



Get ready for 7th grade at
Rocky Run Middle School





Today we will . . .

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Meet key staff @ Rocky

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Learn about student life @ Rocky


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Learn how to choose classes & electives



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Who are some
important people to
know?



Rocky Run Administrators



Mr. Kownacki,
Principal



Ms. Hong,
Director of
Student Services



Mr. DeRusso,
Assistant Principal



Ms. Sweet,
Assistant Principal

Student Services Team



Dr. Jacobson

Mrs. Bae

Ms. Hong,
Director of
Student Services

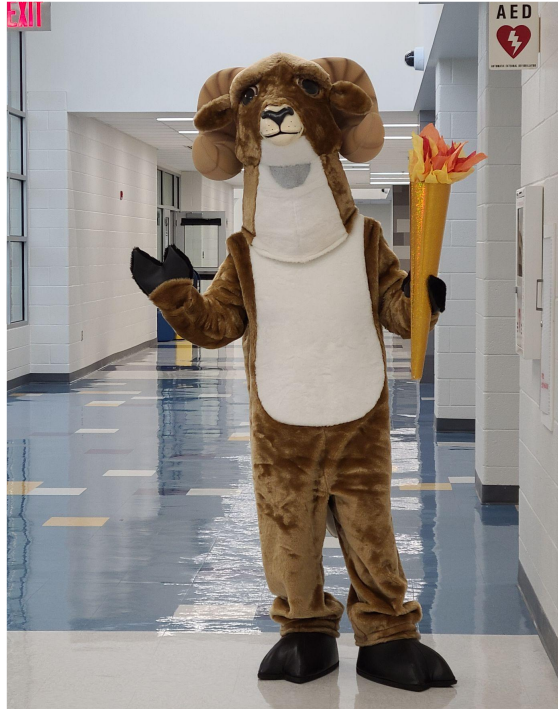
Mrs. Marshall

After School Specialist



Ms. Campbell

Last but not least . . .





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What to expect as a
Rocky Run Ram



Teams

Everyone on a team has the same:

- ★ English teacher
- ★ Science teacher
- ★ Social Studies teacher
- ★ Counselor
- ★ Assistant Principal

Rocky has 3 seventh grade teams.

Can you guess our team names?



Block Scheduling

1st period begins at 7:30AM
Dismissal is at 2:15PM

You will have 8 class periods:

1. English
2. Social Studies
3. Science
4. Math
5. Rock Time
6. Health & PE
7. Elective 1
8. Elective 2

Rocky Run Middle School 2023-2024 Bell Schedule



Blue	Time	Gold	Instructional Minutes
1	7:30am-8:55am	2	85
3 (Rock Time)	PA Announcements at 9:00 for Pledge and Moment of Silence 9:00am-10:25am	4	85
Recess	10:25am-10:45am	Recess	20
5 LUNCH PERIOD	10:50am-12:45pm	6 LUNCH PERIOD	85
7	12:50pm-2:15pm	8	85

Lunch Schedule	
A Lunch	Lunch: 10:50am-11:20am Class: 11:20am-12:45pm
B Lunch	Class: 10:50am-11:35am Lunch: 11:35am-12:05pm Class: 12:05pm-12:45pm
C Lunch	Class: 10:50am-12:15pm Lunch: 12:15pm-12:45pm

What is ROCK TIME?

- ★ SEL & Advisory - Social Emotional Learning and community building
- ★ Student Support - Visit teachers to ask questions or get extra help on assignments

Rock Time Schedule	
9:00am-9:40am	SEL/Advisory/RAMS Read
9:40am-9:43am	Transition
9:43am-10:25am	Intervention/Enrichment/Office Hours

At Rocky Run we . . .

