

STUDENT HANDBOOK



ROCKY RIVER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

A GREETING FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

To you, the newly enrolled students, we of the faculty and student body extend a most sincere and hearty welcome. Ours will be the responsibility of providing, through classroom, club, and assembly activities, opportunities for service, citizenship, scholarship, leadership, and enjoyment and happiness in learning.

Yours will be the task of aiding us to grow. We shall grow as you grow. Respect for others, for school property, courtesy at all times in the halls, classrooms, auditorium, and cafeteria, loyalty, service to one's self and to the school -- these are the cornerstones, the foundation upon which real growth must and does take place. We, at Rocky River Junior High School, have learned how much unselfish service means to one's self and to our school.

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet is written for you, the seventh graders, and for our other newly enrolled students. Its purpose is to explain many things about our school and to make you feel a part of it. We hope that you will find much of interest between its covers.

ORDER OF ROOMS

On the first floor, Room 101 is at the northeast corner. The rooms number upward along the north corridor to Room 105 at the northwest corner. The room numbers then increase along the west corridor past the offices to Room 108 in the southwest corner, then east along the south corridor to Room 113 in the southeast corner. The same system is used on the second floor except that the rooms are numbered in the 200's.

In the basement you will find the gymnasium in the center, the cafeteria at the southeast corner, and the Industrial Arts Center along the north corridor. The gym dressing rooms are along the cross corridor at the east end of the basement.

ROUTINE OF DAY

Bell Schedule -

8:10	Students admitted	12:18	Fifth Period Bell
8:25	Five Minute Warning Bell	12:22	Tardy Bell
8:30	Tardy Bell - Home Room Period Begins	12:45	MIDDLE BELL
8:45	Activity Bell	1:08	Sixth Period Bell
9:08	First Period Bell	1:12	Tardy Bell
9:11	Tardy Bell	1:56	Seventh Period Bell
9:55	Second Period Bell	1:59	Tardy Bell
9:58	Tardy Bell	2:43	Eighth Period Bell
10:42	Third Period Bell	2:46	Tardy Bell
10:45	Tardy Bell	3:30	School Closes
11:29	Fourth Period Bell	3:34	Ninth Period Tardy Bell
11:32	Tardy Bell	3:45	Students Out*
11:55	MIDDLE BELL	4:10	Ninth Period Closes

*The bell at 3:45 is the signal for all students to be out of the building unless detained for special business purposes.

STUDENT'S CREED

I believe in our school and pledge myself to uphold the aims and ideals for which it stands. I believe in doing my work honorably and to the best of my ability. I want to know the satisfaction that comes from successfully completing a task, from self-discipline, from working for the good of others. I want to feel the inspiration that comes from contact with other students who are striving to reach these same goals.

STUDENT'S PRAYER

Our Father,

Be our companion through each day. Help us to follow Thy commandments and do Thy will. We pray that we may have the trust of those about us. May we be friendly to all and considerate of the feelings and ideas of others.

Help us to overcome the spirit of impatience and bad temper. Lead us to be honest and unselfish and to keep our minds and thoughts clean. Keep us faithful to the tasks worthy of our best efforts and eager for service. Teach us to love Thee day by day. These things we ask in Thy name. Amen.

ALMA MATER

(To tune of: "Carmen Ohio")

Oh, Rocky River Junior High
Our thoughts to thee do often fly.
Pledges ever to be true
We raise each day to thee a-new.
Proud are we of these old halls,
Oh, proud are we of these ivied walls,
Hail to thee we love so true,
Our Alma Mater -- Gold and Blue!

Our Al-ma Ma-ter, thee we praise,
With lo-yal-ty, this song we raise.
To do our best we'll always try,
To bring thee honor, Junior High.
To our col-ors, Gold and Blue,
Through the years, we'll still be true,
Al-ma Ma-ter, ring on high,
With hon-or, praise our Junior High.

