

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019
Week of 9/17/18

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:

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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. 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.

Afternoon Bus Change effective Monday Sept. 17

Students who ride the bus to the Boys and Girls club after school will now ride bus 2606 after school to the Boys and Girls club starting Monday, September 17, 2018.

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 – **we have had many parents arriving after 3:20 pm. Please be at RHMS at 3:00 pm**

Monday, Sept. 17 – Periods 12345

No after-school activities

Panera Spirit Night to support the Archery Team (details below)

Tuesday, Sept 18 – Periods 67123

Cross Country Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Coach - Mr. Stevenson)

Softball Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Boys Coach - [Gerald E. DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Gerald_E_DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org);

Girls Coach - [Brian C. Lucas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Brian_C_Lucas@mcpsmd.org))

Wednesday, Sept 19

No school for students and teachers

Thursday, Sept 20 – Periods 45671

Cross Country Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Coach - Mr. Stevenson)

Softball Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Boys Coach - [Gerald E. DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Gerald_E_DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org);

Girls Coach - [Brian C Lucas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Brian_C_Lucas@mcpsmd.org))

Friday, Sept 21 – Periods 23456

No afterschool activities

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Panera Night Fundraiser

Come out and support the Rocky Hill Archery Team on Monday, September 17, 2018, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. at the Panera next to Wegman's. **Join us for dinner with a sandwich, salad or soup!** Enjoy freshly baked breads, bagels, pastries and cookies from their bakery!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19s8EdhbuoYPKQj4OuDkafHcFS_aNhRIG/view?usp=sharing

Ordering online? Try their Rapid Pick-up

services. <https://delivery.panerabread.com/orderProcess/>

Panera Bread is donating a portion of their proceeds to the school group!

Grade 8 Field Trip

Attention 8th Grade Parents- Adventure Park USA **permission slips are due Friday, September 21st.** Please make sure the permission slips are signed in three places; permission slip, medical form, and transportation form. Students can turn in permission slips in the morning in Wildcat Den.

Parent Letter:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16B82KMpdMV-DkyJBEfEV7LMEyokC7juy/view?usp=sharing>

Permission Slip:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K9b3hxcK1p1XY322qd7WBsMi7LZpkkGQ/view?usp=sharing>

Transportation form:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mpZS2S_miYRrFyz2lKKEl25zmng8HKVH/view?usp=sharing

Medical form:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B8kgLzkaYXrj4ufcFeWH9X18Yx9UGfDV/view?usp=sharing>

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.**

[Activity Bus 1](#)

[Activity Bus 2](#)

[Activity Bus 3](#)

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 have begun. 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.

--Board Games:

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

--Book Wars:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PtP4VesmXgt-oEjXcRekuq0j21KRPe9c/view?usp=sharing>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FblcbFvMO0st_624gGvw-QX1TKYu_qZS/view?usp=sharing

--Lego Robotics:

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KyRHSh-YAcM8IaX6hx5VNN9-J2HqpGHu/view?usp=sharing>

--Science Club and Green Team:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U04k6Epo7YIS0y4jbWInbup0selhUOvP/view?usp=sharing>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BIILeAyYRKTtMgir3HZn_HQgG3oCK7YG/view?usp=sharing

STEM Club

Students interested in the STEM club should complete the registration linked below. STEM club will be building Smart Cars and using microcontrollers as the computer brain. For more information about the STEM club see the registration form or contact Mr. Craig Harris at charris@letusteachyou.org.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Dh62R4Ij6Ln0721GwCDQ_hWNWYAqkJd/view?usp=sharing

Chess Club

Students interested in the Chess club should complete the registration linked below. 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.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vjfVBJz1YyUhJyLxfVkuboYq_tr5X-F/view?usp=sharing

Leo Club

The Leo Club would like to announce that membership for the 2018-2019 school year is open. The Leo Club is involved in a variety of community service projects throughout the year. Some of these projects include: Damascus Lions Club Holiday Giving Project, Jeans for Teens, Supporting Local Animal Shelters, Lily's Hope 5K walk and Run. 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 Friday, Sept. 21. For more information about the club visit the RHMS website, contact Mr. Stevenson in room 258 or by email at [Sean T Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org).

Newspaper Club

We are looking for students to join the Newspaper Club for this year. We produce 3 issues of the Wildcat Roar and cover a wide range of topics in each issue. Please stop by Room 167 to pick up an application. Contact Mr. Conley ([Kevin J Conley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin_J_Conley@mcpsmd.org)) with any questions.

SGA

The Student Government Association is looking for more members for this upcoming year. Stop by Room 167 and pick up an application if you are interested in becoming a part of this organization. Contact Mr. Conley (Kevin_J_Conley@mcpsmd.org) with any questions. The SGA sponsors the Spring Dance, Pennies for Patients, Candy grams, and food drives.

Yearbook Club

Yearbook Club will meet for the first time on Thursday, October 11th from 3:00-4:25 in Room 376 with Ms. Belman. Students in all grade levels are welcome! We will start working on the plans for an awesome 2018-2019 yearbook. If you have questions, please see Ms. Belman (Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org)

2. 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.**

Student Assignment Books (SAB)

All students received their assignment book the first day of school. If you haven't paid for your child's SAB, please submit the money ASAP. The \$6.00 can be paid in cash, check (payable to Rocky Hill MS) or OSP (Online School Payment). OSP is found on the RH homepage on the left side under Quick Links.

6th Grade- money can be given to any 6th grade teacher or the Team Leader, Mrs. Quinn

7th Grade – money should be given to the Team Leader – Mrs. Fong

8th Grade – money should be given to the Team Leader – Mrs. Wilkerson

All money is should be turned in no later than Sept 30th. If you need financial assistance, please contact your grade level team leader.

PE Uniform Update

The uniforms are in! We will be handing out uniforms that were previously ordered. We ordered extra uniforms as well. Credit card payments can be made online at the following link: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/about/ClothingSizesandPricingandorderform201718.pdf>

If you would like to pay by cash or check (payable to Rocky Hill MS), your child can bring that to Ms. Tippett, (Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org), 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)