

Rr Schools

YOUR SOURCE FOR ROCKY RIVER SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the

Class of 2012

On June 8, 236 members of the Rocky River High School Class of 2012 received their diplomas during commencement ceremonies at Lakewood Civic Auditorium. We are proud to highlight some of the achievements of the Class of 2012 in this issue of the *Rr Schools*.

- John Patrick Corcoran was named the **Class of 2012 Valedictorian** and Paige Victoria Altemare earned the honor of **Salutatorian**.
- **High Honors** (GPA of 3.75 or above) on all quarterly report cards during their four years of high school was earned by Paige Altemare, Joseph Bazydlo, Elyse Bierut, Claire Corcoran, John Corcoran, Rachel Gerges, Jessica Goepfert, Elise Griffiths, Rachael Hanigosky, Kristin Hauck, Isabella Hildebrandt, Elizabeth Huller, Clementine Jacobs, Mallory Keener, Joseph Kinsley, Jonathan Lihani, Megan O'Keefe, Adelaide Olander, Arianna Perry-Moore, Daniel Pritchard, Loren Reash-Henz, Rachel Rudy, Kristin Sack, Justin Seffernick, Matthew Shaver, Matthew Siwkiewicz, Rachel Sloan, Allison Stanton, Marissa Stipek, Gillian Taylor, Madeline Tingle, Connor Turk, Emily Tylicki and Christine Umerley.
- **Academic Letters** were earned by fourteen students in recognition of their scholastic achievement. Those students were Blake Benson, Megan Bobbitt, Harris Bransch, Mary Kate Carroll, Jessica Goepfert, Kristin Hauck, Mallory Keener, Ciara Kessler, Vijay Kobetic, Heidi Olander, Rachel Rudy, William Spallino, Gillian Taylor and Christine Umerley.
- **Members of the National Honor Society, Class of 2012** are Paige Altemare, Kathryn Amato, Shannon Armstrong, Jennifer Arundel, Megan Auzenbergs, Katelyn Barrett, Max Barrow, Joseph Bazydlo, Morgan Berg, Elyse Bierut, Tammy Blankenship, Rachel Bonsky, Harris Bransch, Klaudia Bytyci, Mary Kate Carroll, Ryan Connelly, Claire Corcoran, Patrick Corcoran, Stephanie Davis, Jane Dickey, Michael Donnelly, Mitchell Eyerman, Cecilia Franko, Sarah Freelan, Taylor Garten, Rachel Gerges, Jessica Goepfert, Elise Griffiths, Rachael Hanigosky, Kristin Hauck, Ingrid Heider, Allyson Helleis, William Hobson, Elizabeth Huller, Justin Inks, Clementine Jacobs, Mallory Keener, Ciara Kessler, Joseph Kinsley, Vijay Kobetic, Nidia Kola, Kimberly Leitch, Jonathan Lihani, Heather Lorman, Max Lurie, Mallory McAninch, Hannah McCue, Sean McDermott, Madeline McDonough, Sarah Molina, Mark Moskwa, Megan O'Keefe, Heidi Olander, Damian O'Malley, Katherine Perez, Daniel Pritchard, Kerri Rantala, Loren Reash-Henz, Rachel Rudy, Kristin Sack, John Salisbury, Maximilian Sawyer, Conner Schmidt, Justin Seffernick, Matthew Shaver, Matthew Siwkiewicz, Rachel Sloan, Allison Stanton, Marissa Stipek, Gillian Taylor, Brian Thorn, Madeline Tingle, Bori Toth, Connor Turk, Christine Umerley, Alaina Valkoff, Gabrielle Vecchio and Kathryn Weaver.

