

Rock Hill Middle School

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Rock Hill Local School District Provides Chromebooks to Students

Before the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, the Rock Hill central office administration and the board of education agreed to provide one-to-one Chromebooks to students in grades six through twelve. On September 17, 2018, each grade was called to the cafeteria to collect this technology, along with a protective case, and charger. "The distribution of Chromebooks to each of our students is a monumental day for our middle school," said Principal Jason Owens. "Education is ever-changing, driving how we utilize best practice approaches in the classroom. The introduction of one-to-one Chromebooks has changed the culture in how we do business."

Technology continues to evolve. Rock Hill will always strive to give its students the tools needed to become life-long learners and productive members of society. As the students were called down, you could see the eagerness in their eyes as the massive technology inventory lay in front of the room. This eagerness will foster a new approach to learning and kindle continued success for the school.

Some of the features provided by Chromebooks allow students to take learning outside the classroom. Students will take a collaborative approach to learning as they are able to share and work together on assignments. By using Chromebooks, students will become better prepared for how to utilize technology in an ever-changing workforce.

The school would like to thank its stakeholders for their support and patience as it transitions into a new era of teaching and learning.

Rock Hill Middle School Welcomes New Staff

Multiple Rock Hill Middle School staff changes took place during the summer of 2018. Mr. Zach Howard filled the role as middle school assistant principal after Mr. Brian Kidd transferred to the high school assistant principal's position. Mr. Howard previously worked as a basketball coach and substitute teacher at Rock Hill. He later taught preschool at Dawson-Bryant before becoming a full-time teacher for the Greenup County School District.

Mr. Bill Haynes and Mrs. Isaacs transferred guidance counselor positions. Before becoming guidance counselor at the elementary school, Mr. Haynes previously was a teacher and football coach at Rock Hill.

Mrs. Madeline Ross filled the vacant seventh grade language arts position after Mrs. Pernesetti transferred to the fourth grade. Mrs. Ross previously worked as our sixth grade language arts teacher.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers transferred to the seventh grade interventionist position upon Mrs. Sexton's fulfillment of her long-term sub duties. Mrs. Rogers is currently a soccer coach at Rock Hill Middle School and has worked as a teacher for the Lawrence County ESC and Saint Joseph Catholic Schools.

Ms. Summer Wheatley transferred from the fourth grade to seventh grade math after Mrs. Butterbaugh decided to stay full time with her family and baby. Ms. Wheatley worked as a substitute teacher and currently coaches high school girls' soccer.

Mrs. Kim Williams is our new STEM Project Lead the Way instructor. She transferred to the middle school full time after Mr. Jerrell Sasser retired. She previously worked at the middle school in the STEM program as well as with other schools in the county.

Miss Becky Wood filled the vacant 6th grade language arts position. She is a former assistant volleyball coach at Rock Hill and previously was a long-term sub here. She later became a family advocate for the Lawrence County Early



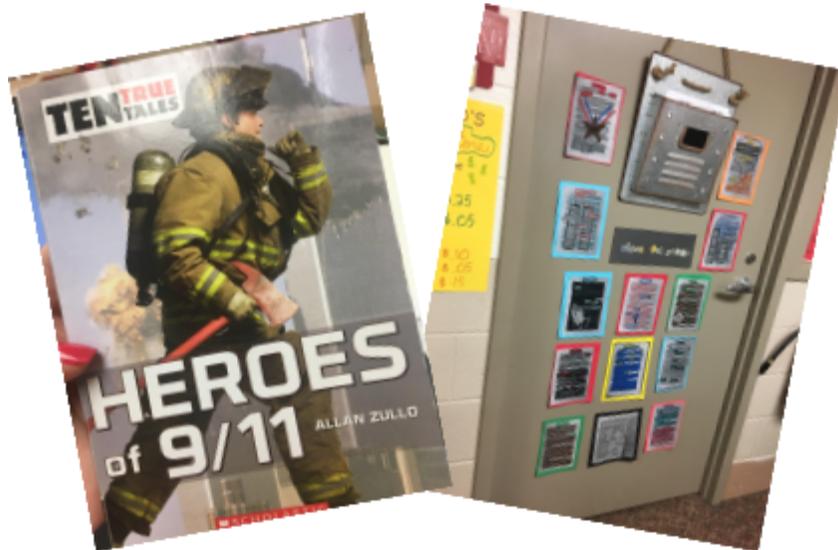
Childhood Academy. She then took a position teaching language arts at Green Local Schools for the past three years.

