



A note from our principal Ms. Nelson:

September 8, 2015

Dear Rocky River High School Families,

I am proud to announce that we had a successful opening of school here at Rocky River High School. Our students are great and have acclimated well to our school! This year we are continuing our initiatives from last year, grounded around four key priorities. Our four key priorities include:

- Increasing student academic success using data more effectively,
- Increasing the amount of student engagement in ALL of our classrooms,
- Increasing our positive and safe school culture, and
- Celebrating our staff.

Positive School Culture: Over the course of September, we have been focused on increasing our positive and safe school culture. This month, our students have learned more about the Rocky River High School Code. Below is a brief explanation of the code:

- **Respect – Taking yourself, others, your education and our school property seriously.**
- **Responsibility – Taking ownership and doing what is right.**
- **Honor – Exhibiting strong moral character, even when no one is looking.**
- **Service – Positively contribute to our RRHS community.**

Any student that exhibits these characteristics is entered into a drawing for a prize at the end of each week. Every Friday, we draw three names and they win a prize. Our students love this activity and we have seen a great difference in the positive interactions with them. We always could use cool prizes for our students (gift cards, electronics, etc). Every little bit helps! Please bring donated prizes to the main office and speak to Ms. Crawford.

School Report Card: Additionally, throughout the year, we provide regular updates to you about your child's academic progress by conducting parent/teacher conferences and sending home a Report Card. Once a year, we provide you with updates on our school's achievements through the North Carolina School Report Card. This Report Card includes important information about school and student performance, class sizes, attendance, school safety, instructional resources, and teacher quality. There also is information about how our school measured against federal Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) targets and the number of suspensions and expulsions in our school.

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

This year, for the second time, report cards also will include an A through F School Performance Grade. The state's School Performance Grade for Rocky River High School is C. Last year, our School Performance Grade was a C.

The grades are calculated and reported by the NC Department of Public Instruction and required based on legislation passed by the North Carolina General Assembly last year. They are based 80 percent on proficiency (the percentage of students in the school at or above grade level in a specific subject) and 20 percent on growth (the rate at which students in the school learned over the past year).

The numbers on the Report Card only tell part of the story. At Rocky River High School, we are proud of the following special activities that are underway to support your child's academic success:

- Engaging in teacher professional development regarding how we use our academic data to address student misunderstandings.
- Incorporating more opportunities for students to show our school's positive character traits of Respect, Responsibility, Honor, and Service (RRHS).
- Celebrating our student leaders for their accomplishments in art, music, academics, community service and athletics through various programs.
- Seeking partnerships with over 5 community organizations to support our students academically and through various mentorships.

We have set strong academic goals for the end of this year and are working diligently to meet those goals. Your involvement is very important to the success of our school. I encourage you to review our Report Card carefully. Well-informed parents who participate in their children's education and school enhance the learning environment for students and educators alike.

Also, our students will receive progress reports this month. Please feel free to reach out to our Attendance Secretary, Ms. Hilliard (carriane.hilliard@cms.k12.nc.us) for more information about how to access your child's grades on PowerSchool.

As we continue the accomplishments we have garnered this past year, my pledge to you is that we will also continue to create a culture of excellence, leadership, and pride throughout our school community. I look forward to seeing you sometime soon.

Sincerely,

Brandy Nelson

Principal

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
RRHS PTSA = 8527



To link your BI-LO card online go to:
<http://www.hometowneducationalrewards.com/>
Rocky River High School = 55789

Or you can email your name and card number to rrhptsa@gmail.com
Remember to ask family and friends to sign up their cards also.



Through Publix Partners, all purchases at Publix will help earn money for our school. For every \$37,500 spent cumulatively by our school's participants, Publix will award RRHS \$250. You can pick up your Publix Partners Card during open house on September 24 or contact us at rrhptsa@gmail.com to receive a card. These cards are linked directly to Rocky River and are not a discount/savings card.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

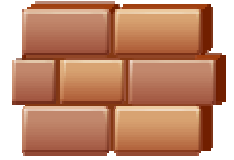
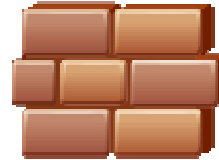
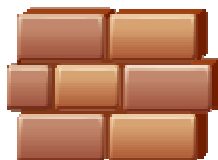
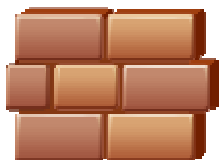
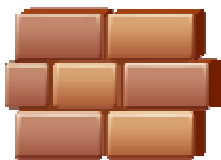
RAVEN'S ROW IS COMING TO RRHS.

