



THE GOOD NEWS IS . . .

STUDENT RAMBLAST

WEEK OF

NOVEMBER 9 – NOVEMBER 13, 2009

8th graders Patrick G, Natalie D, Nasir N, Adam S, Tiffney K, Abby M and 7th graders Alanda C, Alyssa M, Katherine K, Ryan F, Ryan C, Charles G, Mackenzie S, Bethany M and Elijah D received a coupon for a free Chick-fil-A sandwich in our weekly Respect, Honor and Spirit drawing. WAY TO GO! RHS!



UPDATES/CALENDAR DATES

<p>MONDAY NOVEMBER 9 GOLD DAY LATE BUSES DEPART AT 3:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annie Dance Callback Audition, Davala (<i>Open to students who have previously auditioned.</i>) • Art Club—Open Studio, E203 • Club RAMBO, Lower D Pod • ESOL Tutoring Partners, Blue Cafeteria • Fitness Room Open, Sign-up Required at Lunch • Games Club, A103 • GEMS Girls Group 8th Only, A224 • Homework Club, A202 • Math Club, A110 • National Jr. Honor Society Meeting, Gold Cafeteria • SGA Meeting, D106 	<p>Parents: Please Plan to Attend Touching Bases Wednesday, Nov.11th 7:20 to 10:20am Blue & Gold Cafeterias <i>This is a great opportunity for you to have mini-conferences with your child's teachers.</i></p>
<p>TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10 BLUE DAY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annie Callbacks, Davala • Animation and Comic Book Club, Blue Cafeteria • Babysitter Training, 509 • Soccer, Blue Cafeteria 	
<p>WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11 GOLD DAY LATE BUSES DEPART AT 4:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late Arrival for Students: Go to bus stop <u>FOUR</u> hours later than regular time! • First Period Begins at 11:20 • Basketball Intramurals, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20 • Drama Club, Davala • Homework Club, A100 • Jazz Band, 403 • Lacrosse, Girls Only/Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20 <i>Last day!</i> • Science Olympiad, A101 • Sentry Yearbook Staff, A223 • Sewing Club, Blue Cafeteria • Speed & Agility Conditioning, Meet in the gym • Theatre Sports Callbacks, D106 Limited to students on callback list. • Zumba Aerobics, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20 	<p>Touching Bases 7:20-10:20am</p>
<p>THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12 BLUE DAY LATE BUSES DEPART AT 4:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annie Callbacks, Davala • Babysitter Training, 509 • Basketball Intramurals, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20 • Bridges Club, A205 • Fitness Games, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the fitness room at 2:20 • National Jr. Art Honor Society, E203 • Passport Cinema Club, A119 Showing <i>A Far Off Place</i> • Peer Helpers Group, A103 • Speed & Agility Conditioning, Meet in the gym <i>Last day!</i> • Tech (TSA) Club, E108 	
<p>FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13 GOLD DAY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • PTSA Book Sale Begins Today: Friday 6-9:30, Saturday 8:30-5pm, Sunday 10-4pm 	



WHAT CAN I LOOK FORWARD TO?

NOVEMBER

- 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** or re-takes
- 11/19: Depression Screening
- 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

What do you know about our namesake, James W. Robinson, Jr?

ANSWER

Our school was named in honor of Sgt. James W. Robinson , Jr, the first Virginia resident to receive the Congressional Medal of honor for bravery and heroism in the Vietnam conflict. We recognize our namesake's bravery and salute all members of the armed forces always and especially this week on Veteran's Day.



HELPFUL HINTS

STUDENTS

What are Touching Bases? Touching bases is an opportunity for a **quick (3 -5 minute)** parent/teacher conversation on Wednesday, November 11, 2009. Students are on a **FOUR HOUR** delay, meaning that the school day begins on Wednesday at 11:20 a.m. (no lunch will be served). Parents have an opportunity to touch base/check in with some or all of your teachers. These conferences are for parents/guardians only.

PARENTS

What if a parent needs more information or time?

If you have many questions or concerns that cannot be answered in 3-5 minutes, please contact the teacher(s) via email or telephone to obtain additional information. You may also request an electronic grade/progress report by emailing such a request to some or all of your child's teachers. Typically requests for progress reports are every other week with gentle email reminders of such request each time of request. If you have not received your child's report card by Touching Bases, you will be able to obtain one that morning. If you do receive via USPS, please help us save paper by bringing along with you if needed. We hope you join us to "TOUCH BASE".



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSPORT CINEMA CLUB	Passport Cinema Club for November will meet on Thursday, November 12 in A119. Travel to “ A Far Off Place ”—a movie set in the “other” African desert, the Kalahari of southern Africa. Young Reese Witherspoon stars in one of her first movies, as a brave girl fleeing <u>from</u> danger <u>into</u> danger, with a boy who’s a stranger to her, and a native bushman as a guide. Collect another stamp in your Cinema Passport. No backpacks, please.
SGA	There is a Mandatory SGA Meeting for all SGA Representatives and Council members today, November 9th and Monday, November 23rd in D106.
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	Science Olympiad will meet in room A101 after school on Wednesday, November 11th.
PICTURE MAKE-UPS OR RETAKES	Did you miss getting your picture taken in September? Or were you unhappy with how your pictures turned out that you ordered? Next Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 16 and 17 are picture make-ups during both lunches on the cafeteria stage. If you bring in the packet you ordered, you can get a new one taken for free. Everyone who did not get their photo taken, should receive a note reminding them to get theirs taken. If you wish to purchase pictures, forms are available in the subschool offices. Questions? See Mrs. Hinman in A223.
GAMES CLUB	Games Club meets on Mondays in A103. Games are available, game players are available. If you haven’t been to Games Club on Monday, come and check out what games we have. If your favorite table game isn’t there, let us know and we might be able to get it. No backpacks, please.
ROBBIE BOOK CLUB <i>CONTEST INFORMATION</i>	Plan ahead! The Robbie Book Club will meet next Monday Nov. 16th 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.
NJHS	The NJHS members will have a meeting on Monday November 9th at 2:20 in the Gold Cafeteria. At this meeting we will discuss the service hour requirements and your membership dues are due. Please check Blackboard for updates. This is a mandatory meeting to explain what we will do for the rest of the year. If you have questions please see Mrs. Anderson in A121 or Mrs. Burford in A228
THEATRE SPORTS	THEATRE SPORTS Callback Audition will be held Wednesday, 11/11/09, after school in D106. You must be on the list in order to attend. Callback lists are posted in both subschool offices and outside D106.
FITNESS ROOM	The fitness room is now open on Mondays and Thursdays. Please sign-up at lunch for the Monday session. Come and play team handball on Thursdays.
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.