



# STUDENT RAMBLAST

## WEEK OF

OCTOBER 19 – OCTOBER 23, 2009

### THE GOOD NEWS IS . . .

• The following students received a Starbucks gift card in our weekly Respect, Honor and Spirit drawing: Sam K, Vanessa C, Aidan B, Robert V, Austin P, Haley K, Kristina C, Jessica S, Michael C-G, Sam H.



### UPDATES/CALENDAR DATES

#### MONDAY OCTOBER 19 BLUE DAY

LATE BUSES DEPART AT  
3:30

- Art Club—Open Studio, E203
- Club RAMBO, Lower D Pod
- ESOL Tutoring Partners, Blue Cafeteria
- Fitness Room Open, Sign-up at Lunch/Limited to 50/Change into PE Uniform
- GEMS Girls Leadership Club, A224
- Homework Club, A202
- Math Club, A110
- National Jr. Honor Society, Russell Theatre
- Robbie Book Club, Media Center Lab
- Science Club, A200 *Special Guests: Mr. Knowles and feathered friends*
- The Games Club, A103

*PTSA Reflections Contest Information  
Available in Your Subschool Office  
or at [www.robinsontpsa.org](http://www.robinsontpsa.org) or  
[ssolares@imf.org](mailto:ssolares@imf.org)*

#### TUESDAY OCTOBER 20 GOLD DAY

- Animation and Comic Book Club, Blue Cafeteria **Parent Pick-up at 4:30 at Entrance #1**
- Babysitter Training Course, 509 *Limited to registered students/Parent Pick-up by 4:00pm*
- Soccer, Blue Cafeteria *No Cleats/Parent Pick-up at 4:15 at Entrance #1*
- **National Jr. Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Russell Theatre 7pm  
Students arrive by 6pm**

#### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21 BLUE DAY

LATE BUSES DEPART AT 4:00

- Basketball Intramurals, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20
- Builders Club, Gold Cafeteria **Sign-up Required By 10/20/Limited to 30 students**
- Drama Club/Theatre Sports Workshop, Davala
- 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
- Speed & Agility Conditioning, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20
- 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

#### THURSDAY OCTOBER 22 GOLD DAY

LATE BUSES DEPART AT 4:00

**TJ APPLICATIONS DUE  
TODAY TO MS. FILMYER**

- Babysitter Training Course, 509 *Limited to registered students*
- Basketball Intramurals, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20
- Field Hockey Clinic, Change into PE Uniform and bring your shin guards
- Fitness Games, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the fitness room by 2:20
- National Jr. Art Honor Society, E203
- Peer Helpers, A102
- SGA Meeting, D106
- Speed & Agility Conditioning, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym by 2:20
- Technology Club (TSA), E101

#### FRIDAY OCTOBER 23 BLUE DAY

- Dance Team, Main Hallway near the Middle School/**Parent Pick-up 4pm at Entrance #1**
- Flag Football, A100 **Sign-up at lunch/Limited to 30/Parent Pick-up 4:15 at Entrance**



# WHAT CAN I LOOK FORWARD TO?

## OCTOBER

- 10/19: Advanced Academic Program Info night 7:30 -9:00 p.m. , West Potomac HS
- 10/20: NJHS induction, 7pm Russell Theater
- 10/29: MS Dance 2:20-3:45 p.m., late bus , Reflections entry deadline/Main Office
- 10/30: **End of 1st Quarter**
- 10/31: **Hallway costume parade 7-7:15 am**

## 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**
- 11/23: **Jr. District Orchestra Auditions@ Frost**
- 11/25: **2 hour early dismissal**
- 11/26/27: **HOLIDAY**
- 11/30: **Winter Ram Rally 5-7pm**

## NOVEMBER

- 11/2, 11/3: **Student Holiday, teacher workday**
- 11/4-11/10: **Auditions for Annie (MS musical)**
- 11/6: **Report cards mailed**
- 11/11: **TOUCHING BASES (mini conferences), 4 hour late arrival for students**
- 11/12-11/13: **MS picture make ups, during lunches**

## 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**



## RAM TRIVIA

### QUESTION

How many Band-Aids were dispensed through our Health Room last school year?

