

The



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Newsletter

*A note from our principal Ms. Nelson:*

Greetings Rocky River High School Community:

It is hard to believe that spring is already here. The springtime brings warm weather, spring sports, visual and performing arts performances, as well as the wrapping up of another great academic year!

Our focus areas over the next few months are grounded in our student's academics and attendance. All of our students must be at school every day, ready to learn. It is a core component of our work to ensure the best academic outcomes for every child, every day, for a better tomorrow.

Our teachers are working extremely hard to challenge the academic outcomes of our students, providing rigorous instruction. Our students are:

- participating in high-level class discussions based on what they have read in different texts,
- focusing on the process they used to get to an answer, not just the actual answer,
- creating assignments that are applicable to different audiences and have a real purpose,
- learning about how to create an argument (using logic and reasoning to explain their thoughts and ideas), and
- reading more and more complicated text.

This work is critically important if we are to prepare our students for their future college and/or career goals. Regardless of what they do after they graduate from high school, they need to have the skills to do these tasks extremely well.

The attendance of our students is necessary if our teachers and students are supposed to engage in this type of learning. Our students rarely fail due to academics. They fail due to attendance. We encourage all our students who are at risk of failure due to attendance to ensure they are making up this time with their teacher or during Saturday Attendance Recovery at Rocky River High School.

There are several resources available to our families to help our students become successful. Please see our website for more information about these programs.

*A note from our principal Ms. Nelson continued..*

As we started this academic year, we set goals for our school improvement. In my earlier letters throughout the year, I reminded the community of our school improvement goals:

- To **increase graduation rate** by 2.1% from 88.9% in 2013-2014 to 91% in 2014-2015.
- To **increase promotion rate in 9th grade** by 3.2% from 86.8% in 2013-2014 to 90% in 2014-2015.
- To **increase promotion rate in 10th grade** by 4.4% from 85.6% in 2013-2014 to 90% in 2014-2015.
- To **increase the promotion rate in 11th grade** by 1.5% from 95.5% in 2013-2014 to 97% in 2014-2015.

To **increase our overall school proficiency** on the Math 1, English II and Biology EOCs from 34.11% in 2013-2014 to 42.5% in 2014-2015.

Our school's success thus far gives me confidence to believe that we will achieve these goals. We are definitely on our way.

My hope and expectation is that you will continue to partner Rocky River High School to achieve these goals. We are all continuing to grow and learn together, and I look forward to all the collaborative work we will do together. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our offices at (980) 344-0409.

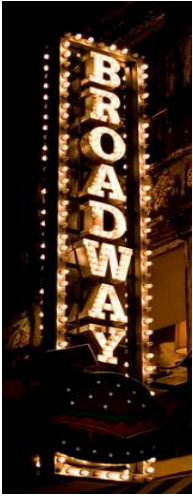
Sincerely,

*Brandy Nelson*

Brandy Nelson

Principal

Rocky River High School



The RRHS Musical Theatre class will present its spring showcase

"Our Favorites from 100 Years of Broadway"

May 13 & 14 in the RRHS Auditorium @ 7:00 PM.

Tickets may be purchased at the door:

Cost is \$3 for Students and \$5 for the general public



### Upcoming Music Concerts

May 19 - Beginning Band and Beginning Guitar Concert

May 20 - Rocky River Orchestra Concert

May 21 - Rocky River Jazz and Symphonic Band Concert

All concerts start at 7 pm in the RRHS Auditorium

and are free and open to the public



Come out and support the Optimist Club and Relay for Life

The Optimist Club will be selling Bojangles sandwiches and cupcakes to benefit the

Relay for Life campaign

May 15th at Mint Hill town park

(Fairview Rd near 485) from 6 pm-6 am.

# In The News

On Friday, April 24, three Rocky River High School staff members participated in the Freemorewest 5K run to benefit Classroom Central. Classroom Central provides free school supplies to Rocky River as well as many other CMS schools. The staff members are: Shawn Schmitt, Kristen Quinn, and Ann Lake.



In honor of Earth Day (April 22), Ann Lake's SAC (Specialized Academic Curriculum) students participated in a Campus Beautification project. They collected trash from the football field and bleacher area.



On April 20-22, Rocky River's SAC (Specialized Academic Curriculum) and AU (Autism) classes participated in Special Olympics Mecklenburg County. The opening ceremonies were held on Monday, April 20 at Bojangles Coliseum. The Track and Field and Softball competitions were held on Tuesday, April 21 at Charlotte Country Day School. Aquatics events were held on Wednesday, April 22 at the Mecklenburg Aquatic Center.

Forty students from RRHS participated in the Opening Ceremonies and athletic events. In addition to these athletes, twenty-three student volunteers assisted as well as participated in a Unified Softball Competition. The volunteers are members of RRHS's Project Unify and National Honor Society.

These cadets were selected to participate in the 2015 CMS JROTC Awards ceremony at Bojangles Coliseum. In the Superintendents Cup standings, the Rocky River Battalion finished the year sixth out of twenty JROTC programs in the district! Way to go JROTC!





