

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019
Week of December 10, 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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Our weekly Sunday evening email has two sections:

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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. To report an absence for the day, please leave a voice message on the attendance phone line at 301-601-3195. Please include the full name and grade of your child.

Afterschool Activity and Bus Information

- **After-school activities** are scheduled Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00-4:25 pm. Students hear about activities during morning announcements. After-school activities can also be found on the Rocky Hill MS website 'Calendar of Events.'
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rockyhillms/>
- RecXtra after-school activity permission slips may be picked up from Ms. Chilnick in Room 269. Please contact Ms. Chilnick for questions.
Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org. Please make sure to listen to announcements for information on new RecXtra clubs after school.
- **Activity buses – Beginning December 4, a 4th after-school activity bus has been added.** After-school activity buses are provided each day and leave school at 4:25 pm. Please take this opportunity to discuss which route your child should take to get home and have them write it in their agenda book—Bus 1, Bus 2, Bus 3 or Bus 4. (See link below). **These stops are sometimes different from the regular bus stop. Below is the link to the most updated Activity Bus Stop list:**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e-Fv_WFygN1LOjgICcsXJEWn8yqw_AdI/view?usp=sharing .
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 4:25 pm.

Monday, Dec. 10-Periods 67123

Week of Giving-Students will generate ways to show kindness in the New Year

No after-school activities. No after-school activity buses.

Tuesday, Dec. 11-Periods 45671

Week of Giving-‘Power of Sam’ Toy Drive

Basketball Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm, Gym; Boys Coach - [Thomas M. Shull@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Thomas_M_Shull@mcpsmd.org) Girls Coach- [Teresa A. Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org)

Drama-Little Mermaid, Jr., 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Heinemann-Cafeteria and Rm. 105)

Extended Day Math, (3:00-4:25pm) (3:05 pm in Ms. Flynn’s Rm.

276) [Stephanie M. Flynn@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Stephanie_M_Flynn@mcpsmd.org)

Math 8 Support (Braune-Rm. 150) [Patricia A. Braune@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia_A_Braune@mcpsmd.org)

Algebra Support (Murray-Rm. 152) [Danielle M. Murray@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Danielle_M_Murray@mcpsmd.org)

Math 7/IM Support (Ms. Sampson-Rm. 180) [Tyleet R. Sampson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tyleet_R_Sampson@mcpsmd.org)

Musical Painting Stage Crew, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Selckmann-Rm.

149) [Elise M. Kielek@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Elise_M_Kielek@mcpsmd.org)

RecXtra Book Wars, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Gramatges-Media Center) [Laurie A. Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org)

Soccer Intramurals, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Brouillard-Field) [Melanie J. Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org)

‘Power of Sam’ Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00 pm, Cafeteria [Teresa A. Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org) * (See Details below)

Wednesday, Dec. 12-Periods 23456

Week of Giving-Canned Food Drive for the Damascus Help Food Bank

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Chess Club (**final session**), 3:00-4:25, (Mr. Harris-Rm. 164) charris@letusteachyouchess.com

Drama-Little Mermaid, Jr., 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Heinemann-Cafeteria and Rm.

105) [Paul W. Heinemann@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org)

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Model UN, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Fong-Rm. 358) [Stephanie L. Fong@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Stephanie_L_Fong@mcpsmd.org)

Musical Painting Stage Crew, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Selckmann-Rm. 149)

[Elise M. Kielek@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Elise_M_Kielek@mcpsmd.org)

Newspaper Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Conley-Rm 167) [Kevin J. Conley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin_J_Conley@mcpsmd.org)

RecXtra Baking Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Rachel Bache-Rm. 150)

RecXtra Board Games, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Duarte-Rm.364) [Nelia R. Duarte@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Nelia_R_Duarte@mcpsmd.org)

RecXtra Geo Bee, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Sweeney-Rm. 356) [Daniel F. Sweeney@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Daniel_F_Sweeney@mcpsmd.org)

RecXtra Lego Robotics, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Smith-Rm. 143) [Kalani Smith@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kalani_Smith@mcpsmd.org)

Soccer Intramurals, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Brouillard-Field) [Melanie J. Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org)