- ★ RAISE the RAM and create positive impact

Student: _____

Staff: _____

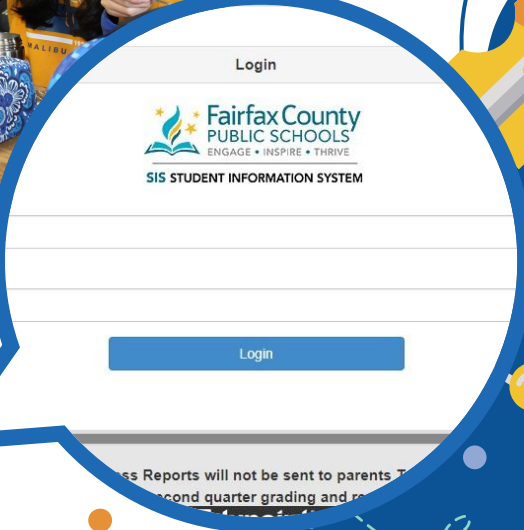
Team: _____

- ☐ Respectful
- ☐ Accountable
- ☐ Inclusive
- ☐ Safe
- ☐ Engaged

RAISE the Ram!



What else Middle School?





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How to choose classes and electives



Important for ALL Classes

You WILL have New Challenges

- Ask questions
- Stay after school for extra help

manage your time

- Don't procrastinate!
- Use class time or rock time to get everything done


Ask for help!

- Teachers, counselors and staff are always willing to help!

Core Classes

All 7th Graders will take:

1. English
2. US History
3. Investigations in Environmental Science
4. Math
5. Health & PE



Thinking about taking an honors
class?

Are you ...

- Ready for a challenge?
- Organized?
- Prepared to ask questions?
- Self-motivated?

And now let's
talk about ...
ELECTIVES!



There are 2 types of electives



Year Long Electives

- These classes go from August to June



Semester Electives

- These classes are half-year
- August - January and February to June



There are **NO** required electives in middle school



Elective Options:

OPTION 1

Yearlong Elective
Yearlong Elective

OPTION 2

Yearlong Elective	
Semester Elective	Semester Elective

OPTION 3

Semester Elective	Semester Elective
Semester Elective	Semester Elective



Yearlong Electives:



MUSIC CLASSES:



Band



Orchestra



Chorus

*Placement is based on auditions.

*There are Winter and Spring concerts, and a music competition/amusement park field trip at the end of the school year.



Yearlong Electives:



WORLD LANGUAGES:



Spanish 1



French 1

**All language courses are HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT courses.
That means high school level expectations and coursework.



Semester Electives:

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES



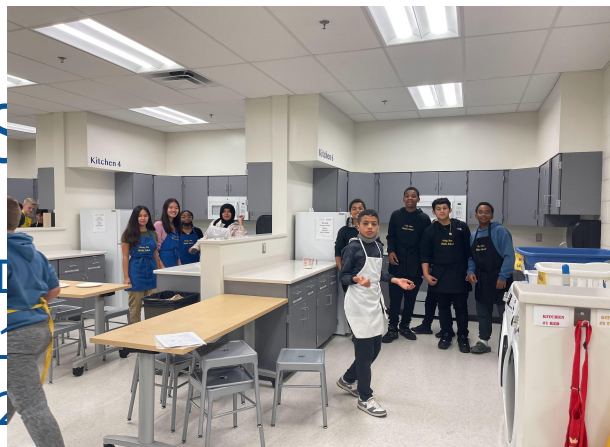
FACS 1



FACS 2

Students explore careers as well as life skills like cooking, baking and sewing!





Semester Electives



BUSINESS & INFO TECH



Computer Solutions

Practical computer skills: typing, computer components, operating systems, presentation tools, spreadsheets, etc.



