



## **RRHS Counselor Corner – January 2025**

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[http://www.rrcs.org/HS\\_Guidance.aspx](http://www.rrcs.org/HS_Guidance.aspx)

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### **Programming and Resources for Seniors**

#### **FAFSA for Seniors**

Please remember that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available. Financial aid at colleges tends to be disbursed in the month or two immediately following the deadline, so please be aware of this early deadline. College Now will provide information via a video that will be emailed to all students and parents and posted to the school website.

#### **Scholarships**

Students should log in to their Clever account to account Naviance. Once on the Homepage, click the "Colleges" tab at the top of the screen. Then, under *Scholarships & Money*, navigate to Scholarship List. Here you can either look for College-Specific Scholarships, or click on "Local and Regional Scholarships" to access over 150 that we have shared with you. A great option is to sort by Deadline to see upcoming scholarships that may interest you.

Another option is to navigate to "Colleges", then under *Scholarships & Money*, there is the "National Scholarship Search", powered by Sallie Mae, containing over 3.5 million scholarships worth over \$18 billion.

#### **NCAA**

Seniors who are interested or planning to participate in athletics at the college level should be sure to visit the NCAA Eligibility Center to create their account at: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>.

### **Programming and Resources for All Students**

#### **PSAT Results**

The College Board has sent PSAT results to students via their CollegeBoard account. Students who opted in can download the BigFuture School Mobile app and sign in to start exploring scores, customized career possibilities, and more. Student can also view their scores in their Naviance account. If students are having issues accessing their CollegeBoard accounts, they can contact CollegeBoard at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home>.

### **Naviance - Are you College and Career Ready?**

Naviance Student is a comprehensive website that you can use to plan for college and a career while providing a service that we use in our office to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides up-to-date information that is specific to our school. It allows you to:

**Get involved in the planning and advising process** – Build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers

**Research colleges** – Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past

**Research careers** – Research hundreds of careers and career clusters, and take career assessments

**Create plans for the future** – Create goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned to you by the school to better prepare yourself for your future college and career goals

Naviance Student also lets us share information with you about upcoming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities, and other resources for college and career information. You can also use the site to stay in communication with the counseling office.

Students are encouraged to review their Naviance account and complete all assigned tasks. Please log into your account at <https://student.naviance.com/rockyrhs>. Enter your school assigned password (2-digit graduation year+last name.firstname i.e. 22river.rocky) and your 6-digit student ID number (ex 001234). Become college and career ready while seeing what lies ahead in your “4 year plan”. These tasks are designed to assist you better understand yourself and how you learn, aid you in the career exploration process, and provide you with detailed information in your college search.

### **College and Career Readiness Resources**

RRCS Social and Emotional Readiness Plan:

[https://www.rrcs.org/Downloads/SEL%20\(K-12\)13.pdf](https://www.rrcs.org/Downloads/SEL%20(K-12)13.pdf)

RRHS 4 year College and Career Readiness Plan:

<https://www.rrcs.org/Downloads/2024-2025%204%20year%20RRHS%20CCR%20Plan2.pdf>

RRCS College and Career Readiness Plan:

<https://www.rrcs.org/Downloads/RRCS%20CCR%20Plan.pdf>

### **Are you in the “Know”?**

We encourage parents to learn about “Know!” by visiting <https://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/know> or <http://www.rrcs.org/Know.aspx>. These bi-weekly articles are great ways for parents to stay informed about the struggles our students are facing.

### **Search Institute’s 40 Developmental Assets Framework**

Search Institute has identified 40 positive supports and strengths that young people need to succeed. Half of the assets focus on the relationships and opportunities they need in their families, schools, and communities (external assets). The remaining assets focus on the social-emotional strengths, values, and commitments that are nurtured within young people (internal assets). You can learn more at: <https://www.search-institute.org/our-research/development-assets/developmental-assets-framework/>.

