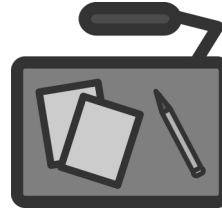
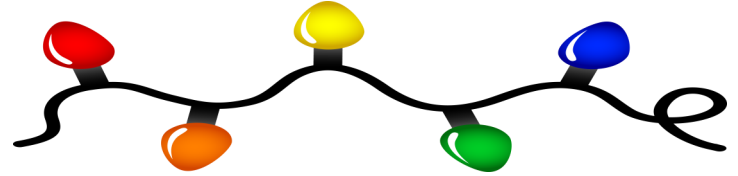


## Important Dates to Remember:

- **December 11:** A Family Night of Music Dinner & Crafts 5:30-7:30
- **December 11:** Choir Performance at 6:00 in LGI
- **December 11:** 7th & 8th grade Band Performance at 7:00 in Fieldhouse
- **December 12:** 7th & 8th grade Orchestra Performance 7:00 in Fieldhouse
- **December 12:** Attendance Club Celebration at 3:00 in the LGI room
- **December 13:** Late Start for Students (one hour delay-8:30 am start)
- **December 22:** CORE BASH (during school hours)
- **December 22:** End of First Semester and last full day of school day before winter break
- **December 25-January 5:** Winter Break
- **January 8:** School Reconvenes
- **January 15:** Martin Luther King Day (No school for Students and Staff)
- **January 22:** Skating Party
- **February 7:** Late Start for Students (one hour delay-8:30 am start)
- **February 19:** President's Day (No School for Students and Staff)



## From the Assistant Principal's Desk...



For students, parents and educators alike, the time between Thanksgiving break and Christmas break can seem like an eternity. Trends show that this is a time when people can lose focus, begin to feel overwhelmed and become ill. Parents please partner with us in encouraging perseverance, help students to de-stress, and to continue in fitness routines.

Encourage your student to stick with challenging subjects. Our weekly Friday message is, "Finish Strong!". This is a mindset that we believe will take your child further than they imagine they can go.

Help your student gain the energy needed for homework by rewarding them with breaks after specified work time. This will allow students time to relax and recharge. Their breaks may include time for a TV viewing, social media use or something that your student is looking forward to.

Encourage your student's to stay active. Students should have one hour of physical activity daily for their minds as well as their bodies.

Enjoy the Season, but Finish Strong!

## Counselor's Corner

December 2017

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It is during this time of year I like to take time with my family to reflect on the things and people in our lives that we have to be thankful for (i.e. our health, family and friends). I hope you too will take time during this holiday season to reflect with your children on the people and things in your lives that you are thankful for. I would like to thank you for allowing me to be a part of your children's lives and helping them on their educational journey. We look forward to a continued partnership with you throughout the year. I hope you enjoy your time together during this holiday season!



## Ranger to the CORE CELEBRATION

In an effort to celebrate kids that have earned Ranger to the Core status we have arranged for **Dave and Busters** to host students on Friday December 22, before the Core Celebration. The criteria set for Ranger to the Core are students who have maintained a 97% or above attendance rate, students who have no more than 2 logs, and students who have not gotten any referrals for the semester. The cost for this incentive is \$25. Students who qualify will have their name placed on a list during lunch. Dave and Busters will provide unlimited game play and an open buffet for our students for the first half of the day. Students who attend are expected to return to campus by 12:30. RPMS would like to thank our Ranger to the Core parents for making sure your students are at school each day. If your student didn't make the list this time. Please consider setting an attendance goal with your student so they can be included in next semesters' Ranger to the Core activity.

# Holiday FOOD DRIVE

Student Council is encouraging all Rangers to participate in this month's COREific event:

## A Month of Giving

From December 13 through December 19, Student Council representatives will collect non-perishable food items to re-stock our Sunny Day Pantry. 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to bring 3 or more canned goods or non-perishable items to donate. In return, students will receive 3 days of "Festive" dress, in celebration of generosity and the upcoming winter break.

### Dates to Remember:

**December 13-19:** Bring in 3 or more canned goods (students are asked to bring all items at the same time)

**December 20:** Holiday Festive Hat Day (students may wear holiday caps or hats during the school day)

**December 21:** Ugly/Festive Sweater or Shirt Day (students may wear seasonal/winter holiday inspired sweaters, sweatshirts or t-shirts as long as shirts are winter holiday festive, no collars necessary)

**December 22:** Pajama Day (students may wear pajamas to school, no robes, slippers or blankets please)





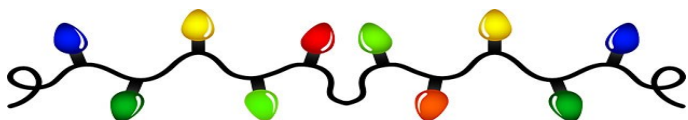
## Science Olympiad - Herpetology

Snakehead Ed visited Mr. Gobel's Science Olympiad practice to talk about Herpetology. It was a fun chance to learn about snakes as well as a chance to hold real life animals. Thank you Snakehead Ed!



