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Rocky River High School

PIRATE NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER, 2026

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Rocky River Students and Families,

What a great start to the school year we had at RRHS! We kicked off the year with a full student-body PLC, and we were thrilled to have almost all of our students in attendance. They were engaged, respectful, and even had a little fun cheering on their classmates!

September can set the tone for the year as students settle into routines with schoolwork, homework, and activities. As your child adjusts to the year, please reach out if there is something we can do to support their success. We are here to listen, work with you, and find solutions that help your child feel supported and successful. We look forward to a great year together!

Sincerely,

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

AUGUST 31
PSAT REGISTRATION ENDS FOR JUNIORS

SEPTEMBER 7
NO SCHOOL: LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 9
7:55 A.M. 12TH GRADE PLC: JOSTENS CAP AND GOWN

SEPTEMBER 14 - 18:
START WITH HELLO WEEK

SEPTEMBER 16
7:30 A.M. NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY

SEPTEMBER 23
7:55 A.M. 9TH GRADE PLC (SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY)

SEPTEMBER 24
INTERIM GRADES AVAILABLE IN POWERSCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2
SPIRIT WEEK (DETAILS WITHIN)

OCTOBER 2
CLUB PICTURE DAY
ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 3
7:00 P.M. HOMECOMING DANCE

JUNIOR/SENIOR OPTION UPDATE

We will review Junior/Senior Option eligibility at the upcoming interim point. 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 the privilege at that time. 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

IMPORTANT LINKS FROM ABOVE:

Planned Absence / Planned Education

HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK

Homecoming spirit week will be from September 28 - October 2. Theme days are as follows:

Monday, September 28 - Jersey Day
Tuesday, September 29 - Nantucket Day
Wednesday, September 30 - Anything but a backpack (Students must be able to carry the item up and down stairs; nothing motorized is permitted)
Thursday, October 1 - Dress like a teacher
Friday, October 2 - Class color day

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.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS: CUBBIES AVAILABLE BEGINNING NEXT WEEK

Beginning next week, families will have access to the cubbies located in the vestibule for forgotten student belongings. If your student forgets an item at home, you may drop it off in the vestibule, and your student can retrieve it at a convenient, non-instructional time during the school day.

Please do not leave money or valuable items, such as phones, computers, or other electronics, in the cubbies. While the area is monitored by cameras, valuable items should be delivered directly to school personnel for safekeeping.

BRIDGE TO THE WORLD

Our Bridge to the World international travel program is excited to announce that we will be traveling to Japan for Spring Break 2028. To learn more about the trip please visit the link below.

* The trip is a school sponsored trip open to current 8-11th graders.
* There is 1 chaperone for every 6 students traveling. Chaperones are Rocky River City School District employees.
* Space is limited so please do not delay in registering to secure your spot.
* If you need more information please contact Kristen Kalinowski at Kalinowski.kristen@rrcs.org

IMPORTANT LINKS FROM ABOVE:

Local Level Events

Bridge to the World

"Start with Hello" Week @ RRCS

September14-18, 2026

MONDAY:	**Smile and say "Hello" to someone new**
TUESDAY:	**Complete one Random Act of Kindness**
WEDNESDAY:	**Sit with someone new at lunch**
THURSDAY:	**Give a compliment to someone**
FRIDAY:	**Wear Green to celebrate "Start with Hello Week" at RRCS!**

Join us to help build a culture of student upstanders and trusted adults in classrooms, schools, and communities.

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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IMPORTANT LINKS FROM ABOVE:

COUNSELOR TAB

COUNSELOR CORNER (NEWSLETTER)