

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY SCHOOLS PANTHER PRIDE NEWSLETTER

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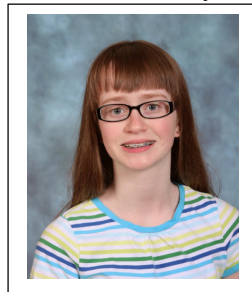
FOUR RISING SOPHOMORES TO ATTEND MOUNTAIN VISTA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL IN 2017-2018

RCPS is proud to announce that four RCHS students were accepted into the Mountain Vista Governor's School (MVGS) three-year program for the 2017-2018, joining the six rising juniors and seniors currently attending. MVGS, a gifted program for Math, Science, and Technology, serves seven school districts. The application process is extremely rigorous and intense, and candidates are selected very carefully through a blind ranking procedure by a committee. The MVGS program expanded last year to include tenth grade, making the commitment for accepted students even greater. The program will include expanded humanities, research, and computer science classes as a result of the additional year. Congratulations to the following students for their excellent work in applying and gaining entry into this very competitive program:

Kayla Compton



Lauren Petty



Heather Smith



Phillip Wyatt



SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Classes offered by the Center for Legal and Court Technology (CLCT) at the William & Mary Law School for gifted high school students are starting to fill, so register soon if you still want to enroll in the Summer 2017 program!

Introduction to U.S. Law:

June 26-29 or July 17-20

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$330

Register: <https://www.regonline.com/introtolaw2017>

Introduction to Evidence:

July 12-13, 2017

1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. \$190

Register: <https://www.regonline.com/introtoevidence2017>

Introduction to Torts:

June 29-30 or July 10-11

1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. \$190

Register: <https://www.regonline.com/intrototorts2017>

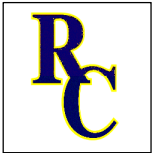
Intro to Search & Seizure:

July 20-21 or August 10-

11 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. \$190

Register: <https://www.regonline.com/introtosearchandseizure2017>

Classes are limited to 20 students; they may be taken in any sequence - there are no prerequisites.



C2BF AND Y-STREET JOIN FORCES Students experience the “Rev Your Bev” Campaign

On May 18th, Rappahannock students celebrated Rev your Bev, a Virginia statewide campaign to raise awareness about the adverse effects of sugary drinks. This educational event took place in the RCES cafeteria led by Commit to be Fit’s Nutritionist and Wellness Integration Specialists and in the RCHS cafeteria by our Y-Street youth health advocates. Students were able to visually learn about popular beverages like soda, sweet tea, and sports drinks with an accompanying clear bottle showing the quantity of sugar inside each. Samples of refreshing ice water infused with strawberries and lemons were enjoyed to demonstrate flavorful, healthy alternatives to high sugar and calorie drinks. The Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth found that 71% of students reported that they will drink less sugary drinks after visiting a Rev your Bev table.



SPECIAL SERVICES FINISHES STRONG!

As the school year comes to a rapid conclusion, RCPS was superbly represented at the Special Games Event held at Culpeper High School on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Our small band of 7 students, 5 staff members, and 5 parent/family supporters made a big impression at the multi-county event, taking ribbons for first, second, and third place for the 50 and 100 meter running events as well as multiple participation ribbons for the Frisbee and tennis ball throws, football punt, and long jump. Along with an admirable display of athletic prowess, participants were able to develop a sense of confidence and pride in their abilities that is so important to their success at school and future vocations. For information on how to become a part of this event in the future, please contact

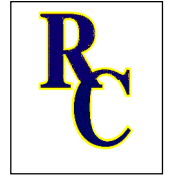
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DARE DAY WASHOUT NOT A TOTAL LOSS

Even though the fun field day festivities were canceled due to inclement weather, students were still treated to an indoor day of fun. Indoor activities included cornhole, hurdles, flag tag, 3 legged races, and roller rider races along with enjoying the moon bounces. The Rappahannock County Sheriff’s Office delivered freshly popped popcorn to all classrooms and our fifth grade students were rewarded with a pizza party provided by the Sheriff’s Office for their participation in the DARE program.





RCHS EARNS SILVER MEDAL

Granted from US News and World Report



U.S. News & World Report recently released their Best High Schools rankings and RCHS stood out from its larger peers. RCHS earned a U.S. News Silver Medal based on its performance on state-required tests and on how well RCHS prepares its students for college. RCHS has an Advanced Placement course participation rate of 36% and has been an accredited school as judged by the Virginia Department of Education for several years in a row. This ranking places RCHS above many of its much larger neighboring schools, including Eastern View and Culpeper County High School as well as Orange County High School and Madison County High School.

While being ranked in the top sixth of all public high schools in Virginia is a plus, the administration and staff at RCHS are determined to take steps to improve on that rating for next year, working harder to increase our Standards of Learning success rates and making more advanced placement courses available to our college bound students. While Dual Enrollment classes don't figure into the U.S. News ranking system, RCHS is also working to improve its dual enrollment offerings, giving our graduating seniors a head start when they begin their post-secondary educational adventure.

FARMERS MARKET FRESH BUCKS

Students may purchase Farmer's Market produce this summer!

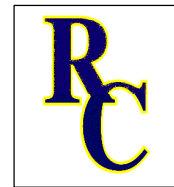
As kids head off for summer vacation, Fauquier and Rappahannock County schools are sending students home with Fresh Bucks to use to shop for local foods all summer long. The free Fresh Bucks program is a community collaboration to inspire kids to eat healthy fresh foods, and encourage a connection to local farmers, growers and producers at the Warrenton Farmers Market.

The program was created by Generation Fresh Foundation, a local organization dedicated to connecting kids to fresh foods and food education, in collaboration with FRESH (Fauquier Reaches for Excellence in School Health) at Fauquier Schools, Commit to Be Fit at Rappahannock Schools, Warrenton Farmers Market, Fauquier Boys & Girls Club, Fauquier Community Childcare, FISH and PATH Foundation.

Students received "Fresh Bucks" vouchers to spend at the market to encourage families to visit the Warrenton Farmers Market. Fresh Bucks will allow kids to make their own shopping decisions at the market, and to learn about local foods by connecting with local farmers and producers. Through a PATH Foundation Make It Happen! grant, the program will reimburse participating market vendors for fresh, local foods purchased with Fresh Bucks.

Throughout the summer, Fresh Bucks will partner with additional organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club of Fauquier, Fauquier Community Child Care (FCCC) and Fauquier FISH, to reach children and youth. FCCC, and the Boys & Girls Club will organize weekly visits to the Wednesday Farmers Market's new location at the WARF. The Fresh Bucks coalition is actively seeking other local organizations, businesses, and camps to distribute Fresh Bucks during the summer months.





Upcoming Events and Announcements

- ❖ May 20: Relay for Life Bus Pull at RCES 10:30 AM
- ❖ May 21: Baccalaureate RCHS 7:00 PM
- ❖ May 26: Graduation 7:00 PM
- ❖ June 5-29: RCHS Summer School

Have a wonderful summer!



RCPS Vision Statement:

*To empower every student to reach his or
her full potential.*