



Rock Springs Middle School Monthly Newsletter

December 2018

December 2018 Important Dates

December 20th: 2-hour Day.
Last Day of Fall Semester

December 21th-January 7th:
Winter Break. Students return
January 8th.

School Website:
<http://www.rsm.rcs.k12.tn.us/>

School Twitter:
@RSMKNIGHTS

Principal Twitter:
@waynes5203

Dear Members of the Rock Springs Community,

Every month, we will provide the community with a State of the School Address produced by our video production team which will be uploaded to our school website. This will provide a quick synopsis of the month ahead. We will also provide a more detailed newsletter that will outline our schools progress, successes and important dates to remember.

Parent Partnerships: We invite parents to assist our school by assisting in supporting our teachers. Please encourage our teachers by sending them an email of positivity or a note of appreciation. Thank you for helping our school and keeping that positive school culture. If you are interested in assisting our PTO please contact Lee Ann Slate at slatedog@comcast.net or contact Mr. Wayne at waynes@rcschools.net

Chronically Absent and Truancy: Students who miss 10% or more of the school year for any reason will be considered chronically out of school. Those students will have a negative impact on our school's performance level; chronically absent students will make up 10% of our school's accountability grade under Tennessee's ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) plan. RSMS Tier Truancy plan can be found on our website under the parents tab.

RSMS Book Fair: Thank you for the support during the library book fair. The Book Fair was another success at Rock Springs Middle. Thank you to Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Falconberry for all their hardwork and dedication.

Winter Dance: Student Council is having their Winter Dance on December 6th from 3:30-5:30. Tickets to the dance are \$5. You can pay \$8 and get both a ticket to the dance and a ticket to the basketball game. The basketball game will start at 6:00.



Athletics

Boys and Girls Basketball has officially started. Please support our student athletes by attending their games. The varsity home basketball games this month will start at 6:00 p.m. with JV starting at 4:00. Tickets are \$5.

- December 6th vs. Stewarts Creek
- December 13th vs. Christiana

Clubs/Activities

- **Band:** The Rock Springs Middle School Band will present their annual Winter Concert on Tuesday evening, December 11, 2018, at 7:00 pm in the RSMS auditorium. The performance will feature our 6th Grade Beginning Band, and the 7th and 8th Grade Combined Concert Band. Please join us as we highlight all the hard work our students have done throughout the Fall semester.
- **Choir:** The Rock Springs Middle School Choir will present their Winter Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 6th at 6:00 pm in the RSMS auditorium. The concert will feature the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choirs as well as several solo performances by our students taking private voice instruction. Please come out for an evening of beautiful Christmas music and support our Choral Department!

Visible Learning

What works best for learning? John Hattie's Research

Visible Learning means an enhanced role for teachers as they become evaluators of their own teaching. According to John Hattie, Visible Learning and Teaching occurs when teachers see learning through the eyes of students and help them become their own teachers.

At Rock Springs Middle, we are asking teachers and students to be able to answer the following questions during each class period.

- What am I learning today?
- How do I know I am learning it?
- How do I know when I have learned it?
- What does success look like?

It is a pleasure to be a part of the greatest faculty, staff and student body in the State of Tennessee and it is our vision at Rock Springs Middle School to prepare our students to be successful at the middle school level and to equip our students with the necessary tools for success in high school.