

RW 6/7 Campus News

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The mission of Rolland Warner Middle School is to develop critical thinkers who have the necessary skills for future success.



Mark Your Calendar

December 7

- 7th Grade Band Concert, 7pm at LHS (students are to arrive early)

December 8

- 6th Grade Band Concert, 6:30pm (group 1) and 8pm (group 2) at LHS (students arrive early)

December 11

- Cheesecake Delivery (1-5pm at Events Entrance)

December 11-18

- Year-Round Exams

December 12

- Choir Concert
RW Cafetorium at 7pm

December 19

- End of 1st Semester for
Year-Round Students

December 20 to January 2

- Holiday Break

January 3

- Students Return from Break

January 10

- Full Day Exams (no 0-Hour)

January 11

- Exams (Early Release at 1:34pm;
No 0-Hour)

January 12

- Exams (Early Release at 1:34pm;
No 0-Hour)

January 15

- End of 1st Semester for
Traditional Students
- No School for Students
(Teacher Records Day)

January 16

- 2nd Semester Schedules Begin

January 18

- Winter Wonderland Dance
(students who earn PBIS reward)

Principal's Message:

At Rolland-Warner our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) BOLT Bucks Program. Students can earn BOLT Bucks through being organized, being leaders, being trustworthy, or just going out of their way to show outstanding citizenship. Students can spend BOLT Bucks at the store on various items, and can also put them in for the weekly lunch drawing. Last week, each lunch had one winner of a Max's Donuts as big as their head (next week's prizes are McDonald's Smoothies)!

Our large effort starting last Monday, December 4th is a PBIS Event (Laser Tag) date TBD at the end of January/beginning of February. For students to earn entry to the event during their I-Connect time, they need to have zero tardies, zero missing work, and zero negative behaviors between December 4th and January 12th! We look forward to watching the students have a half hour of fun for doing what they are expected to do!

Student Council

Student Council sponsored Penny Wars. All funds raised will go to purchase Christmas presents for children in Lapeer through Holiday Depot. This is truly an awesome experience for our students and our student council members that collect the funds and shop at Meijer for the Lapeer children. Those of you that haven't experienced this, I would recommend you ask the members or past members as this is truly a touching experience. The two SC members are given a list for Child A. They are allotted \$50 and must purchase the necessities from the list first (necessities include: socks, underwear, blue jeans, personal hygiene, etc.) and they MUST get the children a toy as well. You will see the students bargain shopping and making it work to really give these kids a good Christmas. IT IS AWESOME! We will purchase wrapping paper and tape and put in the bags so the parents can see what is in each present as well.

We raised over our goal of \$600 and can gift 10 children, congrats goes to Mrs. Thomas' I-Connect whom was \$21.31 in the positive and Mr. Prill's I-Connect that was \$179.04 in the red!

Student council will be hosting a Winter Wonderland Dance on January 18th from 4-6 pm! Cost is \$6 and will include pizza and pop! Full concessions will be available! If you would like to volunteer to help chaperone this dance please contact Mr. Stevens at wstevens@lapeerschools.org.

New Scheduling Opportunities

Counselors will begin working the schedule for the 2018-2019 school year after the holiday break. We start really early because this is such a complex process. Each year we make a few adjustments to course offerings we have for students in an attempt to offer as many exciting choices and opportunities as possible. For the 2018-19 school year, 7th grade students (current 6th grade) who are showing they are proficient in ELA will have the option of taking one of the following courses.

Introduction to Theater Arts
Introduction to Literature Study

Introduction to Speech & Debate
Introduction to Creative Writing

These courses will take the place of Literature 6 and Composition 7. As mentioned, students must be "proficient" in ELA to be able to take one of these required electives. This is shown by scoring above the 40th percentile on the Winter NWEA MAP test. All students who performed in the lowest 40th percentile in the Fall will be taking the test again in January. Students who improve their score and are above the 40th percentile can choose from the above courses. Those students who are still in the lowest 40th percentile or who have a demonstrated need for ELA support will be placed into Guided Academics for ELA. This course will supplement the regular 7th grade ELA class to allow more time and support to master concepts.





