



## **\*\*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."*

### **NO SCHOOL TOMORROW & MONDAY due to President's Weekend**

### **MORNING DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS - VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED!**

We have noticed a few issues during our morning student drop off. We realize the traffic flow can be confusing, especially during winter. However, we need parent drivers to enter from the lower Ross Hill entrance near the smaller church/youth building, drive from the front of the church up through the center of the gravel parking lot along the cones, dropping students off at the crosswalk in the gravel area. Students should then walk through the crosswalk and enter school through the double glass gym doors, and parent drivers continue up through the gravel lot, exiting at the upper Ross Hill exit. School buses are the only vehicles that should be driving up alongside the school building and dropping students off at the crosswalk at the gym doors. If a parent driver needs to park to come into school or talk to someone in the parking lot, please pull up and park near the upper end of the lot, away from the line of traffic for student drop off. **PRESCHOOL PARENTS** should park up towards the office and bring their children through the office doors. **PLEASE NOTE:** If the parking lot is extremely icy, Mr. Wyse will send out a text alert or direct traffic to park down in the lower paved parking lot beside the church as the gravel lot has more trouble with ice. **CROSSING GUARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** It would be extremely helpful if we could have a parent volunteer each morning & afternoon to assist us in being a student crossing guard during the 7:30-8:00am & 2:15-2:45pm timeframes as well as to assist in keeping an eye on the traffic flow and helping to make sure all our students stay alert and stay safe.



### **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.



### **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.

### **GERTRUDE HAWK SPRING FUNDRAISER**



**Thank you** to all who helped 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 has ENDED!** If you still have an order form to turn in, please get it to the office ASAP (they were due on February 10<sup>th</sup>).
- Candy pick up is planned for **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.



### **LIFE CHOICES CHANGE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**

Each class has been given a large baby bottle to fill with loose change which will be given to the Life Choices Center. The class that brings in the most change will receive a donut party from the Life Choices Center. We will have 3 divisions – PreK3 & PreK4, K-6<sup>th</sup>, grade and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Wyse has also set a goal of \$1,000 for the entire school. If we reach that goal, the whole school will get 5 *dress down days!* The contest will continue through **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. More details will be provided at a later time.

### **VOLLEYBALL!!**

We are happy to announce the start of Volleyball at RCCA! We will have a boys team and a girls team. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join. **Our 1<sup>st</sup> practice will be TODAY at RCCA from 5-7pm. Regular practices will be held at Calvary Baptist Tabernacle on Main Street in Vestal from 6-8pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays**

**& Fridays.** For more information, you may contact Mrs. Terri Card at [tlcard24@yahoo.com](mailto:tlcard24@yahoo.com). Homeschooled students are also invited to join us. They need only to complete a Homeschooler Sports Application (available on our website) and submit a current sports physical form. There is no fee to play this year. This is our trial year. With enough interest, we will continue to make it part of our athletic program here at RCCA.



### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### **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](http://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](http://www.newschannel34.com/alert/school) & [www.wbng.com](http://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**

#### **FEBRUARY:**

- 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Interim Progress Reports
- 12: Daylight Savings Time (turn clocks 1 hour ahead)
- 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
- 3-13: Pre-K Open Houses – details will be provided soon. Please call for more info or to RSVP
- 5: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 14-21: NO SCHOOL! Easter Break**
- 28,29: Drama Production**

