



****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."

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

Our annual Back To School Night is scheduled for **NEXT TUESDAY, September 20th, from 6:30-8:30 pm.** This is for parents of students in grades Kindergarten through 12. This is a great opportunity for parents to come and meet their children's teachers and learn what their children will be doing throughout the year. **Please meet in the school gymnasium at 6:30pm.** There will be tables set up inside the entrance that will have class schedules for students in grades 7-12. Pick up your child's schedule so you can follow their class schedule for the evening – class sessions will run in 10 minute increments. When the bell rings, you will move to the next class. Elementary classes will run in two, 30 minute sessions (in case you have more than 1 student).

GRANDPARENTS DAY!

We are excited to once again host Grandparent's Day here at RCCA on **Thursday, October 6th, from 8:30-11:30am.** Please share this information with your children's grandparents so they can plan to come and spend the morning with us (a flyer is attached to your email and are also available in the RCCA office). There will be light refreshments, a short program in the church auditorium, and then grandparents can sit in the classrooms with their grandchildren and participate in some fun games and activities. If you would be willing to make some muffins and/or come in and help serve coffee & muffins and help with some carnival games, please contact Mrs. Kathi White at rcca5th@yahoo.com or call the school office.

UPCOMING TESTS FOR 10TH & 11TH GRADE

ASVAB TEST

The **ASVAB** test will be administered here at RCCA on **Wednesday, October 5th, beginning PROMPTLY at 8:00 am.** **ALL 11th grade students are required to take this test.** Please make sure they are here on time on that day.

PSAT TEST

The **PSAT test** will be administered here at RCCA on **Wednesday, October 19th - beginning PROMPTLY AT 8:00am.** This test is geared primarily for 11th grade students; however 10th graders may take it as well. This test is optional but highly recommended as it will help prepare students for the SAT test which is taken during their senior year. The SAT is the test most colleges look at during the application process. (For more information on the SAT Test, go online at www.collegeboard.com to register for an upcoming test date at one of our local high schools). **Information on the PSAT test has been mailed home to parents of 10th & 11th grade students.** If you want your student to take the PSAT test, please sign and return the registration form that was sent home, along with your payment of \$25 by the due date listed on the form (checks can be made out to "RCCA").

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR

RCCA is once again hosting a Christian College Fair here in our gymnasium on **Monday, October 3rd, from 6:30-8:30pm.** For more information on this event and to see the colleges that will be represented, go to www.myblueprintstory.com.

"SAVE AROUND" COUPON BOOK SALE

Our *Save Around* coupon book sale **HAS BEGUN.** Each family has received information and a sample book to take home. The sale will end on October 4th. Books cost \$25.00 each. **Students who are involved on our sports teams are required to sell 5 books (per family) to cover their sports participation fee.** If you opt out of this sale, students who participate on our sports teams will need to pay the \$50 sports participation fee instead. If you choose not to participate in this sale, the sample book must be returned or you will be charged the \$25 for it.

SPECIAL REMINDERS:

STUDENT DROP OFF / PICK UP: Please note that if you drive your children to school, please enter from the Ross Hill entrance, keeping your vehicle in the gravel area, and drop children off at the crosswalk. **Only buses should be entering through the lower, Owego Road entrance (across from Sub Factory).** Buses drive straight up along the side of the school building, unload students at the double gym doors (at the crosswalk) and exit at the top of the parking lot at the Ross Hill upper exit. Please follow these guidelines to keep our students safe.

SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8:00 am. Students should be in their first period class by the time the 2nd bell rings at 8:00am. The gym doors will be closed and locked at this

time, and students will have to go through the office and sign in. Students will be marked as Tardy unless they have a written excuse from a parent with a valid reason for being late. Please call the school office first thing in the morning if your student is going to be absent and send a written excuse to the office the day your student returns. If you know your student is going to be absent for a day or more, please send in an excuse ahead of time so the teacher's can arrange to send their work with them.

NEW CELL PHONE POLICY



Students are required to check their cell phones in at the beginning of the school day and then pick them up at the end of the day. We will have a check in point down in the gym, inside the entrance. Students will put their phones into an assigned, numbered pouch that is hanging on the wall. After the final bell rings and the gym doors are locked at 8:00am, the cell phones will be taken to the office where they will be securely held. At the end of the day, the phones will be taken back down to the exit doors in the gym where students can then retrieve their phone. Each student will have an assigned number for where to store their phone. If any emergencies arise during the school day, and you need to contact your student, please call the school office at **607-748-3301 or 3302**, and we can get a message to your student. If your student needs to contact you during the day, they can use the office phones.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE INFORMATION

After school care is now available until 6:00pm. If you'd like to take advantage of this program, please inform the school office.

VOLUNTEERING AT RCCA!

We would love to enlist the help of parents, grandparents, and friends of the Academy to come in and serve, whether it be in our lunchroom, help with cleaning and maintenance, serving as a classroom aide, etc. If you have a little extra time and some special abilities that could be put to good use here, please contact the office. Strong parental support is much needed for the continued success of our school! **We are in need of 2 or 3 more kitchen volunteers to help in our school kitchen to help serve lunch. The time commitment is from 10:30-12:30.**

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.

PARENT PRAYER GROUP!!

Our parent prayer group is planning to meet here at school twice a month to pray for our students & families, our school, and any other needs that arise. The group will be meeting **at 8:05 am on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month beginning on September 22nd**. 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.

HEALTH INFORMATION



Please remember to get all updated health & immunization records to the school office ASAP. Our school nurse will be visiting soon and will be checking for all required documentation.

RCCA WEBSITE

Please remember to visit our school website at www.rccarams.org for school information, application forms, health & physical forms, student handbook, school calendar, Ram-O-Grams, and lunch menus.



Please "Like" us on Facebook at our RCCA Rams / Toby Wyse Facebook page to keep up with the latest news and events.



UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPTEMBER:

- 13: **Begin sale of Save Around Book**
- 20: **Back to School Night (K-12) 6:30-8:30pm**
- 28: "See You at the Pole" 7:35am

OCTOBER:

- 3: Christian College Fair in RCCA gym 6:30-8:30pm
- 4: Save Around Book sale ends
- 5: ASVAB Test (11th grade) 8-11am
- 6: **Grandparent's Day 8:30-11:30am**
- 7-10: **No School: Columbus Day Weekend**
- 11: School Pictures
- 12: **1st MP Interim – Progress Reports**
- 19: PSAT Test 8-11am (9th-12th students who register)
- 27-29: NYPENN Soccer Tournament @ BC United

