

# Rockville TelegRAM

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## SEPTEMBER 2009

### IMPORTANT DATES

- September 1 Class of 2013 Freshman Orientation, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- September 8 Students' first day of school
- September 9 Registration deadline for October 10 SAT Administration
- September 9 Grade 9 Parents' Evening, 6:00 p.m., Auditorium
- September 10 Parent-Coach Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- September 12 Festival of Bands, 7:00 p.m.
- September 21-22 School photos, all grades  
Make-up date, October 27
- September 23 Senior Seminar, 9:45 a.m.
- September 24 Welcome Picnic for AgEd freshmen
- October 1 Registration deadline for November 7 SAT Administration
- October 1 RHS Open House, 6:00 p.m.
- October 8 First quarter midterm progress reports distributed to students
- October 8 Tri-Town College Fair, Ellington High School, 6:30 p.m.
- October 8 Project Graduation meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- October 10 SAT Administration at RHS
- October 17 PSAT Administration at RHS

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Dec. 24-Jan. 1 Holiday Recess
- February 15-16 Winter Recess
- March 1-31 CAPT Administration at RHS
- April 8 College Planning Evening
- April 19-23 Spring Recess
- May 1 Class of 2011 Junior Prom
- May 20 Undergraduate Awards Evening
- May 21 Class of 2010 Senior Prom
- June 4 Class of 2010 Senior Outing
- June 10 Senior Awards Evening

### GRADE 9 PARENTS' EVENING

On Wednesday, September 9, there will be a Grade Nine Parents' Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Topics for discussion include grade nine academics, school concerns, etc. All parents of freshmen are encouraged to attend.

### WELCOME TO RHS!

The 2009-2010 school year has brought several changes to the Administration at Rockville High School. Mr. Eric Baim assumed the role of school principal on July 1 and Mr. Michael Maltese joined the administrative team as our new Assistant Principal in August. Students and staff are welcomed back for the new academic year. A special welcome is extended to the members of the Class of 2013. Our new staff members include:



- Mrs. Pam Carmel – TALC Program
- Mrs. Joyelle Caron – Social Studies
- Mrs. Ann Cilfone – TALC Program
- Ms. Stephanie Davidson – Special Education
- Mr. Michael DeBellis – TALC Program
- Mr. Steve Heavisides – TALC Program
- Ms. Katherine Pitts -- English
- Mrs. Erin Reed – TALC Program
- Mrs. Jill Williams -- Science

### PHONING ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



The telephone number for Rockville High School is 860-870-6050.

Parents may reach all staff members through this number. Please call the school for emergencies, dismissals, to speak with a staff member, to report a student's absence, etc.

- Rockville High School 870-6050
- Main Office Fax 870-6314
- Guidance Office Fax 870-6541

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE

The RHS Attendance Requirements have recently been revised. An explanation of the new requirements is included at the end of this newsletter. Parents and students should review the requirements to avoid loss of credit throughout the year.

**Reporting Student Absences:** Parents are expected to call the Attendance Office (870-6050, option 1) by 9:00 a.m. the day their student is absent. Voice mail is available 24 hours a day. Students who have been out of school must submit to the Attendance Office a written, dated, medical or parent/guardian-signed note of explanation specifying the date of and the reason for the absence within five (5) days of returning to school. Students arriving late to school beyond 10 minutes must report to the Attendance Office to sign in to school and to receive a pass to their class.

**Student Visits to Colleges:** Juniors and seniors whose visits to colleges or other postsecondary programs cause them to miss classes at Rockville High School must submit written documentation from the college or program before the absence will be considered an excused absence.

## THE RHS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The name of each student's guidance counselor is on their schedule. Students may sign up to see their counselor in the Guidance Office located on the second floor. The counselor will contact the student to arrange a meeting. Parents may contact their student's counselor by phone or by email.

