

RCS MIDDLE SCHOOL BULLDOG'S BULLETIN

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
January 15th, 2024	All Day	No School
January 16th, 2024	3:00-3:30pm	Battle of the Books Meeting
January 16th, 2024	3 pm	Bulldog Designs Meeting in Mrs. Bettendorf's room
January 17th, 2024	4:30pm	Girls Basketball vs. Southern
January 17th, 2024	6:00pm	Boys Basketball vs. Southern
January 18, 2024	3 pm	Homecoming X-Factor Auditions - We will be choosing 3 acts to perform for 2 minutes during the pep rally on Jan. 26th. If interested in auditioning, fill out the survey HERE !
January 19th 2024	4:30pm	Girls Basketball @ Excelsior Classical Academy 4:30
January 19th, 2024	6:00pm	Boys Basketball @ Excelsior Classical Academy 6:00
January 22 - 26	All Day	Homecoming Spirit Week! See each day's theme HERE!

Calendar - Uncoming Events

The Principal's Desk w/ a few reminders

Dear RCS Middle School Families a few reminders from last week Memo:

Parents, get ready for an influx of information regarding the upcoming schedule and the exciting array of classes we have planned for our middle school students. We have a lot in store, including field trips, dances, the much-anticipated 8th-grade prom, academic celebrations, and many more engaging events.

Communication is key, and I want to emphasize that this is the time of the year when I may need to reach out to parents regarding any concerns that require attention. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated as we work together to ensure the success and well-being of our students.

With Bulldog Pride,

Jamel L. Jones, Principal

Connect with Us on Social Media:

If you haven't already, please follow and share our school's social media pages to stay updated with the latest information and to enjoy student interactions. Your child might be the next one featured!

Volunteer Opportunity - Help Serve Lunch in January:

Ms. Martin is in need of volunteers to assist with serving lunch in January. There are openings on all Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Your support is crucial! Please reach out to Ms. Martin at Martincn@roxborocommunityschool.org to sign up and get involved.





Melanie Winstead



Darkarai Bryant Managing Executive Director



Laura Graham Front Office Manager



6th-Grade Updates



Jennifer Carter, Social Studies

<u>Contact info</u>



Tim Ess, Science Contact info



Christa Jones, Language Arts

<u>Contact Info</u>



Judy Clayton, Math
Contact info



Gwen Litchfield, Academic Success

Contact info

- ELA
 - ➤ Wordly Wise Test #7(Tuesday, January 16th) and the Poetry Unit starts on Wednesday, January 17th!!!
- Social Studies
 - Egypt Expert Choice Projects due on Friday, January 19
- ❖ Academic Success
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- Science
 - > A Chart of the Planets Quiz will be on Friday (1/19).
- ❖ Math
 - Percent Quiz Wednesday Jan. 17

7th-Grade Updates



April Cobb, Social Studies

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Heather Lewis, Math Contact info



Alex Clayton-Porter, Science
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Sarah Albachten, Academic Success <u>Contact info</u>



Liza Griffin, Language Arts
Contact info

- ◆ ELA
 - > Study Lesson 5 Vocabulary Words Quiz 1/23rd
 - ➤ We are continuing to read our nonfiction class novel, The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind.
- Social Studies
 - Competition and settlements in North America-France vs. England
- Academic Success
 - >
- Science
 - We will be concluding our discussion of Protists and beginning our discussion on Genetics.
 - ➤ TEST WEDNESDAY, 1/17!
- Math
 - > 7th Grade Math
 - We have learned about combining like terms and using the distributive property in algebraic expressions. This week we will be learning how to "undo" the distributive property by factoring algebraic expressions. We will also learn how to simplify expressions.
 - We will have our next test sometime during the week of January 22.
 - > Advanced Math
 - We are finishing up solving multi-step equations and learning about determining the number of solutions in an equation (which is an 8th grade standard).
 - Friday, January 19 -- Unit 4 Part B test

8th-Grade Updates



Charissa Denny, Math Contact info



Jordan Butner, Social Studies

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Jessica Martin, Science
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Beth Stultz, Language Arts

