

The Falcons Gazette

Special
Edition!

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Welcome, and Welcome Back!

We hope your first day of school went well! We are looking forward to a fantastic year at Rincon Valley Middle School. Every month, our school's parent organization - the Student, Teacher, Parent Committee (STPC) - sends out a newsletter via email to help facilitate communication within the RVMS community. This special edition includes basic school information such as bell schedules, upcoming calendar of events, RVMS contact information as well as volunteering and donation news. There are also a few "tips for success" for transitioning into life at middle school. We hope this will help you get off to a good start this new school year.

Parking Lot Courtesy

Traffic in and around campus can be chaotic, especially during the first few weeks of school. Please be patient and plan on spending extra time for drop off and pick up. In the mornings, please continue to move through the parking lot after dropping off your child. Do not stay at curb. This will enable the drivers waiting in line behind you to move forward and keep the traffic flowing. After school, arranging an alternative and safe pick-up point, like a block or two away, or arriving 10-15 minutes later have worked well for families in the past. Please remember to drive safely and be courteous to your fellow parents.

Looking for Carpool?

Are you looking for carpool opportunities to get your student to and from school? Check out a [Facebook page](#) for Rincon Valley Student Rideshare. This page was created by parent groups from Maria Carrillo High School and Rincon Valley Middle School to help connect riders and drivers to MCHS, RVMS, and/or SRACS. If you need a ride or can give a ride, you can



August - September 2018 Events

- **Aug. 15 (Wed.)** - First Day of School
- **Aug. 20 (Mon.)** - Cross Country & Girls' Basketball tryouts
- **Sept. 3 (Mon.)** - Labor Day, no school
- **Sept. 12 (Wed.)** - Minimum Day, release @ 12:28 / Back to School Night 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 21 (Fri.)** - Welcome Back Dance
- **Sept. 27 (Thurs.)** - Picture make-up day

post it on this FB page. Click on the "See ALL" in the Community section on the right hand side to see all the posts. If you don't use Facebook, email miudieter1@gmail.com and we will post for you.

Staying Connected

Email is the main method of communication between the school and the parent community. Make sure you have provided the school with your correct email address that you check regularly so you won't miss out on important school notices and information. You will receive Principal's messages, a monthly newsletter from the Student, Teacher, Parent Committee (STPC), and other important emails from school and the STPC.

Important RVMS Contacts

★ Attendance Office

Telephone number: 707-890-3870 ext. 33110 (24 hour Attendance hotline)

Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m

★ Business Office

Telephone Number: 707-890-3870 ext. 33123

Office Hours: 7:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.

- Get a new locker, buy a lock, and get help with locker problems
- Pay for PE clothes
- Pay sports fees
- Pay for lost/damaged books

★ Counseling Office

Kendall Loggins, Counselor (A-K) 707-890-3870

Robin Wilkins, Counselor (L-Z) 707-890-3870

Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

RVMS Athletic Information

If your student is planning on trying out for a sport, you will need to fill out an athletic packet. The Athletic packet is now online and must be completed with an updated physical before your student can try out or practice in a sport. You can find the link and instructions on the RVMS athletics page:

VISIT THE WEBSITE

[RVMS School Website](#) has all the information you need! - Attendance, calendar, homework, Principal's messages, staff directory and more!

PARENTS' PAGE!!

Don't forget to also check out the [Parents' page](#) of the school website. You can find the latest info on volunteering, donations, and other important notices and news.

KEEPING TRACK OF HOMEWORK

Homework assignments are posted on the school website. You can keep track even if you miss a class. [Click here](#) to go to the homework page.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Students can get help with their homework every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:10-4:10 in the school library. Teachers are available to assist your students!

http://www.rinconvalleymiddleschool.com/pf4/cms2/view_page?d=x&group_id=1531973661519&vdid=i39c1xndv3r2

Athletic packets are currently available for Girls Basketball and Cross Country only. Packets for other sports will be provided when that sport season comes up. They are not accepted beforehand. Sports physicals do not have to be on an RVMS form. RVMS will accept any physical done by a physician on their own form as long as it states that the student is cleared to play sports and must be dated after July 1, 2018.

Fall Sports:

- ★ **7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball** (first day of try-outs 8/20/18) - Athletic Packets must be turned in by August 17, 2018 in order to participate in basketball try-outs.
- ★ **7th and 8th Grade Cross Country** (first day of practice 8/20/18) - Athletic Packets must be turned in by August 17, 2018. There are no try-outs for Cross Country.

Get involved!

It takes an enormous amount of volunteer hours to support the various events at Rincon Valley Middle School. Volunteering at school is a great way to stay involved in your kids' lives and to get to know fellow parents! If you'd like to volunteer for the 2018-2019 school year, please email STPC Volunteer Coordinator Katie Ruppe at ktruppe@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your support!

What is STPC?

