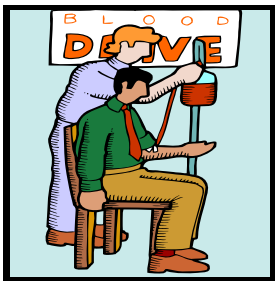


Donors Needed for Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be at the Administration Center, 501 W. University Drive, on Thursday, November 18 for a blood drive.

Donors are urgently needed to give blood for the American Red Cross blood bank.

To sign up, go to www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code : rochesterschools, or call 248.726.3000 to schedule an appointment.



American Education Week

American Education Week (AEW) spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college.

In 2010, the 89th annual American Education Week will take place from November 14—20.

The National Education Association was one of the creators and original sponsors of American Education Week. Representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

The first observance of American Education Week occurred in 1921, with the NEA and American Legion as the

co-sponsors. A year later, the then U.S. Office of Education joined the effort as a co-sponsor, and the PTA followed in 1938. Other co-sponsors are the U.S. Department of Education and national organizations including the National PTA, the American Legion, the American Association of School Administrators, the National School Boards Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the American School Counselor Association, the Council of Chief State School officers, the National School Public Relations Association, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Save the Dates

No School K-12	Nov. 8
Gr K-5 Parent Conferences	Nov. 10
Gr K-5 Parent Conferences	Nov. 16
Report Cards Distributed	Nov. 17
Gr K-5 Parent Conferences	Nov. 18
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Recess	Nov. 24, 25 & 26
Classes Resume	Nov. 29

Long Meadow Students Learn About Perseverance

Students at Long Meadow Elementary enjoyed their first enrichment assembly of the school year. Mr. Robin Davie from Cornwall England paid a visit and shared his "Around the World" story.

Mr. Davie sailed solo on a boat named "Cornwall". Students were amazed that he was the only one on the boat and had to do everything himself. It was a very fun way for the students to learn about determination, courage, patience and how to pursue your interests.



Baldwin Fun Run

Baldwin Elementary students posed with their principal, teachers and school mascot “Leo the Lion” after completing the second annual “Run with the Lions” Fun Run. The event was held on September 30, 2010 to raise funds to support PTA programs. Students participated by collecting donations and running/walking laps around an outdoor track. Sponsors included Hollywood Market, Papa Joe’s Market, The Hills Restaurant, Sportz All Startz, Dr. Robert W. Haag, DDS, Party City, Flagstar Bank, TCF Bank, Kroger, Avon North Hill Lanes, D& R Technology.



Adams High School Girl Scouts Earn Silver Award

Adams High School Girl Scout Cadet Troop #40182 recently earned their Silver Award, which is the highest award that can be earned at the Cadet level. To accomplish this, each cadet had to earn four interest project badges plus each spent over 50 hours making blankets. They knitted blankets for premature babies at Hutzel Hospital as well as made fleece blankets for girls at Vista Maria. Then they visited these two locations to personally deliver them. The girls were able to see some of the babies who would be receiving the blankets as gifts. Many hours of hard work were put into their achieving this prestigious award, and next they will be working toward their Gold Award. Congratulations to Troop #40182!

Pictured (left to right): Elise Gehrke, Lauren Costantini, Bridget Humphrey and Madalyn Purcell



Stoney Creek Graduate Visits AP Studio Art Class

Stoney Creek graduate Matt Catt visited the Advanced Placement Studio Art students at Stoney Creek High School to share his expertise in art through individual critiques. Matt graduated from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit and now works for Greenfield Village as a glass blower and manages the Next Step Studios and Galleries in Ferndale. He also shows his own artwork in various galleries throughout the country.



International Academy Applications Due January 18

Rochester Community Schools participates in the International Academy consortium and each year selects 9th grade participants through a lottery. Students must also be accepted by the IA.

The deadline for applying to the IA is January 18, 2011. Applications must be accompanied by a \$20 application fee. Follow the link below for an on-line application:

<http://www.iatoday.org/component/content/article/36-central/165-central-enrollment>

The Rochester Student and Parent Enrollment Information Session is scheduled for Thursday, January 4; however, additional sessions will be held on 1/6, 1/10 and 1/12. Students and their parents should attend one of these sessions if they are considering IA placement. All of the sessions are held at the IA Okma Campus.

