



THE GOOD NEWS IS . . .

STUDENT RAMBLAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 6, 2009

- 510 students attended our first SGA dance. Thank you for taking advantage of such a fun afternoon! Thank you teachers and parents for being chaperones.
- The following students received free entry for self and a friend to a Robinson athletic event in our weekly RHS drawing: Wayne S, Maria R, Kathryn T, Marissa S, Lia M, Teddy J, Camille H, Nick A, Haley I, Osama G, Mackenzie S, Alison O, Alex G.



UPDATES/CALENDAR DATES

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 2**

**Teacher Workday
Student Holiday**
*Annie Audition Workshop
3-5pm in Davala Hall
Registered Students Only*

Parents:
Please Plan to Attend
Touching Bases
Wednesday, Nov.11th
7:20 to 11:00am
Blue & Gold Cafeterias
This is a great opportunity for you to have mini-conferences with your child's teachers.

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 3**

**Teacher Workday
Student Holiday**

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 4
BLUE DAY**
LATE BUSES DEPART AT 4:00

Second Quarter Begins Today!

- *Annie Auditions, Davala By Appointment Only*
- Basketball Intramurals, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20
- Builders Club, A227 *Location Change*
- Homework Club, A100
- Jazz Band, 403
- Lacrosse, Girls Only/Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20
- Science Olympiad, A101
- Sentry Yearbook Staff, A223
- Sewing Club, Blue Cafeteria
- Tennis Clinic, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20
- Zumba Aerobics, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20

Outside Activities Are Weather Permitting

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 5
GOLD DAY**
LATE BUSES DEPART AT 4:00

- *Annie Auditions, Davala By Appointment Only*
- Babysitter Training, 509
- Basketball Intramurals, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20
- Field Hockey Clinic, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym at 2:20
- Fitness Games, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the fitness room at 2:20
- National Jr. Art Honor Society, E203
- *Novemberfest, Gold Cafeteria Ticket Required*
- Peer Helpers Club, A103
- Tech (TSA) Club, E108

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 6
BLUE DAY**
PARENT PICK-UP AT ENTRANCE #1

- *Annie Auditions, Davala By Appointment Only*
- Dance Team, Main Hallway near the Middle School/*Parent Pick-up 4pm*
- Flag Football, A100 *Sign-up at lunch/Limited to 40/Parent Pick-up at 4:15*



WHAT CAN I LOOK FORWARD TO?

NOVEMBER

- 11/11: **TOUCHING BASES (mini conferences), 4 hour late arrival for students**
- 11/13: **PTSA annual book sale 6-9:30 pm**
- 11/14: **PTSA annual book sale 8:30 a.m.-5pm**
- 11/15: **PTSA annual book sale 10am-4pm**
- 11/16, 11/17: **MS PICUTRE MAKE UPS *******
- 11/23: **Jr. District Orchestra Auditions@ Frost**
- 11/25: **2 hour early dismissal**
- 11/26/27: **HOLIDAY**
- 11/30: **Winter Ram Rally 5-7pm**

DECEMBER

- 12/8: **MS Band Concert 7pm Russell**
- 12/10: **MS Chorus Concert 7pm, Russell**
- 12/15: **MS Orchestra Concert 7pm, Russell**
- 12/18: **2nd Quarter interims mailed**
- 12/23: **2 hour early release**
- 12/24-1/3: **Winter Holiday**

JANUARY

- 1/4/: **Return to school after break**
- 1/8: **Jr. District Orchestra (select students) @TJ**
- 1/9: **MS/HS District Band Auditions @ RBSS**
- 1/18: **Martin Luther King HOLIDAY**
- 1/27: **IB info night, 7pm Davala Hall**
- 1/28: **End of Quarter 2**
- 1/29: **Student holiday, teacher workday**



RAM TRIVIA

QUESTION

How many buses does FCPS use each day?

ANSWER

Fairfax County Public Schools have 1500 buses on the road each day transporting more than 110, 000 students. FCPS transports more students every day than every school system in the US with the exception of New York City. Buses travel across 399 square miles and over 2, 700 miles of county roads on more than 6, 500 separate routes. WOW!