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Class of 2012
Valedictorian



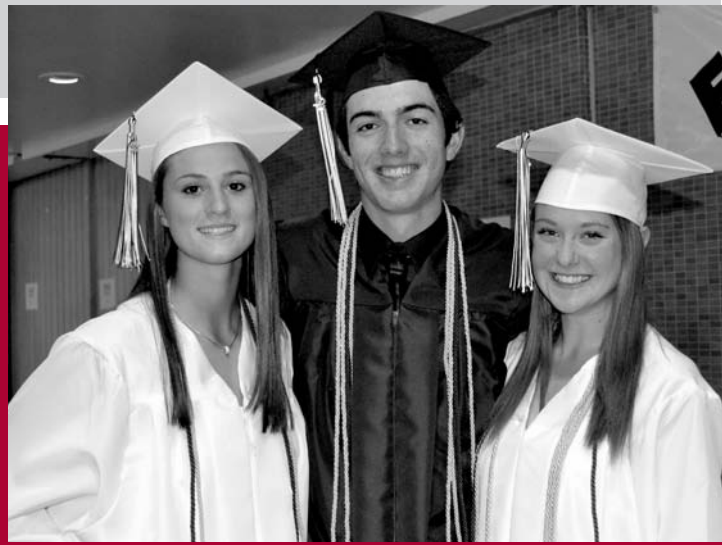
John Patrick
Corcoran

Class of 2012
Salutatorian



Paige Victoria
Altemare

CLASS OF 2012



Hannah McCue, Sean McDermott, Madeline McDonough and 233 other members of the Rocky River High School Class of 2012 received their diplomas during commencement ceremonies at Lakewood Civic Auditorium on June 8.