## Washington DC!

8th grade students will have the opportunity to attend a trip to Washington DC during the spring semester. Attending students will be excused from school the final two days before spring break (3/15 and 3/16) to attend a trip that will depart on the evening of 3/14 and return the morning of 3/18. The trip will be chaperoned by Ranger staff, but the expense of this optional trip will be the responsibility of the student/family. Information that includes an itinerary, payment information and fundraising opportunities are included in this Ranger Report newsletter. Be mindful that the first payment to the travel company is due December 8!



### **New for the 17/18 school year Perfect Attendance Club**

Each month we are hosting a PAC **celebration** and we are inviting all Rangers to attend! To qualify you must be present for all class periods with no tardies for an entire month. Didn't make it this month? Not to worry - you can always try for next month!

## **Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS)**

NUMATS offers assessments (SAT and ACT) that can then give you information to help you plan your child's academic journey though high school graduation. It helps you to see your students academic strengths, abilities, and needs. It is also an opportunity that gives them practice on the high-stakes test(s) used for high school placement, scholarships, and college admissions. There are many dates and locations available throughout the school year. For more information and the cost go to <https://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/program/numats#details>

Or Contact Tina Hankley (317) 532-8900 X6510





# Raymond Park Middle School

## *Home of the Rangers*

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### Ranger Patrons,

December's Ranger Report is segmented according to topic for easy reading and later reference.

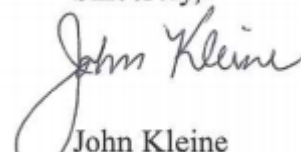
**Learning Assessments.** Students often ask why they are required to take so many assessments. I often take time to explain that assessment is a natural part of any learning cycle: plan a lesson, teach a lesson, assess the learning, and adjust instruction accordingly. However, I also worry that the frequency of assessment can cause students to become numb to their importance and give less than their best. December is an important month for assessments. NWEA assessments will be taken during the week of December 11. Results provide teachers with a comprehensive view of student knowledge in language, reading, and math. Also, performance task assessments will be given by most disciplines during the final weeks of the term to provide information on the most recent unit of study. I ask for your understanding and support in reinforcing with your student the importance of giving one's best on all assessments. All information that is learned from assessments is used to improve your student's education.

**A Time of Giving.** December's school-wide character focus is on compassion, charity, and giving. Difficult economic times provide opportunities for students to support the greater community, and RPMS students will have several opportunities to rise to the occasion. RPMS is adopting Riley Hospital families for gifting. Students will be working together through Success classes to sponsor patients and family members whose condition requires that their focus be elsewhere during the holiday season. The Student Council is also organizing a canned food drive and during consecutive weeks in December. Details are provided in the attached Ranger Report Newsletter.

**End of the Grading Period.** The first semester is scheduled to come to a close on Friday, December 22. So that RPMS may send term 2 report cards home with students prior to winter break, all term 2 work that will be counted in the term 2 grade should be turned in before the end of the day Tuesday, December 19. NWEA growth reports will also be sent home with report cards prior to winter break.

**Holiday Focus.** The holidays can be the happy and/or depressing time of year depending on circumstances. For those facing economic hardship and/or the loss of family or friends, depression is an unfortunate and grim reality to a season that can be filled with so much hope. Please do not hesitate to contact school personnel to discuss your student's academic or emotional status during the days leading up to Christmas break. I ask for your support in helping to keep kids focused during this busy, festive time of year. I also wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons.

Sincerely,



John Kleine  
Principal

# Middle Years

Working Together for School Success



## Short Stops

### Appreciate art

Visit an art museum or gallery over winter break for educational family fun. Encourage your tween to read descriptions of the exhibits. He'll learn about artists and their techniques. He may even want to try his hand at some artwork when you get home! *Note:* Check for free-admission days or holiday coupons.

### On top of grades

If your child's school offers an online grade book, check it every week or so. That way, you will stay in the loop and can spot problems early. Try not to overreact to one low score—it could be one small blip or just a tiny fraction of your tween's grade. Instead, look for patterns, and contact the teacher if you have concerns.

### Excited about tweens

It's normal to feel a bit sad as your middle grader grows up. But it helps to remember that you have a lot to look forward to. You may discover mutual interests and enjoy discussing various topics as her opinions develop. Plus, you get to witness the excitement of her first school dance, volleyball game, or other milestone events.

### Worth quoting

"A hunch is creativity trying to tell you something." *Frank Capra*

### Just for fun

**Q:** How do you turn on the light in a room with a broken light switch?

**A:** By fixing it!



## Be productive!

Homework? Check. Take pictures for photography class? Check. Do the dishes? Check.

Knowing what to do and getting it done will make your tween's life run more smoothly and help her be more successful. Share these four strategies.



### 1. Pick what's important

Suggest that your child make a daily to-do list—with priorities. She might divide her list into what must be done today and what can wait until the next day. *A good tip:* Encourage her to keep her list manageable. Writing down everything she needs to do all month may just lead to frustration.

### 2. Use "prime time"

Maybe your tween is a morning person and concentrates better then. If so, she could review for tests on the bus or do projects on weekend mornings. If she's more alert after school or at night, however, she can focus her energies then.