PAC Meetings

The building has monthly PAC meetings which is an opportunity for parents to meet with the principal and talk about various things including curriculum, building vision, and the overall direction of RW moving forward. Please mark the following PAC dates on your calendar if you wish to attend. All meetings are scheduled to be the 2nd Wednesday of the month and begin at 9:30 to coincide with the start of the school day.

Dec 13	Jan 10	Feb 14
Mar 14	Apr 11	May 9



Substitute Teachers Needed

Are you or anyone you know looking for a flexible day job? Consider being a Substitute Teacher. Minimum educational requirement is 90 Credit Hours towards a Bachelors Degree. Select the district and school building in which you want to work. Choose the days you are available. Pay Ranges from about \$65-\$85 per day.

Interested? Go to www.subpass.com and complete the online application and the free online training modules at www.gcctraining.com. Check out our web site.

Questions? 866-782-7277.

Student Handbook Notes

Each month a couple areas of the student handbook will be highlighted. Don't forget the full student handbook can be found under the "Parents & Students" tab on our website at rw.lapeerschools.org This month's focus is on tardiness. Most students make every attempt to be in class on time. Sure, there is occasional long restroom break or other event that causes a tardy. That's why we are forgiving up to a certain point. At Rolland-Warner, we run an absence report once a month. Any student who has 5 or more tardies in a month will have to serve a 1-hour detention either in the morning or afterschool. Each month there is usually less than 10 students who have to serve a detention, but it tends to creep up a bit so we like to include a reminder in the newsletter.

Tardiness (Page 49)

- 1) *Being up to 10 minutes late to class without a valid pass signed by authorized school personnel will result in a tardy. Appropriate disciplinary measures may be used by teachers in dealing with students late for class. Students are expected to be in the classroom before the tardy bell rings. Students arriving after the bell will be marked tardy. In addition, a cumulative tardiness record for all classes will be maintained by the administration.*
- 2) *Arriving late for school: Students arriving within the first ten (10) minutes of the school day should report directly to their 1st hour class and will be marked tardy. Students arriving more than ten (10) minutes late must report to the attendance/main office and will be marked absent to their first hour class. Oversleeping and mechanical difficulty to a privately-owned vehicle are not considered a valid excuse for being tardy or absent.*
- 3) *Missing more than ten (10) minutes of class, whether at the beginning or end of the hour, will result in an absence.*
- 4) *Students who demonstrate an unwillingness to conform to established tardy guidelines may be subjected to progressive school discipline. Exceptions to the discipline portion of this policy may be made if the student shows marked improvement in his/her tardy problem.*

Winter Sports Update



Currently we have both the Lapeer and the Lightning 7th Grade Volleyball teams and Wrestling competing this Winter Season I. Come and support your fellow student athletes at an event!

Tryouts for Winter Season II will be as follows. Competitive Cheer tryouts will be on December 12th and December 15th at CFI, sign-ups are in the office. 7th Grade Boys' Basketball will start tryouts on January 3rd here at RW, sign-ups are in the office. Reminder that Emergency Form, Code of Conduct, and Physical are required prior to tryouts. For those that make either team, Pay to Participate will be due before the first contest. Also, for those that haven't taken Impact Testing this year, the Impact Test will be given January 10th from 4:15-5:15pm.

Counselor's Corner

Since our last newsletter we are sad to announce that Mrs. Marthen, who has been a counselor here at Rolland-Warner for the past three years, has taken a new position as a high school counselor in the Holly School District. Mrs. Marthen worked very well with students and made a lot of great relationships with them over the past few years. She will definitely be missed.

We are lucky enough to be able to fill her position for the remainder of the year with Mrs. Price who joins us from the high school where she has been a counselor the past several years. Mrs. Price will continue meeting with Mrs. Marthen's students as well as take over all of her daily duties related to career readiness, scheduling, and overall student support.

Feel free to contact your student's counselor with concerns.

Mrs. Price, cprice@lapeerschools.org

Mrs. Tibbitt, 810-538-2338 or mtibbitt@lapeerschools.org



Washington DC Update

The 2018 Washington DC Informational Meeting was held on Thursday, November 2 at 7pm in the RW cafeteria for all 7th grade students and their parents interested in traveling to Washington, DC in November 2018. If you were unable to attend, sign up information is available in the main office. As a reminder, we will fill buses on a first-come first-serve basis based on the date of registration on the BrightSpark website so register ASAP.