Gabrielle Elyse Abraham, Kyle Michael Adlard, Cory James Almady, Paige Victoria Altemare, Kathryn Elizabeth Amato, Katherine Therese Anderer-DiMichele, Carrol Anton, Shannon Elizabeth Armstrong, Kevin Paul Arnold, Jennifer Nicole Arundel, Miles William Lee Atchison, Megan Irene Auzenberg, Rachel Erin Avila, Brennan Patrick Baltusnik, Katelyn Molly Barrett, Mark Xavier Barrow, Russell William Bartels, Joseph Farrell Bazydlo, Zoe Christine Becker, Blake Adam Benson, Morgan Elizabeth Berg, Melissa Adele Bero, Randall James Bierman II, Elyse Deighan Bierut, Tammy Renee Blankenship, Nicklaus Cameron Boker, Rachel Elizabeth Bonsky, Christopher, Joseph Bouchaya, Harris Derek Bransch, Daniel Barrett Broerman, Megan Kathleen Brown, Klaudia Bytyci, Faith Marie Cadwallader, Brian C. Cannon, Mary Katherine Carroll, Elena Victoria Chiviles, Kearsten Ann Coffman, Emily Katherine Coletta, Patrick Glenn Combes, Ryan Shea Connelly, Kaitlyn Bayley Conrad, Julianna Nicole Constantino, Christina Marie Conway, Claire Kennedy Corcoran, John Patrick Corcoran, Wade Randall Cruso, Tyler Garret Daugstrup, Stephanie Louise Davis, Emily Ann DeCrane, Jane McNamara Dickey, Michael Owen Donnelly, Mariah Paige Drawdy, Trevor Mariner Drell, Rachel Elizabeth Dutton, Catherine Jane Evans, Mitchell James Eyerman, Michael Joseph Feller, Lauren Arlene Ferber, Shannon Ashley Fitzgerald, Makenzie Rae Franco, Cecilia Marie Franko, Sarah Katherine Freelan, Abby Nicole Freeman, Patrick J. Gallagher, Huda Nesreen Ganim, Taylor Renee Garten, Jacqueline Diane Gentner, Rachel Mary Gerdes, Jodie Christina Gipson, Klinti Gjino, Andrew Lee Goecke, Jessica Lynn Goepfert, Natalie Nicole Golz, Seavers Sinjan Gomes, Garrett Edward George Greer, Elise Nicole Griffiths, Cody Spencer Grossman, George A. Hall, Rachael Michelle Hanigosky, Kristin Clare Hauck, Eric David Heald, Shane Lucien Hebert, Ingrid Elizabeth Heider, Allyson Nicole Helleis, James Michael Henry, Michael George Henry, Isabella Marie Hildebrandt, William Joseph Hobson, Cassandra Rene` Hollo, Connor Elliott Hooper, Daniel R. Horning, Xhesi Hoxha, Elizabeth Kay Huller, Carlo Ifrim, Justin Moore Inks, Asad K. Iqbal, Clementine Farrell Jacobs, Aaron Gerald Jaffe, Zachariah Aaron Jirsa, Rebecca Ann Jones, Andrew Michael Kanczak, Mallory Sage Keener, Erin Nicole Kehn, James Joseph Keogh, Mary Louise Kershner, Ciara McGuire Kessler, John Russell Kinsley, Joseph Leon Kinsley, Genevieve Victoria Kirk, Jordan Alexander Klimack, Vijay Maximin Kobetic, Brennen Phillip Koklauner, Nidia Kola, John Patrick Kostelnik, Margaret O'Linn Krajcer, Alexander James Kudej, Molly Rebekah Kurz, Kelly Logan LaFleur, Terese Elena Lambrinides, Kimberly Carolyn Leitch, Ashleigh Lynn Lentz, Blake Gentry Lertzman, Jonathan Andrew Lihani, Nicholas B. Lima, Kenneth M. Lochner, Heather Marie Lorman, Max Allen Lurie, Gjergji Mahilaj, Patrick Edward Mahoney, Nicole Phyllis Matthews, Mallory Elizabeth McAninch, Maeve Eileen McCarthy, Chloe Alexandra McClellan, Hannah Mae McCue, Sean Michael McDermott, Madeline Jane McDonough, Mary Allison McHale, Thomas Allen McHale, Julia Elizabeth McKenna, Mora Kaitlyn McKnight, Katherine June McNally, Thomas Drew Mencke, Matthew T. Merhige, Geraldina Metaj, Colin Thomas Meyer, Eric P. Miller, Conor Dante Milner, Madel Bolette Mogensen, Sarah Adriana Molina, Allison Ann Monahan, Rosalynn La'Niece Moon, Dean David Moore, Michael Anthony Mosack, Mark Christopher Moskwa, Zachary Robert Mravec, Hannah Margaret Mrowca, Cheyenne Nicole Mrozinski, Erlando Muhameti, Madeline Rose Murphy, Ahmad H. Musa, Vincent Nicholas Netzler, Robert W. Neundorfer, Kirk Douglas Neville, Daniel Joseph O'Callaghan, Morgan O'Connor, Megan Kathleen O'Keefe, Adelaide Catherine Olander, Hannah Marie Olenick, Damian Payne O'Malley, Michael J. O'Shea, Eric Alan Oster, Mary Alexandra Pappadakes, Trevor Joseph Parke, Daniel Mark Parris, Michael H. Pavlik, Katherine Ayn Perez, Arianna Perry-Moore, Magdalena Postl, Daniel Patrick Pritchard, Mary Katherine Ramella, Megan Elizabeth Ramey, Kerri O'Connor Rantala, Loren Hilary Reash-Henz, Ryan Robert Riehm, Michael Zachary Roth, Rachel Marie Rudy, Mary Ellen Rutt, Kristin Lynn Sack, John Chapman Salisbury, Samaan Saad Samaan, Mohammed Samad, Maximilian Q. Sawyer, Conner Evan Schmidt, Elyse Suzanne Schodowski, Caroline Veronica Schwind, Adelaide Carroll Scott, Justin Thomas Seffernick, Matthew Xavier Shaver, Evan Christine Simeone, Matthew A. Siwkiewicz, Rachel Marie Sloan, Cheyenne Caprice Smith, Jonathan D. Smith, Timothy Jared Smith, Alexander Jordan Snyder, Caitlin Antje' Sprau, Allison Mary Stanton, Marissa Leigh Stipek, Austin C. Suarez, James Edward Sullivan, Olivia Therese Sullivan, Elvis Tako, Jarrod Thomas Winters Tallman, Sophie E. Tayeh, Gillian Claire Taylor, Brian James Thorn, Madeline Rose Tingle, Andreas Christopher Tjotjos, Borbala Lilla Toth, Deborah Jean Toth, Robert J. Trutko, Connor James Turk, Emily Frances Tylicki, Christine May Umerley, Alaina Marie Valkoff, Nicholas Loche Van Atta, Nathan Powers VanRooy, Gabrielle R. Vecchio, Colleen Ann Verhiley, Kathryn Marie Weaver, Blaire Elizabeth Weseling, Jacob Wade Westerfield, Daniel John McMonagle Wolfe, Lindsey Ann Wrabel, John Isaac Yanniet, Lauren Ziegelmayr

