

Rocky Hill High School
Principal's Newsletter

October, 2009

WELCOME

An important factor in a student's success relies on the "cooperative effort" between the school and home. One of the ways we will communicate is through the Principal's Newsletter. The newsletter's primary intent is to keep our community informed of current and future events at RHHS.

VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL

Imagine classrooms without walls, where students are able to attend their classes 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Imagine students working cooperatively online with other students from a wide variety of ethnicities, backgrounds and geographic locations. This is the reality of the Virtual High School (VHS) classes which are now being offered at Rocky Hill High School. Students can choose to enroll in one of over 150+ full semester or half-semester courses.

Students need to be motivated, disciplined and able to work independently. If students are interested in registering for a VHS class for the second semester, please see your Guidance counselor as soon as possible for a list of available classes and the registration packet. For more information, go to <http://www.govhs.org>, contact your Guidance counselor or Mrs. Zimmitti-Rosa (RHHS's VHS Site Coordinator).

NEASC

Teachers have been working hard preparing for the NEASC Visitation on October 6 – 10, 2010. Additionally, this year we are working on developing a system to provide additional information on two of the four report cards received by students. Eventually on the second and fourth quarter report cards, you will see additional comments from teachers concerning the high school's academic expectations, which are connected to the mission statement. The high school has seven academic learning expectations that cover most subjects. The following are the academic expectations: **1) Communicate effectively in writing, 2) Communicate effectively while speaking, 3) Solve problems effectively, 4) Demonstrate effective reading skills, 5) Use research skills effectively, 6) Integrate technology effectively, 7) Make connections between learning and life.** Opportunities for students to demonstrate their skills in these areas are found in many if not all of the courses offered at the high school. At the end of the second and fourth quarter, teachers will provide students with a quarter grade as we have done in the past and comment on how students are doing specifically in these seven areas as each area applies to the specific class. Comments will include **Working Toward Expectation, Meets Expectation** and **Exceeds Expectation** in a given skill. The comment will represent how a student is performing in a

a particular class. This information should allow students and their parents to see how these specific skill sets are developing in the various academic disciplines throughout a student's high school career. The comments on the academic expectations will not appear on the final transcript. Only final grades at the end of a year will remain on a student's transcript.

ATHLETICS

Winter Sports Registration for students will take place at the high school on November 4, 5, and 6. All student athletes must have an updated physical and must turn in all required forms. Forms are available in the main office or can be downloaded from the Rocky Hill High School website. Any questions please contact Athletic Director Tom McCabe at the high school.

NURSE'S OFFICE

A reminder that all medical documentation needs to be communicated to the school nurse, Maureen Shaffer. She can be reached at 258-7721, extension 20. If you need to fax information to her, you may use the main office fax number, 860-258-7735.

PROJECT GRADUATION

The class of 2010 Project Graduation Committee is holding a Holiday wreath fundraiser. Wreaths are available to purchase at a cost of \$15 per wreath. Orders can be placed by calling Theresa Held at 721-1034 or Doreen Casey at 257-7879 by November 17th. Wreaths will need to be picked up at the high school on Saturday, November 21st between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Project Graduation also wants to help with your holiday shopping this year! They will be hosting a **Shop 'Til You Drop** fundraiser on Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be a variety of vendors offering jewelry, home goods, accessories, Rocky Hill apparel, and so much more. KK and B Scrap Metals will be here to buy your gold on the spot! Start sorting through your old jewelry and plan to bring your unwanted gold for CASH. Thank you for your support.

PAC

The next Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. All parents are welcome.