

## THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2017-2018

Below are important reminders to help you stay involved and engaged with your student's upcoming events at Rocky Hill Middle School. **Follow us on** –<https://twitter.com/RockyHillPRIN>(daily updates Monday-Friday!)

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

**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 student. 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 student's name and your phone number. In the event that you have an **unexpected early dismissal**, please call 301-353-8282. (See link) [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/news/homeroom/ATTENDANCENOTE\\_rev%20Sept%202015.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/news/homeroom/ATTENDANCENOTE_rev%20Sept%202015.pdf)

**Early Dismissal/Absence Form:** Parents wishing to pick up their children at any time, prior to the 3:00pm dismissal, must send in a note with their child to be processed in the main office at the beginning of the day. RHMS has prepared a form for your convenience. (See link) <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/news/EarlyDismissalAbsenceForm.pdf>

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

1. **RHMS Events/Information and Calendar**
2. **RHMS Reminders**
3. **PTA News and Updates**

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### 1. **ROCKY HILL EVENTS/INFORMATION:**

**IMPORTANT---** Please have your child memorize their address **and** write it in the front page of their agenda book. As we are trying to ensure students ride the correct school busses we are finding many students who do not know their home address.

### **After School Activity and Bus Information:**

After-school activities are scheduled on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00-4:25pm. Students hear about activities during morning announcements and during lunches. Activity buses are provided each day and leave school at 4:30pm. Please take this opportunity to discuss which route your child should take (activity bus stops on our website) to get home and have them write it in their agenda book—Bus 1, Bus 2 or Bus 3. Please review the route they should walk—as activity busses do not use the same routes as the regular school bus.

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. Please be on time.

**Monday, Sept. 25- Periods 34567**

- No after school activities
- Have you signed up for the RHMS Color Fun Run yet? *(see PTA section below for more details)*

**Tuesday, Sept 26 – Periods 12345**

- *Spirit Night:* Tuesday, September 26th at Chipotle from 4:00-8:00pm AND Sweet Frog from 12:00-9:00pm *(see PTA section below for more details)*
- Musical Practice ENSEMBLE VOCALS **(3:05-4:25pm)** (Mr. Paul Heinemann)
- Dodgeball Intramurals **(3:05-4:25pm)** *(see September events section for details)*
- Softball Team Practice **(3:05-4:25pm)** (Coaches: Contact Mr. Brian Lucas-Girls Team & Mr. Gerry Delescavage-Boys Team)
- Cross Country **(3:05-4:25pm)** (Coach: Mr. Sean Stevenson)

**Wednesday, Sept 27 – Periods 67123**

- Musical Practice LEAD VOCALS **(3:05-4:25pm)** (Mr. Paul Heinemann)
- Softball Team Practice **(3:05-4:25pm)** (Coaches: Contact Mr. Brian Lucas-Girls Team & Mr. Gerry Delescavage-Boys Team)
- Cross Country **(3:05-4:25pm)** (Coach: Mr. Sean Stevenson)
- Chess Club **(3:05-4:25pm)** (Room 140-- *see September events section for details*)

**Thursday, Sept 28- Periods 45671**

- Musical Practice CHOREOGRAPHY **(3:05-4:25pm)** (Mr. Paul Heinemann)
- Dodgeball Intramurals **(3:05-4:25pm)** *(see September events section for details)*
- Softball Team Practice **(3:05-4:25pm)** (Coaches: Contact Mr. Brian Lucas-Girls Team & Mr. Gerry Delescavage-Boys Team)
- Cross Country **(3:05-4:25pm)** (Coach: Mr. Sean Stevenson)
- STEM Club **(3:05-4:25pm)** (Room 143-- *see September events section for details*)

**Friday, Sept 29 – Periods 23456**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students team building trip to Adventure Park (Team leader: Mrs. Lelah Wilkerson) *(permission slips/payment were due 9/22)*
- No after school activities
- Have you signed up for the RHMS Color Fun Run yet? *(see PTA section below for more details)*

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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### Fathers Take Your Child to School Day!

We appreciate Mr. Phillips taking the lead on this important event, as he jumped right in to help get this organized! Thank you to all of the dads who greeted students, walked children to bus stops, walked children to school and drove carpool last Tuesday! We are looking to make this a monthly event since it was just such a success! Stay tuned for details.

### myMCPS Portal is Here!

myMCPS Portal is a central location for students and their parents, guardians, or other authorized adults to access academic and demographic information. See the links below for a comprehensive How-to-Guide to lead you through the steps of using this new resource that has taken the place of Edline. Use the **Student Emergency Information** link to the left to update your contact information. Please be patient with us as we all learn how to navigate its use.

If you have not yet received your parent myMCPS access code through the US mail, please contact [laurie\\_a\\_abita-gramatges@mcpsmd.org](mailto:laurie_a_abita-gramatges@mcpsmd.org) via email for a copy of your access code.