Celebrate your last (or first) year at RRHS with a BRICK!
For only \$75 you can get an 8X8 brick or for \$35 you can get a 4X8 brick.

Add a symbol for an additional \$8.

Order yours TODAY!

Details at: <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/rrhs/>



Congratulations to the following volunteers who will make up the
2015-2016 PTSA Executive Board!

Kim Manchette — President
Open -- Secretary

Jerrynell Griffey — Vice President
Open -- Treasurer

Our first General Board Meetings will be held on
Thursday September 10th from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm. In the library (2nd floor).

We are still looking for board members and volunteers for this school year.

The goal of this year's PTSA is improved communication and participation from our parents, teachers and students! After all, that's what the Parent Teacher Student Association is all about! If we all work together, we can give our students the best and most successful experience possible!

We encourage all parents, student and staff to join. Membership forms can be found on page 9, completed forms and dues can be mailed or returned to the office to be placed in the PTSA mailbox or you may pay online via our website

<http://rockyriverptso.jimdo.com/join/>

We are always looking for new ideas, so please consider attending a meeting.
Everyone is ALWAYS welcome!!

Please come out and support your PTSA!



This newsletter is brought to you by the Rocky River High School PTSA.
10505 Clear Creek Commerce Drive, Mint Hill, NC 28227

<http://rockyriverptso.jimdo.com/>

The PTSA meets on the 2nd Thursday of every other month from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm.

Upcoming meetings are September 10th, November 12th and January 14th.

Student's Corner



The RRHS PTSA pleased to offer a \$500.00 scholarships to a senior who will be attending an accredited college, university, community college, trade or technical school in the fall. To receive consideration for this scholarship **the student must be a current year member of the PTSA before March 31, 2016**. Membership forms can be found on page 9, completed forms and dues can be mailed or returned to the office to be placed in the PTSA mailbox or you may pay online via our website

<http://rockyriverptso.jimdo.com/join/>

Join before September 30th and be entered to win a \$10 Gift Card from Plato's Closet



Rocky River High School Open House/Curriculum Night

When: September 24, 2015 4-6 pm

Where: Rocky River High School Classrooms

This event allows parents to meet the teachers, hear about the curriculum, and ask questions about the course syllabus and requirements.

News from the Guidance Department

<http://rrhsstudentservices.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/>

Students are alphabetically assigned to a counselor based upon the first letter of their last name.

A - De 9th-12th Ms. Cruz
miriamy.cruz@cms.k12.nc.us

Di - I 9th-12th Ms. Cleveland
carrief.cleveland@cms.k12.nc.us

J - O 9h-12th (Open Position) Contact Ms. Forges
errine.forges@cms.k12.nc.us

P - Ri 9h-12th Ms. Forges
errine.forges@cms.k12.nc.us

Ro - Z 9th -12th Ms. Roche
briennem.roche@cms.k12.nc.us

NEWS FROM YOUR COLLEGE ADVISER

Meet Ms. McCullough!



My name is Kimberly McCullough and I am a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill where I earned my Bachelors degree in Sociology. I am so excited to work with students and families at Rocky River and help them gain powerful insight about college, and assist them through the process of applying and paying for college!!

Favorite Quote: "The moment we choose to love we begin to move against domination, against oppression. The moment we choose to love we begin to move towards freedom, to act in ways that liberate ourselves and others. That action is the testimony of love as the practice of freedom" –bell hooks

Things to know

Stay connected with Remind 101

SENIORS: Text @6307fd to 81010

JUNIORS: Text @5283d to 81010

PARENTS: Text @5283d3 to 81010

Receive updates via text message from Ms. McCullough about reminders for college applications, the SAT/ACT, tours, etc.!



Be sure to follow @TheRenownedRavens for picture updates via Instagram!