SENIOR PROJECTS

You think you've got summertime fever? Imagine being a senior in high school. "Many Seniors are ready to move on," Rocky River High School math teacher Joanne Ritschel acknowledges, "and the last three weeks of school are tough for them. Focusing in the classroom is difficult." So at Rocky River High School, seniors are given a remarkable chance to focus on their futures instead. Any senior who averages a C- or better in all of his or her classes, meets attendance requirements and has no serious behavior violations is eligible to spend the last three weeks of senior year taking part in a Senior Project.

Senior Projects are self-planned experiences that range from career exploration to community service. Students plan their projects throughout the year and submit proposals in March. Mrs. Ritschel and high school counselor Candace Hecker oversee the program. Even before the Senior Project program is officially underway, students are learning from it. The initial stages of deciding on a project are not unlike a job search. In order to make a connection with people in their desired field, students have a number of choices: they can talk to friends and family who may be in or know someone in their desired field, they can contact Community Sponsors from previous years' projects, or they can make cold calls to potential contacts.

Students' choices vary as much as their personalities do. Mrs. Ritschel reports that the most common projects are with teachers at other high schools or in the medical field. For many, it's a chance to get some first-hand experience doing something they are thinking about majoring in during college. For others, it's a chance to spend more time doing something they enjoy but won't necessarily be pursuing as a career, like photography, filmmaking, animal care or painting a mural. "We also," Mrs. Ritschel notes, "have had students work with Habitat for Humanity, the Great Lakes Science Center, training horses or researching monkeys at the zoo. This year two students worked with community development groups in Cleveland and another built a robot. Two students developed a landscape area outside of the high school." At the end of their three-week Senior Project, students submit a portfolio of their experience. That may include daily journals, a reflection paper and logistical paperwork like time sheets.

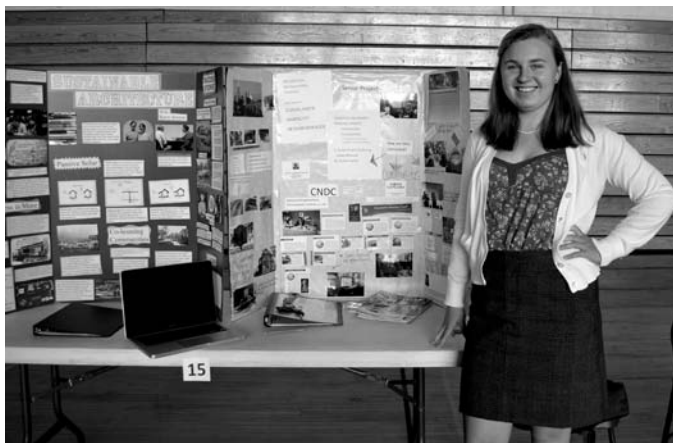
The end of Senior Year is a huge step for students as they leave high school and set out into the world. Senior Projects allow Rocky River High School seniors the chance to ease into that world under the watchful eyes of teachers and mentors at the same time.



Katherine Anderer-DiMichele worked with the education program coordinator at the Lake Erie Science Center. Her main project was planning and organizing Girl Scout Night Watchers Overnights.



Rocky River's Organic Spa Magazine provided Jacqueline Gentner with experience as an editorial intern during her Senior Project.



Cecilia Franko learned about urban renewal from the perspective of three different organizations: American Abatement & Removal, YBC Accounting and the Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition.



Joseph Bazydlo shared a hands-on activity from his time at the Great Lakes Science Center. He had the opportunity to work at each of the museum's exhibits and the OMNIMAX Theater during his three-week internship.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Class of 2012 earned in excess of \$8.5 million in scholarships to help them pursue college and university degrees.