### ANSWER

Two thousand....yes, 2,000 Band-Aids were given out through our health room last year. Thank you to our terrific health room staff and parent volunteers for your TLC, health support and kindness!



## HELPFUL HINTS

### STUDENTS

Have you been absent or “out sick”? Please use 24-7 and a “study buddy” for assignments you’ve missed. Please remember a parent/guardian must excuse your absence by calling the attendance line or sending in a written, signed note within 48 hours of your absence. See your teacher(s) during RAISE by getting a pass signed (in advance) in your agenda and/or after school to help you get back on track!

### PARENTS

Regular attendance helps your student develop good study habits, good citizenship and a favorable attitude toward school, work and activities. Please report absences to the automated attendance line 703-426-6040 Ext. 1001 for 7th grade and/or Ext. 1002 for 8th grade on the day of the absence. Please see pages 6-7 in the student agenda book for additional attendance, late arrival information. **FCPS urges that your child be symptom (fever, vomiting, diarrhea) free for 24 hours before returning to school.** If you have concerns regarding flu-like symptoms, please check the FCPS H1N1 webpage at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/swineflu.htm> or the FCHD webpage at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu>



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>NATIONAL JR. HONOR SOCIETY</b>	The next meeting for the National Junior Honor Society will be on <b>Monday October 19</b> , in Russell Theater. Please bring your dues of 5.00 to the meeting. Congratulations to the follow newly elected officers. <b>The induction is on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup></b> . President - Jon Tyler Hartman, VP - Daniel Robinson, Secretary - Cathy Harwarth, Treasurer - Jake Thomas. Also all members are to attend a meeting on November 9 <sup>th</sup> , in the Gold Cafeteria. This is a mandatory meeting about service hours.
<b>BUILDERS SERVICE CLUB</b> <i>SIGN-UP REQUIRED</i>	The next regular meeting of the Builders Club will be <b>Wednesday, October 21</b> , in the Gold Cafeteria. We provide 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to develop leadership skills and earn community service hours. We will finish our "positive behavior posters" and start a "new project" --possibly working outside in the Ram Gardens. <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. The posters will have up-to-date information about our plans and our teacher sponsors, Ms. Gilbert and Mrs. Stanos. <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. There are no elections, so this is EASY!! Interviews will be held today, October 19 in A118!</b>
<b>ROBBIE BOOK CLUB</b>	The Robbie Book Club will meet today in the Library Media Center Lab after school. Please don't forget to bring your books! Anybody is welcome and you can still join us even if you missed the first meeting. See you this afternoon!!!!
<b>SCIENCE CLUB</b>	Join us today after school for the first SCIENCE CLUB of the year. Mr. Kent Knowles and some of his feathered friends will be here from the Virginia Raptor Conservancy. <b>Come see and learn about Hawks, Owls and Falcons.</b> Meet in room A200 at 2:15 today. No sign up needed...just show up!
<b>THE GAMES CLUB</b>	The Games Club meets on Mondays in A103. There are always lots of people and lots of games. You'll find something you'd like to do. Please arrive by 2:20, and remember, no backpacks!
<b>THEATRE SPORTS</b> <i>WORKSHOP &amp; AUDITION DETAILS</i>	Theatre Sports Audition <b>Workshop</b> will be held <b>Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup></b> , after school in Davala Hall. No need to sign up. Come by to learn more about this form of competitive improv comedy. Learn games like those on Whose Line is it Anyways and Wild-N-Out! Auditions for the Theatre Sports team will be held after school on Wednesday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> , also in D106. So: Audition workshop Wednesday the 21 <sup>st</sup> , <b>Auditions Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>!</b> Questions? See Ms. Hard in D106!
<b>SPORTS</b>	<b>Girls' Lacrosse</b> on Wednesdays—meet in the gym; <b>Field Hockey</b> on Thursdays—meet in the gym; <b>Flag Football</b> on Fridays—sign-up during lunch on Friday
<b>FITNESS ROOM</b>	The fitness room is now <b>open on Mondays</b> , but you must sign-up at lunch to attend. Space is limited to 50 students.
<b>SENTRY YEARBOOK</b> <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.