### 3. Snap into a positive mood

If your middle schooler isn't feeling motivated, encourage her to do something that puts her in a good mood. She might watch birds at the bird feeder, take a walk around the block, or play with slime. Changing her frame of mind can help her get started.

### 4. Put away distractions

While technology is supposed to help us be productive, it often gets in the way. Have your child place any devices she's not using for homework across the room and shut off. (After all, it's easier to procrastinate with a video if her tablet is powered on and within reach!) 👍

## Operation "reset"

Winter break gives your child the gift of extra time. Encourage him to use it wisely with a mix of relaxation and preparation for the new year.

**Refresh.** Suggest he do enjoyable activities he hasn't had time for. Perhaps he'll read a graphic novel that's been sitting on a shelf or create a workout routine to do with a friend.

**Catch up.** Ask your tween to think about how he can hit the ground running next semester. If he has assignments due when school begins, he could work on them a little each day. Or he might empty his subject folders by filing returned papers at home and start with a fresh slate in January. 👍



## Writing for the real world

As your tween grows up, he'll need to write for all kinds of reasons, whether he's drafting papers for school, writing college essays, or preparing a resume. He can practice by writing for real purposes at home.

**Summarize the facts.** Writers need to get to the point quickly, because there's so much information competing for people's attention. For practice, your child could write a newscast recapping 2017 family highlights and



send it to relatives. To sum up each event, he should focus on key facts like who, what, when, where, and why. ("Maggie, age 10, joined the Safety Patrol in September at Beacon Elementary School.")

**Target your audience.** Focusing on who will read his writing helps him make sure it is understandable and includes relevant details. For instance, a student's version of a textbook contains different information than a teacher's. To understand the

difference, your middle grader might create a "how-to" guide for different groups. For example, he could write step-by-step directions for using a remote control, but make one for tech-savvy family members and one for those who aren't. 🍌

## Nice thinking!

Becoming a good thinker will help your middle grader solve problems and make daily decisions. Use these fun family activities to grow her creative and critical thinking skills:

■ If an alien came to Earth and found a roller skate, what might he think it could be used for? Take turns calling out answers. For example, your child may say the wheels would make a good back massager. Continue until no one can think of a new answer.



■ Secretly think of an object, and imagine you are holding it. "Pass" it to another person, who tries to guess your item based on how you handle it. For example, how would you hold and pass an ice cube, a bowling ball, a hot potato, or a Frisbee? After guessing, the catcher pretends it's something different and passes it to the next family member. 🍌

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## Handling friendship changes

**Q** My son no longer wants to hang out with one of his new friends, but he doesn't want to hurt the boy's feelings. What advice can I give him?

**A** It's common for middle graders to try out new friendships—and just as common for one or both to decide it doesn't work. Let your son know it's okay as long as he's kind about it.

If the other boy invites him to do something, he should respond rather than ignore him and politely decline without a long explanation ("Sorry, I can't"). Also, suggest that he avoid committing to hang out later, so the boy doesn't get the wrong impression that your son wants to get together in the future.

When they see each other at school or events, he should say hello. That can prevent hard feelings and leave the door open for being better friends again later. 🍌



## Parent to Parent

### No price tag on giving

My 12-year-old daughter, Katie, always wants to give presents at the holidays, but she doesn't have much money. This year, I suggested she think about what could she do for people rather than what she could wrap in a box or bag.

We brainstormed, and I was surprised by where our ideas led. Since Katie likes to sing, she thought of serenading her grandmother with

her favorite song from the 1950s. I suggested she offer her younger brother a "chore-free day," letting him pick a day for her to take over his chores. Then, she decided to give her favorite teacher a handmade card with an offer to help around the classroom.

It's good for Katie to see that she can be generous without spending money. And I'm hoping that focusing on giving will keep her less focused on getting. 🍌





# Middle Years

Trabajando para el éxito escolar



## Notas Breves

### Valorar el arte

Visiten un museo o una galería de arte durante las vacaciones de invierno para pasarlo bien educativamente en familia. Anime a su hijo a que lea las descripciones de las exposiciones. Aprenderá sobre los artistas y sus técnicas. ¡Quizá quiera también intentar hacer su propia creación artística cuando vuelvan a casa! *Nota:* Busquen días de admisión gratuita o cupones para las fiestas.

### Atentos a las notas

Si la escuela de su hija tiene un libro de calificaciones en la red, consúltenlo cada semana. Así estarán informados y podrán identificar pronto los problemas. Procuren no reaccionar desproporcionadamente por una nota baja: podría tratarse solamente de un bache o suponer una fracción minúscula de la nota de su hija. Identifiquen, en cambio, tendencias y contacten con la maestra si les preocupan.

### Entusiasmados con los preadolescentes

Es normal sentir un poco de tristeza porque su hija se va haciendo mayor. Pero es útil recordar que a usted le esperan muchas cosas buenas. Quizá descubran intereses comunes y disfruten comentando diversos temas según vaya desarrollando sus propias opiniones. Además presenciará la emoción de su primer baile en la escuela, partido de voleibol u otros eventos importantes en la escuela.

