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Rocky River High School

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RRHS Open House

Please join us for our Open House on September 12th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Parents will need to access their child's schedule online through ProgressBook. The school day will end at 2:30 p.m. on the 12th so staff can prepare for the Open House.

AP Testing Registration

AP Testing Registration has moved from the spring to the fall. This change was implemented by the College Board to increase access to testing. Student's in AP classes will need to attend one of the two registration meetings: September 12th from 2:30-3:15 p.m. or September 13th during Seminar. All testing registration meetings are held in the Auditorium.

Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

Please join us for two upcoming [Town Hall](#) meetings at RRHS. On September 23rd we will host a meeting on vaping education and on September 30th we will host a meeting on suicide prevention and mental health. All programming begins at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Homecoming Updates

The Homecoming Parade will take place on Friday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. starting at St. Christopher and ending at Rocky River Stadium. The Homecoming Football Game takes place on Friday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. The Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, September 28th from 8:00-10:30 p.m.

Grade Weight Updates

Grade weights for the 2019-2020 school year will be 40% (Quarter 1), 40% (Quarter 2), 20% (Mid-term). Why the change? There were multiple issues with operating on a 45/45/10 model like we did last year, namely, the slight calculation errors that occurred in certain situations when determining final grades. Also, the high school classes taught at the middle school have to match the grading weights of those classes taught at the high school.

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Gaggle

In an attempt to be proactive with student well-being and suicide prevention, RRHS now uses [Gaggle](#) to monitor content in student's school accounts, such as email and Google Drive. Gaggle is staffed by real people who review flagged content that may contain language of self-harm or violence. This is an added security measure with the intent of providing help or preventing events. Gaggle does not monitor everything your child does, rather, algorithms flag content once it reaches a certain threshold and it is sent to a Gaggle representative who reviews the content and then sends it onto an administrator for further review and follow up if necessary. If you have questions about this program please contact Principal Rob Winton at winton.rob@rrcs.org.

Gallup Polling

Students in grades 9-11 will take part in the Gallup Student Poll on October 9th during their second period classes. Data from the past three years of Gallup can be found [here](#). The staff has taken this data and formulated building goals based on our areas of improvement. If you would like to opt your student out of taking the Gallup Poll please email Kate DeMarco at demarco.kate@rrcs.org.

Search for Children With Disabilities Underway

In accordance with the Individual's with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004, The Rocky River City School District is participating in Child Find efforts to locate, evaluate, and identify all children from birth through 21 years of age with disabilities, regardless of their situations, who have significant, individual needs and require intensive interventions through special education and related services.

A disability, in this instance, means such conditions as autism, deaf/blindness, multiple disabilities, deafness/hearing impairment, orthopedic impairment, visual impairment/blindness, specific learning disabilities, preschoolers with a disability, emotional disturbance, cognitive disabilities, speech and language impairments, orthopedic and other health impairments or traumatic brain injury.

Although many school aged disabled children are identified and currently being served by the Rocky River City School District, preschool children ages 3-5, with disabilities may be unidentified because parents may not be aware that programs and services are now available through the public school.

Community members can help us with this important effort. If you know of a child in our district with a disability that is not presently attending school or receiving services from another agency, please contact Jennifer Norman, Executive Director of Pupil Services at 440.356.6006.

In addition and in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American's with Disabilities Act Amendment of 2008, Rocky River City School District is participating in Child Find efforts to locate, evaluate and identify all children with a disability. In this instance, a student with a disability who has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity who may because of disability, needs or is believed to need special education, related services or aids or accommodations/modifications.

If a parent or guardian suspects that a child may be eligible under this federal definition, please contact Jennifer Norman, District Compliance Officer.

Changes in Graduation Requirements

The state legislature has made graduation requirement changes once again. Information on the changes are linked [here](#). There is a lot of information to process as the class of 2020, classes of 2021 and 2022, and the class of 2023 and beyond all have different requirements. Please contact Principal Rob Winton at winton.rob@rrcs.org if you have specific questions or need clarification.

Value Added Reports

RRHS will be sending Student Success Reports to parents in the near future. These reports were created by the Ohio Department of Education and provided an overview of your student's performance on prior state assessments, likely performance on future state assessments, and information to assist you in planning for academic success and post-secondary opportunities. Guidance and how to interpret these reports will be provided once they become available to the public.



PSAT Testing

PSAT Testing will take place on October 16th beginning promptly at 7:55 a.m. This test is for all students in grades 9-11. Testing room assignments will be provided to students a few days prior to testing.

RRHS will operate on an adjusted schedule on October 16th. For more information please refer to the email that was sent to parents and students on September 6th.

Seniors do not report to school on October 16th and are encouraged to work on their college application process or visit a college they are interested in attending.

PSAT Test Prep for Juniors

Seeley Test Pros will be providing PSAT test prep to any interested juniors on the following dates: 9/18, 9/25 & 10/9. All sessions begin at 7:55 a.m.

Interested juniors should register [here](#).



Mental Health and Counseling at RRHS

One of the larger issues facing today's teenagers is that of mental and social-emotional health.

Our Counseling staff is equipped with excellent individuals who are here to help. We also have partnered with the McKeon Group, who provides us with a social-emotional counselor four days per week.

The following individuals are accessible at RRHS for any needs your child may have:

[Jeff Petrulis](#)

Department Chair
Counselor of students last names A-G

[Erin Pontikos](#)

Counselor of students last names H-O

[Candace McMahon](#)

Counselor of students last names P-Z

[Adrienne Grand](#)

McKeon Counselor

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TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Vaping

Learn more about the dangers of vaping,
the devices, and the risks vaping poses.

September 23

Student Mental Health

Developing resiliency, setting boundaries,
and suicide awareness.

September 30

Meetings held in Rocky River High School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

**Please join us for these informational sessions.
We hope to see you there.**

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Lakewood Dental Presents

Rocky River Homecoming

FOOD TRUCK TAILGATE

Friday, September 27
4:30pm - 7:00pm

Between Rocky River HS and Detroit Road Parking Lot

Hot Dogs, Burgers, Pizza, BBQ, Gourmet Sandwiches, FroYo and More!
Water for \$1.00 (Cash Only)

Meals & Desserts from \$5.00 - \$10.00

Raffle Tickets - 6 for \$5.00



Featuring:

- River Dogs Mobile Cookout
 - The Manna Truck
- Sauced Wood Fired Pizza
 - Smokin' Rock 'N Roll
 - Little Penguin

Pre-Sale Food & Raffle Tickets Available at: <https://tinyurl.com/y4w3c4zs>
Same Day Food and Raffle Tickets Available (Cash Only)

Parade: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Leaves St. Chris via the west parking lot exit; South on Northview;
West on Westway; North on Wagar; East on Detroit; Ends at North end of stadium

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