THE
OPPORTUNITIES
WHICH YOUR SCHOOL OFFERS
YOU

CLUBS

THE STUDENT COUNCIL membership is by election only. It is an outstanding honor to be elected by your fellow classmates to membership in this organization. This group has for its purpose the promotion of the highest ideals of citizenship and scholarship and the welfare of the student body as a whole. It sponsors numerous worthwhile activities. Our Student Council deserves your heartiest cooperation. Strive for membership in this organization,

JUNIOR HIGH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY is a nation-wide organization of honor students of Junior High schools. In our school up to 8% of the seventh grade and 10% of the eighth grade are selected. The members must be in the upper third of their classes and must, with the exception of the seventh grade, have attended Rocky River Junior High School during the semester previous to the year of their election. All members are elected by the faculty on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

THE RIVER RIPPLE, our junior high paper, is published at regular intervals during the school year. Its staff members, mostly from the eighth grade, gather the news from various sources and write it. Included in the staff will be a few junior staff members from the seventh grade who will help with the distribution and work along with the other staff members. This will help to train them for the following year.

THE LIBRARY STAFF is made up mainly of eighth grade students. A few seventh grade students may be given an opportunity to train during the second semester for full membership during the following year.

GIRLS' INTRAMURALS is the girls' sport recreation of the Junior High. At the meetings you play all sorts of athletic games such as softball, basketball, tennis, volleyball and others. There are several special events each year which are open to all girls. This recreational program is open to all Junior High girls.

BOYS' INTRAMURALS provides individual and team competition for boys who are not members of interscholastic squads -- good for physical development and development of skills. Also helps prepare you for a varsity squad. Boys intramurals will consist of touch football in the fall season, basketball during the winter months and softball in the spring together with any other sport activities for which there may be sufficient interest.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB is open to all students who are interested in dramatics. During the year the club presents at least one play for an assembly. Additional skits and activities are part of the regular meetings. If you feel that you have some dramatic ability or are particularly interested in dramatics, be sure to join the Dramatic Club.

Y-TEENS is a branch of the Y. W. C. A. All girls may join. At the meetings they have games, refreshments, talks, craftwork, etc. There are regular weekly meetings which include club business, future planning and a variety of activities.

CLUBS - continued

THE TWO ARTS CLUB is open to any Junior High student. It adds to the welfare of our school through preparation of posters to advertise our various activities and special areas of public service. Projects will be offered in ceramics, mosaics, woodworking, metalwork, and creative crafts. This club is planned to further your interest and achievement.

SEVENTH GRADE GLEE CLUB is designed for seventh grade boys and girls who wish to participate in a vocal group. It is the purpose of the club to give these students opportunity to perform music of many types and to encourage future participation in singing groups.

THE SCIENCE CLUB is open to any student in the eighth grade capable of meeting the club's requirements. While primarily concerned with the fields of Science, its programs are varied enough to arouse the interest of all. It aims to help the student better understand and appreciate his amazing world.

BRIDGE CLUB is open to all students in the seventh and eighth grades who can maintain the expected standards of scholarship and citizenship. Members of this club are given the opportunity to learn to play and to enjoy the game of Bridge according to the rules established by Charles A. Goren.

THE MATHEMATICS CLUB is open to any seventh or eighth grade student who has a special interest in mathematics. Special attention is given to the history of mathematics, advanced mathematics, and the mathematical needs of every citizen.

THE SAFARI CLUB is open to any member of the Junior High School student body. The club is designed to go beyond classroom studies in varied fields of social studies. Club projects, field trips, and local historical and geographical study will round out the schedule of events. Those who are particularly interested in geography and history will want to become a member of this organization.

THE FRENCH CLUB is to be composed of pupils of French who achieve a grade of B or better. The purpose is to further enrich the study of French through games, plays, music, trips, discussions and other activities designed to increase speaking fluency in the language and promote interest in French culture.

SCHOLARSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

If you receive your ten M's when the year is over, you get a pin during the annual recognition assembly. There are other awards for receiving the ten M's for the second time.

To get an "M" in citizenship, you must have good conduct, be courteous to your instructors and fellow classmates, take part in class work, and help by your unselfish service to make the school a nicer place in which to spend your school days.

Each year a special pin is awarded to the eighth grade girl and boy receiving the most M's in citizenship during the eighth grade.

The National Honor Society is the honor organization of the school. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, character, service and citizenship. It is a distinct honor to be elected to this society. This organization continues throughout the junior high school and there is a branch of this organization in the high school.