### Vale la pena citar

"Una corazonada es la creatividad que intenta decirte algo". *Frank Capra*

### Simplemente cómico

**P:** ¿Cómo prendes la luz de una habitación que tiene el interruptor roto?

**R:** ¡Arreglándolo!



## ¡Sé productiva!

¿Deberes? Hechos. ¿Las fotos para la clase de fotografía? Hechas. ¿Los platos? Hechos.

Saber qué tiene que hacer y hacerlo hará que la vida de su hija transcurra con más tranquilidad y la hará más competente. Comparta con ella estas cuatro estrategias.



### 1. Elige lo que es importante

Sugiera a su hija que haga una lista diaria de obligaciones estableciendo prioridades. Podría dividir su lista en lo que hay que hacer hoy y lo que puede esperar hasta el día siguiente. *Un buen consejo:* Anímela a que haga una lista manejable. Escribir todo lo que tiene que hacer durante el mes puede producirle frustración.

### 2. Usa el mejor momento

Puede que su hija sea madrugadora y se concentre mejor por la mañana. Podría repasar para los exámenes en el autobús o hacer proyectos las mañanas del fin de semana. Pero si está más despierta después de la escuela o por la noche podría concentrar sus energías en esos momentos.

### 3. Ponte de buen humor

Si su hija no se siente motivada, anímela a hacer algo que la ponga de buen humor. Podría observar los pájaros que vienen a comer, dar un paseo por su bloque o jugar con engrudo. Cambiar su estado de ánimo le ayudará a conseguirlo.

### 4. Retira las distracciones

Aunque se supone que la tecnología nos ayuda a ser productivos, con frecuencia se entromete. Dígale a su hija que apague los aparatos que no está usando para los deberes y los coloque al otro lado de la habitación. (¡Lo cierto es que es más fácil ver un video y dejar algo para más tarde cuando la tableta está encendida y al alcance de la mano!) 🙅

## Operación "reiniciar"

Las vacaciones de invierno le dan a su hijo tiempo extra. Anímelo a que lo use bien mezclando la relajación y la preparación para el nuevo año.

**Revitalizarse.** Sugiera a su hijo que haga actividades agradables para las que le ha faltado tiempo. Quizá lea una novela gráfica que lleva meses en el estante o cree una rutina de gimnasia para hacerla con un amigo.

**Ponerse al día.** Dígale a su hijo que piense en cómo puede empezar el nuevo semestre con buen pie. Si tiene que entregar deberes en cuanto vuelva al colegio, podría trabajar en ellos un poquito cada día. También podría vaciar sus carpetas archivando en casa los trabajos que le han devuelto y empezar desde cero en enero. 🙌



## Escribir para el mundo real

Cuando su hijo crezca tendrá que escribir por muchos motivos, tanto para redactar trabajos para el colegio, escribir ensayos para la universidad o preparar su currículum. Puede practicar en casa escribiendo con objetivos reales.

**Resumir los datos.** Los escritores tienen que ir rápidamente al grano porque hay mucha información que compete por la atención de la gente. Para practicar su hijo podría escribir un noticiero resumiendo lo más importante acaecido a su familia en el 2017 y enviárselo a sus familiares. Para resumir



cada evento debe concentrarse en datos clave como quién, qué, cuándo, dónde y por qué. ("Maggie, de 10 años de edad, ingresó en la Patrulla de Seguridad de Beacon Elementary School en septiembre".)

### Tener en cuenta a su público.

Al centrarse en quién leerá su escrito su hijo procurará que se entienda y que incluya detalles relevantes. Por ejemplo, la versión para estudiantes de un libro de texto contiene información distinta de la versión del maestro.

Para entender la diferencia, su hijo podría crear un manual de uso para grupos diversos. Por ejemplo, podría escribir instrucciones paso a paso para el uso del control remoto, pero hacer una versión para miembros de su familia enterados de tecnología y otra para los que no lo son. 🍌

## ¡Bien pensado!

Pensar bien ayudará a su hija a resolver problemas y a tomar decisiones a diario. Use estas amenas actividades con su familia para ayudarla a que desarrolle la creatividad y el pensamiento crítico:

■ Si un extraterrestre viniera a la Tierra y encontrara un patín, ¿para qué creería que se usa? Den respuestas por turnos. Por ejemplo, su hija quizá diga que las ruedas podrían servir para dar un buen masaje de espalda. Continúen hasta que a nadie se le ocurra otra respuesta.



■ Piense en secreto en un objeto e imagine que lo sujeta en sus manos. "Pásele" a otra persona que intentará adivinar el objeto según la manera en que usted lo maneja. Por ejemplo, ¿cómo podría sujetar y lanzar un cubito de hielo, una bola de boliche, una papa caliente o un Frisbee? Después de adivinarlo, la persona que lo recibe imagina que es algo distinto y se lo pasa al siguiente familiar. 🍌

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## P&R

### Qué hacer con los cambios en la amistad

**P** Mi hijo no quiere seguir saliendo con uno de sus nuevos amigos, pero tampoco quiere herir los sentimientos del niño. ¿Qué consejo puedo darle?