Guidance Office	870-6050, Extension 400
Ms. Kimberly Marinan, Director	Extension 401
<a href="mailto:Kimberly.Marinan@vernonct.org">Kimberly.Marinan@vernonct.org</a>	
Mrs. Deborah Duarte	Extension 403
<a href="mailto:Deborah.Duarte@vernonct.org">Deborah.Duarte@vernonct.org</a>	
Mr. Michael Mas	Extension 404
<a href="mailto:Michael.Mas@vernonct.org">Michael.Mas@vernonct.org</a>	
Mrs. Rhonda Morgan	Extension 405
<a href="mailto:Rhonda.Morgan@vernonct.org">Rhonda.Morgan@vernonct.org</a>	
Mr. David Rhoades	Extension 406
<a href="mailto:David.Rhoades@vernonct.org">David.Rhoades@vernonct.org</a>	

## CAPT SCORES

CAPT results for students in grades 11 and 12 who took the CAPT in March 2009 will be mailed in September. Please contact your student's guidance counselor with any questions about their scores.

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORMS

Each student should have received a Biographical Information Verification Form within their schedule packet prior to the opening of school. Please review this form carefully, make any necessary changes, and return the form to school as soon as possible.

## CONTACTING RHS STAFF MEMBERS

Parents are also encouraged to contact their student's teachers throughout the school year. All teaching staff members may be reached by phone at 870-6050. Teachers, counselors, administrators and paraprofessional staff members may also be contacted by email ([first.name.last.name@vernonct.org](mailto:first.name.last.name@vernonct.org)). A complete listing of staff members' email addresses can be found on the RHS website ([www.RockvilleHighSchool.org](http://www.RockvilleHighSchool.org)).

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos for students in all grades and staff will be taken on Monday, September 21 and Tuesday, September 22 during each student's English class. Photos will be used for student ID cards and will also be available for purchase through the photography company. Order forms for the purchase of photos will be mailed to students' homes by the photography company prior to the scheduled RHS dates. All order forms and payment must be given to the photographers on September 21 or September 22 when students are photographed.



## ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Rockville High School will host its annual Open House on Thursday, October 1, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to see Rockville High School and to follow their student's academic schedule. We look forward to seeing all parents that evening.



## PARKING PERMITS REQUIRED

All students who drive to school must obtain a parking permit in the Main Office to ensure appropriate parking (in the correct lot) and to increase safety and security on school grounds.

## **RHS MISSION & EXPECTATIONS**

This month's newsletter includes a copy of the Rockville High School Mission and Expectations for Student Learning, a document developed through the collaborative efforts of a committee comprising RHS faculty, administration, students, parents, and community members. The Board of Education and the Rockville High School faculty approved the revision in the spring of 2007. The document has two parts: the narrative portion and the list of the school's academic, social, and civic expectations for student learning. The narrative portion states the beliefs shared by the school community while the expectations reflect the core learning outcomes that the school believes each student should achieve by graduation. Parents are encouraged to read the document and to discuss it with their student(s).

## **COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS**

Throughout the fall, representatives from college admissions offices will visit RHS with information about school. Each week a calendar listing the next week's visits will be distributed to all Grade 11 and Grade 12 English classes. The schedule will also be available on the Naviance website ([www.connection.naviance.com/rockvillect](http://www.connection.naviance.com/rockvillect)). Students who wish to attend a session should see their guidance counselor in advance of the visit for a pass to the Career Center to meet with the representative.

## **CAREER CENTER SERVICES**

The Career Center is located in blue hall. Through the Center, students may access valuable information including: military recruiters' visits to RHS; local employment and working papers; individual interest testing; and searches regarding colleges, scholarships, and careers. Students should see their counselor for a pass to visit the Career Center.

## **STUDENTS AS EMPLOYEES**

The Connecticut Department of Labor requires all 16- and 17-year-olds to obtain working papers in order to work within the state. A student must bring a written promise of employment from their employer to the Career Center to obtain this necessary document. New working papers must be obtained for each place of employment.

## **SAT INFORMATION\*\***

The Scholastic Aptitude Test will be administered at Rockville High on October 10 and November 7. The registration deadline for the October test is September 9 and the deadline for the November test is October 1. The registration fee is \$45.

The Guidance Department recommends that students register online for the SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)). When students register online, they receive immediate confirmation and test center assignment. They may print and/or make corrections to their admission ticket as well. The high school code for RHS is 070645. The test center code for RHS is 07-615.

Parents and students: Most colleges and universities require that official SAT scores be reported to them directly by the College Board. Within the online registration process, students may choose up to four schools to receive their scores from The College Board at no cost. If this step is not completed during the registration process (or if scores are to be sent to more than four schools), an additional fee (\$9.50 per report) will be charged.