The RCS lottery drawing will take place on Wednesday, 2/2 at 3:30 in the Harrison Room at the RCS

Administration Center (it is not necessary to be present).

After being accepted through the lottery, students must then proceed to mandatory placement and diagnostic testing in late February.

For more information about the IA, click [here](#), scroll down to RCS News and select International Academy Information.

WMS Sponsors Penny War

The West Middle School Student Council sponsored a Penny War on Friday, October 8 while promoting the big U of M/MSU football game. Students casted their votes for either U of M or MSU by donating pennies. As a school they collected a total of \$720.61, all of which will be donated to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society to help children suffering from these forms of cancer. Although MSU won the actual game, U of M came out ahead at West, earning \$385.45 to MSU's \$335.16! Congratulations to all the WMS students and staff for their contribution to a worthy cause!



RHS Art Students Go to Grand Rapids

Mrs. Rose and Ms. McLean took 40 arts students to Grand Rapids for the day to view the city-wide Art Prize exhibit and to the Frederick Meijer Sculpture Gardens where they saw the Dale Chihuly glass sculpture exhibit.



Adams French Students Visit France

This summer, Adams High School French students spent one week visiting Paris and Provence and one week living with a French family. In this picture, students are posing in front of the mountain top village of Eze which they visited after a tour of the Fragonard Perfume factory.



Long Meadow & Hampton Team Up with Technology

The 5th grade students at Long Meadow Elementary School and the 4th grade students at Hampton Elementary School introduced themselves to each other through distance learning technology using a webcam, head-phone, and microphone. They learned how to use NetMeeting Software in order to video chat, type messages, and collaborate with free-style drawing tools. In later distance learning lessons, they will participate in peer book recommendations and peer video conference interviews.



Adams & Van Hoosen Combine Choirs



The Choirs of Rochester Adams High School and Van Hoosen Middle School combined voices for a concert on October 19, 2010. The concert featured the Adams Concert Choir, Advanced Womens Choir, Chamber Choir and the Van Hoosen 7/8 Choir. The Choirs were under the direction of Thomas Blue and MaryAnn Fischer respectively.

The concert featured selections from many genres and eras including a contemporary version of Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky."

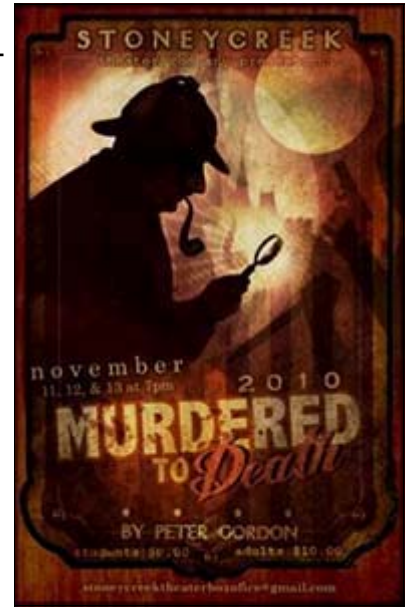
Stoney Creek High School Presents "Murdered to Death"

STONE CREEK THEATRE COMPANY presents the 2010 fall play comedy "MURDERED TO DEATH" November 11th, 12th, & 13th at 7:00 p.m in the Stoney Creek High School auditorium.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased throughout the school day in the SCHS front office. Tickets are also being sold in the cafeteria during all 3 lunch periods.

Tickets may be purchased on performance nights at the ticket box office, 1 hour before the show. Prices are: Adults \$10, Students \$8. Seating is general admission. Email inquiries to: stoneycreektheaterboxoffice@gmail.com.

Poster at right created by award winning art and graphic SCHS design student Audrey Benjaminsen.



Stoney Creek Art Students Visit Botanical Garden

The National Art Honor Society at Stoney Creek went to the Frederick Meijer Botanical Garden & Sculpture Park. International Glass Artist, Dale Chihuly had a exhibit of 13 pieces entitled A New Eden throughout the park. Students walked through the park taking photographs for class and creating drawings.