Each year a gold pin is awarded to the eighth grade girl and boy with the highest scholastic average for the seventh and eighth grade. This is an award well worth working for.

STUDY HALLS

Why have study halls? The obvious reason for their existence is to give the students an opportunity to complete their studies and assigned school work within school hours and thus be able to use the time after school for other things. In most cases this eliminates the necessity of taking work home. Because some schools don't provide study halls, they are considered a privilege. The best way you can show your appreciation for this privilege is by helping to maintain quiet and orderly study halls.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

What are extra-curricular activities? They include clubs, athletics, and other school activities not considered a regular part of the school work.

The purpose of extra-curricular activity is to give students an opportunity to enlarge and develop their interest in special activities such as dramatics, sports, athletics, and many others. All activities are sponsored by instructors. They aid you in getting acquainted, developing friendships and preparing yourself for honors in later school years. Be a member!

ATHLETICS

To take part in athletics, a boy must have a citizenship of "G" or above and must be passing in at least three of his subjects.

Basketball starts in December. Not everyone can be on the team because of the limited space in the gym. Games are played with other schools, usually through the end of February. There will be a team representing the seventh grade and one representing the eighth grade.

Interpretation of Marks

Scholarship Achievement

- A - Superior
- B - Good
- C - Average
- D - Below average but passing
- E - Failing

Effort

- 1 - Commendable
- 2 - Satisfactory
- 3 - Inconsistent
- 4 - Unsatisfactory

Citizenship

- M - Meritorious school citizenship: Indicates that a student has upheld to the highest degree the citizenship standards of our school.
- G - Good school citizenship: Means that the student has upheld to a high degree the citizenship standards of our school. This is the normal mark.
- F - Fair school citizenship only. Below normal and inferior.
- U - Unsatisfactory school citizenship: Indicates an antisocial attitude needful of attention.

CITIZENSHIP IN SCHOOL

The attitude and conduct of pupils in school should not be materially different from that comprehended by the term correct living. While inexperience or immediate surroundings may modify or alter action for the moment, they should not essentially change the basic ideals which a democratic society holds to be fundamental. It is the aim of the school, therefore, to foster and maintain obedience, industry, cooperation, promptness, courtesy, respect for property, loyalty, neatness, consideration for others and a spirit of helpfulness toward them.

The only way which the school has to express to the parent the degree of acquisition and progress in the correct attitude is through marks. They give a fairly correct idea of the behavior responses of the pupil in and around the school.

The Junior High sponsors a track team. All the field events of the high jump, broad jump, shot put, and pole vault are run. In the track events and longer runs of the mile, two mile, and 440 yard dash are not run but all are welcome to try out for the short dashes and hurdles. Each spring an annual May Day track meet is held. Two separate competitions are held, one between homerooms and the other between grades. Home room championships are determined for the seventh and eighth grades. In the grade competition the seventh grade meets with the eighth grade. Ribbons are awarded first, second, and third place winners in this grade meet.

For the boys who do not make the team, there are intramural games which are played during homeroom period or after school. Intramural means that the games are played with teams of just our own school. Touch football is played in the fall, basketball in the winter, and softball in the spring. These games will be started later in the year. Don't miss them if you like sports.

The high school belongs to the Southwestern League. This League has a regularly scheduled series of games in football, basketball, and track. In addition we play baseball games in our west side league. The high school is desirous of having and will appreciate the support of members of the Junior High at its Athletic Contests.

ORCHESTRA AND BAND

These are two organizations which anyone who plays a musical instrument will want to, and may, join. They meet under the direction of the music director at a suitable time during the day. The band plays for assemblies and gives an evening concert. The orchestra plays for special events and often for assemblies. If you play a musical instrument, you are missing something if you do not join one or both of these organizations.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held to afford recreation for students, to enable students to develop self-expression, to promote a friendly relationship between the students themselves and between the student body and its school. The enjoyment of an assembly is dependent upon the attitude of the student body in the assembly. Good assembly manners on the part of each student are important in making an assembly a success. Be courteous -- to the chairman, to the speakers, to your fellow students who are taking part in the program. Everyone admires and appreciates politeness and courtesy.

