



Fairfield Union Local School District

# Rushville Middle School

## Back To School Newsletter

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

We are so excited to welcome you back to school for the 2022-2023 school year. The teachers and the staff have all been very busy preparing for the upcoming first day of school on **Thursday, August 18th**. Our goal is to love, support, and care for the entire well-being of all our students. We want your child to grow academically, socially, and emotionally throughout their middle school years. We are confident that we can accomplish all of these things if we work together.

As always, please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tricia Haughn, Principal  
Dawn Rice, Assistant Principal

### **First Day Outlook:**

Bus Riders: Buses will unload from the west entrance by the cafeteria.

Parent Drop-off: Parents will come in the front entrance of Rushville Middle School and turn to the right. Traffic will flow to the front entrance of the building. Multiple cars will pull up along the front sidewalk and students will safely exit the car. Students need to walk on the sidewalk to the front door of the building. A staff member will be outside to help with this process. Please be patient in the parent-drop off line, as we always have many families choose this option for transportation.

Breakfast/Morning Routine: All students who choose to get breakfast will have that option available to them. Breakfast items will be "grab and go" and 5th grade students will eat in the cafeteria, while the 6,7, and 8 grade students will eat in the gymnasium.

Each school day, 5th grade students will report to the cafeteria until they are lined up and escorted to their lockers to begin their day.

First period teachers will pick up their students and escort them to their lockers and then students will report to their first period class. All students will have extended time to practice their locker combination throughout the first few days of school. During the first day of school, students will learn classroom, building, and safety procedures that are expected. Students are encouraged to bring a clear water bottle with them each day.

Lunch: Students may pack their lunch or get lunch from our cafeteria.

Students' breakfast and lunch prices are as follows: Breakfast \$1.75 Lunch \$3.00

Dismissal: Students will have a staggered dismissal, beginning at 2:38 pm with bus riders. Students who are parent pick-up will be dismissed immediately after bus riders. All parents need to park in the Activity Center parking lot if they plan to pick up their child.

## Rushville Middle School Staff

### **Administration and Staff:**

Tricia Haughn, *Principal*

Dawn Rice, *Assistant Principal*

Lorrie Bailey, *Secretary*

Brian Funk, *Counselor*

Carole Osborne, *School Nurse*

Eydie Schilling, *Curriculum Director*

*Gifted Coordinator*

Trisha Rogers, *Psychologist*

John Turnbull, *Special Education Supervisor*

Andy Clark, *Athletic Director*

### **Fifth Grade Team:**

Jodi Markwood      Denise Schoonover

Laurette Bachmann      Molly Oliver

Trent Johns      Mary Beth Marcinko

Annamarie Dinan      Kelsie Warnock

### **Sixth Grade Team:**

Lisa Caton      Hayley Elkins

Julie VerDow      Suzanne Stewart

Jennifer Dilcher      Holly Culver      Kelsie Warnock

### **Seventh Grade Team:**

Drew Stemen      Jon Markwood

Jodi Forsythe      Nate Stephenson

Scott Burke      Lacie Murdock      Casey Bischof

### **Eighth Grade Team:**

Debbie Gatton      Rachel Thomas

Liz Henwood      James Miller

Chris Hass      Marlo Grubb      Nate Stephenson

### **Tutors:**

Adam Phillippe

### **Electives:**

Bobbi McKinnon      Matt Gregory

Luke Boucher      Julian Savage

Megan Leitnaker      Jonie Fisher

Bart Smith      Pam Bevis

Jennifer Miller      Monica Phillips

Stephanie McCoy      Jared Kitchen

### **Building Aides:**

Cindy Swinehart      Teri Hunt

Becky Pugh      Jenny Ray

### **Custodians and Maintenance:**

Ken McCarty      Charlie Roberts      Matt Smith

Jim Guseman      Seth Cooperider

### **Food Service:**

Melanie Baker      Taryn Anderson

### **Staff Email Directory:**

<https://www.fairfieldunion.org/Directory.aspx>

## **School Counselor News:**

Mr. Funk is our building's school counselor. Mr. Funk provides services on an as-needed basis and helps to support students in their academic and emotional development. E-mail or call Mr. Funk for questions or concerns.

