



RAIDER NATION

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Principal's Message

Hello Raiders!

As we finish first semester and look toward the holidays, it is a great time to be sure that you are aware of all we have going on at the ROCK and to be sure this semester is ending on a positive note! Please be sure you take note of the following important information you will find inside!

- Exam days and early release days are December 19-21. See the schedule in this edition of the newsletter!
- Registration is around the corner when we return from Winter Break!
 - » BE SURE you are aware of your ELO/EPO options as well as all our CHOICE Programs as well as AVID and CAMBRIDGE!
 - » Schedules are built on student registration forms, so be sure you take time to select the courses that are correct for your student.



I would like to extend a special thanks to our Fine Arts programs for the pavilion lunch performances they do for our ROCK family several times throughout the year. This year has been exceptional for their outstanding performances and inclusion of all of our students.

We all wish all of you a peaceful, safe and joy-filled holiday season!

RAIDER PRIDE!

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1st Semester Exam Schedule

GRADES 9, 10, 11

EXAMS are REQUIRED
for ALL courses

December 15, 2017

- 7TH PERIOD EXAM WILL BE ADMINISTERED DURING THE NORMAL 6TH AND 7TH PERIOD CLASS.
- WHEN THE BELL RINGS AT THE END OF 5TH PERIOD STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO 7TH PERIOD FOR THEIR FINAL EXAM.
- 6TH PERIOD CLASSES WILL NOT MEET ON December 15, 2017.

December 19, 20, 21, 2017

Grades 9 – 12

8:45 – 2:15

8:45 – 8:55

Announcements & Attendance

8:45 – 10:55

Period 1 / 2 / 3 Exam

11:00 – 12:10

Group 1 Brunch

10:55 – 11:30 Brunch

11:35 – 12:10 Class

Group 2 Brunch

11:00 – 11:35 Class

11:35 – 12:10 Brunch

12:15 – 2:15

Period 4 / 5 / 6 Exam

**The second exam each day
does not begin until 12:15*

NOTE: Students are to go to lunch based on their location periods, 4, 5, 6.

TEACHER WILL INFORM

THEIR CLASSES WHICH THE LUNCH TO WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED.

If your teacher normally eats 1st lunch you will eat first lunch. If you teacher normally eats 3rd lunch, you will eat second lunch. If you teacher normally eats 2nd lunch or has planning, lunches will be assigned by the teachers last name. Teachers with the last name of A-M will eat 1st and the N-Z will eat second lunch.

Registration for School Year 2018-2019

January 17, 2018 PROCESS BEGINS

January 22, 2019 DUE DATE

We have already begun the registration process for the 2018-2019 school year. Counselors are meeting with your students to insure they are meeting the requirements of their graduation plan and making any necessary changes. Ninth, tenth and eleventh graders will be given a

card that lists all the choices for their grade level during the school day on January 17, 2018. Current teachers of your student will conference with them and recommend the appropriate placement for the next school year. These conferences will occur during class on January 18 or 19, 2018.

Students are required to choose seven classes and alternates. The guidance counselor in accordance with their graduation plan will complete incomplete and missing forms. Forms completed or corrected by guidance will not be able to be changed.

Please review and sign your student's registration card. ***The period 3 teacher will collect cards on January 22, 2018.***

If you have questions, please contact the teacher or counselor.

- Gail Larson, Counselor class of 2022
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- Theresa Grant, Counselor class of 2021
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Tues: 8:30am - 7:00pm

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Thur: 8:30am - 5:30pm

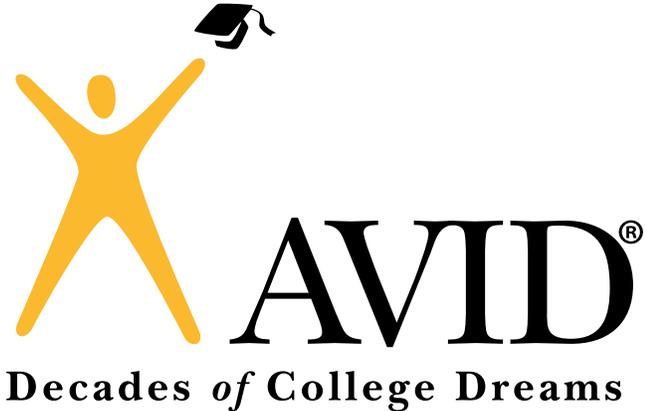
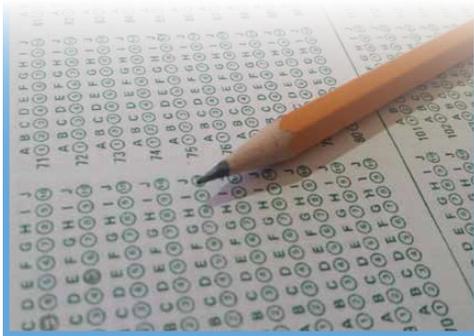
Fri: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Wed= closed @ lunch 12-1:30!!