Scholarships managed by the **Rocky River Education Foundation** were awarded to Morgan Berg, Elyse Bierut, Harris Bransch, Mary Kate Carroll, Claire Corcoran, Patrick Corcoran, Michael Donnelly, Mitchell Eyerman, Sarah Freelan, Jessica Goepfert, Elise Griffiths, Cody Grossman, Rachael Hanigosky, Ingrid Heider, Allyson Helleis, William Hobson, Connor Hooper, Justin Inks, Ciara Kessler, John Kinsley, Joseph Kinsley, Vijay Kobetic, Kelly LaFleur, Patrick Mahoney, Morgan O'Connor, Megan O'Keefe, Heidi Olander, Arianna Perry-Moore, Kristin Sack, Justin Seffernick, Matthew Siwkiewicz, Caitlin Sprau, Allison Stanton, Connor Turk, Emily Tylicki and Christine Umerley.

The **Rocky River High School Alumni Association** awarded scholarships to Gillian Taylor and Marissa Stipek.

The **Danny Scherry Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to Maximilian Sawyer.

Rachael Bonsky and Rachael Gerges were awarded scholarships by the **Rocky River Teachers Association**.

The **Ohio Association of Public School Employees #381** awarded scholarships to Max Barrow, Megan Brown and Taylor Garten.

The **Rocky River Middle School September 11th Memorial Fund** presented Kenneth Lochner with a \$500 scholarship.

Bori Toth was the recipient of the **Medical Mutual of Ohio Scholarship**.

Patrick Corcoran is a **National Merit Finalist**.

Paige Altemare, Zoe Becker, Arianna Perry-Moore, Madeline Tingle, Daniel Wolfe are **National Merit Scholarship Corporation Commended Students**.



Awards of Distinction

Kimberly Leitch, Principal's Leadership Award

Paige Altemare, All-Ohio Academic Team Recognition

Allison Monahan, Distinguished Service Award

Megan Auzenbergs, Silent Leadership Award

Katherine Perez, "Best It Can Be" Award.



Academic Letter Recipients

Ciara Kessler, Kristin Hauck, Blake Benson, Mary Kate Carroll, Vijay Kobetic, Rachel Rudy, Harris Bransch, Gillian Taylor, Heidi Olander, Jessica Goepfert, Christine Umerley and Mallory Keener



Hall of Fame Inductees

All-Ohio Swimming: Christopher Grant, Jessica Goepfert, Kevin Arnold, Katherine Perez, Michael Henry, Emma Flynn, Andrew Goecke, Megan Auzenbergs, Hallie McCue and Daniel Parris (not shown)



Hall of Fame Inductees

Elyse Bierut, All-Ohio Cross Country

Megan O'Keefe, All-Ohio Girls' Track (2011)

Madison Connelly, All-Ohio Girls' Track (2011)

Sarah Molina, All-Ohio Girls' Soccer

Hannah McCue, All-Ohio Girls' Basketball

Stephanie Davis, All-Ohio Girls' Lacrosse

Madeline McDonough, All-Ohio Girls' Track (2011)



Meta Kramer Scholarship

Alaina Valkoff, Clementine Jacobs, Loren Reash-Henz and Nicole Matthews

AND AWARDS



Athletic Recognition

Jane Dickey, "Goody" Marcks Sportsmanship Award
Jonathan Lihani, Outstanding Senior Athlete Award
Justin Seffernick, OHSAA State Farm Insurance Scholar/Athlete Award
Rachel Bonsky, U.S. Figure Skating 2012 Graduating Senior Program Award



Athletic Recognition

Daniel Pritchard and Ciara Kessler, Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award
Maximilian Sawyer, Danny Scherry Memorial Scholarship
Ryan Connelly, Judy Hanson Memorial Rocky River Soccer Organization Scholarship



Scholarship Awards

Chloe McClellan, H. Robert Bueck Memorial
Kerri Rantala, Rocky River Kiwanis
Max Barrow, Ohio Association of Public School Employees #381
Taylor Garten, Ohio Association of Public School Employees #381
Trevor Parke, John Philip Sousa Award for Outstanding Bandsman
Elizabeth Huller, Charles Scott – Salons & Spas
Kenneth Lochner, Rocky River Middle School September 11 Memorial Fund
Megan Brown, Ohio Association of Public School Employees #381
Zachary Mravec, H. Robert Bueck Memorial
Marissa Stipek, Rocky River High School Alumni Association Rex L. Zirbes Memorial



Medical Mutual Scholarship

Bori Toth is presented the Medical Mutual Scholarship by Rocky River High School Athletic Director Mark Wagner.