The Student, Teacher, Parent Committee (STPC) is a parent group supporting students, staff and the school community at RVMS. The STPC helps contribute to and provide additional funds for student, staff and school needs that fall outside of available school funding sources. We also coordinate volunteers for various programs and activities at the school. We send out a monthly email newsletter to provide information and support for our parent community. We are working to make this an outstanding year! Please consider volunteering at school events and/or making donations to our school. Your help makes a direct impact on our students! Volunteering & Donation opportunities throughout the year include:

- School dances (chaperone, food donations, etc.)
- 7th Grade Sport-A-Rama
- Food donations for special events, teacher luncheons

<u>RVMS Bell Schedule</u>		
<u>Monday</u>		
0	7:00	7:55
1	8:00	8:50
2	8:55	9:42
Break	9:42	9:54
3	9:59	10:46
4	10:51	11:38
Lunch	11:38	12:08
5	12:13	1:00
6	1:05	1:52
<u>Tuesday - Friday</u>		
0	7:00	7:55
1	8:00	8:58
2	9:03	9:55
Break	9:55	10:07
3	10:12	11:04
4	11:09	12:01
Lunch-7	12:01	12:31
SSR/W-8		
Lunch-8	2:36	1:06

- Renaissance
- Student Achievement Recognition
- Fundraising
- Carnival in May

Volunteering Opportunity this Friday!

✿ **PE Uniform Stenciling Volunteers THIS FRIDAY 8/17** - We are in need of 22 volunteers to help stencil (ink) all incoming 7th grader's P.E. clothes. Each volunteer will be working a 2-hour shift, except for the early morning "0" period shift. The shifts will be from 7:00 am through 3:00 pm on Friday, August 17th. Since we will be working with ink, please make sure to wear old clothes or an apron, since the job can get messy. The school will provide latex gloves. Thank you for taking the time to make RVMS such a wonderful place for our children and for helping us get this year to a great start! To sign up, [click here](#). Thank you for your support.

Donate to the Family Giving Campaign!

106 DONORS HAVE PLEDGED \$23,805! We are almost half way there!

The Family Giving Campaign is the MAIN fundraiser for the Rincon Valley Middle School Student/Teacher/Parent Committee (STPC). Funds from this campaign will be used **THIS YEAR** to fund programs and activities that directly benefit YOUR child. The programs, supplies, events that STPC funds help create the culture and the community that our school is known for. The campaign NEEDS to generate \$50,000 so that we can maintain the level of excellence that our campus is so very proud of.

Funds raised will be used THIS YEAR for:

- Teacher supplies
- Staff and Student Recognition
- Elective Programs: Art, Band, Culinary, Spanish, Drama & RVMS TV
- Stipends for staff support of Color Teams, Sport A Rama, Renaissance and Intramurals + funding for these programs
- Math Counts
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Disaster Prep
- Campus Beautification
- Red Ribbon Week

...and SO MUCH MORE!!

Please...start the movement and support our fabulous school - give today to the RVMS STPC Family Giving Campaign! Click [here](#) and donate directly, or download the form and send it to address provided. **DONOR FORM**

If you are unable to donate now, consider making a pledge and make your donation later this year. Every dollar counts! Also, please remember to ask your company if they offer a matching program.

We know Keysight, Wells Fargo, Kaiser, PG&E and Medtronic do. Simply use the donation form below to indicate that you will be making your donation at a later date and/or your company will match your donation.

Thank you to families who have already donated! [2018-2019 Donors to Date](#)

Tips for Success

Transitioning from elementary school to middle school can be a big shock for some students. In the next few newsletters, we will be sharing a few tips from the Counseling department.

- ☑ **Using the RVMS Planner:** Make sure your student has a school planner and uses it to record their assignments, including homework, every day. Staying organized is the greatest challenge for twelve and thirteen year old students. In elementary school students are accustomed to a homework packet going home on Monday and returning it on Friday. In middle school and high school homework isn't organized for them, so they must organize it effectively themselves. Using the planner every day is essential for a student to succeed.
- ☑ **Binders & Organization:** Make sure your student has a separate binder for every core class, or split a large binder between no more than two classes (Some teachers prefer students to have a binder just for their class). The binders should have dividers for assignments and homework. Students should be placing their finished homework in the same divider when completed. Misplacing assignments and homework is very damaging to a student's grade, so set up a binder system to stay organized. Every student should also have a pencil pouch with pens, pencils, and erasers. Some classes require more supplies, so review your student's course outlines for each class. Check once a week to make sure your student has plentiful supplies.
- ☑ **School Locker:** Every Friday make sure your student cleans out and reorganizes their locker. Too often a struggling student's locker looks like a bomb went off inside. Papers are everywhere, clothes stuffed inside, and binders hanging empty. A student's locker is a hub of academic activity. Purchasing a shelf can greatly help in keeping the locker organized. Binders can be placed below the shelf, while books can go above.

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The Falcons Gazette is a monthly newsletter to help RVMS families stay informed and connected. If you have topics you'd like to see in the newsletter, please contact STPC Newsletter Editor Miu Dieter at miudieter1@gmail.com. We welcome your feedback and suggestions! Thank you.

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