

GT Parent Newsletter

Rappahannock County Schools

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Longwood Economics/Personal Finance

Time to let guidance know if you wish to sign-up!

RCPS has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to allow students the opportunity to take Economics and Personal Finance—a required course

testing: 1.) Course delivery will be primarily online with limited face-to-face interaction, but the final exam and WISE certification testing will occur on July 9th,

“The future belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

~ Malcolm X

for graduation—online, earning three college credits for FINA 250. If the student were to then go on to attend Longwood, they would earn three additional credits as a scholarship.

The course is a four week, online program that will run from June 20, 2016 through July 16, 2016. It is an intensely rigorous course which will require students, on average, to spend a minimum of five hours per day on the subject matter in order to successfully meet course requirements. Longwood is offering two options for the course, as far as exam and certification

2016 at Longwood from 7:30-AM to 1:00 PM. Parents are welcome to attend and a campus tour and special events will be planned for students and their parents.

2.) Student may take the final exam and WISE test at the high school on July 16 instead of at Longwood. If your child is interested, please Michelle Papa. Students must to register by May 1. All RCHS students in grades 8-12 are eligible. Rising 7th graders who have a strong math aptitude may enroll. We hope our students will take advantage of this opportunity.

Enrichment Opportunity



We are proud to announce that RCPS has joined a partnership with Valley Health in order to offer Health Sciences experiences to our students. This year, RCPS will be able to send three students (rising 10th and 11th graders) to the Health Sciences Academy on June 20-24th, 2016. This academy will take place at Winchester Medical Center, Shenandoah University, and LFCC. The academy will also allow students to earn a Student Development course in order to assist students with transition from high school. Students will engage in hands-on, interactive activities that will promote the health professions. Please speak Michelle Papa if interested. The application can be found [here](#). Apps are due March 13th!

The Reality Store

8th Graders Play the Game of Life

On Thursday, February 11th, RCHS eighth grade students were able to participate in a real-world simulation of life. Students entered the gymnasium and visited the “crystal ball” table where 4-H leader, Jenny Kapsa had students pull an identity out of a bowl: a profession, a salary, and a family situation. Students then had to visit twelve different stations where they were forced to make financial decisions about their monthly expenditures.



It is a fun and eye opening experience for students when they realize that they may have to change their plans to buy that new car so that their family of four can afford to eat. Some of the stations included housing, student loans, vehicles, entertainment, furniture, credit and banking, clothing, personal care, and supplemental income. Students visited each station where community volunteers

acted as real-life salespeople, upselling homes and cars to show students how easy it is to get hooked into making poor financial decisions.



Students frequently visited the supplemental income table where they took second and third jobs or made their “spouses” take an income in order to make ends meet, or went back to the dealership to return the brand new car they then found was too difficult to maintain. The simulation was provided to RCHS through partnerships between RCHS, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and community volunteers.



Specifically, Becky Sheffield and Jenny Kapsa provided materials, gathered

volunteers, and facilitated the event. The experience was very well received by RCHS 8th graders. Students were actively engaged for entire two hours and learned so much from this hands-on, real-world activity. Thank you to all those who volunteered!

Way to Go Quiz Bowl!

RCHS Scholastic Bowl

Success!

The RCHS Scholastic Bowl team has had an extremely successful “rebuilding” year with the loss of three strong seniors from last year’s state champs. This year’s team was able to maintain Panther Pride in bringing home the Rapp River Conference Championship trophy after their wins over Essex, (the other) Rappahannock, and Lancaster at Colonial Beach two weeks ago.

Congratulations to junior John Riedel for being selected first team all-conference and to sophomore team captain Jacob Sheffield for being selected second team all-conference. Head Coach, Dave Naser, also was recognized as the Conference Coach of the Year.

The team then moved on to the Regional Championships

at Luray High School last weekend. The team competed extremely well, ending their season with a third place regional finish. We are so proud of the team, Coach Naser and Asst. Coach Weeks, and we look forward to seeing the broadcast from the team's appearance on *It's Academic* on April 30th. Go Panthers!!

Black History Month RCES Contest

RCES is celebrating Black History Month through a creativity contest. Students may submit a project that is art-related (diorama, shadow box, picture, mobile or puppet) with a description, poems or songs related to historically significant events,

or a written reflection about a famous African American and their accomplishments.

There will be winners in the following categories: k-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 and prizes will be awarded. Entries are due in the office by February 19th with winners being announced on February 24th. Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this contest in order to express creatively their understanding of why it is so important to celebrate Black History Month. Good luck!

*VA Association for
the Gifted*
Leadership Awards Opportunities
Recognizing exemplary individuals through the

various VAG awards and providing student summer scholarships are two of the most important functions of this organization. Please take a moment to review these opportunities and nominate or take advantage of the offerings:

Innovative Grants: due Friday, February 26
Outstanding Student Award: due Friday, March 18
Leader of the Year: due Friday, March 18
Parent of the Year: due Friday, March 18
Summer School Scholarship: due Friday, March 18
Teacher of the Year: due Thursday, March 31

You may also visit www.vagifted.org for more information.

Important Events/Dates

*** Announcement: MVGS Applications now live. Please visit the [RCPS Instruction Page](#) for more info. ***

- February 15: No School—Teacher Workday
- February 19: Grade 6/7 Science Fair judging
- February 21: Castleton Performance at 4:00 PM
- February 22-26: RCES Book Fair
- February 25: 12:30 early dismissal / Parent Teacher Conferences
- March 1: Deadline for MVGS applications to guidance counselor
- March 15: School Board/Board of Supervisors RCHS 7 PM (come support GT programs)
- March 24-March 28: Spring Break

For more information about Student Projects, visit Lilo's Gifted Classroom Page here: <https://sites.google.com/a/rappahannockschools.us/classroom-news/student-projects>

Want to see something featured or discussed? Questions? Send your feedback to:

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