Rocky River Education Foundation Scholarship Program

Morgan Berg, Elyse Bierut, Harris Bransch, Mary Kate Carroll, Claire Corcoran, Patrick Corcoran, Michael Donnelly, Mitchell Eyeran, Sarah Freelan, Jessica Goepfert, Elise Griffiths, Cody Grossman, Rachael Hanigosky, Ingrid Heider, Allyson Helleis, William Hobson, Connor Hooper, Justin Inks, Ciara Kessler, John Kinsley, Joseph Kinsley, Vijay Kobetic, Kelly LaFleur, Patrick Mahoney, Morgan O'Connor, Megan O'Keefe, Heidi Olander, Arianna Perry-Moore, Kristin Sack, Justin Seffernick, Matthew Siwkiewicz, Caitlin Sprau, Allison Stanton, Connor Turk, Emily Tylicki, Christine Umerley

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

It's a given now that kids need to learn to use technology in order to navigate their world, let alone excel at their chosen professions. But to many people who have been out of school for any length of time, "technology" still conjures up "computers," and "computers" conjures up images of word processing and maybe learning some rudimentary code.

But things have changed for today's students. Drastically. And, as Middle School Technology teacher Matt England notes, "Technology is here and isn't going anywhere soon." So just what are students learning when they learn about "technology" these days? In the Rocky River City School District, students are exposed to a truly impressive level of technology education. Here's a snapshot of the middle years of that education, at Kensington Intermediate School and Rocky River Middle School.



Every student at Kensington, grades 3-5, has one hour of computer technology each week, taught by Rocky River native Jamey R. Pfahl. The third-grade curriculum starts with learning about Typing Pal and Google Docs. Typing Pal is a learn-to-type program that the kids master in levels. Google Docs (not the same program as Google the search engine) is an umbrella name that refers to Google Spreadsheet, Google Forms, Google Presentation and Google Documents, a group of programs that allows users to create, store, share and edit a variety of items. "Every student in Grades 3-12 in the Rocky River School System has a Google Apps account," Mr. Pfahl explains, "and will have it throughout their entire school career. Each year the students will build on their knowledge and become more proficient in using Google Docs."

Fourth graders continue progressing on Typing Pal and also learn to collaborate on Google Docs. "Learning to collaborate is so important," Mr. Pfahl explains, "because when they get to college, they may be collaborating on a project with different students, at different colleges, all around the world." He continues, "The first line of the Rocky River School District's Mission Statement tells us that Rocky River expects their students to be 'Globally Competitive.' My Google Docs Collaboration Projects give my students the tools necessary to communicate on a Global Level as fourth graders." Fourth graders also learn how to create and edit video using iMovie.

In fifth grade, students master the main aspects of Google Docs. They also continue learning how to use iMovie, a great way to engage a variety of learning styles, Mr. Pfahl notes. Finally, fifth-graders are introduced to Google SketchUp, a program that allows them to create and design models in 2D and 3D. Google SketchUp is a good example of the way in which computers and technology are related in the 21st Century. As Mr. Pfahl explains, "It's not just computers anymore. Computers are a gateway for students to become comfortable using and familiarizing themselves with ever-changing technology."

When students get to sixth grade, their technology education continues seamlessly from their years at Kensington. In fact, Middle School Technology teacher Mr. England notes that "Next year my curriculum will be shifted down an entire grade level and brand new material will be created for my eighth grade class. This is the result of Mr. Pfahl teaching introductory lessons and skills in Google Docs, Sites, and SketchUp. Students are coming to me in sixth grade with a great foundation and are hungry for more."

In fact, students in the Rocky River City School District are receiving such a strong technology foundation that last month, teacher Matt England was a presenter at the Ohio Goes Google Conference in Columbus, "sharing with other districts how we use Google SketchUp and incorporate our projects into Google Apps and Google Sites."

Mr. England begins the middle-school experience by teaching sixth graders "Exploring Technology," a nine-week course that investigates different areas of technology. Students investigate biotechnology, construction, engineering, communication and transportation, five fields in which technology is constantly changing. Students also learn about online safety and etiquette.

