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Newsletter

A note from our principal Ms. Nelson:

Dear Rocky River High School Families,

It has been a great start to the opening of school! We have just completed our first quarter for the year and we made significant progress in our priorities for the year. Below is a snapshot of our priorities:

- 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 October, we have focused on increasing our positive and safe school culture. Our staff has also been trained around using data to drive instruction. In November and December will focus around celebrating our students and staff, adjusting our strategies when our students are struggling with content, and preparing for our semester exams. We are still supporting our Rocky River High School Student Code (RRHS Code) below:

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.

Each week, any student that exhibits these characteristics is entered into a drawing and 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.

We are also providing interventions for students that are struggling in their studies. We are in need of tutors in Math, English and Science. If you are interested in helping us tutor, please feel free to call the main office at (980) 344-0409.

As our fall sports are wrapping up, we are gearing up for our winter sports programs! There is so much to get excited about here at THE ROCK!

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

RRHS PTSA = 8527



To link your BI-LO card online go to:

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

Rocky River High School = 55789

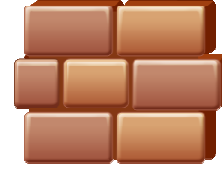
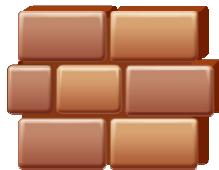
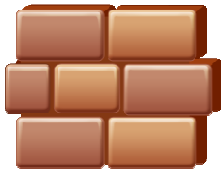
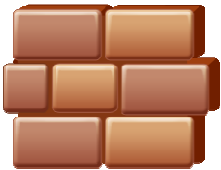
Or you can email your name and card number to rrhptsa@gmail.com

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

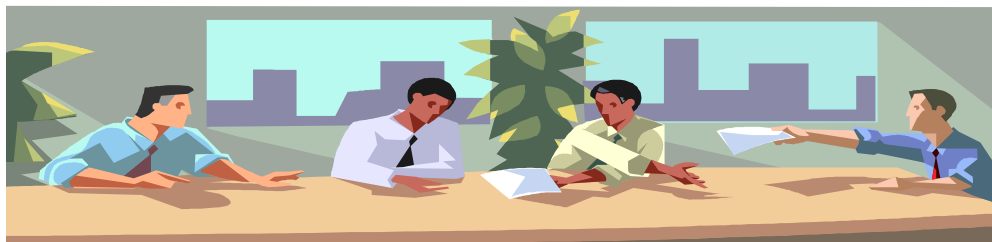
Jerrynell Griffey — Vice President

The PTSA will hold a special General Board Meeting on

Thursday November 20th 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!





*Rocky River's Musical Theatre class will present an
"Evening on Broadway"*

Thursday and Friday, November 13 & 14 at 7:00 pm in the
RRHS Auditorium.

Please come and support this inaugural performance of
songs & dances from Broadway musicals.

Cost is \$3 for Students/Seniors and \$5 for Adults.

Have you heard about Festapalooza?

Festapalooza is the annual day of Arts and Athletics and will be held on
Friday, December 19th.

The EC, SAC and AU classes partner with many student groups within Rocky River to make this day happen. In the morning, there is a theater performance with students from the theater class and EC students. In the afternoon, all of the Special Olympics basketball teams have a scrimmage in the gym . There are approximately 400 EC students and staff coming from 9 other high schools (Olympic, Harding, Garinger, Hough, East Meck, Metro, Mallard Creek, Myers Park, and Hopewell). This event is open the public.

This is an extremely exciting opportunity for Rocky River!

For more information please see or email Ms. Lake at a.lake@cms.k12.nc.us.

Go Ravens!!!



*Rocky River's Proficient and Advanced Theatre Classes
will present "Ghost Story Theatre"*

Thursday and Friday, December 11 & 12 at 7:00 pm in
the RRHS Auditorium.

Ghost Stories and urban legends written and
performed by RRHS Students

Cost is \$5 for Students/Seniors and \$8 for Adults.

SENIORS

IT IS TIME FOR CAP AND GOWN ORDERS!

Students voted on cap and gown colors during homeroom. The color for June 2015 graduates will be the brighter orange as opposed to the dark orange like last year.

Those graduating in January of 2015 will remain in the dark orange gowns.

If you did not place your cap and gown order with Jostens last Wednesday or Thursday during lunch, you must mail your order to them directly.

The mailing address is:

Jostens Service Center

PO Box 512

Owatonna MN 55060

You can also place your cap and gown order online at www.jostens.com.

Look under the Graduation tab and click on "Graduation Packages"

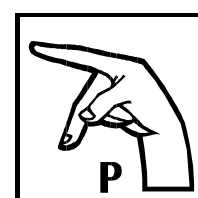
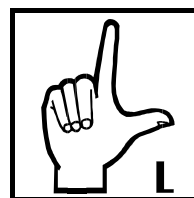
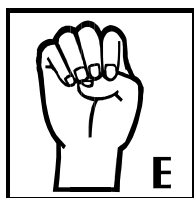
Students can pick up graduation packages while supplies last, during lunch at the senior table.