**R** Es normal que los estudiantes de la escuela media prueben nuevas amistades, e igualmente normal que uno o los dos decidan que no funciona. Dígale a su hijo que esto está bien, siempre que sea amable al respecto.

Si el otro niño le invita a hacer algo debería responderle en lugar de ignorarlo y rechazar la invitación con cortés y sin una larga explicación ("Lo siento, no puedo"). Sugíerale también que evite comprometerse para salir en otra ocasión, a fin de que el otro niño no saque la impresión equivocada de que su hijo quiere reunirse con él en el futuro.

Cuando se encuentren en la escuela o en algún acto, debería saludarlo. Esto evita el resentimiento y deja la puerta abierta por si en el futuro quieren volver a ser amigos. 🍌



## De padre a padre

### Regalos sin etiqueta de precio

Mi hija de 12 años, Katie, siempre quiere dar regalos por las fiestas, pero no tiene mucho dinero. Este año le sugerí que pensara en qué podía hacer por la gente, en lugar de qué podía meter en una caja o en una bolsa.

Propusimos ideas y me sorprendió el alcance de lo que se nos ocurrió. Como a Katie le gusta cantar, pensó en cantarle a su abuelita

su canción favorita de los años 50. Le sugerí que le ofreciera a su hermano un "día sin tareas", dejando que él eligiera un día en el que ella se hiciera cargo de sus tareas.

Luego decidió hacerle a su maestra favorita una tarjeta y ofrecerle a echar una mano en el aula.

Es bueno que Katie vea que puede ser generosa sin gastar dinero. Y espero que concentrarse en dar le ayude a pensar menos en recibir. 🍌





## Ranger-to-the-CORE Dave and Buster's Bash!



Congratulations! Your outstanding citizenship for the first semester qualifies you as a Ranger-to-the-Core student. Only "RttC" students are eligible to attend this special event especially for those that have two or less documented classroom disruptions (logs), and no discipline referrals, and at least 97% attendance for the first semester.

**What:** RttC Dave and Buster's Bash

**When:** Friday, December 22, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (while other students are in class)

**Where:** Dave and Buster's, Castleton location

**Requirements:**

1. signed permission slip (below)
2. \$25 - Covers: two-way bus transportation, Dave and Buster's lunch, \$15 Power Card for ticketed games, and unlimited video games (checks made out to Raymond Park Middle School)

**Timeline:**

1. Ticket \$ and permission slips will be accepted together (and together only) Wednesday, December 13, thru Wednesday, December 20.
2. Friday, December 22, depart RPMS at 9:00 AM, play games and eat 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, and return to school at 12:30 PM

**Caution:**

1. You must maintain your RttC status (2 or less logs, 0 referrals) through the date of the trip.
2. Refunds will not be issued after Wednesday, December 20.

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I give my child permission to attend the off-campus, RttC Dave and Buster's Bash on Friday, December 22. I understand that my student will become ineligible for this trip if his/her citizenship status changes through the day of the trip. Furthermore, I understand that refunds will only be offered through Wednesday, December 20.

Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Success Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone#1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_

## Join Us For Dinner, Crafts and a Show!



### A Family Night of Music



Join us for dinner and crafts before or after the RPMS Choir and Band perform on Monday, December 11th.

Dinner: 5:30 pm—7:30 PM      \*Fundraiser\*

Crafts : 5:30 pm—7:30 PM      \*Fundraiser\*

Choir Concert: 6:00 PM—6:45 PM

Band Concert: 7:00 PM—8:00 PM

Join us for dinner and crafts before or after the RPMS Choir and Band perform. RPMS PTSA and RP Boys and Girls Club are joining forces to present a fundraising dinner to support the 8th grade fieldtrip to Washington D.C. We hope that this new fundraiser is successful and will become a tradition for future years. We will order food based on the number of RSVPs received by next Friday December 8th. Food and drinks will be available for purchase while quantities last.

\$5 Meal—Texas Roadhouse hot dog, chips, and a lemonade. (pay at the event)

\$6 Meal- Texas Roadhouse pulled pork, corn , and a lemonade. (pay at the event)

The PTSA will equally divide the profit of this dinner amongst the parent volunteers of 8th grade students that are attending this year's fieldtrip, and deposit the funds into the account of the DC bound child after the February 8th final payment deadline.



The RPMS Art Department and Honors Choir are hosting a holiday craft and dessert station for a \$1 each.

### **Please RSVP by Friday, December 8th**

Please RSVP to our newest event in order to help your PTSA estimate how many people will be joining us for our fundraiser dinner. Please feel free to also email us back with your RSVP at [rpmsptsa@gmail.com](mailto:rpmsptsa@gmail.com). Attention all 8th Grade parents with children attending this year's fieldtrip, we will need your help volunteering at this event. We need several parents to help us setup, serve and cleanup after dinner.

Our Family would like: \_\_\_\_\_ (Number or Pulled Pork Meals) \_\_\_\_\_ (Number of Hot Dog Meals)

Can you volunteer?

