



****RCCA RAM-O-GRAM****

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2016/2017 RCCA School Verse:

Joshua 1:8 (NIV) "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."



American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT RCCA **NEXT Wednesday, 1/25!**

We are supporting the American Red Cross and holding a blood drive here in our gym from **7:30am-12:30pm NEXT Wednesday, January 25th**. Students age 16 can give blood only with permission from a parent (permission forms are available in the school office). Students age 17 and up are allowed to give blood without parental consent. Please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org using school code: RossCorners, or in the office. **Make sure to eat a good breakfast and hydrate ahead of time or you will not be allowed to donate. Juice and snacks will be provided after your donation. If you are willing to contribute a home baked snack, please call the office or send it in that morning.**

GERTRUDE HAWK SPRING FUNDRAISER



Please help support RCCA's Fine Arts program by selling Gertrude Hawk Chocolate. Our Fine Arts program includes our music, visual art, literary art, and drama programs.

- Sale begins **TODAY!** **ALL students PreK-12 have been given order packets to take home.**
- Order forms are **due BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH.**
- Money is due at the time of order. **Please submit FULL PAYMENT WITH ONE CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO RCCA – PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH!**
- Candy pick up is planned for **Friday, March 24th.**

Prize incentives for this year: In addition to the prizes offered through Gertrude Hawk, Mr. Wyse is offering the following extra incentives: the student with the highest sales (\$350+) will receive a \$50 gift card to the store of their choice; and students who sell at least \$250 in sales will receive a \$10 gift card.



URGENT NEED FROM PARENTS!

RCCA is looking for several parents to head up and organize a spring auction event to be held here in May. Now that we are a parent owned and operated school, we need parents to get involved and make our school successful. If you could help with this event, please contact the school office at 607-748-3301.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

CALENDAR CHANGE FOR THURSDAY & FRIDAY, **FEBRUARY 2ND & 3RD FOR STUDENTS IN** **GRADES 9-12**

Due to the number of students who will be away for the upcoming basketball tournament at Hackensack on **Friday, February 3rd**, we have decided to cancel classes for all of 9th-12th grade for that day. Also, those same grades will be **dismissed at 11:20 on Thursday, February 2nd**, when the Basketball team and cheerleaders leave for the Hackensack Tournament. **All other grades, PreK – 8th, will still have regular classes on those days.**



NEWLY UPDATED FACEBOOK PAGE!



Please be sure to "Like" our newly updated **Ross Corners Christian Academy** Facebook page to keep up with the latest news and events.



DRAMA TRYOUTS

Any students, in grades 7-12, who are interested in trying out to participate in this year's drama production, please plan to stay after school on **February 21st or 22nd**. Tryouts will begin around 2:45 and should end by 4:30. Please watch for a sign up list on the bulletin board by the kitchen. **The drama production will be scheduled for Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th.** More details will be provided at a later time.

STUDENT ARTWORK ON DISPLAY

This month's "Art Student of the Month" is 8th grade student, Megan Mills. Her painting is on display inside the office. It is a 9x12 painting of a lion. It was completed using Acrylic on canvas paper. It's also been featured on our school's facebook page. Congratulations Megan! Well done!



NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With cold and flu season upon us, please remember that if your child has a fever, they should not be in school and should not return to school until they are fever free for at least 24 hours. We want to do what we can to minimize the spread of viruses. Thank you!

PARENT PRAYER GROUP

Our parent prayer group meets here at school twice a month to pray for our students & families, our school, and any other needs that arise. The group meets **at 8:05 am on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month**. We encourage any parent/grandparents who are available to come. Even if you don't feel comfortable praying in a group, you are still welcome to come to meet other parents and add your support in this endeavor. **Please email or drop off prayer requests for the group to pray about. They will maintain confidentiality inside the group.**

BASKETBALL CONCESSIONS

Parents of basketball players and cheerleaders are still needed to sign-up to work in the concession stand for the regular basketball season. We would gladly welcome any other supporters who would like to volunteer in our basketball concessions. You may contact Mrs. Shelbi Millard or call the office if you would be willing to serve in this area.

STUDENTS AND SPORTING EVENTS

Please note that student spectators, other than our team players, are required to find their own rides to games - **NOT with the parent drivers of our team players.** Coaches and team parents arrange transportation for the players only. They cannot be responsible for extra student spectators. The only exception to this rule would be if a student's parent is a driver for the team and has planned in advance with the coach's knowledge.

PLAN FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

Parents please have a plan in place for days when there is an unplanned early dismissal and discuss this plan with your students so that you will not have to call the office. If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, announcements will be posted on the school website, www.rccarams.org and will be sent out via our new texting service. They will also be announced on the following radio stations: WNBK (1290AM), MIX (103FM), WSKG (89.3FM), as well as television stations WBNG, FOX 40, WICZ and WIVT. Some of these stations also list closings on their websites – www.newschannel34.com/alert/school & www.wbng.com. Our school closings are generally consistent with the Vestal school system. Please do not call the school to find out about closings as this information is given to those stations on a timely basis. Thank you!

TEXT ALERT SERVICE AVAILABLE!

If you wish to be added to our text alert notification service, please provide the office with the cell phone numbers on which you wish to receive the alert. You can either email the office, or write them down and give to the office when you come through. Once submitted, you will receive a text

invitation from Mr. Wyse to join. This is the fastest and best method of getting important school information out. We will use this for any emergency information that might arise as well as school closings, early dismissals, special events or calendar changes, dress down days, etc. If you want to be "in the know", please subscribe to this service.

Do you shop on AMAZON? Here's a way to help RCCA!

If you shop on Amazon, please look for the **Amazon Smile** option and select our school. When you choose our school for this program, Amazon will give a portion of each sale back to our school. We have already received some money from them, and it is an easy way to help RCCA. It does not cost anything extra to do this -- it is a program that Amazon created to support charitable organizations.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY:

27: End of 2nd Quarter (report cards will be emailed to parents on Monday, January 30th)

FEBRUARY:

2-4: Basketball Tournament at Hackensack, NJ
2: **ALL 9th-12th grade students dismissed @ 11:20**
3: **No classes for 9th-12th grade students**
17-20: **No School!**
17-18: NYPENN Basketball Tournament at Davis College
21-22: Drama Tryouts (grades 7-12) 2:45-4:30pm
23: Basketball Awards Night at RCCA 6:30pm

MARCH:

1: 3rd Interim Progress Reports
12: Daylight Savings Time (turn clocks 1 hour ahead)
TBD: PreK Open House
18: NYPENN All Star Games @ Davis College
22: Kindergarten Open House 9-10am (please call to RSVP)

APRIL:

3-7: TerraNova Achievement Testing grades K-9
5: End of 3rd Quarter
14-21: **NO SCHOOL! Easter Break**
28,29: **Drama Production**