We would also like to congratulate Mr. David Hopper for becoming our new superintendent. He formerly coached basketball, was the assistant principal at Northwest Local Schools, principal of Green Local Schools, assistant principal at Rock Hill Middle School, and principal of Rock Hill Senior High School. We must also share our gratitude to former superintendent Mr. Wes Hairston for his forty years of service to our district, before retiring in 2018.

We wish our new staff members success, as well as previous staff who have embarked upon new endeavors. We are blessed to have each of you as a member of our Redmen community!

Heroes of 9/11

Mrs. Besco's Class recently did a book study over the book *Heroes of 9/11* by author Allan Zullo. Students worked in groups to read the 10 stories of those who were impacted by the events of September 11, 2001. Students made posters about their stories and shared them with the class. The posters depicted the characters of the story, listed character traits, and described the setting. They included a brief summary of events and expressed the student's opinion of why it is important to always remember the events of September 11, 2001. Students also created Black Out Poetry in honor of the heroes of September 11, 2001.



Artifact Reports

Students from Mr. Bowman's 6th Grade Social Studies Class recently did an Artifact Report. Students were asked to bring in artifacts and share their report with the class. Some examples of items brought in were foreign money, pictures, memorabilia of historic events, military discharge papers, a marine class ring, an old wrench and a homerun baseball that was caught at a REDS game. Student Ethan DeLong brought in a coin token that was used to mark iron at the Dayton Malleable Company in Ironton, Ohio. All of the artifacts that students shared were very interesting, and the students enjoyed sharing their little pieces of history.



RHMS Quiz Bowl

Member of this year's RHMS Quiz Bowl Team are:

Sophie Mootz
Andrew Medinger
Sam Simpson
Jared Raynard
Griffin Fuller
Megan Wroblewski
Dominic Dixon
Brady Cremeans
Justin McKee
Victor Day



This year's schedule is:

Oct. 10: Chesapeake
Oct. 24: @ South Point
Nov. 7: @ Dawson Bryant
Nov. 14: @ Fairland
Nov. 28: @ St. Joseph
Dec. 12: Symmes Valley

Tournament - Jan. 7,
2019

— CHROMEBOOK TIPS —



KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

- TAKE A SCREENSHOT: PRESS CTRL + 
- TAKE A PARTIAL SCREENSHOT: PRESS SHIFT + CTRL + 
- TURN CAPS LOCK ON OR OFF: PRESS SEARCH  + ALT
- SPLIT SCREEN- WINDOW TO RIGHT/LEFT: ALT +] / ALT + [
- GO TO TABS 1-8 IN THE WINDOW CTRL + 1 THROUGH CTRL + 8

RHMS Band

This year the middle school has quite a few band members marching in the Rock Hill High School Marching Band. These students started practicing over their summer break with band camp beginning in July. They have put in a lot of hours and hard work to get their show on the field.

The high school marching band held their home competition this past weekend at Rock Hill High School. 11 bands came to participate in this competition in the hopes of qualifying for state competition. Next up on their competition schedule is to go to Portsmouth West on September 22, 2018. The band will take the field at 8:00 p.m. to compete. On October 13, 2018 the band will compete at the Coal Grove competition and on October 20, 2018 they will compete in Newark (Columbus).

We would like to wish all of the band members good luck in their competitions and to have a Great Band Season!!