## **PSAT INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES\*\***

Grade 10 and Grade 11 students should consider taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) on October 17. Sign-ups will be in the Guidance Office during October. Students should listen for announcements during blocks 1 and 5 for more information regarding the cost and registration.

\*\*As a service to its students, Rockville High School is an official site for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). The examinations and the process of administration are the exclusive property of the College Board and any and all surveys such as the Student Search Service are not subject to any Federal Education Rights and Privacy (FERPA) regulations. Please feel free to contact the Rockville High School Guidance Office (870-6050, ext. 401) or the College Board (866-756-7346) for further information.

## **PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS**

Each year, parents and staff are given the opportunity to receive notification prior to pesticide applications at Rockville High School. If you would like to be placed on our pesticide notification list, please contact the school as soon as possible at 870-6050.

## ATTENTION SENIORS!

**SENIOR SEMINAR:** The first Senior Seminar session of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 23 beginning at 9:45 a.m. All seniors are required to attend (even if they have a free block during that time). This seminar will focus on postsecondary planning and the college application process. Seniors should see their guidance counselor with any questions regarding the seminar.

**COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:** When completed, college applications should be turned in to the student's counselor for processing at least ten school days before they need to be mailed. The target date for submission of all applications is December 4. This will allow time for all applications to be processed and mailed from RHS before the holiday recess. Applications must be accompanied by an envelope (10" x 12" size recommended) addressed to the college (with no return address) and four forty-four cent stamps.

Many colleges are now encouraging students to submit their applications online. Information must still be mailed directly from the school, including an official transcript and counselor and teacher recommendations. Students who submit their college applications online should contact their guidance counselor about having this information sent to the colleges and should provide the counselor with a stamped envelope addressed to the college.

**UCONN APPLICATIONS:** The University of Connecticut strongly recommends that students complete applications online. Those who wish to apply for Early Action must complete the application online by December 1. All supporting documents (recommendations, transcripts, etc.) must be postmarked prior to December 1. The Regular Admission deadline for the Storrs campus is February 1.

**SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID:** Scholarship and other financial aid information is posted in the Guidance Office and updated weekly. Updated information about the local scholarship program becomes available in early February.

**BINDING EARLY DECISION:** To qualify for Binding Early Decision, a student must: meet the projected academic profile; decide that the college applied to is the one they wish to attend; apply to only one college on an Early Decision status; and, if accepted, attend that college. Students should see their counselor as soon as possible if they are interested in pursuing this option.

## TRI-TOWN COLLEGE FAIR

The 34th annual Tri-Town College Fair will be held at Tolland High School on Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. Many representatives from two- and four-year colleges and universities, one-year certificate programs, and the military branches will be present to answer questions and provide parents and students with valuable information regarding post-secondary opportunities. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend this event with their parents. Information will be available in the Guidance Office prior to the event regarding the specific representatives scheduled to attend.

## SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION

Interested in attending a Service Academy? Request an application now for a nomination to the Naval Academy (Annapolis), the Military Academy (West Point), the Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs), or the Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point). Apply online to Senator Joseph Lieberman (<http://lieberman.senate.gov/services/academies/>) or to Senator Christopher Dodd (<http://dodd.senate.gov/index.php?q=node/28>). The deadline for completing a U.S. Service Academy nomination form is October 2009.

## JUNIOR & SENIOR ATHLETES

Students who plan to participate in Division I or Division II intercollegiate athletics during their freshman year in college must complete an NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse form. Students should register at the end of their junior year after an informed judgment has been made as to their potential at the Division I or Division II level. Prospective student-athletes should access the registration materials online at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). From the home page, click on "Prospective Student-Athletes," which will link the user to the necessary information. Once the online registration is complete, the student must notify the Guidance secretary so that their transcript will be mailed in June.

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** Beginning with the Class of 2011 (current grade 11), general level courses will no longer be acceptable as core courses by the NCAA Clearinghouse, making students ineligible for Division I or Division II athletic participation.

## INFO FOR COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS

If you are planning to attend college within Connecticut and live in on-campus housing, Public Act 01-93 requires that you be immunized against meningitis. Contact your family's physician to be sure you receive this vaccination and have proof of its administration prior to the fall semester.

