

Rock Hill Middle School

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RHMS Quiz Bowl Team County Champs



by [Mrs. Trena Haynes](#) on January 09

The Rock Hill Middle School Quiz Bowl team participated in the Lawrence County Quiz Bowl Tournament on Monday, January 7, at Ohio University Southern. The annual, all-day tournament is sponsored by the Lawrence County Educational Services Center. The team lost their first game against South Point Middle School but rallied to win the next six

consecutive games to take first place in the county. Coach Trena Haynes said she couldn't be more proud of the students on the team; she commended them for their outstanding effort and perseverance. ("They came from behind and just kept going!")

Team members this year:

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

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THE TRIBUNE/HEATH HARRISON

Rock Hill Middle School's Quiz Bowl team gathers after winning the county tournament at Ohio University Southern on Monday. The team defeated Chesapeake in the event, organized by the Lawrence County ESC.

Rock Hill wins middle school Quiz Bowl

Leah Shields, of Chesapeake

By Heath Harrison

the final round against Chesapeake. As Chesapeake was

Picture from The Ironton Tribune.

History Fair

by **Mrs. Hacker** on January 09

The eighth-grade students interested in the history fair are gearing up for the upcoming regional meet which will be held this year at the University of Rio Grande the last Saturday in February. This year's theme is "Triumph and Tragedy".

I will be staying after school during late January and February to allow students to work on their projects. All students who participate in the history meet are required to write a process paper, a thesis statement, and a bibliography of sources used. There are many categories that the students can choose to utilize to showcase their work such as exhibits, dramatizations, research papers, and documentaries. It is great that they are able to choose different ways to present their research. Additionally, the history fair is a great way for the students to experience the research process and understand the importance of balanced research by including both primary and secondary sources. In the process, they also gain a greater understanding of the importance of history on society.

I am looking forward to taking many of our eighth-grade students this year. We have many talented students at Rock Hill Middle School. As in the past, students have gained a rich experience from participating and many former students still participate in the fair. I am so proud of all their hard work and the interest in studying history above and beyond the classroom.

New Elective Brings Enthusiasm

by **Mr. Bill Haynes** on January 13

The Middle School now offers foreign language as an elective thanks to our computer technology instructor, Mrs. Andrea Hairston. Students who have already taken the Computer Technology course may now elect to explore a foreign language using a free online program for schools called Duo Lingo. Students may select one of 37 languages for self-paced study. This semester, we have students taking French, Spanish, and German. Reviews of the program laud its effectiveness for beginning language learners.

Being bilingual is beneficial in many ways. In our rapidly increasing global economy, it will give an individual employment advantages. Many companies are looking for people who can communicate and interact with other communities effectively. Researchers list the benefits of studying a second language as improving creativity, memory, logic, and scoring higher on achievement tests.

We are excited for our students to have this opportunity so early in their school careers. We will continue to look for online programs that will suit the needs of our students in the future.

Perfect Attendance Students Get “Big” Treat

by **Mr. Howard** on January 09

With the implementation of House Bill 410, the state has put more of an emphasis on making it to school each day. Rock Hill Middle School has been hosting different attendance competitions and many different incentives to encourage students to attend on a regular basis.

At the end of the first semester, there were over 50 students that still had perfect attendance for this school year. With such a large number of students maintaining a perfect attendance record, the administration felt that it deserved a “big” reward.

On January 4th, the RHMS administration treated the students with perfect attendance at the end of the

first semester to the breakfast buffet at the Ironton Frisch’s Big Boy. The Big Boy management team and staff were so impressed by this groups accomplishment that they gave each student a coupon for a free meal the next time that the visit the store.

The RHMS administration and staff are proud of the commitment that this group of students has made to make it to school each day.



Homeroom Attendance Winners

by **Mr. Howard** on January 09

Each nine weeks Rock Hill Middle School recognizes the homerooms with the highest attendance. At the end of the first nine weeks, homerooms were treated to pizza. Those homerooms were Mr. Kidd (6th grade), Mrs. Lambert (7th grade), and Mr. Scythes (8th grade). At the conclusion of the second nine weeks, we had repeat winners in 6th grade and 7th grade with Mr. Kidd and Mrs. Lamber. However, in 8th grade, Mrs. Taylor’s homeroom was able to edge out Mr. Scythes homeroom. These students were treated to a doughnut breakfast. Overall RHMS boasts an attendance percentage of 96.2%. Keep up the great work RHMS!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

by **Mr. Jason Owens, Principal** on January 13

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.

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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