

WEEK OF

Feb. 6 -

Feb. 10, 2012



Activity Locations/Calendar Dates

MONDAY, February 6 BLUE DAY

Late Buses Depart 3:30PM

Periods 1, 3, 5, 7

Beading & Jewelry Making Club, Gold Café **Sign-up at lunch**

Bridges Club, A205

Club RAMBO, A223

College Success Program, A113 **New!**

Computer Lab Open, E218 **Sign-up at lunch**

ESOL Tutoring Partners, Blue Café

Fitness Room, Fitness Room Change into PE Uniform/**Sign-up at lunch**

Games Club, A102

Homework Club, Blue Cafeteria

Mindscapes Literary Magazine Meeting, E217

Music Man Rehearsal, Russell Theatre

National Jr. Honor Society Service Meeting, Gold Cafe

Science Club, A201

Music Man tickets on sale in the cafeteria during A & B lunches. \$10 cash or check payable to Robinson Secondary School.

TUESDAY, February 7 GOLD DAY

Parent Pick-up

Periods 2, 3, 4, 6

Music Man Rehearsal, Russell Theatre/Parent **Pick-up 5pm**

Ram Zone, Blue Café/Parent **Pick-up 4pm**

Running Club, Main Hallway by MS/Parent **Pick-up 3:30pm**

WEDNESDAY, February 8 BLUE/RAISE DAY

Late Buses Depart 4:30PM

Periods 1, RAISE, 3, 5, 7

Design-Multimedia Club, A211 **New! Sign-up at lunch**

Drama Club, D106

FBLA, E218

Football Program, Gym (*Permission Form Required*)

Homework Club, Blue Cafeteria

Indoor Soccer, Gym/**Sign-up at lunch**

Math Zone 7, A219

Math Zone 8, A117

Music Man Rehearsal, Russell Theatre

National Jr. Art Honor Society (NINJAS), E203

Science Olympiad, A101

Sewing Club, Blue Cafeteria

THURSDAY, February 9 GOLD/RAISE DAY

Late Buses Depart 4:30PM

Periods 2, RAISE, 3, 4, 6

Basketball, Gym

Environmental Film Club, A119 (*Movie Details on Page 2*)

Fitness Games, Fitness Room/**Sign-up at lunch**

Football Program, Gym

Homework Club, Blue Cafeteria

Mini NINJAS (*Invitation Only*), E203

Music Man Rehearsal, Russell Theatre

Orchestra Electrified!, 401

RYWE, 400 (*Invitation Only*)

Service-Learning Club, A111 **Sign-up in A111**

Technology Club (TSA), E101

Zumba Aerobics, Main Hallway/Change into PE Uniform

FRIDAY, February 10 BLUE DAY

Periods 1, 3, 5, 7

Running Club, Main Hallway/**Pick-up 3:30pm**

Music Man Opens Tonight, 2/10!

ROBINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student Ram Blast



The Club and Activity Scene

Environmental Film Club:

An African boy finds himself destined to protect a rare and magnificent white lion cub who is cast from his pride and is forced to survive on his own--survival made more perilous because he is pursued by a trophy hunter. If you liked "Chronicles of Narnia" and "The Lion King," then this is your kind of movie. See **"White Lion"** on Thursday, February 9 at Environmental Film Club in A119. A door prize will be awarded at the end of the movie! For more information, check the EFC Activity folder on Blackboard's After School Program button.

Gaming Programming Club: *New Session!*

A second Gaming Programming Course will be offered third quarter beginning Feb. 9th. You'll learn to create animation in small virtual works using 3D models in Pixar and Disney animation style. Pick-up a flyer during lunch or print one from the ASP 24-7 site. Turn in your completed form to Mrs. Aunon.

Babysitter Training: *New Sessions!*

The Red Cross Babysitter Training Course will be offered after school beginning in February. If you're interested in registering, pick-up an informational flyer and registration form on the cafeteria stage during your lunch period. The form is also available on the After School Program 24-7 site and should be returned to Mrs. Aunon. The cost for this course is \$12.

Running Club: *New!*

Are you interested in joining the cross country team next fall or play another high school sport? If so, you'll want to join the new Running Club which will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays through the winter and spring from 2:20 until 3:30pm, beginning 1/27. Join anytime.

Jazz Band: *New!*

Anyone interested in auditioning for the Jazz Band needs to see Mrs. Einuis in Room 402 by February 10th. Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 2:20 until 3:15.

NJHS:

The next service club meeting will be on **Monday, February 6** in the gold cafeteria. We will be making bags for children in hospitals and need you to bring in supplies. Mini cards, puzzles, small crafts, markers, crayons, gel pens—any small item that would be fun to make a craft with. Please no candy or stuffed animals. This is the last service meeting before Part II of the application is due. The service hours are due no later than March 5th. Please see your team teacher to turn in the forms. If you have any questions please see an officer (President - Ja'Von P., Vice President - Elizabeth W., Secretary - Whitney G., Treasurer - Sonia G.) or Mrs. Anderson in A121 or Mrs. Burford in A228. Reminders: All forms are on Blackboard. No late Part II, but the service hour forms will be accepted. Please see your team teacher for opportunities.

Design-Multimedia Club: *New!*

Join this club if you're looking for a fun way to learn computer skills using a variety of software packages in addition to working with digital images to create keepsake items such as cards, newsletters, websites, music videos, T-shirt designs, calendars, picture frames, and certificates. Pick-up the club flyer at lunch or on the After School Program 24-7 site.



