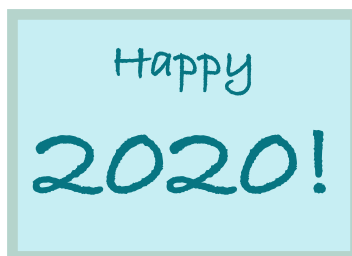


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From the Counseling Office & Registrar

2020/2021 Enrollment

All families who applied for Open Enrollment transfers for the 20/21 school year should have received an email from the district regarding your status. If you did not receive an email or have questions, contact Yolanda at the SAFE office 07-890-3800 Ext 80418. Help Spread the News to your 6th grade families and friends: Registration for the 20/21 school year begins January 2020. You must live in the RVMS attendance area to apply. Registration will be completed online through the district website. Please check district website for more information.

High School Applications

If you are applying to a specialized program such as Art Quest or applying to a private school, please direct any necessary documentation (ie: teacher recommendations, admin/counselor recommendations, transcripts, attendance/behavior reports, etc) to Mrs. Kelly in the counseling office. Please note, if you will be applying to a school outside of SRCS, we must have a signed release of information form from parent for proceeding. Most schools will include this in their necessary forms or packets. In cases that the information needs to come directly from the school, please include a pre-addressed envelope with postage.

Important Dates for 8th grade!

-January 17th- MCHS Counselors will be visiting RVMS 8th Grade History classrooms to do a powerpoint presentation and explanation of their course registration.

-January 22nd- MCHS Course Registration Forms DUE! Turn in to the RVMS counseling office. If you plan to attend a school other than MCHS, please note that on the form.

-January 24th- MCHS Counselors will hold one-one meetings for RVMS students during PE class to review selected choices.

Jan. 7 (Tues.) -
ArtQuest entry packets
due to SRHS

Jan. 15 (Wed.) -
MCHS French
placement test

Jan. 16 (Thurs.) -
Band concert at MCHS

Jan. 20 (Mon.) -
No school
(Martin Luther King Jr.
Day)

Jan. 21 (Tues.) -
Wrestling begins

Jan. 22 (Wed.) -
Winter band concert,
RVMS auditorium, 7 PM

Jan. 22 (Wed.) -
Elsie Allen 8th grade
Preview Day

Feb. 10 (Mon.) -
No School
(Lincoln's Day)

Feb 12 (Wed.) -
RVMS Showcase

Feb. 17 (Mon.) -
No School

High School Enrollment Information

Elsie Allen High School 8th Grade Preview Day is Wednesday, January 22 from 9-12. Students and parents are invited to attend this showcase of all the Elsie Allen has to offer. Questions? contact sriddick@srcs.k12.ca.us

Santa Rosa High School ArtQuest entry packets are due no later than 1/7. Packets can be obtained online at artquestonline.org.

ATTENDANCE OFFICE

To report an absence
call 890-3870 ext.
33110

HOMEWORK CLUB

Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:10-4:10 in the library

VISIT THE WEBSITE

RVMS school website
has all the information
you need! Attendance,
calendar, homework,
Principal's messages,
staff directory & more!

December Staff Appreciation Luncheon

RVMS staff were treated to a staff appreciation party Friday December 20th. Teachers and staff enjoyed a lunch of delicious Mexican food from Esmerelda Cardenas... tacos, quesadillas, salsa oh my! They then all received gifts which were graciously donated by our amazing RVMS families. What a wonderful way for teachers and staff to begin their holiday break!



Your Voice Matters!

- The STPC serves as a bridge between the school and parent community.
- If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact us!
- You can email STPC President Jennifer Smits at smitsjen02@yahoo.com
- For newsletter inquiries, submissions, and suggestions, contact Jamie Moessing at jasmoeessing@gmail.com

The Beat on Band

Symphonic Band and Concert Band have a community-wide concert coming up on January 16 in the Maria Carrillo gym at 7:15. Our bands will be joining the SRACS, and MCHS in a showcase of the amazing musical talents right here in our local schools. The following week there will be another concert, this time featuring the RVMS Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, AND the US Air Force "Mobility" Rock Band from Travis Air Force Base. This concert will be at 7 in the RVMS auditorium. Come support our musicians and treat yourself to a night of music at one of these two upcoming events!

Insight into English

We received some awesome books from our DonorsChoose "Diverse Classroom Library" Project. Below are some fun pictures of the students immersed in the new literary offering.



JOIN THE CAUSE!

GIVE to the RVMS STPC Family Giving Campaign to support the students, staff and many, many RVMS programs. We recommend \$300 per student - please give what you can. Can you give \$10 per month? \$15 per month? \$25 per month? Try an installment plan within PayPal. Simply click the link below and follow the steps to set up an installment plan that work for your family.

Our goal is 100% family participation. Please give today!

[DONATE](#) with PayPal

Company Matching Programs:

Please remember to ask your company if they offer a matching program. Keysight, Wells Fargo, Kaiser, PG&E and Medtronic have matching programs. Use the [DONOR FORM](#) to indicate that you will be making your donation along with your company match donation.

Click on the links and donate today!

THANK YOU!

Weird Science

Fun photos from 8th grade adventures in science...



Parlez-vous Francais?