### Rocky River Cadets Win Big at the CMS JROTC Field Day Competition

Each year cadets throughout CMS come together for a fun filled day of athletic competition. This "Field Day" competition is heavily anticipated by the cadets and marks the final event for the year that is used to determine award of the prestigious "Superintendents Cup" Trophy. With 20 schools competing, Rocky River Cadets had a fine showing at field day, bringing home first place overall for the Male Category.



### Rocky River JROTC Place at Competition

Rocky River High School JROTC Cadets traveled to East Rowan High School for its annual drill meet. It was Rocky River's first appearance at East Rowan. Competing against 10 other schools, the Cadets earned third place trophies in the Platoon with Weapons and the Platoon Without Weapons categories. Cadet TyShawn Hall won third place in the Individual Drill category. In the final event, Individual Knockout Drills, Gabby Soria earned second place and Keiry Barreiro earned third place.



### Rocky River High School has first time JROTC Honor

Four cadets competed against 35 other teams in the CMS Annual Orienteering meet in December at McDowell Park in Charlotte. Rocky River's team won first place with a time of 54 minutes - the second fastest on record in the history of the competition.



## PROMise Event

On Thursday, April 30, Rocky River High School's DREAM Team teamed up with the Advanced Theatre Arts Class, Carolinas Injury Center, and Williams Wrecker to show the importance of safe driving as well as the dangers of driving while under the influence. Since the school's prom was on Saturday, May 2, this timely event was called PROMise. Students viewed the enactment of an automobile accident and signed pledges to drive safely. Cassie Nall and Matt Webster were the sponsors of this event.



## Fifth Annual Exceptional Children Prom

On Friday, May 15 from 10am - 1pm, Rocky River High School is hosting their Fifth Annual Exceptional Children Prom. Twelve CMS High Schools have been invited with over 400 students and staff members expected to attend. This exciting event will held in the RRHS Gymnasium.

The students will be dressed up, a DJ will be present, food will be served, and the Chick-Fil-A cow will be a special guest.

# Testing Information

## SAT Registration and Test Dates

<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
May 8, 2015	June 6, 2015

**RRHS SAT CODE = 342640**



## ACT Registration and Test Dates

<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
May 8, 2015	June 13, 2015

**RRHS ACT CODE = 324640**



The Triumph College Admissions Online Study Guide for SAT and the TCA Online Study Guide for ACT are **free online tools available to help you prepare for taking the PSAT, SAT, or ACT**. You may use these study guides at any time. Use the study guides to learn more about the test, review specific skills, take practice quizzes, and track your progress.

Within the Triumph Online Study Guide, you will also find **FinalPrep for the SAT and ACT, online sessions designed for preparation the week before the test**. FinalPrep helps you to review the structure, format, skills, and test-taking tips you need before you take the test.

### Accessing the Triumph Online Study Guide

**Step 1:** Visit the following website

<http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/ci/Pages/testprep.aspx>

**Step 2:** Click the link for Rocky River High School (on the left)

**Step 3:** Log into the Student Study Guide Homepage. Enter your Student ID # as the username (if you don't know your Student ID #, go to the main office and ask them to look it up for you). Enter your birth date (YYYYMMDD) as the password. Click the "login" button

**Step 4:** Select a Test Preparation Option:

- SAT Study Guide
- PSAT Study Guide
- ACT Study Guide
- FinalPrep for the SAT
- FinalPrep for the ACT

**Step 5:** Once you are in your selected test preparation option, begin with the overview and complete the steps as directed.

You do not have to complete the programs in one sitting. Break up the work and pace yourself.



## Summer Driver's Ed Classes

Class #1 - June 15 - June 25

Morning Class 8:00 AM -11:45 AM

Afternoon Class 12:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Please see Ms. Crawford in the front office for more information.

Student must be 14 1/2 to attend. The fee is \$55.

Please sign up on the website:

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



Carolinan HealthCare System

All CMS rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students are invited to participate in Carolinas HealthCare System's Heart of a Champion Day on Saturday, May 30, 2015. These student athletes will receive a FREE athletic physical through the Carolinas HealthCare System. Students must attend through their school and be transported by bus to and from the event. Students can use this link: [carolinashealthcare.org/heart-of-a-champion](http://carolinashealthcare.org/heart-of-a-champion) to register. Registration is open through May 22. Contact Mr. Lamb if you have any questions.





# Senior Information

CLASS OF 2015

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

WHEN: MAY 18 AT 5:30

WHERE: RRHS AUDITORIUM

RECEPTION STARTS AT 5:30 PM

CEREMONY STARTS AT 6:30 PM

## **Senior Week: May 18-22, 2015**

Monday: Tie Dye Day - Senior Awards Night

Tuesday: College Shirt Day- College Decision Ceremony and Karaoke Night 5:00-7:00 pm

