

August 2017

Dear Rocky Run Students and Families:

Welcome back to school! The Rocky Run staff is excited to welcome our over 1300 students to school on **Monday, August 28, 2017** and is looking forward to a school year filled with learning and change. We will continue to focus on *making good things happen* for our students and in our school community and sharing good news with you through our weekly *News You Choose* email messages and social media. We will further our work with the FCPS On pilot program for Digital Transformation by offering new learning opportunities and laptop access for every student. We are also looking forward to exciting learning experiences and the transformation of our school as we begin the renovation process in the spring of 2018.

Rams Rally – Schedule Pickup Events

8th Grade: Tuesday, August 22, 3-5 PM

7th Grade: Wednesday, August 23, 3-6 PM

Please check the [Rams Rally announcement](#) on the RRMS website for updates and information. Rocky Run mailed a pre-printed [Emergency Care form](#) and a blank [Health form](#) to families via US mail during the first week of August. If all the information on the pre-printed Emergency Care form is correct, please sign at the bottom and bring it back to Rocky Run either on a laptop distribution day or during Rams Rally. **If you need to make any adjustments on the Emergency Care form, please write changes in red.** Please note that we require proof of residency (lease or deed) for address change.

For students/parents who cannot attend the Rams Rally: Please note that schedules will be available in SIS ParentVue or StudentVue on beginning August 24, 2017. On the first day of school, students will report to their first period class to turn in required forms. Students will receive an official schedule with locker information from their first period teacher. If you have any questions regarding your child's schedule, please contact your child's [school counselor](#).

Transportation Information

Beginning on August 24, 2017 parents and students can use MapNet via Blackboard [FCPS 24-7 Learning](#) to access bus stop information and approximate time for pickup and drop off. Students will see the link for transportation when they log in to their Blackboard FCPS 24-7 Learning accounts. Students will need to be at the bus stop approximately five to ten minutes before the indicated arrival time of the bus. Advanced Academics students who live outside of the Rocky Run transportation boundary will need to contact the [Transportation Office](#) if their bus stop is not indicated on the current

route schedule.

Positivity Project (P2)

New this school year, Rocky Run MS will be partnering with The Positivity Project for character education school wide. The Positivity Project (P2) is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering students to build strong relationships and to understand, appreciate, and exemplify character strengths in us all. The P2 has been successful at elementary and middle schools around the nation, and we are excited to join the movement. We will be infusing the P2 message through lessons, videos, and vignettes during Rock time periods throughout the school year. For more information, go to www.posproject.org. We look forward to sharing more about P2 with you at our upcoming Back to School Nights.

Back to School Nights

Back to School Night is an opportunity for parents/guardians to experience the student schedule and meet the teaching team. Time will be allocated to visit each class and hear from the individual teachers. Detailed information regarding Back to School Night will be sent out once school opens.

8th Grade: Thursday, September 7, 6-8:30 PM:

7th Grade: Tuesday, September 12, 6-8:30 PM:

PTA

Please plan to join and support our PTA! Our first **PTA meeting** of the year will be held on **Thursday, September 14 at 10:30 AM** in the Teen Living room. Joining the PTA is an excellent way to support your child/ren's education as well as become involved in the school's instructional and extracurricular programs.

We value your participation and your input. Please feel free to contact the school main office if we can be of assistance. The 2017-2018 school year promises to be a great one. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Sincerely,

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