



*A note from our principal Ms. Nelson:*

I am proud to announce that we had a successful opening of school here at Rocky River High School. Our students are great and have acclimated well to our school! This year we have introduced several new initiatives related to our four key priorities this year. Our four key priorities include:

- Increasing student academic success using data,
- Providing strong feedback to teachers to improve their performance,
- Increasing our positive and safe school culture, and
- Celebrating our staff.

Over the course of September, we have been focused on increasing our positive and safe school culture. This month, our students have learned more about the Rocky River High School Code. Below is a brief explanation of the code:

- **Respect – Taking yourself, others, your education and our school property seriously.**
- **Responsibility – Taking ownership and doing what is right.**
- **Honor – Exhibiting strong moral character, even when no one is looking.**
- **Service – Positively contribute to our RRHS community.**

Any student that exhibits these characteristics is entered into a drawing for a prize at the end of each week. Every Friday, we draw three names and they win a prize. Our students love this activity and we have seen a great difference in the positive interactions with them. We always could use cool prizes for our students (gift cards, electronics, etc). Every little bit helps! Please bring donated prizes to the main office and speak to Ms. Crawford.

Additionally, our community partnerships are up and running. Every Monday, Right Moves for Youth, and Men Who Care Global, host mentoring programs for our students. The Latin American Women's Association has met with our students regarding college advising, financial aid and other important information. The Young Black Male Leadership Alliance hosted their Opening Ceremony at Rocky River on September 20<sup>th</sup> and Chick-fil-A has sponsored our "5<sup>th</sup> Period" after our home football games! There is so much to get excited about here at THE ROCK!

*A note from our principal Ms. Nelson continued...*

October brings cold and flu season. Here are some suggestions for preventing the spread of flus and viruses:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water, especially before eating.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cough or sneeze into a sleeve or elbow, not hands.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Keep your child home when he or she is fevered or feeling sick. Establish a contingency plan for keeping a sick child at home or picking him or her up from school so you are prepared if illness strikes.
- Keep your child at home for at least 24 hours after he or she is free of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- Talk with your healthcare provider about annual seasonal flu vaccines.

Also, our students received their progress reports last week. Please feel free to reach out to our Attendance Secretary, Ms. Hilliard ([carriane.hilliard@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:carriane.hilliard@cms.k12.nc.us)) for more information about how to access your child's grades on PowerSchool.

As we continue the accomplishments we have garnered this past year, my pledge to you is that we will also continue to create a culture of excellence, leadership, and pride throughout our school community. I look forward to seeing you sometime soon.

All my best,

Brandy Nelson  
Principal

# Don't forget to link your grocery card to RRHS!

Linking is fast and easy.



To link your Harris Teeter card online go to:

[http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together\\_in\\_education/link\\_to\\_your\\_school.aspx](http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx)

RRHS PTSA = 8527



To link your Bi-Lo card online go to:

<http://www.hometowneducationalrewards.com/>

Rocky River High School = 55789

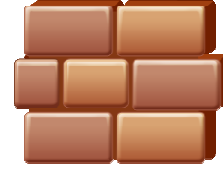
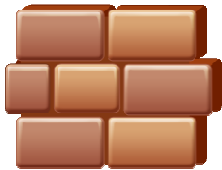
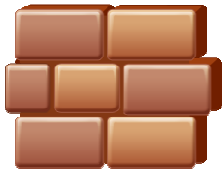
Or you can email your name and card number to [rrhptsa@gmail.com](mailto:rrhptsa@gmail.com)

## HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

### RAVEN'S ROW IS COMING TO RRHS.

Do you have your brick yet? Order one now!

Details at: <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/rrhs/>



Congratulations to the following volunteers who will make up the

2014-2015 PTSA Executive Board!

Kim Manchette — President

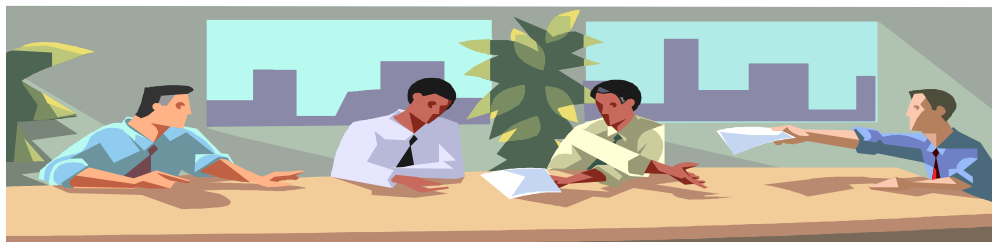
Jerrynell Griffey — Vice President

Due to the severe weather last month, the PTSA will hold a special General Board Meeting on

**Tuesday October 21st from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm.**

We are still looking for board members and volunteers for this school year.

