

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 September/October

- **Sep 6**
Curriculum Night, 5-6:30pm
- **Sep 13**
PAC Meeting
- **Sep 25 + Sep 27**
Year-Round Fall
Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Sep 26**
Honors Night - (8th grade 6-7pm, 7th grade 7-8pm)
- **Sep 29 + Oct 2**
Year-Round No School
- **Oct 20**
Year-Round No School
- **Oct 23 + Oct 25**
Traditional Calendar
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Oct 23 - 27**
Year-Round Intersession
- **Oct 27**
No School for All Students

Honors Night

Rolland-Warner Honors Night will be held **Thursday, September 26**. Invitations will be sent home to those students who are receiving an award. Eighth grade students (last year's 7th grade) will be receiving awards from 6pm to 7pm while 7th grade students (last year's 6th grade) are receiving awards from 7pm to 8pm. This short presentation will celebrate students for their academic achievements they earned last year. There is no award ceremony for 6th grade students as they would have received theirs at their elementary schools in June.

Principal's Message:

We're off and rolling! Traditional students returned on August 28 and outside of some of the usual headaches the beginning of the year brings, we had an excellent start. Our 7th grade students have been excellent role models this first week for our incoming 6th graders. As 7th graders, they have lived the routines, procedures and expectations for a year already and have been leading by example. Students visited with me in the media center the first two days of school during iConnect to go through our BOLTS expectations (**Be Organized Leaders Trustworthy Successful**). I'm really impressed with how quick our 6th grade students are acclimating to the big changes middle school brings and I'm excited about the upcoming year.

Throughout the year, there are various rewards students can earn for being exemplary BOLTS students. Each year we have special events in which students that have zero office referrals and zero tardies are invited to attend. Last year's events included Laser Tag in the gym! Additionally, students can earn BOLT Bucks to spend at the Bolt Buck store in the cafeteria.

So, what are some of those headaches I mentioned?

- ✓ **Schedules:** The beginning of each semester is always a tough time when it comes to student schedules. With over 40 teachers and 750 students, it's nearly impossible to work out the kinks until you've seen everything in action. The counselors have been working hard with the students to fix any issues that have come up. We expect by the end of this week for nearly all of the movement to stop.
- ✓ **Busing/Transportation:** I always try to forewarn parents that buses will be running behind the first week, sometimes as much as an hour or even more. Because we are the last route after the high school, Zemmer, and the elementary schools our transportation hinges on the three routes before us. You compound 15 minutes of tardiness for each school and by the time our students are dismissed you can get some pretty late buses. Rest assured this usually improves dramatically each day until by next week there should be very few delays. The number one priority is safety of the students and safety and speed don't usually mix well. Thanks for your patience.

Counselor's Corner

Here at Rolland-Warner we are fortunate to have 2 counselors to help support the needs of our students. Counselors work with the students on everything from personal issues to scheduling changes. Please keep in mind counselors are not administrators, so if students are having problems with other students that may involve discipline, please contact Mr. Meister the Dean of Students. Our counselors are Mrs. Marthen, who works with our 6th grade students, and Mrs. Tibbitt who will be working with 7th grade students. Mrs. Tibbitt joins us from Durand where she was most recently a high school counselor. They can be reached at:

Mrs. Marthen 810-538-2339 or jmarthen@lapeerschools.org
Mrs. Tibbitt 810-538-2338 or mtibbitt@lapeerschools.org

PAC Meetings

R-W has monthly PAC meetings which provide 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. **Our first meeting will be Sep 13 at 9:30am in the Rolland-Warner Conference Room.** 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 9:30am to coincide with the start of the school day.

Sep 13	Oct 11	Nov 8
Dec 13	Jan 10	Feb 14
Mar 14	Apr 11	May 9

Curriculum Night, Sep 6

Our Curriculum Night (Open House) will be Wed, Sep 6 from 5:00 to 6:30pm. This is an opportunity to get to meet your child's teachers. We do this a little differently from the elementary schools as students have several teachers. This is **not drop-in**. Students should attend with you and they can take you through a simulated day for them. How it works is students/parents will start in the child's 1st hour class (or 0-Hour if they have it). After 10 minutes, we switch to 2nd hour where you meet with that teacher for 10 minutes and so on. PLTW teachers will be here in the library as well. Hope to see you there!

