



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.

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

Peggy Elder Mary McCafferty

Marie Jasper Michelle Runkle

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. I have a few reminders 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 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 at the 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.



Math Counts:

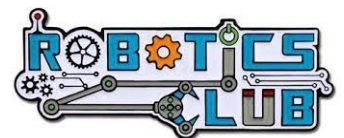
MATHCOUNTS is a national enrichment, club and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement. MATHCOUNTS inspires excellence, confidence and curiosity in U.S. middle school students through fun and challenging math programs. The program is available to grades 6-8, and we will meet virtually starting in after the Fair break. Our MathCounts team will hopefully compete in Zanesville and at Columbus State Community College this coming spring.



Mr. Burke

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.

6th Grade Teacher News:

Mrs. Caton

Welcome 6th graders! This year in Reading, we will be reviewing many concepts, adding some new ones, as well as collaborating with your ELA class on a few topics. Students will be reading individual books, articles and short stories while completing many interesting activities that coincide with them. This is going to be an exciting year with all of us learning along the way. I'm looking forward to meeting you and can't wait to see you soon!

Mrs. Elkins

Welcome to 6th grade! I am so excited to be your math teacher this year! In math class, we will learn about a lot of different topics, including: proportional relationships, the number system, expressions, equations, statistics, and geometry. I can't wait to meet everyone and know we are going to have a great year!

Mrs. VerDow

Welcome back to school! I am excited to meet all of you and learn all about the writing process together. Students will be learning about narrative, expository and persuasive and argumentative writing styles this year. I am an avid reader, so I will be incorporating short stories and author studies during our class time to enhance our writing skills. I love writing and hope that you will too! See you soon!

Mrs. Stewart

Welcome 6th graders! This year in Social Studies, we will be learning lots of interesting things. We will be examining the areas of geography, maps, world religions, ancient civilizations and more. Along the way, we will be watching interesting videos, playing fun games and completing exciting projects! This will be an amazing year!

Mrs. Dilcher

Welcome to 6th grade! I sure hope everyone had a nice summer and I hope you are excited to get back to school. I am Mrs. Dilcher and I will be your science teacher this year. I cannot wait to meet each of you. In 6th grade science we cover three big units. Our Earth and Space Science unit is on minerals, rocks and soil. Our Life Science unit covers plant and animal cells and cell theory. The third unit is Physical Science and in it we will learn about atoms, elements, compounds, states of matter and energy. This is going to be a great year!!! See you all soon.

Ms. Warnock

Welcome to 6th grade! I am so excited to start my first year of teaching at Rushville Middle School and I 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. Smith

Greetings! I am the new S.E.L. Wellness teacher. I look forward to meeting you all throughout this school year as we build on the life skills crucial to understanding ourselves, developing positive self-image, taking responsibility for our actions and forging relationships with the people around us! We will continue to focus on character strengths and how they apply to the middle school student.

Mrs. McKinnon

Hello from the RMS Art Room. The goals for this Art Class will be learning to create many amazing art projects. We'll learn about color theory, drawing techniques and basic construction. We'll also get our hands in some clay using many techniques such as slab building, attaching and shaping and each student will have an opportunity to use the pottery wheel developing skills progressively through the semester. All the while, I'll be pulling in math, social studies and various other subject connections for some sneaky cross-curricular learning. It is my goal that all students will leave art with a strong capability to solve problems creatively, which is a highly sought after skill in today's world. The class expectations are below. Class expectations are as follows:

1. Respect other students and the adults in the room. 2. Respect the art materials and classroom space. 3. Think like an artist. If students are having significant trouble following the expectations, we can work on a solution together. All assignments and reference video will be posted on google classroom just in case you miss the in class demonstration.

Mrs. Phillips

Welcome to Career Awareness! I am looking forward to working with you and your family this year. This course will provide students with opportunities to identify interests, abilities, aptitudes, values, and personality traits as they become aware of careers. Students will develop an understanding and learn the values and benefits of work and be able to differentiate between jobs and careers. Students will experience a variety of activities that promote self-awareness, self-management skills, leadership, teamwork, and career awareness.

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!

Mr. Savage

Welcome to the 6th Grade Band! I am incredibly excited that you have chosen to continue participating in band! If this is your first year to band, I look forward to getting you started on your musical journey. As you know, in Band we will work on a variety of musical topics. First and foremost we continue to learn how to play our instruments! 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 6th Grade Computer Applications! A big theme during the first quarter will be *productivity* - how can you use technology to make your life easier? You will be learning about how the internet works and how you can use various Google applications to communicate and collaborate with others. You will also work on strengthening your keyboarding skills and you will begin creating a digital portfolio in the form of a website! I look forward to seeing you back in school!

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!