## FESTIVAL OF BANDS

The Rockville High School Marching Ram Band will host the annual Festival of Bands on Saturday, September 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the RHS football field. Marching bands from throughout the state will be participating in this USSBA competition. Parent volunteers are needed for this fun-filled fundraiser. General admission tickets will be sold the night of the event. Contact Band Director Darcy Davis at 870-6050 x338 for additional information or to volunteer.



## STARTING A NEW RHS TRADITION

### We are the Rock!

Each year, many students ask "Where can I get RHS clothing?" This year, Mr. Baim has begun a new tradition at RHS to increase and display school and class spirit. Each class will now wear color-coded T-shirts to let everyone see their RHS and class pride. Seniors will wear royal blue, juniors will wear gold, sophomores will wear gray, and freshmen will wear white. All students should have received an order form in their information packet that was mailed home in mid-August. Short-sleeved T-shirts are \$10 and long-sleeved T-shirts are \$15. Each displays "Rockville" and a ram on the front and the class year on the sleeve. Everyone is encouraged to order a shirt (or more) to show the world our RHS spirit! All orders and payments are due by September 15 to Mr. Courtois in Room 150 or Mrs. Courtois in the Guidance Office. The proceeds from each class's sale will go directly into their class treasury. Additional order forms are available in the Guidance Office.

## LITERARY ARTS NEWS

The Literary Arts Club will be starting soon! Gather your poems, short stories, artwork, plays, essays, and photos to enter them into the 2010 magazine. Don't pass up the chance to get your work published – the 2010 Literary Arts Magazine is under construction, so bring your entries to Room 232. See Ms. Berg if you would like more information or if you are interested in becoming part of the magazine staff.

## CLASS OF 2010 NEWS

Submitted by Mr. Paul Courtois, Class of 2010 Advisor

**Earn FREE tickets!** The RHS senior class will hold their first major fundraiser of the year this month, selling Yankee Candles from September 21 through October 13. All seniors are encouraged to participate in this aromatic and lucrative fundraiser to supplement the class treasury which will help defray the costs of upcoming events such as the Senior Prom and Class Day. Seniors will have the opportunity to earn FREE tickets to the Prom and Class Day through their active participation in this fundraiser. All orders must be turned in to Mr. Courtois in Room 150 by October 13. Orders will arrive in time for the holidays. Payment is due at the time the orders are placed. Anyone interested in participating should see Mr. Courtois for an order kit. Anyone interested in ordering should contact a senior or class advisor Mr. Courtois ([Paul.Courtois@vernonct.org](mailto:Paul.Courtois@vernonct.org) or 870-6050, x150) prior to the deadline. Thank you, in advance, for supporting the Class of 2010!

**Save the date!** The Class of 2010 will present the annual Mr. RHS Pageant on Friday, November 20. Senior guys, start planning your acts and lining up your sponsor and escorts. Senior girls, encourage your male friends to participate and help them plan their talent, etc. It's sure to be another awesome and hilarious evening so save the date!

## CLASS OF 2012 NEWS

Submitted by Mrs. Rhonda Morgan and Mrs. Diane Madore,  
Class of 2012 Advisors

Sophomores! The Class of 2012 needs your support this year to prepare for events like Homecoming, Junior Prom, and Senior Prom – it's never too early to start planning or for raising money to defray the costs of these important future events. Fundraising begins right away with the sale of Entertainment Books – look for our table at Open House or see an advisor or Katie Ashmead to participate. The class will also hold a pie sale in October in cooperation with the freshman class. All proceeds from sophomore sales will go into the 2012 treasury. Pies will be delivered before the holidays and will make a delicious addition to your festive table. Sophomore year also brings the opportunity to order class rings – watch for info to be mailed by the ring company in the fall. We hope that everyone will get involved to support the class and make this year a huge success!

## CLASS OF 2013 NEWS

Submitted by Mrs. Rita Courtois & Mr. Michael Mas,  
Class of 2013 Advisors

Welcome to RHS, Class of 2013! The next four years should be fun and exciting. They will be what you make them. Our advice to you is GET INVOLVED! There are a number of ways to make the most of your RHS experience; join a club, be on a team, sing in the chorus, play in the band, be a spectator or a volunteer. Find something that interests you and do it! Notices and upcoming events will be posted on the Freshman Board, which is located in the hallway near the Library. We also have a Facebook group (Rockville High School Class of 2013) – join the group for announcements, events, etc. Our first school events will be a T-shirt sale at the very beginning of September (order form mailed home in August) and then a pie sale in early October. Spirit Week and Homecoming will be in mid-October. Stop in to the Guidance Office to introduce yourself and to get more information on upcoming class activities.

