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Rocky River High School

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National Merit Recognition

Congratulations to the 10 Rocky River High School students who were named National Merit Scholars for 2024. The following students were recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars: **Keira Kishna**, **Thomas Malquest**, **Ryan Nazette**, **Robert Roe**, **Julia Schmid**, **Michael Swallow** and **Vincent Valente**. The following students were recognized as National Merit Semifinalists: **Colin Alber**, **Brynn Bennett** and **Beatrix Stickney**.

College Board Recognition Program

Congratulations to the following awards winners of the College Board's Recognition Program. The recipients of the First Generation Recognition Award are **Sarah Knox**, **William Lucic**, **Koreen Manja**, and **Ayad Mehulic**. The recipients of the National Hispanic Recognition Award are **Caroline Miller** and **Dulce Pfeifer**. The recipient of the National Indigenous Recognition Award is **Dulce Pfeifer** and the recipient of the National African American Recognition Award is **Turner Strickland**.

Math Lab - New for RRHS in 2024-2025

New at RRHS for the 2024-2025 school year is a math lab that runs seven periods per day, five days per week. All students are welcome to drop-in or schedule an appointment if they are in need of any type of math assistance. Our teachers are able to help with all mathematics classes along with the math that is encountered in our science classes. If you have specific questions, please contact your child's counselor.

2024 Homecoming Information

The Homecoming tailgate and parade event kicks off on Friday, September 20th beginning at 4:30 p.m. Food trucks and live music will be available prior to the start of the football game. Raffle baskets will also be on-site for those who are interested.

The Homecoming parade takes place at 5:30 p.m. starting at St. Chris and concluding in the RRHS stadium. The Homecoming Football game takes place on Friday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. as the Pirates take on Lakewood.

Pre-sale tickets are available for Homecoming at the following links:

- [Food Trucks](#)
- [Raffle Tickets](#)
- [Football game](#)

Click **VIEW MORE** at the end of the page to see all of the baskets and experiences.

Homecoming Dance

The Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, September 21st from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the RRHS gymnasium. Students must arrive by 7:30 p.m.

Important Dates

September 18

Freshman PLC (Social Media Safety)
Auditorium, 7:55-8:45am

September 20

Homecoming Parade and Football Game
4:30pm - Food Truck Tailgate
5:30pm - Parade
7:00pm - Football Game vs. Lakewood

September 21

Homecoming Dance
RRHS Gymnasium, 7:00-9:00pm

October 10

PSAT Testing (Grades 9-11)
7:55am - 12:00pm

October 10

No School for Seniors

October 11

No School (Staff In-Service Day)

Search for Children With Disabilities Underway

In accordance with the Individuals 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.

Boosters Information

Booster memberships are still available and you can purchase your membership today by clicking [here](#).

If you are interested in learning about the Boosters organization, or want to be involved, please consider attending the October Information session, which will be held on Monday October 14, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Beach School.

If you are in need of Rocky River gear, please visit this [link](#) to see Team Shop hours.

Our online team shop is available [here](#).

Bridge to the World Updates

All students interested in traveling with our Bridge to the World program are invited to check out the travel opportunities linked [here](#). Space is limited and the cost will increase after October 1st so please register today to reserve your spot. Contact Mrs. Kalinowski with any questions via email at kalinowski.kristen@rrcs.org.

Social Media Pointers for Parents/Guardians

Linked [here](#) is a helpful guide sheet regarding parents and social media that was published by Ohio Attorney General, Dave Yost.

Education Article on AI Chatbots

This [research paper](#) looks at the pros and cons of using artificial intelligence chatbots for educational purposes.

Counselor 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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