

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019
Week of January 7, 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**

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.

Monday, Jan. 7-Periods 12345

Rocky Hill Readers meet during A, B, or C Lunch. Students must have a pass.No after-school activities. No after-school activity buses.

Parent meeting for incoming 6 Grade students, 6:30-7:30 pm, Cafeteria

Tuesday, Jan. 8-Periods 67123

Basketball Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm; 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)
[Paul W Heinemann@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org)

RecXtra Box Fit, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Stefon Jordan-Rm.

157) [Deborah N Chilnick@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org)

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)

PTA Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, Media Center (see details below)**

Wednesday, Jan. 9-Periods 45671

Basketball v. Hallie Wells MS, Girls-Home/Boys-at CHS; 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)

Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org

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

276) Stephanie_M_Flynn@mcpsmd.org

Math 8 Support (Braune-Rm. 150) Patricia_A_Braune@mcpsmd.org

Algebra Support (Murray-Rm. 152) Danielle_M_Murray@mcpsmd.org

Math 7/IM Support (Ms. Sampson-Rm. 180) Tyleet_R_Sampson@mcpsmd.org

Model UN Meeting, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Fong-Rm 358) Stephanie_L_Fong@mcpsmd.org

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

RecXtra Baking Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Rachel Blache-Rm.140)

Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org

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

RecXtra Geo Bee Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Sweeney-Rm. 356)

Daniel_F_Sweeney@mcpsmd.org

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

RecXtra Super Smash Bros. Melee Club, 3:15-4:25 pm (Ms. Gramatges-Media

Center) Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org

Thursday, Jan. 10-Periods 23456

Grade 7 Field Trip (Group I) to MCPS Finance Park, 8:15 am-2:30

pm Stephanie_L_Fong@mcpsmd.org

Basketball Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm; Boys Coach - Thomas_M_Shull@mcpsmd.org Girls

Coach- Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org

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

Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org

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

RecXtra Box Fit 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Stefon Jordon-Rm. 157)

Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org

RecXtra Environmental Club, (Mr. Perrone-Rm. 142) Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org

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

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

Friday, Jan. 11- Periods 71234

Grade 7 Field Trip (Group II) to MCPS Finance Park, 8:15 am-2:30

pm Stephanie_L_Fong@mcpsmd.org

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

January Events

****PTA Meeting January 8, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Save the date for our next upcoming PTA General Membership meeting this Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. We will conduct a PTA meeting for the first half of the meeting, and the presentation with Heather Sweeney, RHMS Math Content Specialist & Michelle Smetanick, RHMS Science Content Specialist to become more informed about learning as discovery in Math and Science will start at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. We ask that PTA members come out and vote on the bylaw changes (proposed changes can be found on the school PTA web).

Only PTA members can vote but we will have membership forms at the meeting for you to join on the spot if you're not already a member.

Athletics

1. The Basketball season is here and January is packed with games! Students may stay for basketball games and cheer on our basketball teams as long as they do the following:

- Have a ticket (purchased for \$1.00 in the mornings 2 days leading up to games),
- Are academically eligible, and exhibit proper sports manners.

Activity buses will be available to take student spectators home at 4:20 pm. If student spectators are car riders, they MUST be picked up no later than 4:20 pm.

2. This year, our Boys and Girls Basketball teams will have an opportunity to play at Clarksburg HS for one of their games! The Boys Basketball team will be playing Hallie Wells on January 9 at 3:20 pm at CHS (ladies will have a home game against Hallie Wells). The Girls Basketball team will be playing Neelsville on January 22 at 3:20 pm at CHS. **Any Rocky Hill students wishing to attend these games MUST HAVE A PARENT ACCOMPANY THEM INTO THE GAME. Student ID's will be checked at the door.** Following each of our CHS games will be a CHS Men's JV/V Basketball doubleheader starting at 5:00 pm. The fee to attend will be \$5 for Adults, \$3.00 for Students w/ID, \$1.00 for children 5-11, under 5 & seniors are free.

PTA Sponsored Chess and STEM Club

Chess Club begins January 16

Students interested in the Chess club should complete the registration linked below. Chess Club is open to everyone regardless of experience. During this session, the club will focus on strategies to be successful during tournament Play. The chess club will be preparing for the Rocky Hill Chess Tournament scheduled for late January 2019. The tournament will be open to all scholastic players. For more information about the Chess club see the registration form or contact Mr. Craig Harris at charris@letusteachyou.org.

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STEM Club begins January 17

Students interested in the STEM club should complete the registration linked below. During this session of STEM students will learn about rocketry, Bluetooth, Bernoulli's Principle, Newton's Laws of Motion and infectious diseases. These activities are hands-on and they give students experience using the engineering design process and their own creativity as they learn about the world around them. For more information about the STEM club, see the registration form or contact Mr. Craig Harris at charris@letusteachyou.org.

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After-school 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/>

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 4:25pm.

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 – 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.

On December 10, there was a new update to the Rocky Hill after-school activity bus routes. The change impacts the rural stops from Bus 3, which will now be on Bus 4. Bus 4 will start taking the rural area of Prices Distillery, Lewisdale and Burnt Hill Road. This change was effective on Tuesday, December 11. Bus 1 and 2 do not have any updates or changes at this time. Please see the link with the updated activity bus information.

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2. Reminders

MCPS Invites You to Attend a Public Information Meeting on the Clarksburg, Northwest, and Seneca Valley High Schools Boundary Study

Did you know that some of the boundaries for Clarksburg, Northwest and Seneca Valley High Schools and the middle schools that go to these high schools will change? Come learn about the boundary process and ask questions. The same information will be presented at each of the three school meetings. You may attend ANY one of the three meetings to receive the same information. Spanish and Chinese interpretation will be provided at the meetings. Below are links to the English, Chinese and Spanish informational flyers.

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UFSIsR3oWQYJGSIsBaSXbDjlanXAKaKo/view?usp=sharing>

Three Meeting Dates and Locations:

1. Monday, Jan. 14, 2019 Northwest HS Auditorium 6:30–8:30 pm
2. Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019 Seneca Valley HS Auditorium 6:30–8:30 pm
3. Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019 Clarksburg HS Auditorium 6:30–8:30 pm

PE Polar Bear Club!

The PE Polar Bear Club has started! If your child is in this club make sure they are clothed appropriately for the weather. Now is a great time to purchase our warm, soft Rocky Hill sweatpants and hoodies! 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>