8th Grade Marching Band Members are:

Jonah Bruce - Trombone	Dominic Dixon - Percussion
Riley Cade - Percussion	Julia Hannon - Trumpet
Sydney Hairston - Trombone	Peyton Henderson - Tuba
Erica Hayes - Trumpet	Eve McComas - Percussion
Maggie Johnson - Flute	Sophie Mootz - Percussion
Tiandra Miller - Trombone	Olivia Ross - Percussion
Jared Raynard - Trombone	
Madison Zimmerman - Clarinet	

7th Grade Marching Band Members are:

Richard Kelly - Tuba	Landon Rose - Percussion
Joshua McKenzie - Percussion	

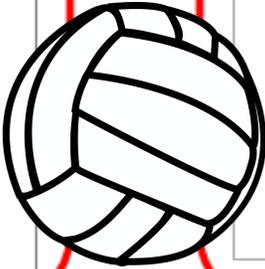
Deck the Halls

Community members joined together with the Rock Hill Middle School Cheerleaders to decorate the building for Spirit Week 2018. It was a great community effort to boost morale and bring school spirit to our halls. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen!



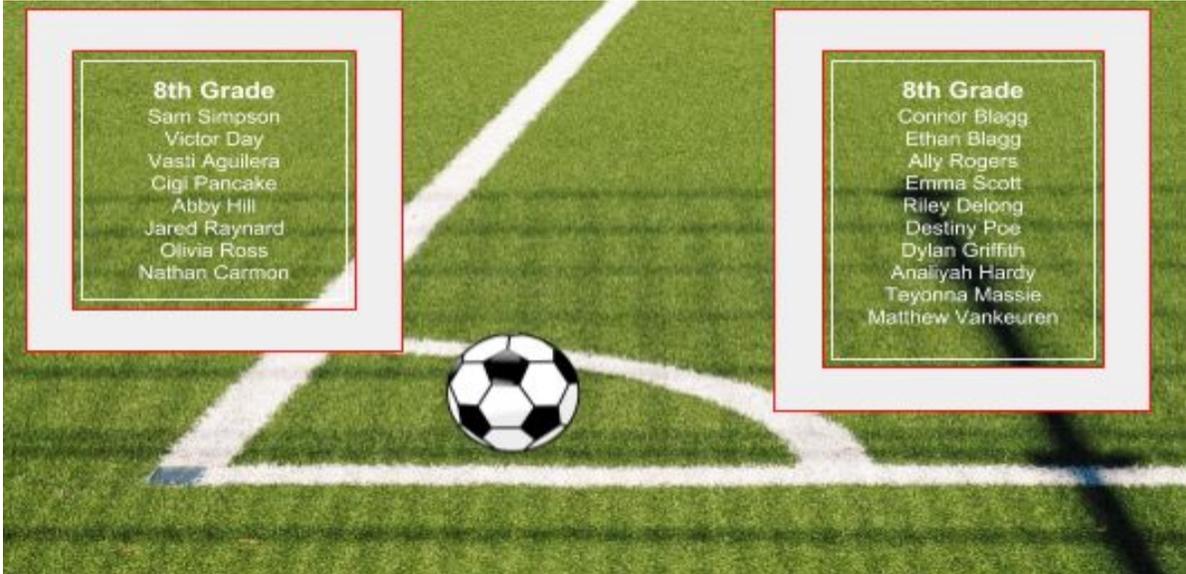
RHMS Volleyball

Here are the members of the 2018 RHMS Volleyball team.



8th Grade	7th Grade
Jaden Black	Hope Easterling
Summer Bond	Karlee Gillespie
Kaylee Clutters	Kylie Gilmore
Madison Colegrove	Neveah Hackworth
Gracie Hunt	Lainey Parker
Shaylin Matney	Lindsey Reed
Andrea Nash	Gabbie Risner
Kaylee Stumbo	Amerikus Stapleton
Paige Watson	
Gracie Worley	
Megan Wroblewski	

RHMS Soccer



8th Grade	8th Grade
Sam Simpson	Connor Blagg
Victor Day	Ethan Blagg
Vasti Aguilera	Ally Rogers
Cigi Pancake	Emma Scott
Abby Hill	Riley DeLong
Jared Raynard	Destiny Poe
Olivia Ross	Dylan Griffith
Nathan Carmon	Analiyah Hardy
	Teyonna Massie
	Matthew Vankeuren

“Bow” Much Fun!