Due to time constraints and trying to get in as many fundraisers as possible for these students, each 7th grade student has been offered a complete DC fundraiser packet in their social studies classroom on October 19. Additional packets are available in the main office. The packet contained both a Cheesecake and Christmas Wreath Fundraiser Forms; for dates please see the table below:

Fundraiser:	Cheesecake
Due Date:	Friday Dec. 1, 2017
Turn in During Lunch @ Café (Order Form must be totaled)	
Delivery Date:	Monday Dec. 11, 2017
1-5 pm, Events Entrance	

The next fundraiser will be Chocolate Candy bars! Stay tuned!

Exam Schedule

- ✓ **Wednesday, Jan. 10th – Full Day**
- ✓ **Thursday, Jan. 11th – Early Release (9:24am to 1:34pm)**
- ✓ **Friday, Jan. 12th – Early Release (9:24am to 1:34pm)**



On Wednesday, Jan. 10th (full day), Thursday, Jan. 11th (Early Release), and Friday, Jan 12th (early release), Rolland-Warner will be on the exam schedule for all secondary schools. While not every class is having exams, many are and a special schedule is required to make this happen. Since we share teachers with Zemmer and LHS, we need to be aligned with their schedule. Additionally, we have 0-Hour and PLTW to account for. In short, there are only so many solutions and none of them are perfect.

Therefore, on these three days all 0 Hour classes are cancelled. All Rolland-Warner students will start at the standard 9:24 start time. Students who normally ride the early busses in for 0-Hour/PLTW, will instead ride the regular Rolland-Warner Busses, or can be dropped off from 9 to 9:15, on those three days. Individual reminders will be sent home directly with students, a phone blast will be sent home as a reminder, and the transportation department will send letters to all 0-hour students letting them know when and where they will be picked up by the busses.

Any students who have a 0-Hour at Rolland-Warner will take their 0-Hour exams on the Monday and Tuesday of that week in their normal 0-Hour class. Year-round students will already have taken exams, but will still follow this schedule. The only difference is they will have a longer class period for certain hours on those days.

Please note that on the early release days, lunches will not be served to students. They will want to make sure to eat breakfast on that day. It sounds like a long time, but because of the late start our students usually don't eat breakfast until 9am. Students will ride their regular buses home on these days so be aware they will be arriving earlier than a normal day. Students should be picked up at 1:34 in the car rider loop as is normal, just at an earlier time.

Below, I have a tentative schedule that explains where students should be on what days. If any changes are made to this schedule before the exams it will be communicated. Hopefully this year we don't have any snow days during exam week like we did last year. That really threw a monkey wrench into everything!

Rolland-Warner Traditional Exam Schedule

January 10			
Period	Start	Stop	Time
All 0-Hours Cancelled. All students start at 9:24 at RW and will be transported to CFI if necessary			
1 st Hour Exam 0/1 PLTW @CFI	9:24	11:24	2 Hr
3 rd Hour/iConnect	11:30	1:30	2:00
A Lunch	11:30	12:00	30 min
B Lunch	12:00	12:30	30 min
C Lunch	12:30	1:00	30 min
D Lunch	1:00	1:30	30 min
5 th Hour	1:35	2:00	25 min
6 th Hour Exam	2:05	4:05	2 Hr
* Students with PLTW for 1st/2nd Hours will be in cafeteria until 11:24			
January 11 – EARLY RELEASE @ 1:34pm (No Lunches Served)			
All 0-Hours Cancelled. All students start at 9:24 at RW and will be transported to CFI if necessary			
2 nd Hour Exam 1/2 PLTW @CFI	9:24	11:29	2:05
Break	11:29	11:34	5 minute
3 rd Hour Exam 3/4 PLTW @ CFI	11:34	1:34	2:00
January 12 – EARLY RELEASE @ 1:34pm (No Lunches Served)			
All 0-Hours Cancelled. All students start at 9:24 at RW and will be transported to CFI if necessary			
4 th Hour Exam	9:24	11:24	2:00
Break	11:24	11:34	10 minute
5 th Hour Exam	11:34	1:34	2:00
* Students with PLTW for 3rd/4th Hours will be cafeteria until 11:24			