### YOUR ASSISTANCE IS APPRECIATED!

The *SBC Community Connections*

*Program* will donate 5% of your SBC long distance calls (land lines only) to RHS.

Please call 1-800-635-7638 to enroll. The RHS code is #3030.



TARGET will donate money to RHS based on your purchases using your Target Visa or Target guest card. Connect to [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) and click on "Take Charge of Education." RHS' ID number is 39284. You can also register at 1-800-316-6142.



### BIG Y EDUCATION EXPRESS PROGRAM

The Big Y Education Express program has returned! Help Rockville High School acquire needed equipment and supplies (such as computers, Math & Science tools, books and more) through this program simply by registering your Express Savings Club card for the program and designating RHS as the beneficiary of your normal, everyday grocery spending. Visit [www.bigy.com](http://www.bigy.com) and click on the "Education Express" link to register your card. Rockville High School's code is 5771. If you were registered for the program in previous years, you must resubmit your request for participation in this cycle of the program. For more information about the program, call 1-800-599-9017 or email [questions@bigyeducationexpress.com](mailto:questions@bigyeducationexpress.com).

## FRIDAY FRIENDS CLUB

Submitted by Joseph Prignano, Club Advisor

After completing its first successful year, the Friday Friends Club is looking forward to the start of a new year filled with exciting activities. Students who haven't yet experienced this great club are encouraged to give it a try! For incoming freshmen who participated at VCMS, please continue your participation at the high school. Upcoming dates and activities will be distributed at the beginning of the school year. We look forward to seeing many new faces and to welcoming back our Friday Friends! For more information about The Friends Club, please contact any of the following staff members in person or via email: Dr. Driscoll ([John.Driscoll@vernonct.org](mailto:John.Driscoll@vernonct.org)), Ms. Iuliano ([Beverly.Iuliano@vernonct.org](mailto:Beverly.Iuliano@vernonct.org)), Mr. Prignano ([Joseph.Prignano@vernonct.org](mailto:Joseph.Prignano@vernonct.org)), Ms. Turchi ([Maria.Turchi@vernonct.org](mailto:Maria.Turchi@vernonct.org)), or Mr. Wiley ([Roger.Wiley@vernonct.org](mailto:Roger.Wiley@vernonct.org)).

### HOMECOMING / SPIRIT WEEK

The annual Spirit Week and Homecoming celebration will take place at RHS during the week of October 13. Additional information about the week's events (spirit days, Spirit Rally and Powderpuff football game, food drive, dance, etc.) will be included in the October newsletter.

An organizational meeting for Homecoming planning will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 2:05 p.m. in Room 150. All class officers and Student Council officers are expected to attend this meeting. All other students who would like to get involved in the planning for Spirit Week and Homecoming are also welcome to attend. The more help we have, the better the week will be in October! See Mr. Courtois, Student Activities Director, in Room 150 for more information.

### STUDENTS: GET INVOLVED!

Students are encouraged to become involved with varied activities during their high school years. Students should listen for announcements regarding the many activities offered at RHS. Each class has an advisor who coordinates grade-level activities (proms, Class Day, fundraising, etc.).

Class of 2010 Advisor – Mr. Courtois (Rm. 150)

Class of 2011 Advisor – Mr. Frost (Rm. 103)

Class of 2012 Advisors – Mrs. Morgan (Guidance) and Mrs. Madore (House C)

Class of 2013 Advisors – Mrs. Courtois and Mr. Mas (Guidance)

## STUDENT OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

In the spring, students voted for and chose their student government officers for the 2009-2010 school year. Congratulations to the following student officers:

### Student Council

President – Jillian Eitelman  
Vice President – Indiana Jones  
Secretary – Lauren Kidd  
Treasurer – Chelsea Epes  
Historian – Kelly Falkowski

### Class of 2010

President – Kelly Falkowski  
Vice President – Allison Burg  
Secretary – Nicole Bieniarz  
Treasurer – Erin Selavka