- [myMCPS website](#)
- [myMCPS Parent Brochure](#)

### Men Organized to Raise Engagement (MORE)

M.O.R.E. meets **every other week**—next meeting is Wednesday, October 4th at RHMS right after school. For more information please contact: Sullivan Phillips at [sulli\\_33@yahoo.com](mailto:sulli_33@yahoo.com)

### Chess/STEM Clubs:

STEM will be starting this Thursday, September 28th right after school. It's not too late to join the Chess club which meets on Wednesdays after school. Please see the PTA website for registration and payment forms (<https://sites.google.com/a/mcpsmd.net/rhms-pta/forms>) or register online at <http://www.letusteachyou.org/> For more information please contact: Craig Harris at [charris@letusteachyou.org](mailto:charris@letusteachyou.org)

### FLES:

Foreign Language classes being offered in French or Spanish for 6th graders after school beginning in October. Please see the PTA website for registration and payment form <https://sites.google.com/a/mcpsmd.net/rhms-pta/forms> For more information please contact: Urdouina Mbanaso at [murumbanso4@gmail.com](mailto:murumbanso4@gmail.com)

### Attention all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> graders...

Are you looking to get involved in something after school? Want to meet new people? Then the Rocky Hill Intramurals program is what you're looking for! Intramurals are open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> graders who want to be active after school. We have lots of activities held throughout the year for all skill levels. There are no tryouts involved or physicals needed, and it's a great way for you to try new activities. We have a few upcoming intramurals to look forward to in the next couple of weeks. Starting **September 19**, we will be offering a Dodgeball intramural open to any 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> ***The Dodgeball Intramural will be held each Tuesday and Thursday starting Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> through October 5<sup>th</sup>. Archery Intramurals will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays during the entire month of***

**October.** All you need to participate is an intramural permission slip, which can be found by clicking on the “After school” tab on the Rocky Hill website, or see Ms. Brouillard in the girls PE office.

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## 2. Reminders:

### PE Uniforms

We still have all sizes of PE uniforms for sale in the PE department. You can make a credit card purchase online

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

You can also send your son/daughter in with a check made payable to RHMS or cash. They should bring it to their PE teacher who will take care of their purchase! Thank you for supporting your RHMS PE department where every cent goes back into equipment purchases for our students!

### Daily Student Car Rider Line:

We appreciate everyone’s cooperation with the morning and afternoon car rider lines. We are asking that parents continue their commitment to safety by following these guidelines:

1. **All car riders must be picked up no later than 3:15pm. Parents can begin to line up starting at 2:40pm.**
2. All car riders need to be picked up **from the car rider line**—not the parking lot, Brick Haven Way or Little Seneca Pkwy.

### 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. As staff, teachers, and parents we are committed to assuring that instruction is not disturbed due to classroom interruptions. (See link)

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

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## 3. PTA Notes:

Rocky Hill has an outstanding tradition of parent involvement in the school community, and we encourage all parents to get involved throughout the year.

Birthday Announcements are Back! Please download the flyer from our web site (<https://sites.google.com/a/mcpsmd.net/rhms-pta/>) and send in \$15 to recognize your student's birthday in scrolling lights on the electronic sign along route 355!

Wildcats Care is Rocky Hill's very own pantry here to serve the needs of our students and families! All donations come from our RH community -- for our Rocky Hill community. Our pantry needs replenishment for this school year! If you are able, please send in a donation with your student and

have them drop it off in the main office. Please clearly mark all donated items "Wildcats Care". Needed items include canned soups, vegetables, tuna/chicken and fruits; dried pastas and pasta sauce as well as personal toiletry items -- deodorants, toothpaste, shampoo and soap. If your family would benefit from Wildcat Cares, please contact Cheryl at [cherylshalgian@gmail.com](mailto:cherylshalgian@gmail.com) or Dr. Eldridge at [Cynthia\\_Eldridge@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Cynthia_Eldridge@mcpsmd.org). All inquiries are confidential.

#### **PTA Updates:**

- **Spirit Night:** Tuesday, September 26th at Chipotle from 4:00-8:00pm AND Sweet Frog from 12:00-9:00pm (20940 N. Frederick Rd locations) For more information please see our PTA website <https://sites.google.com/a/mcpsmd.net/rhms-pta/forms>
- **Color Fun Run:** Please register for our upcoming Annual Color Fun Run on Saturday, November 4th. Registration forms can be found in the main office or on the PTA website <https://sites.google.com/a/mcpsmd.net/rhms-pta/forms> We are also seeking sponsors, if you have a business, for our Color Run please see our website for the sponsor packet <https://sites.google.com/a/mcpsmd.net/rhms-pta/forms>
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- **Wildcats Care Food and Personal Hygiene Drive:**(please see tab "Wildcats Care" on the PTA website <https://sites.google.com/a/mcpsmd.net/rhms-pta/wildcats-care>
- **8th grade parents:** Thank you to all the 8th grade parents who have volunteered to donate items, money, or their time for the 8th Grade lunch this Friday, September 29th. Please send in or drop off donated items clearly marked "8th grade Lunch" to the main office on Monday, September 25th or Tuesday, September 26th between 7:50am-3:45pm. Please look at the Sign-Up Genius link to see if we still need help. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aaea92aa20-rhms>For more information please contact: ML George at [mlgdag@hotmail.com](mailto:mlgdag@hotmail.com)
- **Spirit Wear:** Spirit Wear is coming soon! Look for more information in October.
- **PTA Membership Form:** It's never too late to join! We still have both tumblers and car magnets to offer with each membership. <https://sites.google.com/a/mcpsmd.net/rhms-pta/forms>
- **Sign-Up Genius Link:** Looking for a way to help, please check out our Sign-Up Genius for all PTA activities and events. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4aaba92da64-rhms1>