HELPFUL HINTS

STUDENTS

Move it on over! When getting on the bus and into a seat, move on over closest to the window so that another student can have an easier time sitting down vs. crawling over you. Help the driver get the bus moving again in a safe and efficient manner. Thank you drivers for our safe arrival and departure each day!

PARENTS

What do you do if you child needs to ride a different bus for one day? Send in a handwritten, parent signed note with the request. If going to another child's house, that child must also have note indicating permission for the other child to come to that home. Bring the notes into the subschool office where the administrative assistant or principal will make note and time-stamp/date. Students should show the notes to the driver.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSPORT CINEMA CLUB	The Passport Cinema Club for November will NOT meet on the first Thursday of November, but will meet on the second Thursday, November 12.
BUILDERS SERVICE CLUB <i>SIGN-UP REQUIRED</i>	The next regular meeting of the Builders Club will be Wednesday, November 4, in the Gold Cafeteria. We provide 7 th and 8 th graders the opportunity to develop leadership skills and earn community service hours. We will finish our “positive behavior posters” and start another service project. We do require that you sign up in advance of each meeting so that we know how many students will be helping with our projects. The sign-up posters will be in the science halls near the activity bulletin boards until the end of the Tuesday before the meeting. The posters will have up-to-date information about our plans and our teacher sponsors, Ms. Gilbert and Mrs. Stanos. The Builders Club is also interviewing for officers and planning committee members. Please stop by Mrs. Stanos’ room, A118, or Ms. Gilbert’s room, A227, for an information sheet and make an appointment for your interview. There are no elections, so this is EASY!!
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	Science Olympiad will meet in room A101 after school on Wednesday, November 4th and on Wednesday, November 11 th .
MUSICAL PRODUCTION ANNIE AUDITIONS	This year’s Middle School Musical will be the Broadway version of ANNIE . Singers, dancers, actors- make sure you’ve signed up for an audition slot! Auditions are Wednesday, Nov 4 through Friday, Nov 6. You must sign up for a slot in order to try-out. Audition packets, music, and monologues are available in D106. See Ms. Hard or Mrs. B for details. Go for it, and break a leg!
THE GAMES CLUB	Come on Mondays to A103 for the Games Club. You’ll find lots of people and lots of different games. Bring a friend, but let your backpack in your locker please.
ROBBIE BOOK CLUB <i>CONTEST INFORMATION</i>	Plan ahead! The Robbie Book Club will Monday Nov. 16th and 30th in the Media Center Lab. PLEASE BRING YOUR COPIES OF “Princess Bride”. Have you read “Dormia” by Jake Halpern? Well, the author is sponsoring a contest called “The Blank Page” Each school that participates will have a winner and the winner’s name will appear in Halpern’s next book, tentatively called “World’s End.” Entries may be in the form of an essay, drawing, comic strip, poem, a score of music or other creative piece of work. See Mrs. Keith in the media center for details.
FLAG FOOTBALL	Flag football will be every Friday, weather permitting. Sign-up at Friday lunch.
SPORTS	Girl’s Lacrosse on Wednesdays—meet in the gym/last day is 11/4 Field Hockey on Thursdays—meet in the gym/last day is 11/12 Speed & Agility Conditioning on Wednesdays and Thursdays/1st day is 11/12
FITNESS ROOM	The fitness room is now open on Mondays , but you must sign-up at lunch to attend. Space is limited to 50 students.
SENTRY YEARBOOK <i>ORDER INFORMATION</i>	Yearbooks packages will be available through November. You can bring your form and check anytime and turn them in to either SS office. You don’t want to miss out on the award-winning Sentry all-color yearbook. Buy it now and save money. The yearbook staff is also looking for summer and sports photos of middle school students. You can bring print photos in to Mrs. Hinman in A223 or send them digitally to sentry-yearbook @gmail.com. Be sure to identify the photo.