### Class of 2011

President – Amy Modeen  
Vice President – Melissa McCann  
Treasurer – Jillian Eitelman

### Class of 2012

President – Katie Ashmead  
Vice President – Jennifer Mears

### Class of 2013

President – Alicia Biske  
Vice President – Abegail Dumais  
Secretary -- Mehrin Bhuller  
Treasurer – Emily Vincze  
Public Affairs – Jennifer Lippmann  
Historian – Megan Gardiner

## VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Attention students! Are you 18? Will you celebrate your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before Election Day (November 3)? Have you registered to vote? Be ready and able to vote in the important local election in November -- see Mrs. Courtois in the Guidance Office to register. You can even complete the paperwork prior to your birthday and it will become effective on your birthday. Voter registration must be completed at least seven days before the November election, so don't wait! Do your civic duty – register to vote!

## HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

Submitted by Mrs. Susan Vartanian, School Nurse  
All incoming 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are required by State Law to have a physical exam. Exams are acceptable if completed anytime after August 2008. The results of this exam are to be recorded on a blue form that was mailed home in June 2009. This form must be returned to the Health Office by October 1 (extra forms are available in the Health Office). If a student participates in a sport, this exam can also be used as their annual Sports Physical if it is dated after May 1, 2009.

Medications should be left at home whenever possible. Students may not carry medication with them while in school. This includes over-the-counter medication as well as prescriptions. If a medication is needed during the school day, it must be kept in the Health Office in its original container. A physician's prescription and parent signature are required for ALL medications. Students requiring inhalers or Epipens may carry them during the school day at RHS. However, there must be a doctor's order and parent permission on file in the Health Office. These must be renewed at the start of each school year.

Please call the Health Office at 870-6050 x344 with any questions.

## SELECTIVE SERVICE REMINDER

An important reminder for males who will soon celebrate their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday: federal law requires that you register with Selective Service within 30 days of your 18th birthday. When you register, you stay eligible for federal student loans, federal job training, and federal jobs. Registering is easy. See Mrs. Courtois in the Guidance Office with your Social Security number to complete the registration process that takes about five minutes.

## SCHOOL NEWSPAPER NEWS

Submitted by Mrs. Caitlin Hoffman, Newspaper Advisor  
Calling all writers! Calling all writers! Are you interested in contributing to Rockville High School's newspaper? The RHS Rampage is looking for enthusiastic students who want to experience what it's like to be a journalist. Try your hand at writing school news stories, movie reviews or sports recaps. Or, learn how to design a newspaper and create a final printed product. If you would like to participate, please see Mrs. Hoffman (Room 228) for more information. Club meeting dates and times will be announced. Enrollment in the Journalism course is not required.

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

[www.vernonschools.com](http://www.vernonschools.com)  
[www.RockvilleHighSchool.org](http://www.RockvilleHighSchool.org)

Student-athletes and parents should check out the Athletic Department's websites for RHS sports schedules (linked to the CIAC website) with accurate, up-to-date information about days, times, location and directions for each sporting event. All required paperwork is also available on these sites in addition to contact information for the coaches, the Student-Athlete Handbook sign off sheet, and Travel Release forms.

On Thursday, September 10, the Athletic Department will host its fall Parent-Coach Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. All parents of fall student-athletes are encouraged to attend. Contact the Athletic Department (870-6050, x 327) or the individual coach for more information.

