. 4 - Both Boys & Girls (\*final cuts will be made)

**Basketball Permission Slip** - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YUOPHkOx-7fEajVILJ4ZQHRx2aEYTmWo/view?usp=sharing>

**Health Inventory Form** - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qAsFrmibIdU-g8XwLgPH60zSSTWcfMbt/view?usp=sharing>

### Chipotle Night for the Music Department

Please support the music department at the spirit night at Chipotle at 20940 North Frederick Road in Germantown on November 27 from 4:00-8:00 pm. See the attached a flyer for information.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BYnpK4A7mi0h71OxI\\_02h2fgyDOuMrga/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BYnpK4A7mi0h71OxI_02h2fgyDOuMrga/view?usp=sharing)

### Wildcat Roar – 2018 First Edition

Below is the first edition of the Wildcat Roar for your reading pleasure. It may also be found on the RHMS web site.

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/news/newspaper/RoarNov2018.pdf>

### Lifetouch Pictures

Pictures packages and school IDs will be distributed on Tuesday, November 20 with report cards.

### Picture Retake Day

If your student did not get their photo taken by Lifetouch on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Lifetouch will be back on Thursday, November 29!

### M.O.R.E. Club

The next M.O.R.E. club meeting is on Wednesday, December 5, after school.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “Power of Sam” Blood and Toy Drive!

On Tuesday, December 11, the students and staff of Rocky Hill will be conducting their 6<sup>th</sup> annual blood and toy drive in honor of former student Sam Moore '10 who passed away from a brain tumor in August of 2012. You must be 18 years or older to donate. If you are over 16 years old, you may donate with written permission from a parent/guardian.

Please click on the link below, enter “Rocky Hill MS MD” in the search for a drive, and sign up for a time: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

We will also be collecting **new, unwrapped** toys for children who must stay for treatment at Children’s Hospital in Washington DC. Please consider sending in a toy with your child (they should bring it to their PE or Health teacher) during the week of Dec 10-15. Sam was always amazed at how generous people were as he was a recipient of several Rubiks Cubes (his favorite) while he was there. Thank you for always supporting Rocky Hill and our community causes.

## Federal Impact Aid Survey

**Who:** The survey should be completed by all Military and Federally-connected parents/guardians of MCPS students or by those who work or live on federal property in MD.

**What:** Federal Impact Aid is a grant that provides a way for the federal government to reimburse local school districts for the loss of property and tax revenue. The federal aid is needed to help MCPS operate at its fullest capacity.

**When:** Federal Impact Aid Surveys will be sent home with RHMS students on Tuesday, November 20, 2018. The survey is also available online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/28--4.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/28--4.pdf)

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## 2. Reminders

### Residency Information

#### *Parents,*

If you **have** moved or are **planning** a move, please contact our registrar, *Karen Kiernan*, in the Counseling Services Office at: 301-601-3190 for further information on providing Rocky Hill with the correct documents to complete your change of address. Correct residency documentation is necessary to keep your child’s information up to date as well as allowing important information from Rocky Hill Middle School and MCPS to arrive at your home in a timely fashion. In order to change address information, the school needs appropriate documentation on file. Below, please find a listing of necessary documents. If you need further assistance, please call the Counseling Services Office. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. [Karen J Kiernan@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Karen_J_Kiernan@mcpsmd.org)

## **Residency—In Montgomery County:**

**The following is a guide to the appropriate documentation necessary for Enrollment or Change of Address:**

- If **homeowner**, provide a copy of current property tax bill. A copy can be obtained from Montgomery County Department of Finance at 240-777-0311 or at [montgomerycountymd.gov/finance](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/finance), or settlement paperwork **OR**
- If **renter**, provide a copy of current (less than 1 year old) lease. If lease is more than 1-year-old, copy of lease and a current utility bill, **OR**
- If living in **shared housing**, provide notarized MCPS Form 335-74, *Shared Housing Disclosure* and either a copy of the current property tax bill of homeowner or copy of lease of renter with whom student and parent/guardian are living and three appropriate supporting documents. MCPS Form 335-74, *Shared Housing Disclosure*, may count as one of the three supporting documents.
- Anyone who is not a resident of Montgomery County who would like to request to enroll a non-resident student in MCPS should contact IAE at 301-230-0686.
- If *Homeless*, please refer to *Enrollment Information/Homeless Children web page*.

## **PE reminder about the cold weather**

The weather is getting cooler by the day and the students need to have warm clothing if they are going outside. The PE department has sweatpants and hoodies available for sale in all sizes. Each piece is \$25 and sports our beautiful logo. Remember, all profits from sales go to fund our equipment and facility needs here at RH. You can send cash or check made payable to RHMS with your child, or order online using a credit card at the following

link: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/MontgomeryMD/BVModules/CategoryTemplates/Detail.ed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=BY372>

## **Attendance**

- To report an absence for the day, please leave a voice message on the new attendance phone line at 301-601-3195.
- Please include the full name and grade of your child.
- For questions about absence calls you may have received, please also call the attendance line (301-601-3195) and leave a message with your name, your child's name and your phone number.
- Parents wishing to pick up your children at any time for doctor appointments, etc., prior to the 3:00 pm dismissal, please send in a note with your child to be processed in the main office at the beginning of the day.
- RHMS has prepared a form for your convenience. (See link) <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/news/EarlyDismissalAbsenceForm.pdf>

- In the event that you have an **unexpected early dismissal**, please call 301-353-8282 at least 15 minutes prior to your arrival to allow time for the office staff to call your child to the office.