New RHS Staff Show Their Spirit

Rochester High School has a long standing tradition for strong school spirit. Every year during the Homecoming Assembly students participate in a "lip sync" competition and all new staff members to RHS participate as well. This year's Homecoming theme was Willy Wonka and this year's new staff lip sync group did an outstanding job.

RHS Physical Ed Teachers Attend Workshops At Rochester Athletic Club

On October 1st, the Rochester Community Schools Physical Education staff attended several workshops at the Rochester Athletic Club (RAC). The inservices included: nutrition, martial arts, strength training and aerobics. We would like to thank everybody at the RAC for putting on such a fantastic workshop. We are truly thankful to have such wonderful community support!



West Middle School Students Attend Camp Tamarack

Mr. Diegel and Mrs. Harding's 8th grade Physical Education classes at West Middle School attended a field trip to Camp Tamarack's Adventure Challenge. The 20-40 ft off the ground, high ropes courses challenged approximately 55 West students. Throughout the obstacle



course, students were able to examine team dynamics, including communication, cooperation, leadership, support, team-reliance, and trust. Students learned more about how they face challenges as an individual, and how to face challenges alongside of their peers. The Adventure Challenge is a highlight each fall and spring for West 8th grade P.E. students.

Stoney Creek Art Student Wins Award from WMU

The grand prize winner of Western Michigan's Artemya high school art contest this year is Audrey Benjaminsen. Audrey is a senior at Stoney Creek High School and is planning on pursuing a career in entertainment arts.

Her winning piece is a colored pencil portrait of herself and her friend Eva and measures 12x24 inches. Bill Davis of Western Michigan University made the presentation of an 8G iPod at the WMU Open House held on Friday, October 22.



SCHS: Collecting Letters to Support our Troops!

Students, teachers and administrators, as well as residents in the Rochester community, are welcome to join in the effort at Stoney Creek High School to support our troops by writing letters to soldiers currently stationed overseas. Drop off your letter at the Stoney Creek High School Main Office Nov. 8-23.

Stoney Creek Student Council initiated the project as part of the school's year-long commitment to defining and embracing "Courage."

Check out the video clip created by Student Council; it's an inspiring message that will be motivating the students and teachers at Stoney Creek High School to write their letters! (The video clip is on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vaSPYI7nxs> or under the title "SCHS Supporting Our Troops Project."



Rochester Community Schools Foundation and Big Boy Restaurants Team Up to Raise Funds for Schools in November

The Rochester Community Schools Foundation and the Big Boy Restaurant on Tienken and Rochester Road are partnering to sponsor Celebrity Server Night. Volunteers from the school groups serve as waitstaff from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. during the Celebrity Server Event.

On November 15 Adams Music Department will participate in

Celebrity Server Night. On December 14 RHS RPMS Band Boosters will host.

These groups will receive all tips from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. as well as 10% of the sales. Please stop by to support them!

Contact the Foundation Office at 248.726.3190 for more information on the Celebrity Server program for Rochester Community Schools.



Make Your Travel Plans Through the RCS Travel Site!



The Rochester Community Schools travel site is the place to look if you are interested in purchasing airfare, hotel, vacation packages, cruise packages and much more. You can even buy flowers!

A wonderful vacation experience is just one click away at:

<http://www.ytbtravel.com/rcstraveler>

Best of all, 60% of the commissions are used to benefit Rochester Community Schools students. Helping your schools has never been so easy, or so much fun.

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July 26
August 9 and 23
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December 13
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February 14
March 7 and 21
April 11 and 25
May 9 and 23
June 13 and 27

Board of Education meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Harrison Room of the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center 501 W. University Drive Rochester, MI 48307

Agendas and Minutes of the board meetings are posted on the Rochester Community Schools website at www.rochester.k12.mi.us

Videotapes of Board of Education meetings are rebroadcast on our community access cable television channels: WOW 15 and Comcast 19 on Sundays at 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend Board of Education meetings. The Board recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on education matters. During the meetings, there will be designated times for members of the public to express themselves on issues relating to the school district.