Seventh graders take "Technology Education," a nine-week course. This course has them using Google SketchUp to design and draw and Google Sites to build websites and create online portfolios of their work.

As for that brand-new eighth-grade class, it's called "Technology Inc." It's a nine-week course in which students create a mock business. Students create business cards, letterhead and logos, as well as mock radio commercials that advertise their business. And, Mr. England explains, "Using Google SketchUp, students will design and create the storefront, inside lobby and sales floor of their business."

And all that is before they've even had one day of high school.

It's no surprise, then, to hear Mr. Pfahl's assessment of the district's commitment to technology: "Rocky River has done a great job staying ahead of the curve."

Mr. England agrees, "Rocky River has great technology and it reflects the district's dedication to providing our students with the best experience possible," he says. "The district implemented a Google Apps for Education account for our students, and is working to provide them with greater access to computers and laptops. At Kensington students use Macs, at the Middle School we use PCs and Chromebooks and at the high school students use a mix of all three. The district wants students to be well-rounded in all platforms by the time they are ready for college."

From the looks of the technology courses Rocky River offers its students in grades 3-8, they will be well-rounded indeed.

UPDATE ON DISTRICT RENOVATIONS

Construction in the Rocky River City School District continues to move along, on schedule and under budget. This work is financed by the Bond Issue that voters passed in 2010. The bond funds are separate from general school funds, and by law can only be used on capital items, or items that are intended to be in use for a long period of time, like building and construction. Bond money cannot be used for operations, which includes salaries, athletics, and textbooks and other supplies.

The construction timeline projects that everything will be finished, district-wide, by the start of the 2013-2014 school year, with most projects completed before that time. What follows, school by school, is an update on the construction to date.

Goldwood Primary School:

The existing roof was replaced during the summer of 2011. A small addition to house administrative offices and a new passive security entry is planned, along with a renovation of the existing second grade classrooms. The Board of Education voted to approve the plans (shown at right) at their April 2012 meeting.

The front building of the property (formerly the Board of Education Building) is going to be torn down. It was determined that renovating this building would cost significantly more than renovating Beach School, so Beach was renovated and now houses the Board of Education offices. The familiar sandstone front of the former Board office, though pretty, is now in bad condition (with limestone literally falling off it). It was determined to be unsalvageable without going way over budget.

The hazardous materials abatement and demolition of this building will occur in June and July of 2012 with the office and entry addition to follow and be completed by the spring of 2013.

Renovation of the second-grade classrooms will begin in June. The rooms will be ready for re-occupancy at the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Remaining renovations to the existing administration offices will be completed over the summer of 2013.

Kensington Intermediate School:

The new addition, which houses the Administrative offices and the new passive security entry, is complete and was occupied in early January. The existing auditorium, which is being renovated into a new commons, or cafeteria/auditorium combo, was ready in late January. The existing cafeteria was renovated into a computer classroom, tutoring spaces, and a teacher workroom. Renovation work in the remaining spaces of the building, which includes HVAC upgrades and new wall and ceiling finishes, as well as replacement of all existing roofs, will occur over the summer of 2012.

Rocky River High School:

The new two-story Science Wing, Music Wing and Administrative Office additions will be ready for occupancy at the start of the 2012-13 school year.

Renovation of the existing locker rooms is underway. The first part of the main gym renovation will occur after basketball season and both spaces will be open by August 1st. The second part of the main gym renovation (new floor, bleachers, basketball backstops, divider curtain, and painting) will happen next year, using the same timeframe (between the end of basketball season and August 1st).

A small addition and renovation of the Wrestling Room began in the spring of 2012 and will be complete for the start of the 2012-2013 wrestling season. An addition to the bus garage will occur at the same time.

The existing Pirate's Cove and the south half of the existing Media Center will be renovated during the summer of 2012 into a new commons area and guidance offices. At the same time, the remaining portion of the Media Center and the existing guidance offices adjacent to it will be renovated into a new Media Center, new Media Center computer classroom, and workroom. The existing computer and business classrooms will also be renovated over the summer of 2012.