Wednesday: Big Kid Day- Yearbook Signing Party

Thursday: Hawaiian Shirt Day- Senior Cookout

Friday: Senior Shirt Day- Carowinds Field Trip



June 13— Graduation at Bojangles Coliseum

10:30 pm - 1:30 pm



## Upcoming Events:

**May 4 -15 - AP Testing**

**May 21 - June 11 - EOCs and Exams**

**May 5 - Soccer at HOME (Myers Park) - 5:30 pm**

**May 7 - Soccer at Garinger - 5:30 pm**

**May 8 - Rugby Round 1 Playoffs**

**May 10 - **Mother's Day****

**May 13 -14 - "Our Favorites from 100 Years of Broadway" (see page 3)**

**May 19 - Beginning Band and Beginning Guitar Concert**

**May 20 - Rocky River Orchestra Concert**

**May 21 - Rocky River Jazz and Symphonic Band Concert**

**May 22 - Rugby Round 2 Playoffs**

**May 29 - Rugby NC High Championships**

**May 25 - Memorial Day - No School**

**June 11 - Last Day of School**

**June 21 - Father's Day**

**June 25 - Report Cards Mailed**



This newsletter is brought to you by the Rocky River High School PTSA.

## Don't forget to link your grocery card to RRHS!

Linking is fast and easy.



To link your Harris Teeter card online go to:

[http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together\\_in\\_education/link\\_to\\_your\\_school.aspx](http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx)  
RRHS PTSA = 8527



To link your BI-LO card online go to:

<http://www.hometowneducationalrewards.com/>  
Rocky River High School = 55789

*Remember to ask family, friends and co-workers to also link their cards to help support Rocky River. You can also email your name and card number to [rrhptsa@gmail.com](mailto:rrhptsa@gmail.com)*

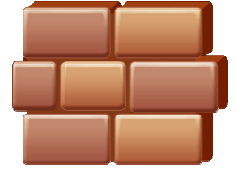
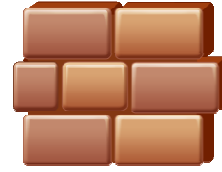
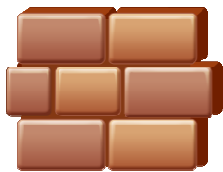
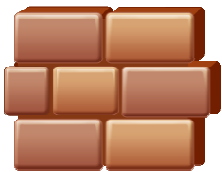
## Leave your mark at the "ROCK"

Bricks are available in 2 sizes and make a great graduation gift.

4x8 bricks \$35.00 3 lines, 18 characters per line

8x8 bricks \$75.00 3 lines, 18 characters per line

For more information go to: <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/rrhs/>



## The PTSA needs YOU!

**The Rocky River High School PTSA is looking for officers to fill vacancies on the board for the 2015-2016 school year.**

Positions are still open! If you would like to be a part of the RRHS PTSA, please fill out the interest form, located on the last page of this newsletter. Interest forms can be returned via email or dropped off in the office. If you would like more information, please email [rrhptsa@gmail.com](mailto:rrhptsa@gmail.com).



The PTSA would like to thank all our sponsors for their generous donations during the 2014-2015 school year!



Albemarle Rd



Concord



**TARGET**

Albemarle Rd



Albemarle Rd



CHARLOTTE



Mint Hill Pavilion and Brookdale Shopping Center



Hwy 51 in Mint Hill



Albemarle Rd at Rocky River Church Rd

Thank you again!

Kim Manchette (President) and Jerryneil Griffey (Vice-President)



## Rocky River High School PTSA 2014-2015 Executive Board Interest Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be considered for the following Executive Board Position:

President                       Vice President  
 Treasurer                       Secretary

\*\*Please e-mail your response or any questions you may have to: [RRHPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:RRHPTSA@gmail.com)

### THE PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

#### PRESIDENT

**Responsibilities:**

- a. Conduct all PTSA Executive and General Board meetings.
- b. Confer with the Principal prior to all meetings.
- c. Prepare agenda prior to meetings.
- d. Work with teachers to assess their needs.
- e. Attend district meetings, as necessary.
- f. Create upcoming school year calendar with Principal and Board members.
- g. Coordinate elections of Board members.
- h. Coordinate summer budget meeting.
- i. In August, hire/find professional to perform an examination of PTSA financial records; and said professional to prepare a written summary [letter] for presentation to the Board.

#### VICE PRESIDENT

**Responsibilities:**

- a. Conduct PTSA Executive and General Board meetings in the absence of the PTSA President.
- b. Assist the President with duties as needed.
- c. Take and distribute meeting minutes when the Secretary is absent.
- d. Organize childcare for the PTSA meetings when necessary.
- e. Be timekeeper at the PTSA General Membership meetings.

#### SECRETARY

**Responsibilities:**

- a. Record minutes of the Executive Board meeting and distribute to Board members.
- b. Record minutes of the General Membership meeting and distribute to Board members.
- c. Make meeting minutes available for the Rocky River website.

#### TREASURER

**Responsibilities:**

- a. Responsible for checking/savings account. Receive and deposit all money.
- b. Pay out funds in accordance with the approved budget or as authorized by the Executive Board.
- c. Prepare, along with the Executive Board, the yearly budget for the new school year.
- d. Present financial report to the Executive Board and General Membership meetings for approval.
- e. Keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures.
- f. Prepare year-end financial statements for audit.
- g. Monitor and renew tax-exempt status