

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019
Week of 9/10/18

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. A reminder that 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.

MCPS Bus transportation, bus routes, car riders and walker/bike riders

Bus riders: If your child will ride an MCPS bus, please go on the RHMS website “Back to School Information” quick link (left side of webpage) and then click on “2018-2019 Bus Routes” as soon as possible to confirm your bus stop, route and times. Please contact the Clarksburg Transportation department directly at (240) 740-4729 with any questions about bus stops, bus routes etc.

Morning Car Riders: Staff start assisting the car rider line at 7:50, which is the time that students can be dropped off at school (cars start lining up early and wait to drop off). Our morning car rider line is long, so please make sure you follow our car rider line guidelines to help everyone move through the line safely. Please follow all directions of school staff and pull up as far as you can in the car rider circle. PLEASE do not drive through the parking lanes or around other cars in the car rider line. Safety is our main priority in our car rider line. Please help us as we work together to ensure the safety of all of our students.

- **Afternoon Car Riders:** Please be at RHMS in the car rider line to pick up your child at 3:00 pm when students are released. Please be on time.
- **Walkers:** Please only cross the street at designated crosswalk areas.
- **Bike Riders:** Please secure your bike on the front bike rack.

Monday, Sept. 10

No school for students and teachers

Tuesday, Sept 11 – Periods 23456

After-School Activity Buses begin today

Cross Country Try-Outs, 3:00-4:25 pm

Softball Try-Outs, 3:00-4:25 pm

PTA Meeting at 6:30-7:00 pm, Cafeteria

Family Life Committee Meeting, 6:30-7:00 pm., PE Team Rm. 132 (Contact Ms.

Tippett [Teresa A Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org) with questions)

Back to School Night 7:00-9:00 pm (See information below)

Wednesday, Sept 12 – Periods 71234

Cross Country Try-Outs, 3:00-4:25 pm

RecXtra Board Games, 3:00-4:25 pm (Duarte Rm. 364) (See information below)

RecXtra Lego Robotics, 3:00-4:25 pm (Smith Rm. 143) (See information below)

Softball Try-Outs, 3:00-4:25 pm

Thursday, Sept 13 – Periods 56712

Cross Country Try-Outs, 3:00-4:25 pm

Softball Try-Outs, 3:00-4:25 pm

Friday, Sept 14 – Periods 34567

No after-school activities

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. 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, or Bus 3. (See link) **These stops are sometimes different from the regular bus stop.**

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/activities/RHMSActivityBusstops2818_UPDATE2918.pdf

Additionally, 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

RecXtra after school activities begin Wednesday, Sept. 12. The permission slips may be picked up from Ms. Chilnick in Room 269 or you can download the links to register. The forms are also available on the Rocky Hill Middle School web site. Please contact Ms. Chilnick for questions, [Deborah N Chilnick@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org). Be sure to listen to morning announcements for upcoming activities that will be offered in the next few weeks.

--Lego Robotics:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_74N9YPAI_Aml09NMxZj9LCp2s6IOLqD/view?usp=sharing
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KyRHSh-YAcM8laX6hx5VNN9-J2HqpGHu/view?usp=sharing>

--Board Games:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_74N9YPAI_Aml09NMxZj9LCp2s6IOLqD/view?usp=sharing
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ig7AX_3DuBop3iSbek3LSoCr5riMXWAH/view?usp=sharing

Athletics

Attention 7th & 8th graders:

Tryouts for Boys & Girls Softball and Co-Ed Cross Country will be held on Tuesday, September 11, Wednesday, September 12 and Thursday, September 13 from 3:00-4:25 pm (Activity buses will be available each day). Athletes should plan to attend ALL 3 DAYS OF TRYOUTS!! All students planning on trying out will need to make sure they have an up-to-date physical (dated within the last 2 years) and a parent permission slip turned in to Ms. Brouillard by 8:05 am on September 11. Permission slips and Health Inventory Forms (physicals) can be downloaded from the website or picked up from the Girls PE Office. See Ms. Brouillard or email her [Melanie J Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org) if you have any questions.

Leo Club

The Leo Club would like to announce that membership for the 2018-2019 school year is open. Interested students should complete the on-line registration on the RHMS web-site. Click on the Afterschool tab, followed by Clubs; lastly click on Leo's Club. Deadline for applications is Sept. 21st. For more information about the club visit the RHMS website or contact Mr. Stevenson in room 258 or by email at [Sean T Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org).

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Back to School Night, September 11, 2018, at 7:00 pm

RHMS PTA Meeting: this is our first meeting of the year and will be in the cafeteria 6:30-7:00 pm.

Back to School Night Bus Shuttle Service is being provided as a convenience to parents. MCPS Bus Shuttle Service is being provided between Clarksburg High School and Rocky Hill Middle School. Parking will be available at Clarksburg High School on Tuesday, September 11.

-First pick-up will begin at 6:30 pm. at Clarksburg High School.

-The shuttle will transport parents between Rocky Hill Middle School and Clarksburg High School until 9:30 pm

-The last return shuttle bus departs from RHMS @ 9:30 pm

2. RHMS REMINDERS

myMCPS Parent & Student Portal

Letters with directions on activating parent portal accounts were mailed to any parent who has not activated an account starting the week of July 23. Features include announcements, calendars, assignments, quick access, academic records and other resources. The Emergency

Card Updates in Parent Portal will be available through October 5th for parents to update.

PE Uniforms!!!

Welcome back!!!! The new uniform logo and upgraded brand of clothing was a huge hit at Wildcat Welcome! We are temporarily out of some sizes, but please feel free to order online at the following link if you would like to pay by credit card:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/about/ClothingSizesandPricingandorderform201718.pdf>

The new order will be in as soon as possible, hopefully within the next two weeks. The PE department will give the clothing to your son/daughter as soon as it arrives. If you would like to pay by cash or check (payable to Rocky Hill MS), your son/daughter can bring that to Ms. Tippett, who will be taking orders. Thank you so much for your support of your Rocky Hill Physical Education program as all profits go right back to our students in the form of new equipment!

George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy

Registration for the GBTLA Saturday School is now open. The academy provides academic tutoring and instruction with certified teachers in a nurturing and supportive environment. For more information, visit www.saturdayschool.org

Below are the links for the calendar, list of programs and registration form.

Calendar:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y0u4aFyd6wq1mLKIFwWMw_q6HhN9uXb5/view?usp=sharing

Programs:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17FDx2UAQ11UQuESfHJhj2ZKXGn5fTjg5/view?usp=sharing>

Registration form:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18wpcj6sYk0FYs3AexKXEfq66J4P3Q1bD/view?usp=sharing>

Attendance

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. 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.

Parent/Student School Checklist

A checklist has been created to minimize forgotten items. We encourage the use of this checklist, as it will help cut down on class interruptions. We are committed to assuring that instruction is not disturbed due to classroom interruptions. (See link)

[https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/news/homeroom/ParentStudentChecklist\(1\).pdf](https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/news/homeroom/ParentStudentChecklist(1).pdf)