### **News from our School Secretary, Mrs. Bailey:**

Welcome back to school everyone! I am looking forward to seeing everyone on August 18. Please remember to call the school if there will be an absence. Doctor and dental excuses can be turned into the front office each morning and should be received within 3 days of the appointment. If you need anything from the office, just ask. Let's make this year the best it can be!

### **School Fees:**

There are no classroom school fees for the 2022-2023 school year, but if you would like to pay past years' fees, you may pay your child's fees online by visiting our website. At the bottom of our home page, look for Quick Links and click on PaySchools Central to set up an account. <https://payschoolscentral.com/>

### **News from the Clinic**

Welcome Rushville Middle Students. Starting Middle School is an exciting experience. I have a few reminders and some new procedures for this year. Students need to enter the clinic from the hallway door not through the office. If no one is in the clinic please have a seat and someone will be with you.

Parents, please check your students for any symptoms of Communicable Disease prior to sending them to school each day. If your child displays any of the following symptoms, DO NOT send them to school:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your student displays symptoms of Communicable Disease during the school day you will be called to pick them up from the clinic. Please make arrangements to pick up your student promptly. Because of social distancing requirements space in the clinic is very limited. We are unable to use school transportation to take any students home.

As mandated, all students and staff will be required to wear face coverings while on school transportation.

As a reminder, all medication needs to be supplied from home. Prescription meds need parent and physician permission. The Medication Permission Form can be downloaded from the Fairfield Union Website. Non-prescription medication requires a note from parent/guardian.

All medication prescription and non-prescription must be in the original container. Medication must be delivered to school by an adult.

I'm so excited to be back and for the beginning of a new school year. We want to do anything we can in the clinic to help you and your student have a great transition to Middle School. Please feel free to call or email at any time with questions or concerns.

Mrs. Osborne, School Nurse

### **Clubs/Activities:**



#### **Art Club:**

Art Club is passionate about creating Art! We will work on individual projects as well as projects around the school as needed. In the past we have collaborated with the annual Book Fair, bulletin boards and various art requests around the school. We look forward to seeing you at RMS Art Club in the Middle School Art Room!

5th & 6th grade Art Club will begin August 31st and will be **limited to 20 students**. There will be a sign-up sheet each week outside of the Art Room door to sign up each week.

#### **Student Council:**



Every school year, students select 12 members from each grade to represent RMS through student council. Student council assists the building in creating a healthy learning environment and helps to support the school district's mission. Elections will be held in September, see our school counselor (Mr. Funk) for more details.



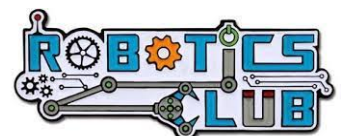
#### **Robotics Club:**

Do you enjoy Science and Math? Do you like building things and learning how things work? In Robotics Club for 5th and 6th grade you will learn about the basics of robots and machines and how they make life easier for humans! In each session you will get to build a simple model of a robot or machine using the design process. This means that you will test out your design, revise it to make it better, and even participate in competitions with other club members!

**Day:** the FIRST Wednesday of each month

**Time:** After school until 4:00 PM

**Where:** Room 202 with Mrs. McCoy



The first club meeting will be September 7th. A sign up sheet will be provided and will be limited to 20 students each session.

## **5th Grade Teacher News:**

### **Mrs. Bachmann-**

Welcome to 5th grade language arts! I look forward to an exciting year of learning, discovery, and adventure. This year 5th graders will create multi-paragraph opinion, informational, & narrative essays, conduct research, use the writing process to improve writing, work on grammar & mechanics, support ideas with evidence, and present work. I can't wait to read your stories!!

### **Mrs. Markwood-**

Welcome to 5th Grade Reading! I can't wait to meet all of you and get started unwrapping books to discover the magic of reading! I love to start each class by reading aloud from a novel as we discuss, practice and learn the 5th grade reading standards. We will read "There's A Boy in the Girl's Bathroom", "100 Cupboards", "Number the Stars" and "PIE". This year 5th graders will write 3-5 sentence summaries for fiction and nonfiction texts, focus on the Theme of a story, discuss point of view and perspective, main idea, figurative language and so much more! Students will use Google Classroom mixed with paper handouts, books, magazines and personal choice silent reading books. Students will also have the opportunity to complete projects using Google slides & Google documents. I look forward to a wonderful year filled with the magic of reading!