5:00-6:00 pm: \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00-7:00 pm: \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00-8:00 pm: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Volunteer) Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILIES

Our RPMS PTSA has set up a coupon book fundraiser to help our 8th grade families raise money for the new fieldtrip to Washington DC scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup>. As you know, the required first down payment of \$215 is due Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. This is just 7 days away.

A couple of the reasons we picked this fundraiser is that families will know exactly how much money they are raising for their child. Each coupon book costs \$25. Half of the coupon book sale will be put towards your child's trip. If you sell 10 books, then our PTSA will pay \$125 to 500 Tours on behalf of your child. Another reason we picked this fundraiser is because we will give you the coupon books in advance. This way, your family and friends see exactly what they are purchasing. There are books for other states too. Plus, if you sell 5 coupon books, you will receive 1 free coupon book for yourself. Our PTSA will not be keeping any of the proceeds.

We are going to run this fundraiser from December 13<sup>th</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup>. This will hopefully give families enough time to raise the portion of money they need to send their child on this amazing trip. We will make the payment to 500 Tours after the 3rd payment installment is due to the tour company in February. We will send you, Mr. Coblenz (our RPMS staff representative), and 500 Tours a confirmation email regarding the amount our PTSA will be paying on behalf of your child.

If you do not sell as many coupon books as you hoped, just return the coupon books back to our PTSA. There is no charge to you for not being able to sell a coupon book.

### HOW IT WORKS:

1. Pay the \$215 down payment to 500 Tours as instructed in the pamphlet information sent home with families during fall parent-student-teacher conferences.
2. Contact our PTSA BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> with the following information so that we know you are interested in participating in this coupon book fundraiser. Contact us at [rpsptsa@gmail.com](mailto:rpsptsa@gmail.com) or call Kathryn Basham at 317-919-3900.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The Number of Coupon Books You Hope To Sell: \_\_\_\_\_

3. We will send home the coupon books, order form and instructions home with your student on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. You will have 4 weeks to sell these coupon books. If you sell all of your initially requested coupon books, and would like more, please contact us.
4. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: RAYMOND PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA**
5. Place orders and checks in your student envelope and return to your student's 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher by Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.



**GREAT NEWS...** We will be selling the valuable, family-friendly 2017-2018 KidStuff Coupon Books!

It's easy to use just a few coupons and save more than the \$25 cost of the book... Remember to keep the KidStuff book in your car! We earn **50% or more profit** for every KidStuff book sold!

KidStuff Coupon Books help save hundreds of dollars on clothing, shoes, toys, books, electronics, sporting goods, activities, food and more! Most coupons are valid immediately and offer savings through December 31, 2018. Also, your family earns one FREE book worth \$25 for every 5 books you sell!

**Look for our 2017-2018 KidStuff Coupon Book fundraiser...  
We would greatly appreciate your participation!**

**Family, friends and coworkers will ♥ saving \$\$\$ with valuable coupons in the Indianapolis/Central Indiana KidStuff Coupon Book 2017-2018!**

Toys "R" Us, Babies "R" Us, Carson's, Macy's, H&M, Sears, Elder-Beerman, Dick's Sporting Goods, Bed Bath & Beyond, Michaels Arts and Crafts Store, Burlington, Barnes & Noble, Stein Mart, Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts, Francesca's, Disney Store, Gymboree, Golf Galaxy, Jos. A. Bank, Dressbarn, Famous Footwear, Claire's, Brookstone, Pottery Barn Kids, Clarks Shoes, Crazy 8, Pet Valu, Dunham's Sports, Sur La Table, Rue21, Sally Beauty, Charming Charlie, Shoe Carnival, Books-A-Million, Harbor Freight Tools, Men's Wearhouse, Christopher & Banks/CJ Banks, Buybuy Baby, Yankee Candle, Hanna Andersson, Aéropostale, Lakeshore Learning Store, Chuck E. Cheese's, Dave and Buster's, Indiana Pacers Kids Club, Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, Rhythm! Discovery Center, Go Ape!, Indiana University Athletics, Explore Brown County, NCAA Hall of Champions, Greattimes Family Fun Park, Rawhide Ranch USA, Purdue University Athletics, Tilt Studio, Cicero Fun Factory, Rascal's Fun Zone, Fastime Indoor Karting Indy, That Fun Place, Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, Royal Pin Leisure Centers, Stacked Pickle, Firehouse Subs, Godfather's Pizza, Pita Pit, Los Rancheros, Wingstop, Denny's, Cheddar's, Perkins, Dickey's Barbecue Pit, Auntie Anne's, Magoo's California Pizza and many more!



Visit [www.kidstuffcouponbook.com](http://www.kidstuffcouponbook.com) to see more **FABULOUS** coupons!!!