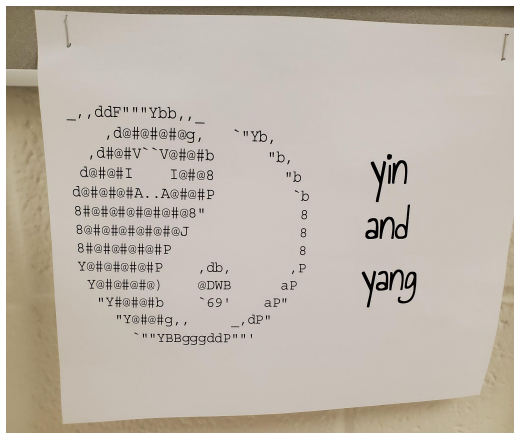
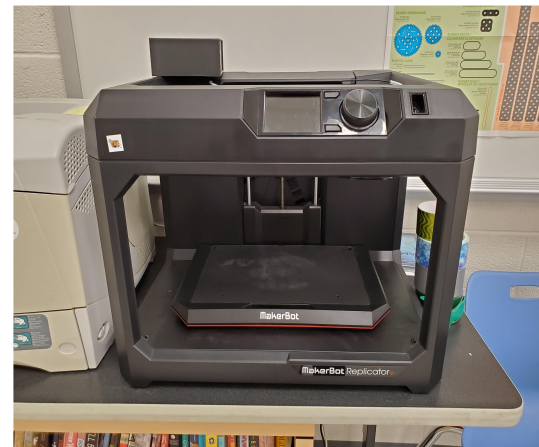
Coding and Innovative Technologies

Introduction to coding and emerging technologies through hands-on projects



STEM Solutions

Students learn in a project-based environment, simulating systems, assessing impact and gaining insight into how to approach real-world problems.



Semester Electives:



ENGINEERING



Engineering 1: Design and Modeling



Engineering 2: Simulation and Fabrication





Semester Electives:



THEATRE



Theater Arts Appreciation

Students will learn the basics of performance and collaboration.



Technical Theater Arts Appreciation

Students will explore production areas including lighting, sound, scenery, costumes, hair, makeup and design.

** Think of Theater Arts as everything that happens on a stage: public speaking, presenting, etc. For Technical Theater, think about all the things that must happen off-stage: lighting to show actors, making sure actors can be heard (sound), designing the scenery.



Semester Electives:



ART



Art Foundations



Art Extensions



Computers in Art



3D Art Exploration





Semester Electives:



GENERAL:



Music Participation Lab



Creative Writing

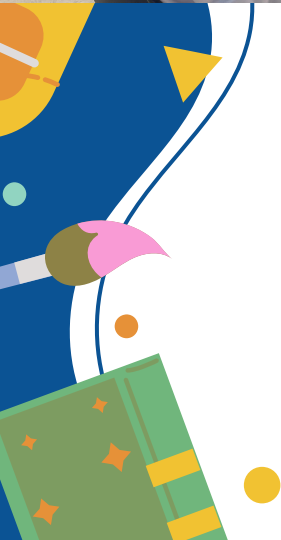


Media Communication



Yearbook







AFTER SCHOOL

You will get LOTS of details when 7th grade begins but the most important things to know about After School are . . .

It's **FREE!**

Activities include: **Clubs, Sports, Activities** and ALSO getting extra help or **support from TEACHERS**

There are **LATE BUSES** 3 days a week for all bus riders

Check out the [After School webpage](#) for more information!



Elective Videos

Click on the Elective to watch a short video about the course!

<u>Art</u>	<u>Band</u>
<u>Business and Info Technology</u>	<u>Chorus</u>
<u>Creative Writing</u>	<u>Engineering</u>
<u>Family & Consumer Science</u>	<u>Media Communications</u>
<u>Music Participation Lab</u>	<u>Orchestra</u>
<u>Theater</u>	<u>World Languages</u>
<u>Yearbook</u>	<u>Link to ALL</u>

Important Links

Here are extra resources where you can find lots of details about the information shared today!

<u>Rocky Run Webpage</u>	<u>Academic Advising Page</u>
<u>After School</u>	<u>Course Catalog (Descriptions)</u>
<u>Rising 7th Grade Transition Activities</u>	

**See you
soon!**