Instagram

Contact Information

Email: knmccull@live.unc.edu

Phone: 980-344-0409

Important Websites

www.ravenscollegeadvising.weebly.com
** my website**

www.commonapp.org | select college apps

www.fafsa.ed.gov | financial aid app available Jan. 1st

www.cfnc.org | college apps, transcripts, etc.

SAT Registration and Test Dates

Registration Deadline

October 9, 2015

November 5, 2015

December 28, 2015

February 5, 2016

April 8, 2016

May 5, 2016

Test Date

November 7, 2015

December 5, 2015

January 23, 2016

March 5, 2016

May 7, 2016

June 4, 2016

****Late registration available; visit sat.collegeboard.org for more information****

ACT Registration and Test Dates

Registration Deadline

September 18, 2015

November 6, 2015

January 8, 2016

March 4, 2016

May 6, 2016

Test Date

October 24, 2015

December 12, 2015

February 6, 2016

April 9, 2016

June 11, 2016

****Late registration available; visit www.actstudent.org for more information****



Upcoming Events:

September 7—Labor Day—NO SCHOOL

September 8—Volleyball at East Meck — 5:30 pm

September 8—Soccer at Vance — 5:30 pm

September 9—Soccer at North Meck — 6:00 pm

September 10—PTSA Meeting 6:30 pm—7:30 pm (see page 4)

September 10—Volleyball at Butler — 5:30 pm

September 10—JV Football at HOME (Charlotte Catholic) — 6:00 pm

September 10—Tennis at North Meck — 4:00 pm

September 11— Varsity Football at Charlotte Catholic— 7:30 pm

September 14—Soccer at Myers Park — 6:00 pm

September 14—Tennis at Myer Park —4:00 pm

September 16—Soccer at HOME (Garinger) — 6:00 pm

September 17—Tennis at HOME (Garinger) — 3:30 pm

September 17—Volleyball at HOME (Independence)— 5:30 pm

September 17—JV Football at HOME (North Meck) — 6:00 pm

September 18 — Varsity Football at North Meck — 7:00 pm

September 21—Soccer at East Meck — 6:00 pm

September 21—Volleyball at HOME (Vance) — 5:30 pm

September 22—Tennis at East Meck — 3:30 pm

September 24 —Volleyball at HOME (Myers Park) — 5:30 pm

September 24—Tennis at HOME (Butler) — 3:30 pm

September 24—JV Football at HOME (Myers Park) — 6:00 pm

September 25 — Varsity Football at Myer Park -- 7:00 pm

September 29—Volleyball at Garinger — 5:30 pm

September 30—Soccer at HOME (Independence) — 6:00 pm

October 1— Volleyball at HOME (East Meck) — 5:30 pm

October 1—Tennis at HOME (Independence) — 4:00 pm

October 1—JV Football at Garinger — 6:00 pm

October 2 — Varsity Football at HOME (Garinger) -- 7:00 pm



Rocky River High School PTSA Membership Form

Here are some of the benefits you may receive for joining the PTSA for the 2015-2016 school year.

For Parents:

Raffle entries for exciting prizes throughout the year
Option to buy lunch for a teacher during teacher appreciation week in May

For Students:

Raffle entries for exciting prizes throughout the year
4th block socials

Seniors can apply for a \$500 scholarship

For RRHS Staff:

Raffle entries for exciting prizes throughout the year
4th block socials

Sign up before September 30th and
be entered into our first raffle.
Parent raffle is for a \$20 Gift Card from Target.
Student raffle is for a \$10 Gift Card from Plato's Closet

Dues for the 2015-2016 school year are only \$8 per adult (parent, teacher, staff) and \$5 per student

Member Name(s): _____ Circle One: _____
Member 1: _____ Parent / Student / RRHS Staff
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Students Grade Level and Homeroom Teacher (if known) _____

Member 2: _____ Parent / Student / RRHS Staff
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Member 3: _____ Parent / Student / RRHS Staff
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Member 4: _____ Parent / Student / RRHS Staff
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Memberships: # _____ Total Memberships: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Rocky River PTSA
Return this completed form to the RRHS main office or mail to:
RRHS PTSA, 10505 Clear Creek Commerce Drive, Mint Hill, NC 28227
OR: log onto the PTSA website and pay online at
www.rockyriverptso.jimdo.com