### **Mr. Johns-**

Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math! I am so excited to meet all of you and to learn alongside you this school year. We will be learning about a wide variety of topics in math this year and you can expect to be challenged, make discoveries, and build confidence in yourself along the way. Our primary focus to start the year will be on developing number sense, understanding place value, and performing all four operations with whole numbers and decimals. I hope you're as excited as I am!

### **Mrs. Oliver-**

Welcome to 5th grade and middle school, we are so excited for you to join us this year! I will be your 5th grade Social Studies teacher this year. In Social Studies we will work on a variety of topics ranging from timelines, maps and globes, latitude and longitude, and regions to Native Americans, European Explorers and economics. We do a lot of projects using our chromebooks and use a variety of programs such as Kami, Google Slides, Canva, and Adobe Spark, to name a few. I communicate weekly with parents/guardians with an update via email, to help keep everyone informed on what we are currently working on in class. I look forward to a wonderful school year!

### **Mrs. Marcinko-**

Welcome to Rushville Middle School! I am so excited for this year to begin. I am the Intervention Specialist and will be in General Education classes with many of you! Please be sure to ask questions of the classroom teacher and me - we will be glad to help! See you soon!

### **Ms. Dinan-**

Welcome to Rushville Middle School! I am excited for this school year and to meet you! I am the Intervention Specialist, but I will be in with a lot of you in General Education classes to help and answer questions that you may have. Have a good rest of your summer and see you soon!

### **Mrs. Schoonover-**

Welcome to Rushville Middle School and 5th Grade Science! This year we will be exploring space, learning about ecosystems, working with activities showing how force and motion and sound and light are important to our everyday

lives. We will have projects to help you learn each uni by doing hands-on activities. I am looking forward to a great year! SAS = Serious About Science!

**Ms. Warnock-**

Welcome to 5th grade! I am so excited to start my first year of teaching at Rushville Middle School and can't wait to meet all of you! I am the behavior specialist for 5th and 6th grade and I design, implement, coordinate and evaluate a comprehensive behavior support program. In my class, we will be practicing controlling emotions, calming strategies, and behavioral self-management.

**Mr. Boucher-**

Welcome to Physical Education. Our focus this year will be learning and developing skills to improve and enhance our overall level of fitness. We will be participating in a variety of sports and activities for health, enjoyment, challenge, self expression and social interaction.

**Mrs. Leitnaker-**

Hello and welcome to Health Class! Health is a semester class where we will learn about the 3 different areas of Health. The goal of Health Education is to positively influence our decision making and improve our overall health and well-being. We will be discussing many topics, including; Personal Hygiene, Stress management, Safety, Nutrition, Physical Fitness, and Alcohol and drug prevention.

**Mrs. Phillips-** Welcome to Career Awareness! Career Awareness is a 9 week course. In this class, you will begin to develop an understanding of what career means by completing career awareness projects and activities that focus on identifying your interests and how they relate to careers. Through identifying interests and careers, you will then begin to gain exposure about the many options you will have as you begin your journey through middle school

**Mr. Savage-**

Welcome to 5th Grade Band! I am incredibly excited that you have chosen to join the band! In Band we will work on a variety of musical topics. First and foremost we will learn how to play your instrument! Even though much of the class is hands-on with instruments, we will also be using our Chromebooks from time to time. I can't wait for the year to start and to meet all of you! Get ready for a great year!

**Mrs. McCoy-**

Welcome to 5th Grade Computer Applications & Literacy! This year we are going to learn how technology can be used to help with daily tasks that will help you be more successful in your core classes at school. We are going to focus on increasing your knowledge and use of a variety of Google applications such as Google Slides, Google Drawings, and Google Drive, and you will also spend some time strengthening your keyboarding skills. You will learn more about your Chromebook and how it works, basic troubleshooting skills, and how to use technology to safely communicate with others. I look forward to meeting you!

**Mrs. Miller-**

Welcome to Math Lab! I am excited to start a new year with all of you. In Math Lab we will be reviewing previously learned skills as well as helping you in your understanding of your new grade level skills. We will be using manipulatives, playing games, small group activities, and hopefully some fun math projects. Be ready for some fun with Math!

**Mrs. Fisher-**

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to Exploratory Spanish! In this class we focus on the Geography of Spanish speaking countries as well as the culture! We focus on foods, music, traditions, holidays and festivities. We learn about famous people from many Spanish speaking countries and learn a little bit of Spanish as well! I look forward to sharing the world with you!