Please come out and support your PTSA!





The DREAM Team is committed to keeping teens safe on the road, and that's why we're participating in **Celebrate My Drive®**, a program that's all about celebrating the fun of getting your driver's license while helping you drive safely, so you arrive safely. What's really sweet about participating in this program is **you** can also help our school win a \$100,000 grant.

**It's simple:**

Log onto [celebratemydrive.com](http://celebratemydrive.com)

Indicate you want to support **Rocky River High School**

Commit to drive safely!

Make a safe driving commitment **once a day, everyday**, between **October 18 and 26**.

The more safe driving commitments we make, the better chance we have to win **\$100,000**.

**Tell your friends and family who are age 14 and older to get involved too!**

Thanks for your support of the DREAM Team, Rocky River, and our teen drivers.

**Remember, 2N2: 2 eyes on the road, 2 hands on the wheel.**



# Homecoming Week



## October 6-10

*Let's get excited about Homecoming week!*

***Every student that attends school on Monday, October 6th will get a prize!***

*Don't forget this is also SPIRIT WEEK*

*Students who participate will be placed in a daily drawing for some awesome prizes. The grade level with the highest participation will be celebrated at the school rally.*

*Monday October 6th - Geeks vs Jocks Day*

*Tuesday October 7th - Camouflage Day*

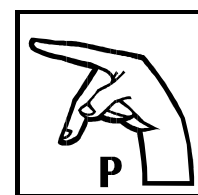
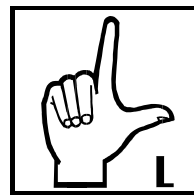
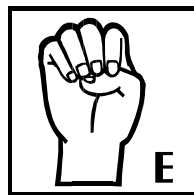
*Wednesday October 8th - Hipster Day*

*Thursday October 9th - Dynamic Duos Day*

*Friday October 10th - School Spirit Day*

# GO RAVENS!

## The RRHS American Sign Language Club needs your



The Sign Language club is collecting books for students in Ghana West Africa as well as raising monies to help build a library in Ayeldu, Ghana. Along with donations of books, they are also looking for donations of athletic balls (Soccer, Basketball, Football...), school supplies and monetary donations.

Items can be dropped off in Ms. Mendis' Room C123.

The club will also be selling pumpkins in October and November to raise money for this great cause. See Ms. Mendis or a member of the club for more details.

# Student's Corner

## SAT Registration and Test Dates

<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
October 9, 2014	November 8, 2014
November 6, 2014	December 6, 2014
December 29, 2014	January 24, 2015
February 13, 2015	March 14, 2015
April 6, 2015	May 2, 2015
May 8, 2015	June 6, 2015

## ACT Registration and Test Dates

<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
November 7, 2014	December 13, 2014
January 9, 2015	February 7, 2015
March 13, 2015	April 18, 2015
May 8, 2015	June 13, 2015



The Triumph College Admissions Online Study Guide for SAT and the TCA Online Study Guide for ACT are **free online tools available to help you prepare for taking the PSAT, SAT, or ACT**. You may use these study guides at any time. Use the study guides to learn more about the test, review specific skills, take practice quizzes, and track your progress.

Within the Triumph Online Study Guide, you will also find **FinalPrep for the SAT and ACT, online sessions designed for preparation the week before the test**. FinalPrep helps you to review the structure, format, skills, and test-taking tips you need before you take the test.

### Accessing the Triumph Online Study Guide

**Step 1:** Visit the following website

<http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/ci/Pages/testprep.aspx>

**Step 2:** Click the link for Rocky River High School (on the left)

**Step 3:** Log into the Student Study Guide Homepage -Enter your Student ID # as the username (Note: If you don't know your Student ID #, go to your school's office and ask them to look it up for you.) -Enter your birth date (YYYYMMDD) as the password -Click the "login" button

**Step 4:** Select a Test Preparation Option

SAT Study Guide

PSAT Study Guide

ACT Study Guide

FinalPrep for the SAT

FinalPrep for the ACT

**Step 5:** Once you are in your selected test preparation option, begin with the overview and complete the steps as directed.

You do not have to complete the programs in one sitting. Break up the work and pace yourself.

