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Rocky River High School

Steve Sayers, Interim Principal
Kevin Hogan & Molly Krist, Assistant Principals
Mark Wagner, Director of Athletics & Activities

RRHS Welcomes Three New Administrators

Steve Sayers joins the high school as the Interim principal for the 25-26 school year. Steve is married to Marie and they have been blessed with three children and three grandchildren. This is his 39th year in education and he has administrative experience as a building principal, director of personnel, and school superintendent. In addition, he has served as a consultant for the ESC of Northeast Ohio and the Lorain County ESC assisting school districts with a variety of projects.

Kevin Hogan joins the high school as an Assistant Principal. Kevin was born and raised in Brook Park, Ohio and a proud graduate of Berea High School. He is the second oldest out of four children, and raised by two beautiful people Patrick and Renee Hogan. He lives in Cleveland, Ohio with his 12 year old dog Bailey. He is in his 19th year of education and fifth year as a support administrator.

Molly Krist joins the Rocky River High School team as Assistant Principal. A lifelong Clevelander, she and her husband live in Lyndhurst and are the proud parents of two adult daughters. With 25 years of experience in education, Molly brings a passion for helping students reach their fullest potential. Outside of school, she loves to travel, explore new places and cultures, and has recently taken up golf.

State Report Card Ranking

Rocky River High School earned an overall five-star rating on the recently released Ohio State Report Card, ranking 10th among all high schools in the state. You can view the full report card here. In addition, RRHS was named one of the Top 5 High Schools in Ohio by U.S. News & World Report and ranked 187th nationally.

These recognitions reflect our students' strong performance on state tests, impressive graduation rates, and readiness for college and career success.

2025 Homecoming Information

The Homecoming tailgate and parade event kicks off on Friday, September 26th 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 26th at 7:00 p.m. as the Pirates take on Normandy.

Purchase raffle baskets and food truck tickets in advance here at the Homecoming Tailgate website.

Homecoming Dance

The Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, September 27th from 7:00-9:00 p.m in the RRHS gymnasium. Students must arrive by 7:30 p.m.

Important Dates

September 26
Homecoming Parade and Football Game
4:30pm - Food Truck Tailgate
5:30pm - Parade
7:00pm - Football Game vs. Normandy

September 27
Homecoming Dance
RRHS Gymnasium, 7:00-9:00pm

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

October 9
No School for Seniors

October 10
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 Tara Zbin, 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 Americans 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 Tara Zbin, District Compliance Officer at 440.356.6006.

Boosters Information

Booster memberships are still available and you can purchase your membership today by clicking here.

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.

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.

RRHS COUNSELORS

Jeff Petrulis Counselor for last names A-G	Sarah Blatnik Counselor for last names H-O	Candace McMahon Counselor for last names P-Z
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Social Media Pointers for Families

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

https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications-Files/Publications-for-Schools/Social-Media-Pointers-for-Parents