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## Dear Parents and Students:

I would like to inform you of an excellent educational experience being offered to **Raymond Park Middle School 8th grade students** this coming spring (leaving the evening of Wednesday, **March 14, 2018** and returning early morning of Sunday, **March 18, 2018**. Our group will depart from the school parking lot for a three day/two night tour of Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg. This trip is being sponsored by our school in cooperation with 500 Tours, Inc. of Greenwood, Indiana. **Chaperones will be staff members and selected individuals from our school with a ratio of one adult per 10 students.**

### WHAT IS THE PRICE AND WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

The price of the **three day/two night tour** is **\$635.00 per eighth grade student**. The price includes: **1) round trip bus fare; 2) all tips; 3) two nights lodging in a D.C. area hotel; 4) complete sightseeing via motor coach with registered/certified tour guide; 5) nine scheduled meals; 6) night security guards; 7) illuminated night tour of Washington, D.C.; 8) t-shirt for each participant; 9) all luggage transfer fees; 10) chaperone services; 11) panoramic colored photo; 12) comprehensive insurance package including accident coverage.** The price of the trip is based on a minimum of 40 paying participants. **Note: A complete itinerary with exact times, hotel information, and etc. will be provided approximately three weeks prior to departure.. School Code: W-322**

### GIVE ME MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOTEL, FOOD SERVICES, ETC.

Our hotel will possess many conveniences associated with good accommodations. Each student will select his/her roommates at a ratio of four students per room. Our meals will be good in quality and balance. Breakfasts will be All American buffet. Lunches and dinners will be a combination of fast food and cafeteria style with good selections. Enclosed you will find a sample itinerary depicting the educational nature of this opportunity.

### HOW MAY I REGISTER FOR THIS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY?

Simply detach and complete the enclosed registration form and mail a **(\$215.00) non-refundable deposit to: 500 Tours, Inc., 523 Lazy lane, Greenwood, IN 46142**. Your deposit is due: **Friday, December 8, 2017**. The first payment of **(\$210.00)** is due **Friday, January 12, 2018**. The final payment of **(\$210.00)** is due: **Friday, February 9, 2018**. **Note: A \$35.00 service charge will be assessed for any check returned by your bank for any reason! Please feel free to call me at school: 317-532-8910 or call 500 Tours, Inc. between 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (EST) at (317)888-7046. I feel this trip will provide a memorable and meaningful experience about the history of our great nation. I am really looking forward to having your son/daughter join us on this exciting educational endeavor!**

**Mr. Coblent: Raymond Park Middle School 8th grade Washington, D.C. Tour Director**

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**SAMPLE ITINERARY - WASHINGTON, D.C.  
RAYMOND PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
3 DAY / 2 NIGHT TOUR BY COACH**

FIRST DAY (3/15)	SECOND DAY (3/16)	THIRD DAY (3/17)
<p>Group departs Raymond Park early Wednesday evening (3/14) and arrives in D.C. early the next morning (3/15).</p> <p>Breakfast: En Route (meal allotment) Tour coach to:</p> <p>Pick-up Guide: Arlington Nat. Cemetery Visitors Center: 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Arlington National Cemetery Changing of the Guards Kennedy Gravesites Challenger Memorial Arlington House</p> <p>Central Photo - Grant Memorial 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Lunch: 12:00 p.m. McDonald's Air &amp; Space Museum</p> <p>Smithsonian Institute: (drop group) Air and Space Museum Ford's Theatre / Peterson House Natural History Museum American History Museum</p> <p>Coach pick-up: 5:15 p.m. American History Museum</p> <p>Dinner: 5:30 p.m. Ronald Reagan Bldg 1300 Pennsylvania</p> <p>Tour coach to: Illuminated Night Tour Vietnam Memorial Lincoln Memorial Jefferson Memorial Korean War Memorial</p> <p>Tour coach to: Hotel by 9:00 p.m.</p> <p>500 Tours Night Security: 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Breakfast: 6:30 a.m. Hot American Hotel Group Departs: 7:30 a.m. Tour coach to:</p> <p>Pick-up Guide: Woody Park Metro: 9:00 a.m. National Zoo (Panda stop) National Cathedral 11:00 a.m. Embassy Row Naval Museum</p> <p>Lunch: 12:00 p.m. Union Station 50 Mass. N.E.</p> <p>White House (photo stop) White House (Visitors Center) African American History Museum Capitol Building Visitors Center &amp; Tour Supreme Court</p> <p>Dinner: 5:00 p.m. Pentagon City Mall Food Court</p> <p>Tour coach to: Illuminated Night Tour Kennedy Center MLK Memorial World War II Memorial FDR Memorial</p> <p>Tour coach to: Hotel by 9:00 p.m.</p> <p>500 Tours Night Security: 10:00 p.m.</p> <p>Hotel Information: Best Western Mt. Vernon 8751 Richmond Pkwy Alexandria, VA 22309 (703)932-4400</p>	<p>Breakfast: 6:00 a.m. Hot American Hotel</p> <p>Bags on Bus:</p> <p>Group departs: 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Tour coach to:</p> <p>Pick-up Guide: Ronald Reagan Bldg. 8:00 a.m. Newseum 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Lunch: 11:00 a.m. Box Lunches from the Newseum</p> <p>Group departs D.C. area by 12:30 p.m. and arrives Gettysburg, PA by 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Guided Tour of the Battlefield 3:00 p.m. Museum and Visitors Center Film: "A New Birth of Freedom" Cyclorams</p> <p>Dinner: 6:30 p.m. General Picketts</p> <p>Group departs Gettysburg at 8:00 p.m. and arrives Raymond Park early the next morning (3/18).</p>







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## CONSUMER INFORMATION - FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

By selecting a tour operated by this member company of the National Tour Association you have selected a company that has more than thirty - one years experience in the student tour business!