# News from the Guidance Department

<http://rrhsstudentservices.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/>

Students are alphabetically assigned to a counselor based upon the first letter of their last name.

A-D Ms. Mariah Cruz  
Miriamy.cruz@cms.k12.nc.us

E-J Ms. Carrie Cleveland  
carrief.cleveland@cms.k12.nc.us

K-Q Ms. Susan Foster  
susan1.foster@cms.k12.nc.us

R-Z Ms. Brienne Roche  
briennem.roche@cms.k12.nc.us



In October, CMS students will take 3 tests that can catapult them to success during the remainder of high school and into college.

- ◇ 10th grade students will take the PLAN (a test provided by the ACT) on October 6th.
- ◇ 11th grade students will take the Mock ACT (a test provided by CMS) on October 6th.
- ◇ 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT on October 15th which may qualify them for scholarships.



# Rocky River High School PTSA Membership Form

**Here are some of the benefits you may receive for joining the PTSA for the 2014-2015 school year.**

**For Parents:**

- Opportunities during the year to attend special meet and greets with the principal, Ms. Nelson
- Raffle entries for exciting prizes throughout the year
- Option to purchase Exam packs for students during EOCs
- Option to buy lunch for a teacher during teacher appreciation week in May

**For Students:**

- Raffle entries for exciting prizes throughout the year
- 4<sup>th</sup> block socials

**For RRHS Staff:**

- Raffle entries for exciting prizes throughout the year
- Lunch and food truck socials

**Dues for the 2014-2015 school year are only \$8 per adult (parent, teacher, staff) and \$5 per student**

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One:

Member 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Student / RRHS Staff

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Student / RRHS Staff

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Student / RRHS Staff

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Student / RRHS Staff

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Memberships: # \_\_\_\_\_

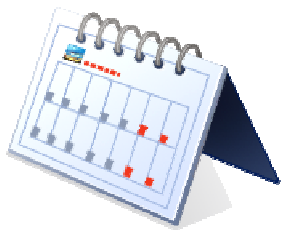
Total Memberships: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Rocky River PTSA**

Return this completed form to the RRHS main office or mail to:  
 RRHS PTSA, 10505 Clear Creek Commerce Drive, Mint Hill, NC 28227  
 OR: log onto the PTSA website and pay online at  
[www.rockyriverptso.jimdo.com](http://www.rockyriverptso.jimdo.com)







Upcoming Events:

**October 6—PLAN Grade 10**

**October 6— Triumph Learning Mock ACT Grade 11**

**October 6 —Soccer at HOME (Garinger) — 4:30 pm**

**October 7 —Volleyball at HOME (Independence) — 4:00 pm**

**October 8 —Soccer at East Meck — 4:30 pm**

**October 9—Bojangles Share Night (Albemarle Rd near 51)—5:00 pm—8:00 pm**

**October 9 —Volleyball at Porter Ridge — 4:00 pm**

**October 9 —JV Football at East Meck — 6:00 pm**

**October 15—PSAT Grades 10 and 11**

**October 10 — Varsity Football at HOME -Homecoming (East Meck)—7:00pm**

**October 13 —Soccer at HOME (Butler) — 4:30 pm**

**October 16 — JV Football at HOME (Butler) — 6:00 pm**

**October 17 —Varsity Football at Butler — 7:00 pm**

**October 20 —Soccer at HOME (Independence) — 4:30 pm**

**October 22 —Soccer at Porter Ridge — 4:30 pm**

**October 30 —JV Football at HOME (Independence) — 4:00 pm**

**October 31—No School (Teacher Workday)**

**October 31 —Varsity Football at Independence — 7:00 pm**

**November 2 - Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**November 6 —JV Football at Porter Ridge — 6:00 pm**

**November 7 —Varsity Football at HOME (Porter Ridge) — 7:00 pm**

**November 7 - Report Cards Issued**

**Don't like to cook?**

**Come out to our share night at Bojangles (Albemarle Rd near HWY 51)  
on the 2nd Thursday of each month!**

**A portion of all sales come back to RRHS!**



*Congratulations to the following new SGA members:*

*President—Hira Javed*

*Vice President—Patricia Welch*

*Secretary—Diana Yaemmongkol*

*Treasurer—Lauren Hinkle*

*Public Relations Officer—Kajeeda Janneh*



This newsletter is brought to you by the Rocky River High School PTSA.  
The PTSA meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm.  
Upcoming meetings are October 21st, November 18th and January 20th.