Chipotle Dinner Fundraiser for Model UN @ Neelsville Chipotle, 4:00-8:00 pm

**** (See Details below)**

Rocky Hill MS Winter Choral Concert @ CHS, 7:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 13-Periods 71234

Week of Giving-Send in a donation in honor of a staff member who has made a difference in your child's education-Proceeds will benefit Wildcat's Care

SGA @ MCJC Meeting, 9:45 am-2:00 pm, Richard Montgomery High

School [Kevin J Conley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin_J_Conley@mcpsmd.org)

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[Elise M Kielek@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Elise_M_Kielek@mcpsmd.org)

NJHS Meeting-All Members, 3:00-4:25 pm, (Mr. Smith-Rm. 143) [Kalani Smith@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kalani_Smith@mcpsmd.org)

RecXtra Science Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Evans-Rm. 260) [Tara J Evans@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tara_J_Evans@mcpsmd.org)

Soccer Intramurals, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Brouillard-Field) [Melanie J Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org)

NO STEM Club (final session was last week) charris@letusteachyouchess.com

Yearbook Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Belman-Rm. 376) [Lisabeth S Belman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org)

Friday, Dec. 14- Periods 56712

Week of Giving-Donate New Hats, Gloves, Socks for our sister school, Daly ES

No After school activities. No after school activity buses.

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has released a new accountability report card for every school in the state of Maryland. The Maryland Report Card for Rocky Hill Middle School can be found at this link

<http://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/Graphs/#/ReportCards/ReportCardSchool/3/17/6/15/0707/>

The Maryland Report Card is designed to measure school success in several ways, including state test results in English Language Arts and math; postsecondary readiness; progress of English learners in achieving English language proficiency; graduation rate; and students with access to and earning credit for a well-rounded curriculum. Below are a few resources to help you understand the Maryland Report Card:

- [MCPS Video – Understanding the Maryland Report Card](#)
- [MSDE Report Card Overview](#)
- [MD Report Card – Local Interpretation Guide](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

As Superintendent of Schools Jack Smith noted in his [message to the community on November 30](#), while the Maryland Report Card does provide important information about our schools, it only provides a limited view into the progress of our more than 163,000 students.

To better understand how our schools are serving all of our students, MCPS has developed an [Equity Accountability Model](#) that provides a more detailed and focused report of school success. The Equity Accountability Model uses [multiple and frequent measures](#) of students' progress to

determine if a school is meeting the needs of ALL students with a special emphasis on reducing and eliminating disparities in student achievement. Data for the MCPS Equity Accountability Model will be published in January.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Soccer Intramurals

Soccer Intramurals began last week and will run through December 13th for any 6th, 7th, or 8th graders interested. The intramural will be held outside, so students should be dressed to be outdoors. Anyone wishing to participate needs to turn in an Intramural permission slip to Ms. Brouillard.

*6th Annual 'Power of Sam' Blood and Toy Drive!

This Tuesday, December 11, from 3:00-7:30 pm, the students and staff of Rocky Hill will be conducting their 6th 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 blood. If you are over 16 years old, you may donate blood 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.

Food Drive Dec. 10-19 to benefit Wildcats Care and Damascus Lion's Club

SGA, NJHS and the Leo Club are excited to announce our annual Food Drive to support the **Lions Club of Damascus Christmas Basket Program** and the **RHMS Wildcats Care Program**. Contributions of any non-perishable food items will gladly be accepted in all World Studies classes from Monday December 10th-Wednesday December 19th (please check expiration dates). On Wednesday December 12th we ask that the focus for food donations include: Cereal, peanut butter and jelly as a way of supporting our Week of Giving, sponsored by RHMS.

++ Chipotle Night to support the RH Model United Nations

Enjoy dinner (12/12/18, 4:00-8:00) at the Neelsville Chipotle to benefit our awesome Model UN club as they raise money to attend the United Nations Association International Middle School Model UN conference in New York, NY in March 2019. Be sure to show the fundraiser flyer to the cashier. Bon Appetit!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14A7y4wO73awemmCrFCedqsChC9fP0deo/view?usp=sharing>

2. Reminders

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/Detailed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=BY372>

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