### **Career Shadowing**

The Career Shadowing program at Rocky River High is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors who are interested in a specific career area and/or who would like to discuss and explore possible career options. Please visit <http://www.rrcs.org/CareerShadowing.aspx> or see Mrs. Bernadette Kronz in the Counseling Office for more information.

### **Safe School Helpline**

Break the Silence – Prevent the Event

1-800-418-6423 ext. 359

[www.safeschoolhelpline.com](http://www.safeschoolhelpline.com)

Please call the Safe School Helpline if you know anything that threatens our school's safety. It's free and confidential 24 hours/7 days a week. Please report any facts, remarks or actions that could jeopardize the safety of our children, school or staff. Examples of harmful or threatening behavior might include: bullying, violence, theft, drug or alcohol abuse, talk of suicide, sexual harassment, weapons.

### **Resources for Students in Crisis**

Please be aware of several crisis support services and helplines available on the RRHS Counselor page at:

<https://www.rrcs.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=633023I&dasi=3G0I> or other mental health resources at:

<https://www.rrcs.org/mentalHealth1.aspx>.

### **Civic-Mindedness**

Any students who are 18, or nearing their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, are reminded and recommended to register to vote.

Voter registration cards are available in the Counseling Office. Voters must be registered in Cuyahoga County in order to vote in any election. In order to vote in Cuyahoga County, you must meet the following requirements:

You must be a United States Citizen;

You must be at least 18 years old on the day of the General Election;

You must be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days;

You must register to vote at least 30 days before an election to be eligible to vote.

17 year old residents can register and vote in a Primary Election if they will be 18 on or before the General Election. 17-year-olds can vote for candidates only.

Please find more information at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website:

<https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/voter-registration.aspx>.

Additionally, all 18 year old males must register with the Selective Service System through the U.S. Government. You can find details at: <https://www.sss.gov/>.

### **Parent and Community Involvement**

Rocky River Alumni Association: <https://www.rrcs.org/Alumni.aspx>

Rocky River Student Activities Booster Information: <https://www.rrcs.org/Boosters.aspx>

Rocky River PTA: [https://www.rrcs.org/RR\\_PTA.aspx](https://www.rrcs.org/RR_PTA.aspx)

Rocky River Campus Foundation: <https://www.rrcs.org/CampusProject.aspx>

Rocky River Education Foundation: <https://www.rredfoundation.org/>

### **Rocky River Schools Information**

RR Schools Newsletter: <https://www.rrcs.org/RSchoolsNewsletter.aspx>

RR Schools Podcast: <https://www.rrcs.org/RrSchoolsPodcast.aspx>

RR Schools Twitter Feed: <https://www.rrcs.org/TwitterFeed.aspx>

# Events

## **JANUARY**

Tuesday 1/14: Career and College Planning for 9/10th grade parents & Financial Aid 101 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 1/15: Sophomore Career and College Planning Meeting with WSCT @ PLC in auditorium  
Tues. 1/14 – Thurs. 1/16: 10<sup>th</sup> grade American History classes to Media Center for Naviance  
Weds. 1/22 – Fri. 1/24: 9<sup>th</sup> grade World History classes to Media Center for Naviance  
Tuesday 1/28: College Credit Plus Parent/Student Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. in auditorium  
Wednesday 1/29: SE New Student Luncheon  
Mon.-Fri. 1/27 to 1/31: RRCSD Great Kindness Challenge (PreK-12)  
Friday 1/31: 10<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip (optional): WSCT Hands-On Day 8:15a-10a

## **FEBRUARY**

Tuesday 2/4: College Now Presentation to Senior English Classes  
2\* Scheduling Presentation  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scheduling Meeting for parents and students @ 6:00 p.m. in auditorium  
Weds. 2/5 - Mon. 2/10: Scheduling window open for students  
Weds. 2/5 – Fri. 2/7: Junior English classes to Media Center for Junior Career Passport; due Mon 3/17/25