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Kara Roberts, Academic Success/HS Spanish
Contact info

- As we enter the New Year, we're looking forward to opportunities to reward our students for their achievement and behavior. The Dojo Reward Store is in need of some donations to make this happen:
 - > Chocolate candy
 - Sweet / sour candies (Nerd Clusters, Swedish Fish, Jolly Ranchers, etc.)
- ◆ ELA:
 - > Students have been researching for a classroom debate.
- Math 8 and Honors:
 - Linear Vs NonLinear

- > TEST FRIDAY
- ➤ The Math 8 Check-In is on Monday, January 29th.

Math I:

- Scatter Plots
- > TEST FRIDAY
- The Math I Check-In is on Tuesday, January 23rd.

Science:

- Continuing viruses, bacteria, and the spread and prevention of disease.
- > TEST FRIDAY
- **SS**:
- Studying the government's 3-branch structure, the system of checks and balances, and the Bill of Rights.
- Academic Success:
 - > Job interview project, finishing electronic copies of cover letter and resume, and filling out a job application.
- Roberts Spanish I:
 - Second set of food vocabulary, more stem-changing verbs, and ordering food practice.

Student Services and Support Staff



Contact info my virtual office



Katie DeViller, Math Boost **Contact info**



Holly Oliver, ELA Boost **Contact info**

- Reading Boost
 - > Figurative Language
 - > Together, all classes have read 188 Books.
- Math Boost
 - > 6th Grade- Expressions and Equations
 - > 7th Grade- Equations
 - > 8th Grade- Scientific Notation

Middle School Counselor:

- Remember to set up your parent PowerSchool account so you can monitor your student's grades regularly. If you are new to RCS, you must create an account via the RCS PowerSchool domain. Accounts set up through another district (Person County Schools, Caswell County Schools, Durham Public Schools, etc.) are NOT the same and will not transfer to RCS. You can create your new account and/or login via this
- Please visit my virtual office for resources.
- Helpful parent resources regarding Canvas and PowerSchool https://docs.google.com/document/d/16NC5Um4AsoTGL5wfip8ZODd4VtAkeen1Wg_8wiZhIYY/preview
- Absence Procedures:

In case your student is absent, please remember to send a note with them upon their return to school. For excused absences, parent notes must be submitted within three days of the student's return. These notes can be emailed or brought in by the student or parent. Kindly email your child's teacher and copy Mrs. Connie Cox at coxc@roxborocommunityschool.org.

Important Reminders

Device Handling:

We'd like to remind students that the touchscreens on their devices are not designed for poking, especially during games or other activities. They should be gently tapped. Any damage resulting from improper handling, such as cracked screens, will be the responsibility of the student. Please ensure that your child is aware of how to treat their devices with

Dining Hall:

"Hot" lunches will not be served until after Labor Day but are available for pre-order now! You can place orders at http://myschoolaccount.com/. Please ensure that students either bring their lunch to school (no glass containers, please!) or have sufficient funds in their account (or cash in hand) to purchase food from the dining hall each day. Also, please be reminded that we do not provide free or reduced lunches.

Our dining hall relies on help from our parent volunteers. We need 2 volunteers everyday, Monday-Friday, all year long! Please reach out to Ms. Martin to sign up to help!! Martincn@roxborocommunityschool.org or 336-599-0020 ext 119.



January Lunch Menu



Monday: Cheese or Pepperoni pizza slice
Tuesday: Chicken tenders, green beans,
mac n cheese, roll
Wednesday: Hamburger steak w/ gravy,
mashed potatoes, corn, roll
Thursday: BBQ sandwich with slaw, baked
beans, cookies

Friday: Cheese or Pepperoni pizza slice





Week of 1/15-1/19 Sports Lineup

1/17 Girls Basketball vs Southern 4:30
1/17 Boys Basketball vs Southern
6:00
1/19 Girls Basketball @ Excelsior
Classical Academy 4:30
1/19 Boys Basketball @ Excelsior
Classical Academy 6:00