Testing Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

A student with a documented disability may be eligible for accommodations on national college exams including ACT, SAT, PSAT, AP, and/or Certification Exams including Adobe, Microsoft, Autodesk or QuickBooks. The eligibility requirements may take 5 to 7 weeks to process the accommodations request. For guidelines and documentation requirements see the following:

- SAT, PSAT, AP:
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- ACT:
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- Certiport, Certification Exams:
<http://www.certiport.com/PORTAL/desktopdefault.aspx?page=common/pagelibrary/Disabilities.htm#Process>



AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination)

Many successful high school graduates agree that getting into college should be a class all by itself! There are essays to write, deadlines to meet, recommendations to send, etc., – all while balancing hectic senior year classes and activities. That class exists now and it's called AVID! In the AVID elective, we are exploring college and career options, practicing for the SAT and ACT, completing scholarship applications, and using AVID strategies to support the challenging classes required for college admissions. AVID begins with acceptance in the student's 9th grade year and students receive support and skills all through high school in the AVID elective class. AVID is an opportunity for students to experience support and guidance on the road to college success. Visit Mrs. Randall for more information on how you can become part of the Rockledge AVID program or email her at randall.angela@brevardschools.org.

FROM THE \$190s



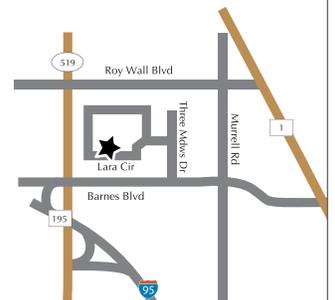
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Got Grit?

Grit is defined as unyielding courage in the face of hardship or danger. For many of our students, the struggle is real. And real struggle is a stepping stone to success. Grit is a life skill that will empower our students to succeed.

So how can you support the development of grit in your child? For one, it is okay for students to struggle and work through difficult tasks. As adults, we can offer positive support and coaching, so students can feel the success of accomplishing tasks on their own. Just like teachers do, it is important to give praise for the student's willingness to persevere rather than always on the finished outcome.

We have heard several stories of the effects of over parenting. From parents contacting college professors to argue grades, to calling employers to fight for their grown kids' raises, to kids having no idea how to support themselves financially into their 40's! Let students develop grit by letting work through challenging tasks, sticking with it even when things aren't going their way. Students need to see that life can be okay, even when things are difficult. We want our students to experience that sense of accomplishment when they complete a particularly challenging task. What a wonderful gift we give our students when we help them develop life skills that will empower them to be successful adults.

For this newsletter, I encourage students to face and overcome the obstacles blocking them from their success.

Parenthood...

It's about guiding the next generation, and forgiving the last.

– Peter Krause

General Information

DRESS CODE

We understand the need for autonomy in the choice of clothing, but there are also guidelines that **MUST** be followed when at school. Please be tasteful in your dress selection which includes no bare midriffs or shoulders, no spaghetti straps, shorts must be a respectable length that covers the backside fully. There are no sagging pants/shorts or any unacceptable slogans of any kind on clothing and this includes any clothing that would cause a campus disruption. If you wake up in the morning and have ANY doubt about what you are wearing-CHANGE!



TARDIES

Our goal is to keep students in class. Getting there on time is essential so that teachers can make the most of instructional time. Doors are locked at the tardy bell and students must come get a pass from an administrator to be admitted. Students are given two freebies before detentions start. It is imperative that parents assist us in getting students to school **ON TIME** for **FIRST** period.

CELL PHONES

Students may use cell phones before/after school and during lunch in the café and pavilion. Once they are in the hallway during class change, the phone and earbuds need to be put away. It is at the discretion of EACH teacher how phones are used in the classroom or if they are allowed at all. The school reserves the right to collect the phone when students do not follow policy and a parent/guardian will have to come pick it up.

OUTSIDE FOOD

Outside food is **NOT** permitted on campus and deliveries for food is not allowed. IF you have food from an outside source, please bring it in a nondescript paper or plastic bag.

DRIVING PRIVILEGES

Driving is a privilege and we reserve the right to take a student's parking space for violation of school policies and specifically for leaving campus without permission. Students who fail to comply with attendance requirements per Florida Statute, Section 322.091 will have their driver's license revoked by the state if they accumulate 15 unexcused absences in a period of 90 calendar days.



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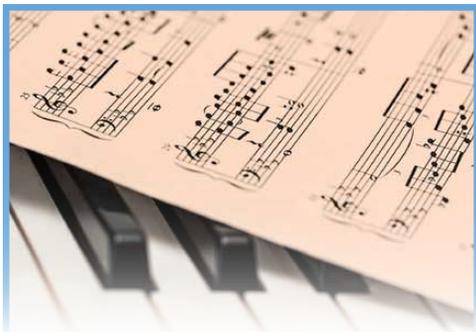
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- Chorus/Piano Winter Concert - December 11, 7:00 pm
- Band & Orchestra Winter Concert - December 12, 7:00 pm



Graduation

May 18, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
McCLARTY STADIUM

Why is Industry Certification Important?