The price for just the cap and gown is \$35.00, refer to the packet for prices on additional items.

****Prices are expected to rise after the Thanksgiving Break****

Please address any further questions to Ms. Weddington
at angela.weddington@cms.k12.nc.us.

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. Mends' Room C123.
See Ms. Mends or a member of the club for more details.

ROCKY RIVER PTSA PRESENTS

HOMEROOM

CHALLENGE

The PTSA is holding a homeroom challenge.

What does this mean? The homeroom that has the best overall average of paid memberships (number of members ÷ number of homeroom students) by November 18th will win breakfast **or** pizza on us.

If the Homeroom Teacher is also a member, this will count as two students.

Sign up now, and you will also get an entry into our student December drawing for a \$10 gift card to Plato's Closet. We will also be having a staff drawing in December (prize to be determined).

Are you already a PTSA member?

No problem, just fill out your membership form and write PAID at the bottom and your membership will count for your homeroom.

CURRENT STUDENT MEMBERS:

MELISSA ADELSON, MALEK ALEXANDER, ABENA ATIEMO, CHRISTOPHER BAILEY,
ADAM BAKER, APRIL BAKER, JAMES CARTER, AUSTIN CRUMPLER, RYAN EDWARDS,
CHRISTIAN GRIER, DONOVYN HARRIS, VYNCENT HARRIS, ERNAYA JOHNSON, CECILIA
KEIRSTEAD, JAYLON NORRIS, OLADUTUN OLAWOYE, JAMES ROVSER, JONATHAN SANSBURY,
GREGORY SINGLETON JR., ELMIJAH STEWARD, DESTINI TAYLOR

Teachers: Please complete the below form. Return this form, along with all membership forms and money to the PTSA Drop Box (in student services) by November 18th.

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Room Number: _____

Total Memberships #: _____ Total Memberships \$: _____

Total Students in Class: _____

Student membership is just \$5. Staff membership is just \$8.

Testing Information

SAT Registration and Test Dates

| <u>Registration Deadline</u> | <u>Test Date</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 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 |

RRHS SAT CODE = 342640

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 |

RRHS ACT CODE = 324640

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.



Have an EOC - Algebra I, English II, Biology?

Need extra small group help?

Missed too many days of class?

Then you need...

Saturday School and Attendance Recovery

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

(Students will not be admitted into the building after 9:00)

Dates:

November 15 and 22

December 6 and 13

January 10 and 17 (TBD)





Upcoming Events November:

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

November 7—Report Cards Sent Home

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

November 11—Veterans Day - No School

November 12/13 - Picture Day

November 13/14—Musical Theatre class will present an "Evening on Broadway" — 7:00 pm

November 13—Bojangles Share Night (Albemarle Rd near 51)—5:00 pm—8:00 pm

November 20—PTSA Meeting - 6:30 pm

November 26/28 - Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

Upcoming Events December:

December 11—Bojangles Share Night (Albemarle Rd near 51)—5:00 pm—8:00 pm

December 11/12 - Ghost Story Theatre - 7:00 pm

December 17 - Guitar and Orchestra Concert - 7:00 pm

December 18 - Band Concert - 7:00 pm

December 19 - Festapalooza

December 22 / January 2 —Winter Holiday - No School



College Application Week



College Application Week 2014!

- WHO?** *THE Class of 2015!*
- WHAT?** All community colleges, 36 private and 3 public universities in the state of NC will be **WAIVING APPLICATION FEES (FREE)** for *all* seniors applying this week through cfnc.org
- WHERE?** Rocky River High School - **EACH** senior will be able to participate through their English IV class. If you are taking English 2nd semester, look at the schedule in the packet for your appointment time.
- WHEN?** **November 10-14, 2014**
- WHY?** Studies show that if you continue your education beyond high school you :
- ⇒ Will make more money in your lifetime
- You need options!!!** If you are unsure about what you want to do after high school, submitting at *least* one application will give you options!
- IT'LL SAVE YOU MONEY!!!**
- WHAT NOW?** Follow the directions in this packet to make sure College Application Week is HELPFUL, SIMPLE AND QUICK!

For more information or questions, please contact:

Ms. Cruz or Ms. Mohamed



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
- 4th 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



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 PTSA "Member's Only"
September Drawing Winners*

Staff - \$20 Wal-Mart Gift Card - Matthew Webster

Staff - Desk Chair - Kalilah Smith

Student - \$20 Plato's Closet Gift Card - James Carter

Parent - Desk Chair - Nikia McFarland

*Join the PTSA now (see page 10) to be entered into
the December "Member's Only" Drawing*



This newsletter is brought to you by the Rocky River High School PTSA.

Our next meeting is November 20th, there will be no meeting or newsletter in December.

We are re-evaluating our meeting days for 2015.

New meeting days will be published in the January Newsletter.