The Rock Hill Middle School Cheerleaders are having “Bow” much fun this year! The girls spent the summer working hard learning new cheers, dances, stunts and working on jumps and tumbling. They worked together to create signs to support the band, cross country, football, volleyball, soccer, cheerleading, basketball, track, baseball and softball teams. The cheerleaders ended the summer by having a fun day where they decorated their own bows, and they had a water balloon fight! Starting back to school the team has been making treats to support their fellow student athletes, as well as decorating the school for spirit week. The squad is working hard to promote school spirit within our school and throughout our community! Coach Besco is very pleased with the girls and their performance, but more importantly she is proud of the kind, compassionate people they are. Squad member Skyelar Bryant said it best, “A successful team beats with one heart.”

Squad Members:

Skyelar Bryant
Jenna Hogsten
Kaitlyn Ruth
Gracie Worley

Jimmi Clark
Andrea Nash
Abby Shope
Coach: Jennifer Besco

Hollie Ferrell
Gabby Riffe
Kaylee Stumbo

Jadden Keating
Hailey Robinson
Jessica Thibodaux



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome guardians and students to Rock Hill Middle School. As a graduate of Rock Hill, it is an honor to serve as your child's principal. My philosophy is the foundation of academic success lies within the cultivation of building a strong community, teaching the standards, and constructing strong professional relationships with stakeholders. The fostering of academic networks between staff members and guardians plays a crucial role in bridging the gap seen in schools today. These partnerships build trust and community. As a result, our children will gain the necessary confidence to ask questions in class, be motivated to come to school each day, set goals, acquire a thirst for knowledge, and leave a lasting legacy as he or she enters the next chapter of life. Our goal as educators is for your child to achieve inside and outside of school. I want every child to know they have a purpose as a member of our middle school community. Thank you for helping us build a better school for a better tomorrow. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 740-532-7026.

Jason Owens, Principal

Rock Hill Local School District History

The Rock Hill Local School District is a public school district located in Lawrence County, Ohio. It was established in 1949 as a result of the consolidation of Hanging Rock, Kitts Hill, and Pedro Schools. Decatur Township joined the school district in the mid-1960s. The first consolidation allowed for the newly created Rock Hill Local School District to bring some of the components of each of the former schools: "Rock" from Hanging Rock, "Hill" from Kitts Hill, and the "Redmen" mascot from the Pedro Redmen. The newly formed Rock Hill District also adopted the red and white school colors from the Pedro Redmen. The first Rock Hill High School was housed in the former Pedro High School on State Route 93.

Multiple school buildings have been erected in various places throughout the district's history, with most of the schools being located in different townships throughout the past. The elementary, middle, and high schools were finally allocated together on a campus complex located along County Road 26 in 2002. This consolidation brought the four elementary schools together in one new facility, the middle school inherited the renovated former Rock Hill High School building, and the high school received a new school complex and football stadium. Further additions include numerous updates in computers and technological resources, new baseball and softball facilities, a field for elementary football, as well as new facilities for track and field. The district will continue to prosper and move forward throughout the 21st century.



Rock Hill Alma Mater

To you, our dear old Rock Hill High,
All our love we give.
There are many reasons why
You will always live.
May all the happiness we've known,
Make you dearer grow,
For you will ever yearn
When we have to go.
With each passing day we lift
Our voices in praise.
Each foe may you allay your
Banner to be raised.
Old Alma Mater, this we sing;
May your colors stand
And your cymbals ever ring,
Heard throughout the land.

We never shall forget the days
Spent within the walls.
Many tributes we will pay to
These cherished halls.
May all the happiness we've known
Make you dearer grow;
For you we will ever yearn
When we have to go.
With each passing day
We lift our voices in praise.
Each foe may you allay,
Your banner to be raised.
Our Alma Mater proud and true,
Loud may your colors fly.
And we will always stand with you,
Dear old Rock Hill High.

Rock Hill Fight Song

Music by John McCoy and Lyrics by
Betty Adams

Rah, Rah, Rah,
Rock Hill Redmen we're proud of you.
We will pledge our loy'lty to you.
Win us this game and you'll lead us to
fame.

We'll always give a mighty cheer.

Rah, Rah, Rah,
Rock Hill Redmen stand up and fight.
Vic'try for our red and our white.
Fight right on through and we'll always
be true,
To the Redmen of Rock Hill High!

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