Once the new additions are occupied, renovations to the existing classrooms and adjoining spaces will begin. During this time, the existing science classrooms will be used as "swing space," or classrooms for other departments as their existing classrooms are under construction. Renovations to these classrooms will include HVAC, electrical, and technology upgrades as well as new ceiling, wall, and floor finishes. This phased renovation work will be ongoing through the end of the summer of 2013.

The entry addition and renovation to the Wagar Road entrance will start in spring of 2013 and be completed for the start of the 2013-14 school year. (Currently, that space is being used as a staging area for construction equipment used in other parts of the construction.) Renovation of the existing auditorium/stage, pool area, and weight room will occur at the same time.

The track surface was replaced during this past summer. Two small additions to the existing Fieldhouse will begin in late 2012 and complete in mid-Summer of 2013.

Renovation of the existing facilities areas and maintenance building will occur during the summer of 2013. Repair/replacement of existing parking and drive areas will occur during the summers of 2012 and 2013.

As construction continues, buildings in the district are ever-closer to fulfilling what Superintendent Dr. Michael Shoaf terms "warm, safe, and dry facility initiatives." These initiatives will allow students and staff to continue their learning in improved and updated buildings. Says Dr. Shoaf, "the quality instruction by Rocky River staff, coupled with the strong academic interests of our students, will be complemented with the new and renovated facilities."



View from Center Ridge Road at West Entry Drive

An Open House will be held at the high school in September for community members to tour the new science and music wings. Once determined, dates and times will be posted on the district website at rrcs.org.



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Rocky River Board of Education

1st row: Kathleen Goepfert (President) and Jon Fancher (Vice President)
2nd row: Jay Milano, Jean A. Rounds and Scott Swartz

2012-2013 Important Dates

August 16/17 New Teacher Orientation	January 2 School Resumes
August 22 Teacher Professional Day	January 18 Teacher Record Day
August 23 First Day of School	January 21 Martin Luther King Day
August 28 First Day of Preschool	February 18 Presidents' Day
September 3 Labor Day	March 29 Spring Vacation Begins
October 12 NEOEA Day	April 8 School Resumes
November 8 Parent Conference Day	May 27 Memorial Day
November 9 Teacher Professional Day	May 30 Last Day of Preschool
November 21-23 Thanksgiving Vacation	June 5 Last Day of School
December 21 Winter Vacation Begins	June 6 Teacher Record Day

Search for Children with Disabilities

The Rocky River School District, along with districts across the state, is participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth to age 21 who may have a disability. A disability is a condition such as speech or language impairments, hearing impairments, visual impairments, learning disabilities, behavioral, multiple or severe handicaps, mental retardation, or other health impairments. If you have a concern about a child, please contact the Division of Pupil Services at 356-6006.

Grants

Each year the school district receives federal and state money through several grants. The yearly focus of the district's grant projects is developed with input from parents, staff and community members. If you would like to provide input for Title VI-B, Preschool Children with Disability, and/or Title III, Limited English Proficient, please contact the Division of Pupil Services at 356-6006. If you would like to provide input for Title I, Title II-A Professional Development Program or eTech/Ohio, please contact the Assistant Superintendent at 356-6001.

Rocky River Middle School Principal's Award Reception

The following students were recognized in June for having earned straight As on their report cards for seven or more quarters during their three years in middle school: **Bianka Ahmetpahic, Addison Amsdell, Dana Bandi, Brian Beer, Chloe Bierut, Laura Bodea, Sophia Braun, Amanda Burgess, Morgan Carroll, Andrea Chiviles, Annie Cipriani, Francesca Ciula, Lauren Devorace, Carla Diab, Jaret Edwards, Catherine Eichler, Winni Gao, Lucy Grierson, Madeline Henricks, Mark Hoelzer, Olivia Hoskins, Eric Jones, Kyle Moore, Grace Murphy, Hailey Mylett, Aidan O'Donnell, Abbie Opdycke, Emma Opdycke, Clare O'Toole, Amber Rudy, Rachel Salberg, Pablo Schwenk, Jasiah Scribner, Rebecca Sloan, Emily Soltes, Claudia Stohr, James Swingos, Stuart Taylor, Clare Tirpak, Natalie Tisdale, Colin Trudell and Anna Weixel.**

