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Rocky River High School

PIRATE NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2026

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Rocky River Students and Families,

What a great start to the school year! As I reflect on my first several weeks at Rocky River High School, I am grateful for the energy, pride, and sense of community I have experienced throughout our building. Our students have settled into the rhythm of the school year, our teachers are deep into meaningful learning, and there is a real excitement around what this year will bring.

Our first interim reports have been released, providing an opportunity for students and families to pause, celebrate progress, and identify areas where additional attention or support may be needed. I encourage families to take some time to review grades and teacher feedback with your student and talk about how the year is going so far. If there are questions or concerns, please reach out to your student's teachers or counselor. We are all working toward the same goal: helping every student make meaningful progress.

As we move into October, I continue to appreciate the many ways our families support Rocky River High School. Whether you are cheering from the stands, attending an event, communicating with a teacher, or simply asking your student about their day, those connections matter.

Thank you for a wonderful beginning to the school year. I am excited for all that October has in store and look forward to seeing many of you throughout the month.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carrie Knapp
Principal, Rocky River High School
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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 2
CLUB PICTURE DAY
5:00 P.M. HOMECOMING PARADE

OCTOBER 3
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. HOMECOMING DANCE

OCTOBER 8
9-11 PSAT: STUDENTS RELEASED AFTER THE TEST
SENIORS ARE EXCUSED ALL DAY

OCTOBER 9
STAFF PROFESSIONAL DAY: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
AP: FINAL DAY TO OPT OUT OF THE TEST
AP: PAYMENT DEADLINE FOR THE AP TEST

OCTOBER 14
11:25 - 11:49 A.M. SENIOR ACTIVITY: SELECTIVE COLLEGE ALUMNI INTERVIEWING PREP

OCTOBER 19
PICTURE RETAKE DAY (8:00 -1:30)

OCTOBER 19 - 23
RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 21
8:15 - 8:45 A.M.: PLC GRADE 10: JOSTENS CLASS RING

OCTOBER 21
7:00 P.M.: FALL CHOIR CONCERT

OCTOBER 23
END OF QUARTER 1

OCTOBER 28
7:55 - 8: 45: 11TH GRADE PLC: C/C PLANNING
6 :00 P.M. : JUNIOR PARENT MEETING: CAREER AND COLLEGE
7:00 P.M .: MARCHING BAND CONCERT

JUNIOR/SENIOR OPTION UPDATE

We will review Junior/Senior Option eligibility this week. This will give students an opportunity to demonstrate improvement in the areas of attendance, academic performance, and discipline. Students who meet all eligibility criteria at interim will earn Option. We will continue to evaluate the process and use student data to determine whether any adjustments are needed moving forward.

PLANNED ABSENCES/COLLEGE VISITS

If your student will be absent from school for a planned event, including a college visit, please complete the Planned Education Request Form in advance. Students may have up to five planned-absence days per school year at the building level; requests beyond five days require superintendent approval. The form can be found in the School Links section of our website under “Forms and Links.” Please complete the form ahead of time so we can properly document and approve the absence. The form is available linked below.

HOMECOMING PEP ASSEMBLY: ADJUSTED SCHEDULE

Fall Pep Rally Schedule

Date: Friday, October 2, 2026

Period 1	7:55-8:41	46 minutes
Period 2*	8:45-9:31	46 minutes
Period 3	9:35-10:21	46 minutes
Seminar	10:25-10:48	23 minutes
Period 4	10:52-11:38	46 minutes
4A 4B	10:52-11:13 11:17-11:38	21 min 21 min
Period 5	11:42-12:28	46 minutes
5A 5B	11:42-12:03 12:07-12:28	21 min 21 min
Period 6	12:32-1:18	46 minutes
Period 7**	1:22-2:08	46 minutes
Pep Rally (Main Gym)	2:15-3:08	53 minutes

* Morning Announcements

** Band will lead the student body through the hallways to gymnasium at 2:08 p.m.

IMPORTANT LINKS FROM ABOVE:

Planned Absence / Planned Education

AP COURSE AND TEST INFORMATION

If your student is registered for an AP class this year, and will be taking an exam in their particular course(s) in May, please be aware of the following information:

1. The cost of each AP test is $100. Payment can be made through Local Level Events. The final day to purchase tests for your student is Friday, October 9, 2026. The College Board does assess a $40 late fee if a student registers for an exam after this date.
2. Should your student have testing accommodations and want to test with those accommodations, please make sure they have indicated as such when paying for your student's test(s).

If you have questions about AP testing, payment, or accommodations, please contact Molly Krist at krist.molly@rrcs.org.

COURSE FEES

Please note the district communication that went to families on September 22:

Dear Rocky River Middle School and Rocky River High School Families,
Fees for specific middle and high school courses have now been assessed and are available for payment through PaySchools. To assist families with payment, no convenience fees will be added to PaySchools transactions now through Friday, October 16, 2026.

Families can log in to their PaySchools account to view and pay any applicable course fees.

Thank you,
Rocky River City Schools

IMPORTANT LINKS FROM ABOVE:

PaySchools

Local level events

COUNSELORS' CORNER

We encourage you to visit the Counselor Tab and the Counselor Corner page on the RRHS website throughout the school year for valuable resources and information.

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Sincerely,

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Mrs. Molly Krist, Assistant Principal (A-K)
Mr. Mark Wagner, Director of Athletics and Activities

IMPORTANT LINKS FROM ABOVE:

COUNSELOR TAB

COUNSELOR CORNER (NEWSLETTER)