



# STUDENT RAMBLAST

## WEEK OF

**NOVEMBER 23 – NOVEMBER 27, 2009**

### THE GOOD NEWS IS . . .

- Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped serve up our early traditional Thanksgiving lunch! What a nice treat!
- Many canned goods and winter coats were donated to the drives being held through English and Science classes. Thank YOU for helping others!
- We are thankful for many things....a terrific teaching staff, a wonderful support staff, dedicated drivers, respectful students....what are YOU thankful for?



### UPDATES/CALENDAR DATES

**MONDAY  
NOVEMBER 23  
GOLD DAY**

**LATE BUSES DEPART AT 3:30**

- Annie Technical Crew Interest Meeting, Davala
- Art Club—Open Studio, E203
- Club RAMBO, Lower D Pod
- ESOL Tutoring Partners, Blue Cafeteria
- Fitness Room Open, **Sign-up Required at Lunch/Change into your PE Uniform**
- Games Club, A103
- GEMS Girls Group *8th Only*, A224
- Homework Club, A202
- Math Club, A110
- SGA Meeting, D106

**SGA Sponsored  
Canned Food Drive**  
Donations collected in science classrooms  
Please be Generous ~ Ends Today

**TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 24  
BLUE DAY**

- Animation and Comic Book Club, Blue Cafeteria *Parent Pick-up by 4:45*
- Annie Rehearsal (Select Leads), Davala *Parent Pick-up at 4:00*
- Babysitter Training, 509 *Parent Pick-up by 4:00*
- Soccer, Blue Cafeteria *Parent Pick-up by 4:15 Weather Permitting*

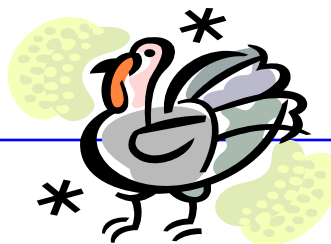
**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 25  
GOLD DAY**

*Periods 2,6,and 4*  
Early Release at 12:05  
Buses Depart at 12:20  
No After School Activities or Late Bus Service Today

**THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 26  
*No SCHOOL***

**Happy Thanksgiving!**  
*Enjoy your holiday with family and friends!*

**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 27  
*No SCHOOL***





# WHAT CAN I LOOK FORWARD TO?

## NOVEMBER

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**

## FEBRUARY

2/4-2/6: District Band, select students, Woodson HS

2/5: Report cards mailed

2/11: Jazz Band Sweets n Swing 7p.m. Gold cafeteria



## RAM TRIVIA

### QUESTION

Let's talk TURKEY! How much food was served last week during our traditional early Thanksgiving lunch?

### ANSWER

20 cases of turkey with 80 servings per case, 3 cases of stuffing with 288 servings per case; 3 cases of potatoes with 450 servings per case (the "FAVORITE of the meal); 7 cases of green beans with 144 servings per case; 30 cases of pumpkin yogurt with 24 servings per case and 1 case of cranberry sauce. WOW! We fed a lot of hungry RAMS.



## HELPFUL HINTS

### STUDENTS

Still not feeling confident in a certain subject or with a specific skill for a class? Have your teacher sign your agenda book so that you can go and get help during RAISE. You must always check in first with your base RAISE teacher before traveling off for make up work, intervention or enrichment! Let RAISE help you RAISE your grades.....

### PARENTS

Now that you have input from a quarter report card, electronic progress reports and Touching Bases, have your child sit down with YOU and show you his /her 24-7 account and their agenda book. How is your child coping with the everyday school organizational requirements? How can you be of help? If your child is still not sure how to organize for a specific class and resistant to hints from you, encourage them to schedule a time during their teacher's posted after school help days (late bus days) or during RAISE. Encourage your child to take advantage of these offered help session. Help your child see that each quarter is like a new , fresh start!



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| <b>VIRGINIA READER'S CHOICE BOOKS COMPETITION</b><br><i>MEDIA CENTER OPEN<br/>AFTER SCHOOL ON LATE<br/>BUS DAYS ONLY</i> | <b>Have you heard about the Virginia Reader's Choice Books Competition????</b> You should, because it will help you improve your reading skills and help you get a better grade in your English class!! How can you participate in this? Come to the Media Center and pick one of the 10 Virginia Reader's Choice books. There is a special display case for middle and high school. Read the book, fill out a short questionnaire and receive an extra credit coupon for your English class. If you read four or more books you will qualify for our Pizza party in March. If you read all 10 books you will also receive a gift card to Barnes and Noble. What do you have to lose???? Fun reads and extra credit!!!!!!   |
| <b>SGA</b><br><i>CANNED FOOD DRIVE<br/>NOV. 10TH-23RD</i>  | There is a Mandatory SGA Meeting for all SGA Representatives and Council members on <b>Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> in D106.</b> The Canned Food Drive is underway!! <b>Bring in your canned goods to your Science classrooms by Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>!</b> Help feed the needy during this holiday season. The <b>TEAM that collects the MOST number of canned goods will get a prize</b> , provided by the Middle School SGA! Bring in soup, tuna, packaged goods, veggies, canned milk, tomato sauces, peanut butter & jelly, or any non-perishable food. Remember, NO glass containers! Just think, just a few minutes and a few cans and you can make a BIG difference!   |
| <b>SCIENCE OLYMPIAD</b>  | Science Olympiad <b>will not meet this Wednesday</b> because of our early dismissal. The next meeting will be <b>Wednesday, December 2</b> in A101.   |
| <b>SCIENCE CLUB</b>  | Do you want to be a Vet? Do you love animals? Then come and join us for the second Science Club of the year next <b>Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.</b> We will meet in A201 at 2:20 to listen to Dr. Donna Krochack talk to us about your <b>service dogs and veterinary medicine.</b> She will also have one of her service dogs here for you to see. No sign-up needed...just show up on the 30 <sup>th</sup> ! Questions? See Ms. Hinman or Mrs. Lee in A201.   |
| <b>GAMES CLUB</b>  | Come to <b>Games Club on Monday</b> to get in practice for all those table games you will be playing with your family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday. Games Club meets in A103 at 2:20; no backpacks, please.  |
| <b>ROBBIE BOOK CLUB</b>  | The Robbie Book Club will meet next Monday afternoon, <b>November 30</b> in the Media Center Lab. Please don't forget to bring your book for discussion.  |
| <b>BUILDERS CLUB</b><br><i>SERVICE OPPORTUNITY</i>   | The next regular meeting of the Builders Club will be <b>Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>,</b> in A227. We provide 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to develop leadership skills and earn community service hours. A service activity is planned. <b>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.</b> The sign-up posters will be in the science halls near the activity bulletin boards until the end of the Tuesday before the meeting. <b>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; interviews can be scheduled during RAISE! There are no elections, so this is EASY!!</b> |
| <b>FITNESS ROOM</b>  | The fitness room is now <b>open on Mondays and Thursdays.</b> Please sign-up at lunch for the Monday session. Come and <b>play team handball on Thursdays</b> if gym space is available.  |
| <b>SENTRY YEARBOOK</b><br><i>ORDER INFORMATION</i>   | Order forms are available in SS offices and in Room A223. They were in your September packet as well. Prices will only be good until just after Thanksgiving. Order yours now! Lists of all students who <u>have</u> purchased yearbooks are now posted near English classrooms. If you are <u>not</u> on the list, you have not ordered a book as of November 3.   |