### THIS INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD!

All payments are due according to the schedule stated in the initial letter unless you have made specific written arrangements with 500 tours, Inc. All accounts must be paid in full six weeks prior to departure. Personal or business checks will not be accepted within five weeks of departure. Those preferring to remit full payment by check, MasterCard, or VISA (add 3% fee) may do so. **Please state on the registration form whether the payment is for the full amount! In the event of a cancellation, the following procedure must be followed:** Write a letter to 500 Tours and include the following: 1) Student's name 2) The name of the school 3) Your address including the city, state, and correct zip code. **The deposit is non-refundable. All cancellations postmarked sixty days or less to the departure date will cause forfeiture of an additional \$265.00.** Written request for cancellation must be received within thirty days after the departure date! **Participants that register after February 9, 2018 will pay a late fee of \$45.00 each.** The adult participant extra fee charge is non-refundable. Registrations and deposits are not transferable to other individuals at any time! Accident and accident-related dental insurance is provided for all 500 Tours participants. **Note:** This policy does not cover pre-existing conditions. **Any additional insurance charges not covered by 500 Tours, Inc. insurance are the responsibility of the participant's parents.** 500 Tours, Inc. maintains a \$2,000,000 general comprehensive liability insurance package. All participating enterprises maintain insurance coverage. The tour price quoted by 500 Tours is based upon the group tariff at registration time. If transportation costs increase significantly, all tour participants would be responsible for paying the increase. The land portion of the tour price and the total price less air, rail, or bus transportation is guaranteed by 500 Tours for groups of thirty-five (35) or more.

500 Tours, Inc. reserves the right to make changes in the program from time to time in order to enhance the value of the planned trip. In the unlikely event that your scheduled tour date requires changing, the cancellation policy stated above remains in force. Responsibility: The sole function and responsibility of 500 Tours, Inc., is the organization of tours and programs and, as a part of that function, 500 Tours, Inc., makes arrangements for accommodations with hotels, restaurants, guide/escort, sightseeing, ticketed events and admissions, as well as transportation by plane, motor bus, train, boat or other means of transportation, including car or other rentals. 500 Tours, Inc., is not the agent of any of such service or transportation providers, and, therefore, is not responsible for expenses or inconvenience caused by late arrivals, departures, schedule changes, loss or damage to baggage or any article belonging to any passenger, or for any illness, injury or death of any person from any cause whatsoever, or for loss or expense occasioned by the acts or negligence of the above-categorized service or transportation providers.

### About 500 Tours, Inc.

In the spring of 1985, two Middle School Educators, with a combined total of **eighty-two years of experience** in leading/escorting group tours, began talking about historical areas of the United States that contain significant educational impact. Out of these discussions 500 Tours, Inc. was formed. 500 Tours is a company specializing in offering groups an opportunity to see and experience educational, cultural, and historical adventures. The principals of 500 Tours, Inc. are involved in the tour outlined.

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**USE LAST**

3) FINAL PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$210.00

**DUE DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2018**

NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DAD'S WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOM'S WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\*I have read and understand Consumer Information Facts: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian signature required!)

\_\_\_\_\_ MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit card account number (only if you charge) Visa/Disc/ MasterCard only! (ADD 3%) expiration date

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_  
(For credit card holder only if you charge) Add 3% charge fee (if you charge)

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 500 Tours, Inc., 523 Lazy Lane, Greenwood, IN 46142.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 500 Tours, Inc., 500 Easy Lane, Shreveport, LA 71201  
OFFICE USE ONLY: Date rec'd. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR FINAL PAYMENT!

**USE SECOND**

STUDENT FORM W-322

2) FIRST PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$210.00

**Due Date: Friday, January 12, 2018**

NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**\*I have read and understand Consumer Facts:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature Required!

\_\_\_\_\_ MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit card account number ONLY IF YOU CHARGE Visa/Disc.or MasterCard only! expiration date (add 3% charge fee)

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit code on the back of card \_\_\_\_\_ 3% charge fee

(FOR CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT ONLY if you charge)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 500 TOURS, INC., 523 LAZY LANE, GREENWOOD, IN 46142

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 500 TOURS, INC., 525 LAKE ERIE, GREENWOOD, IN 46142  
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY! DATE REC'D. \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR FIRST PAYMENT

USE FIRST

**Student Form: (W-322) Registration Amount: \$215.00 DUE DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017**

NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Full street name and city state zip

\*I have read and understand Consumer Information Facts: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Parent/Guardian Required!)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Dad's work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mom's work phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit card account number (only if you charge)      Visa Disc. or MasterCard Discover (ADD 3%)(  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 expiration date

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_ Add 3% charge fee if you charge

(For credit card holder only if you charge)

OFFICE USE ONLY: DATE REC'D. \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_

# Best Wishes from Raymond Park