- 0 - Hour – 5:00
- 1st Hour – 5:13
- 2nd Hour – 5:26
- 3rd Hour – 5:39
- 4th Hour – 5:52
- 5th Hour – 6:05
- 6th Hour – 6:18

Year-Round Parent/Teacher Conferences Sep 25 + Sep 27

Please read the following schedule. As several-year round teachers share their time between Zemmer and Rolland-Warner, they need to share times between buildings for conferences as well. This conference will be "drop-in" and will take place in the gymnasium at Rolland-Warner (Media Center @ Zemmer), meaning you can stop in any time during the windows the teachers will be available at either building. The busiest times every year seem to be between 6-7pm which translates to the longest lines so if you can make it earlier you will get usually get in and out quicker. With close to 100 students for each teacher, conferences are very brief (5 minutes or less).

Monday, Sept 25th @ RW

Following teachers from 4:30 to 7:00

Mrs. Prill	Mr. Brusie	Mr. Sweeney
Mrs. Wolfer	Mrs. Slominski	

Following teachers from 4:30 to 7:30

Mrs. Johnson	Ms. Miller	Mr. Lane
Mr. Lothrop		

Wednesday, Sept 27 @ RW

Following teachers from 4:30 to 6:00

Mr. Lothrop

Following teachers from 4:30 to 7:00

Mrs. Johnson	Mrs. Miller	Mr. Lane
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Wednesday, Sept 27 @ Zemmer

Following teachers from 4:30 to 6:30

Mrs. Prill	Mr. Brusie	Mr. Sweeney
Mrs. Wolfer	Mrs. Slominski	

Substitute Teachers Needed

Attention Parents! 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.

Lapeer Community Schools has numerous job openings for the 2017-18 school year including:

Paraprofessionals	Custodians
Bus Drivers	Substitutes in all areas
Athletic coaches	

Interviews will be scheduled in the coming weeks. If you are interested, please get online and apply. Visit www.Lapeerschools.org and click on the "now hiring" banner for our online application portal.

LCS offers great perks:

- Flexible schedules
- School year calendar
- Free entrance to athletic events
- Free or reduced rates on childcare

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 <http://rw.lapeerschools.org/>

Carrying Backpacks

A safe, secure learning environment is a priority at Rolland-Warner Middle School. Strict procedures are enforced to promote safety for all students and staff. Students will not be allowed to carry backpacks, large purses, shoulder bags, tote bags, or other types of satchels larger than a standard 8 ½ x 11 inch sheet of paper during the school day in the hallways. Backpacks may be brought to school and kept in lockers but must remain in lockers from the start of first hour until the end of the school day. In addition to being a safety concern it really is not a very good life skill for them to cram all of their books and folders in the same backpack. Things become disorganized in backpacks and the weight of a full backpack isn't good for their backs.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are great. You can get a hold of your children right away and they can be excellent learning tools at school. Cell phones are allowed at Rolland-Warner and students can have them out at lunch or during passing time as they please. In the classroom the general rule is that they are allowed to have them out at the teacher's discretion. Students who are using cell phones at times they are not supposed to may end up having them taken until the end of the day, or in repeated cases of misuse, lose their privilege of having a cell phone in the school at all. Please have a discussion with your child about keeping their cell phone on their person at all times. Each year I see lots of tears over lost cell phones. Most of the time students misplace them and find them without incident, but sometimes if left unattended on a lunch table or a desk they disappear. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items so it's very important students are responsible with cell phones.

Fall Athletics Update

We kicked off another season of athletics on August 21 with a week of tryouts and practices! We have 7th Grade Football, 7th Grade Sideline Cheer, 7th Grade Girls Basketball, and 6th & 7th Grade Cross Country! Student athletes are going to be fired up during Spirit Week (Sept 18-22) and during our first pep assembly on Thursday, September 21, introducing our athletic teams! We can't wait to see our all our students supporting our athletes during Spirit Week and encourage students and parents to come support our RW athletes at a home event listed below. **We want to be the classiest teams around exhibiting the ultimate sportsmanship!**

Girls' Basketball (Home Games @ ZMS, 8th Grade start 4:15pm, 7th Grade follows)

- Wed, Sep 13 vs GB-East
- Mon, Sep 25 vs Brandon
- Wed, Sep 27 vs Owosso
- Mon, Oct 9 vs Davison
- Wed, Oct 11 vs Linden
- Wed, Oct 18 vs Kearsley

Cross Country (Home Meets @ RW at 4:45pm)

- Tues, Sep 19 vs Davison & Carman Ainsworth
- Tues, Oct 10 vs Swartz Creek
- Thurs, Oct 12 Lapeer Middle School Invitational @ **Torzewski County Park**
- Tues, Oct 17 vs Clio & Davison

Football (Home Games @ CFI, 8th Grade Start 4:15pm, 7th Grade follows at 5:45pm)

- Wed, Sep 6 Scrimmage vs Fenton **(4:15pm Start)**
- Wed, Sep 13 vs Davison
- Wed, Oct 4 vs GB – East
- Wed, Oct 11 vs Davison