MCHS French Placement Test: Any student entering Maria Carrillo High School as a 9th grader for the 2020-2021 school year who desires to begin beyond French 1 is welcome to take an oral and written placement test at Maria Carrillo on Wednesday, January 15th in room H-6. 30 minute time slots are available starting at 3:20pm. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d44aaa822a13-maria1>. If you can not make the 15th, contact Amy Wiese at awiese@srcs.k12.ca.us to make alternate arrangements.

RVMS Athletics

Winter Sports

Boys basketball and girls volleyball seasons continue to be exciting and fun. Wrestling begins this month. Check out the schedule below and drop by a match to cheer the kids on. If you have any questions or concerns about our athletic teams, reach out to Mrs. Myers at kmyers@srcs.k12.ca.us.

Intramural Lunchtime Sports

All students are welcome to join the RVMS intramural sports program. Intramurals are fun sports played at lunch by teams made up of RVMS students. Fourth period classes form teams to compete in a school-wide tournament in the following sports: 3rd quarter, tennis; 4th quarter, flag football. Students who do not have enough interested participants within their own 4th period class can be added to another team.

Athletic Schedule		
1/7 - Boys basketball @ Rincon		1/15 - Girls volleyball @ Rincon
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1/9 - Boys basketball @ Kenilworth		1/16 - Girls volleyball @ Windsor
1/9 - Girls volleyball @ Rincon		1/21- Wrestling practice begins
1/14 - Boys basketball @ Rincon		2/4 - Wrestling @ Kenilworth
1/14 - Girls volleyball @ Petaluma		2/11 - Wrestling @ Petaluma
1/15 - Boys basketball @ Slater		2/13- Wrestling @ Rincon

+ + + Additional Information About Math + + +

Supply Donations: If you are looking to donate, your math teachers will happily accept Kleenex and Clorox wipes. It's germ season, folks!! And we want to keep your kids in school by keeping our surfaces germ-free. We clean our classrooms daily for your kids to have a healthy and happy space to learn.

Sonia Kovalevsky High School Mathematics Day: Saturday, March 7th, 2020 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm at Sonoma State University. Students are invited to attend the Sonia Kovalevsky High School Mathematics Day at Sonoma State University. The day will celebrate the participation of all women in mathematics. The event will include a keynote lecture, hands-on math activities, networking opportunities with local high school students, tips on applying to college, a career panel, and a special workshop for teachers. All activities are geared to encourage girls and young women to pursue degrees in STEM. Registration: [Click Here](#)

MathCounts: Love math? Join MathCounts & discover the joys of meeting other students & finding new & creative ways to solve math problems. Explore topics not covered in school. Develop team cooperation & leadership skills. All students are invited to join the fun. We meet in room 24 on Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

Standards for Mathematical Practices (SMP): It sounds like just another education buzzword, but it's so much more. When it comes to the Common Core State Standards, standards for mathematical practice describe the very foundation of what CCSS are all about: helping students achieve at a higher level. There are a total of eight standards for mathematical practice. Take a look at the SECOND one and talk to your student about how they strategize their thinking and learning. **SMP 3 - Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others:** Making sense of quantities and their relationships when problem-solving is an important math skill for students to possess. This involves creating coherent arguments & using symbols to represent mathematical situations. Students should be able to use the different properties of operations and objects flexibly.

Renaissance Field Trip Information

Renaissance Field Trips is now only for 8th graders! We will still be having Renaissance Rallies throughout the school year on campus that 7th and 8th graders can participate in if they are a part of the Renaissance Club. Renaissance Club is for students who have earned a 3.0 or higher GPA the quarter prior to the field trip and/or rally.

Our field trips are valuable in giving students a first taste of what a college campus is. They are intended to allow students to take in the atmosphere and environment of the college campus so in high school, when they are making decisions about where to apply, they already have some exposure to nearby campuses. Our hope from these field trips is to plant a seed. When students are in high school and applying to colleges, we hope they think “I went to UC Davis in 8th grade and really liked the campus. Now I’m going to do more research because I am already interested in going there”. High school is the time when more in-depth research is done about what majors are offered, the time to make appointments to meet with department chairs, and when reservations to take an official campus tour are made. Middle school is the time for students to first get acquainted with a campus, to start envisioning themselves there, to start dreaming! Our hope is that these students will then take these dreams and continue to work hard to attain them.

Field trips are self-guided walking tours. Students must stay in groups of 3 or more at all times and are free to roam the campus as they wish. It is up to the students to make their experience. If students want to be bold and go into an unoccupied class, take a seat and imagine what a college course would be like, we want them to go for it. If students want to spend their day in the student union drinking a smoothie and pretending to wait for their next college class, we’re cool with that. If students want to go to the admissions office and ask questions, way to be ahead of the game. These field trips are all about having an experience.

Before every field trip there will be a mandatory RFT club meeting (usually in the gym or café) where I will explain our upcoming field trip, take role, and distribute permission slips. If students do not attend the mandatory club meeting, they will not be able to submit a permission slip or attend the trip. I will make morning announcements a couple days in advance to help students remember our mandatory meetings. On every permission slip there will be a cover page detailing the field trip, hopefully answering all of the frequently asked questions. Students can also check the RFT bulletin board (located outside the counseling office) anytime throughout the year for important announcements.

This year we are planning on going to:

- UC Davis RESCHEDULED TO 2nd SEMESTER
- Dominican University (*this location/trip is still TBD) during 2nd semester
- Epicenter End of Year Party in May (for both 7th & 8th graders)

Questions?

Contact Kendall Loggins:
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