### SEPTEMBER SPORTING EVENTS

- Sept. 15 (3:45) – Boys & Girls X-Country (away)
- Sept. 15 (3:45) – Boys Soccer vs. Berlin (home)
- Sept. 15 (3:45) – Girls Soccer vs. Maloney (away)
- Sept. 15 (5:00) – Volleyball vs. Rocky Hill (home)  
JV plays at 4:00
- Sept. 17 (6:00) – Football vs. E. Catholic (away)  
Freshman team plays at 3:30
- Sept. 17 (7:00) – Girls Soccer vs. Rocky Hill (away)
- Sept. 17 (5:00) – Volleyball vs. E.O. Smith (home)  
JV & Freshman teams play at 4:00
- Sept. 18 (3:45) – B Soccer vs. Rocky Hill (home)
- Sept. 18 (5:00) - JV G Soccer vs. Rocky Hill (away)
- Sept. 21 (3:45) – JV Football vs. E. Catholic (away)
- Sept. 21 (5:00) – Volleyball vs. Bloomfield (away)  
JV & Freshman teams play at 4:00
- Sept. 22 (3:45) – Boys & Girls Cross Country vs.  
E.O. Smith/Hartford Public (home)
- Sept. 22 (3:45) -- B Soccer vs. E.O. Smith (home)
- Sept. 22 (3:45) – G Soccer vs. E.O. Smith (away)
- Sept. 23 (5:00) – Volleyball vs. Tolland (away)  
JV plays at 4:00
- Sept. 24 (3:45) – Fr Football vs. Maloney (home)
- Sept. 25 (6:30) – Football vs. Maloney (home)
- Sept. 25 (3:45) – B Soccer vs. Bloomfield (away)
- Sept. 25 (3:45) – G Soccer vs. Bloomfield (home)
- Sept. 25 (5:00) – Volleyball vs. Glastonbury (away)  
JV & Freshman teams play at 4:00
- Sept. 26 (9:00) – JV Football vs. Maloney (home)
- Sept. 29 (3:45) – Boys & Girls X-Country vs. Rocky  
Hill/Tolland (away)
- Sept. 29 (6:30) – Boys Soccer vs. Tolland (home)  
JV plays at 4:30
- Sept. 29 (3:45) – Girls Soccer vs. Tolland (away)
- Sept. 30 (5:00) – Volleyball vs. RHAM (home)  
JV plays at 4:00

## RHS AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

Submitted by Ms. Karen Fitzpatrick, Department Head  
The annual Welcome Freshman Picnic will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The activity is in honor of the incoming freshman Agricultural Education class and all Ag Ed students and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend. The agenda for the evening will include a Silent Auction, a picnic, and an FFA meeting. The FFA Auxiliary Group will hold the Silent Auction as a fundraiser. More information regarding donations of goods and services for the auction will be available soon.

### LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER INFORMATION

Submitted by Mrs. Joy Fitzgerald, Library Media Supervisor  
The Rockville High School Library Staff welcomes all students back to school and to stop in and use the Library. Library Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. More than 200 new books have been purchased over the summer and will be available by the end of September in the "NEW BOOKS" area. There are also many computers available for student and class use.

More on the RHS Library Resources, including Links to many of our electronic books (eBooks), audiobooks, and online information resources, can be found at <http://rhslmc2008.wikispaces.com>. In addition, any citizen or student in Connecticut can go to the Connecticut Digital Library website at [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org). To access this resource from outside of RHS or a Public Library, you will need to enter your public library barcode so if you don't have one, you might want to stop in to your local Public Library to get a card. This is a terrific resource for the *Hartford Courant* (1764-1922 and 1992-present), to thousands of magazines and books, and other resources.

Students who would like to volunteer in the Library Media Center for Library or Media/Video work should stop in to the Library and ask to meet with the Librarian and set up a time. We are looking for students who are capable of videotaping school events and games. Please let us know if you are interested and we will provide the equipment after student is approved to use the equipment.

# GO RAMS!!

## PROJECT GRADUATION 2009

Thank you to everyone who made the 2009 Project Graduation party a huge success. The celebration at Nomad's in June for the graduating seniors was great fun. Thanks to everyone who was involved in making this such a memorable night for all the graduates. An additional thank you to these generous local sponsors without whom the celebration would not have been possible.

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**THANK YOU!!**

The Project Graduation celebration is FREE for all graduating seniors but we need volunteers from parents of RHS students from all grades. It is a huge undertaking so help is needed from as many people as possible. Parents of seniors are not allowed to work the night of the party so they are strongly encouraged to work during the year to help put this celebration together for their 2010 graduate. There will be volunteer sign up opportunities at the RHS Open House.

The first meeting this year will be held on Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.

## SEEKING SUBMISSIONS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Are you a member of an RHS booster club or activity group? Would you like to see updates on your group's activities in the RHS newsletter? Send your email address to [Rita.Courtois@vernonct.org](mailto:Rita.Courtois@vernonct.org) so we can add you to the monthly update about deadlines, etc. We are always looking for news about fundraisers, field trips, awards, group activities, departments, classes, clubs, etc. Help us to get the word out about RHS activities to keep everyone as informed as possible about happenings at our school. Parents and students can't get involved if they don't know what's happening. Add your email to the update list today!