

# GT Parent Newsletter

## Rappahannock County Public Schools

December 2018

### December Updates!

This month is busy with programs offering performances open to the public. Middle school students in band and chorus will be performing Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 at RCES and the RCHS musical night is on Thursday, December 13, also at 6:30. Our gifted students thrive in the performing arts such as band and drama. The audiences are wider, testing students' skills in district and state competitions. Performing with or against students and/or adults from other schools is a goal achieved. These are the



real-life opportunities that have been a lifesaver for many of our gifted students over the years. Do all the students major in the arts? No, just as all the students taking AP science classes don't major in science. They do grow in the knowledge, skills, discipline, camaraderie, and mentorship that exists in these programs. The discipline of any in-depth

high school studying can readily transfer to the future college disciplines and are the path certain students need to follow. The biggest draw in the arts is that the curriculum allows students to take on *the role of practitioners immediately*. To learn more about the RCHS band program you can visit this [site](#) or come see a performance. Of course, talking to the student members works best for all our performing arts programs.



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## Gifted Services:

December marks a celebration of Computer Science during the first week of the month. RCES celebrated by having each class learn about or extend their learning of code most often through the website [Hour of Code](#) I actually earned my own full hour of code certificate this year, too! PTO sponsored a Family Code Night and it was wonderful to see how our young computer scientists eagerly showed their parents what they could do. Ask for a private demonstration and try it yourself.

Students in ninth grade are invited to learn about our math-science program at Mountain Vista Governors School. The open house will take place the last Tuesday, 1.29.19, in January as usual at 7:30. It is my pleasure to meet with families that want to discuss all the options before that by appointment. If you would like a copy of the application before it is posted just email me. The fillable web doc needs a final touch.

## Competitions:

### **RAPP SCHOLASTIC BOWL ROCKS! Thank you, Mr. Nasar, for sharing an update:**

At the UVA Cavalier Classic in November, the Panther Scholastic Bowl team qualified for SSNCT, a national tournament for small public high schools to be played in Chicago in May. We are exploring sources of funding to go there and play for a national title. On Monday, Dec. 3 Rapp extended its winning streak to 4-0 with big wins over Central and Strasburg. The Panthers pulled ahead quickly against Central with 85-10 in the first period and never looked back, outscoring them by 110-30 in period 2, and 120-10 in period 3 for a final of 315-50. Lauren Petty, the junior captain scored 110 toss-up points, while Alec Petty scored 50 but only played one round. Bryce Jones contributed 30 and Agustin Garcia scored 20 toss-up points. In the Strasburg match, Garcia, Jones, and the two Pettys started and led by 115-30 at the end of period 1, while round 2 was evener. In round 3, Daniel Dalle Luca replaced Garcia, scoring 10 points and Rapp outscored Strasburg by 35 in the last round for a final score of 290-160, the second trouncing of Strasburg in as many weeks. Lauren Petty scored 70 toss-up points and Alec Petty scored 90, with 20 for Jones. The team has built up its competence on the buzzers and is confident about remaining undefeated going forward.

**RAPP COMPETITIONS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, TOO - JAN. 7 AND 14, 2019**

*Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.*

Berthold Auerbach

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