Industry certifications are an important component of career academies and Career and Technical Education programs as it shows students have demonstrated evidence of technical skill attainment and also impacts school grade as a part of accelerated coursework component. Industry Certification verifies that individuals have the entry-level skills to perform job functions in the area of certification. In Digital Design, we are certifying students in Adobe Photoshop Creative Cloud. Students who earn a certification feel a sense of accomplishment. Our Automotive Certifications provide students with the Florida Auto Dealer Association Certification that is recognized by dealerships as entry level tech qualifications for jobs. Business and industry have asked for more qualified and skilled workforce from school systems. Students who earn industry certifications have a competitive edge upon graduation and become more marketable in the workplace during and after college and/or other post-secondary schooling. Our students also are taking industry certifications that would cost upwards of \$500 if they were to take the exam outside of high school. Our industry certifications provide a leg up for our students in the competitive job market. Students are provided with opportunities to take a pre-test. A score of 90% with teacher recommendation allows students to take the applicable industry certification test. Some tests are offered at various times during the year and others may only be offered once. Teachers notify students well in advance, when industry certification tests are available.

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Maritime Academy

The Rockledge High Maritime Academy students have spent a privileged 2.5 days working with our partners at Port Canaveral as they hosted the 91st Annual International Propeller Club Convention with representatives from all over the world. Our students were fortunate enough to be able to participate in the sessions and meet Maritime college students from universities around the world too. Our partnership with Port Canaveral is vital to our continuing growth in the Maritime Academy. Many thanks to Sarah Hardy and her students for their energy and excitement! Special thanks to the Propeller Club of Port Canaveral for their \$1000.00 donation to our program and Rich Grimison for always supporting our students in the classroom with guest speakers and opportunities at the Port to learn about all the Maritime Industry has to offer. Today we enjoyed a look at the State of the Port with CEO Captain John Murray. The future of the port is exciting and we are honored to be a part of the vision!



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Athletics

Hey Raider SPORTS FANS,

The Fall Sport season is rapidly winding down and several of our teams are in the thick of the post season and we have lots of exciting accomplishments to share. Our Bowling teams, for the first time in school history, both won district championships. Both teams participated in state tournament on November 1st and 2nd . Our cross country teams have also had a successful season as they both qualified for the region meet held on November 4th. Troy Smith was both the Cape Coast Conference Champion and the district champ for boy's cross country. Sadie McLaughlin was the district runner-up. Our golfers did well this year with our boys' team qualifying for the region tournament as did Gabby Fernandez and Jenna Nabhan on the girls' side. Our swim teams continue to have an amazing season with the boys' team repeating as Cape Coast Conference Champions and were second at the region meet. Noah Andronescu, Xavier Barnes, Ryan Barrington, Tyler Figueroa, Ander Hanson, Andres Mancuso

and Cade and Robbie Whitaker are participated to the state tournament. On the girls' side, Rese Clark also qualified for the state meet. Finally, for the first time in 13 years, our varsity football team can call themselves DISTRICT CHAMPS! After a tough start to the season against some of the best competition in the state, our Raiders have really caught fire, going undefeated in district play by a combined score of 188 – 27 over our four district opponents. They now turn their attention to the state playoffs. As our fall sports are winding down our Winter sports are gearing up. We have already started play in girls' soccer, and boys' soccer, girls' and boys' basketball and wrestling will be beginning their seasons shortly. Check out our winter schedules on our Rockledge home page and come and catch some of our Winter sport teams in action. Please contact our Athletic Director Clayborne.Kenneth@Brevardschools.org if you are interested in being a sponsor of any of our sports teams or if you would like to make a donation towards any of our athletic facility projects.

TRYOUTS

Spring Sport Tryout Schedule and Coaches Contact Information:

- **Softball:** Tryouts on January 22nd
Coach Contact: Inman.Michael@Brevardschools.org
- **Boys' Tennis:** Tryouts on January 22nd
Coach Contact: Keehn.Aaron@Brevardschools.org
- **Girls' Tennis:** Tryouts on January 22nd
Coach Contact: Frankenfield.RyanW@Brevardschools.org
- **Boys' Track:** Tryouts on January 22nd
Coach Contact: Freddie Goins gogoins@live.com
- **Girls' Track:** Tryouts on January 22nd
Coach Contact: Scarborough.MBeth@Brevardschools.org
- **Baseball:** Tryouts on January 29th
Coach Contact: Clayborne.Kenneth@Brevardschools.org
- **Boys' Lacrosse:** Tryouts on January 29th
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& EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OPTION (EPO)

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If your student currently attends Rockledge High School and does not live in the attendance zone, a renewal request must be completed and the fee paid by February 9, 2018. If the renewal is not completed and the fee not paid, your student will be withdrawn from RHS enrollment and placed in the enrollment of their home school.

EPO / CTE CHOICE OFFERINGS FOR SY 2018-2019

- Architectural Drafting
- Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair
- Cambridge International Diploma Program
- Criminal Justice Operations
- Digital Media/Multimedia Design
- Fashion Technology and Design Services
- International Business Program
- Maritime Technology
- Patient Care Assisting
- Web Application Development and Programming