RAM TRIVIA



What's so special about Feb. 10, 11 and 12th?

The Robinson Drama Dept, with the awesome direction of Ms. Hard and Mrs. B, will present, **Music Man Jr.** **Need tickets?** Please purchase **online www.robinsondrama.org** or during your lunch period. Ticket cost is \$10! Checks should be made payable to Robinson Secondary. Shows typically **SELL OUT**, so please take advantage of the pre-sale options! See below for hints about the musical.....

HELP WANTED

HELPFUL HINTS...WHAT IS MUSIC MAN ABOUT?



The Music Man Jr. is a classic American theater musical, based on the story by Meredith Wilson and Franklin Lacey. The story focuses on a charming con man, Harold Hill, who travels to the small town of River City Iowa selling band instruments and uniforms. Librarian Marian Paroo is not convinced that Hill is all he "appears" to be. The show features comedy, romance and foot tapping, sing along songs and dance that appeal to an audience of all ages. In 1957 the show was a hit on Broadway winning 5 Tony Awards and running for nearly 1400 performances! Music Man's success led to revivals, a popular 1962 film adaptation and a 2003 television remake. It is frequently produced by both professional and amateur theater companies. **Please join us for an AWESOME night or afternoon performance, perfect for the whole family to enjoy!**



What Can I Look Forward To?

RAMS SHOWING RESPECT, HONOR, SPIRIT...

The following students were recognized in our weekly RHS drawing and free admission to a sporting event for self and a friend:

Darius B. (Lesko) Jessa Q. Woodring)

Hannah H. (Burford) Brandon B. (Karg)

Cassidy P. (Burford) Kayla W. (Karg)

Sam F. (Lee) Nate. H. (Lesko)

Ashley M.



WAY TO GO RAMS!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Please direct questions to
Mary Aunon
After School Program Specialist

Phone: 703-426-2339
Email: mfaunon@fcps.edu

*Thanks you for your support.
Parent volunteers are welcome!*



FEBRUARY

2/10-2/12: Music Man, MS Musical

2/14-2/15: 8th grade Court tours

2/16: Sweets n Swing Jazz (HS) band, 7pm, Gold Café

2/17: **EARLY RELEASE:** Periods 2 and 4 with **students dismissed at 10:25**, buses depart at 10:35 (MS lunches will be served).

2/16-2/18: District Chorus, select students @Liberty

2/20: **President's Day Holiday**

2/28: MS Band Pre festival Concert, 7pm, Russell

MARCH

3/2: Interims distributed

3/3: MS Band Festival, select students @LBSS

3/6: 8th grade writing (multiple choice) SOL

3/7: 8th grade short paper writing SOL

3/13: MS/HS Orchestra Pre-festival concert, 7pm

3/15: MS Chorus Pre-festival concert, 7pm

3/15-3/17: Orchestra Festival, select students
Centreville HS

3/16-3/17: Chorus festival @ Lanier

3/26: Area Band and Cadet Band Concert, 7pm, Russell

3/30: 3rd quarter ends

4/2-4/6: **Spring Break** and 4/9 (student holiday)

ROBINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA
PRESENTS:

MEREDITH WILLSON'S
**THE MUSIC MAN
JUNIOR**



TICKETS \$10
ONLINE AND AT THE DOOR
ROBINSONDRAMA.ORG

FRIDAY, FEB 10 AT 7PM
SATURDAY, FEB 11 AT 2PM AND 7PM
SUNDAY, FEB 12 AT 2PM

Middle School Counselor's Corner!



Welcome to Robinson Middle School

Counselor's Corner . . .

. . . an occasional tip sheet for families from the Department of Student Services.

Please let us know if you find this column helpful or what information you would like us to include.

Believe it or not, we are moving into **transition time** - when you need to start imagining your student as an 8th or 9th grader! It is an exciting time as you look ahead to your child's academic schedule for next school year.

Here are some tips to guide you through the process:

- **Suggest your student create a schedule and then discuss it with you.** opportunity for self advocacy and for taking ownership of individual learning. However, please remember that students at this age still need their parents to set limits. So, hold firm on important decisions and allow for student input on others.
- **To honors or not to honors?** That is the question. We recommend that you consider the following when making this decision:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excellent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Very good
<input type="checkbox"/>	Good
<input type="checkbox"/>	Average
<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor

This is a great opportunity if you disagree with your student about course selection, discuss the pros and cons together.

Student motivation: According to research, student MOTIVATION is the single most impactful factor in academic success. So, talk to your student about being motivated to learn about a subject before they sign up for an honors class.



Time Commitments: Create a mock calendar for your student. Consider homework time, family obligations, outside activities and down time (an essential element frequently forgotten!) Does it allow for enough time to accommodate an honors load?

Past Successes: Evaluate how your student performed in class this year. That is typically a good indicator of future success. Check in with the subject teacher from this year. Please take the time to review their thoughts.



Robinson provides many resources to you as you make your scheduling decisions. Check in with your child's current teacher. Attend parent orientation programs. Carefully read the course catalogue and the Electives Explorer. Talk to your child's counselor. If you are still in doubt, reach out to Jennifer Miley, Director of Student Services. We are all here to help! Good luck and we look forward to working with you!

Tara Filmyer - Comets and Champions
Beth Gross - Stars and Eagles

Dolores Malloy - Red and Green
Erin Barden - Purple and Gold