SOCIAL EVENTS

During the year mixers or afternoon dances are given by the different classes. These dances are always a lot of fun, so if you can't dance now, be sure you learn soon. Boys!!! Don't be bashful about taking a girl to these dances.

Each year the seventh and eighth grade students have parties of their own. These are arranged for and conducted by the members of the classes themselves.

Our Parent-Teachers Association sponsors four Sox Hops during the school year. All students in both the seventh and eighth grade are welcome to attend. These Sox Hops are generally held on a Friday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. There are specific rules to which all students are expected and required to abide. These are given out during the week in which the Sox Hop is scheduled. This year these are to be held in October, December, February and March.

LUNCH PERIOD

You may bring your lunch, go home, or buy your lunch at the school cafeteria. After eating your lunch, you may stay in the cafeteria, go outside, or attend the movies. If you stay inside, do not loiter in the basement corridors or eat any part of your lunch or candy in the corridors, gymnasium, or movies.

If you go outside, you are permitted to play on the east side and south side of the building, provided you stay away from the building so that you won't bother the classes that are in session.

Each day one reel of a popular sound movie will be shown in the auditorium.

Before the bell rings, pupils are not allowed on the first floor or to go into the halls to the lockers.

Remember a good eating environment is important to good health. Be reasonably quiet and be courteous. Relax -- help us to eliminate noise. Remember, also, your manners are on display!

HALLS AND STAIRWAYS

Talking during the three minutes between periods is the student's privilege. Don't abuse that privilege by shouting and whistling. Your common sense will tell you that running in the halls is very dangerous and consequently is to be avoided.

The monitors and hall guards are there to speed up progress and to prevent traffic jams. Always obey their instructions. Keep to the right and do not loiter and you will find that you and everyone else will pass through the corridors with a minimum of disturbance.

Regarding stairways, remember that the northwest stairway is for going up only and the southwest stairway for going down only. You will find by experience that obeying the rules is much easier and quicker than using force.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

You will find the school library useful for reference work. It is located on the second floor in room 212.

To go to the library during homeroom period you must have something to do and must get a permit from your homeroom teacher. Any other period that you have a study hall and the library is open, go to the library instead of study hall and turn in your library card to the librarian. You will secure these cards from your homeroom teacher.

If you wish to draw a book, take it to the librarian, and she will charge the book out for you. Books marked "Overnight" must be returned before 8:30 the next morning. Other books may be borrowed by the students for a period of two weeks.

CORRIDOR PASSES

To be permitted to leave any room to go elsewhere in the building, you must have a corridor pass given you by the teacher whose room you are leaving. Hall monitors are directed not to allow anyone not having such a pass to go through the halls.

FIRE DRILLS

When the fire bell rings, rise from your seats, leave your books, and walk out in an orderly manner. The first ones out are the leaders who are to take the others to the place outside which has been assigned to that particular room. When you reach that place stand there quietly. Go back when the order is given.

NINTH PERIOD STUDY HALL

If you are directed to report to the Ninth Period Study Hall, it becomes your responsibility to report there that afternoon at 3:34 or to be excused by the teacher by whom you were assigned to this study hall, or by the office. Ninth Period Study Hall meets in room 210.

HOUSEKEEPING

Help keep your school building clean and neat. Your school is your new home. A good citizen not only does not drop paper on the floor, but picks up any that he sees there and places it in the paper baskets that are provided. He never destroys or mars school desks, walls, or other property any more than he would do such things in his own home.

We are judged on the neatness of our building by those who visit us. Let's not give them any chance to form any unfavorable opinion because you know what you think when you go into a dirty house.

LOST AND FOUND

Articles which you find should be turned in to the office. Articles that you may lose can usually be recovered by inquiring for them from the office.

COURTESY

Be courteous to everyone. Remember the golden rule! Scarcely any other rule is so valuable in deciding how to act towards the other fellow.

OPPORTUNITIES

TO

SERVE

YOUR SCHOOL

One usually thinks of a school serving him by teaching him, organizing games for him, or planning parties. Does it seem strange to you that there are ways of serving your school?

Traditions of school pride and good citizenship are very powerful in Rocky River Junior High School. You will soon find that everyone looks down on a slacker because everyone is proud of our school and willing to put himself out to make it even better. That is the way he can serve his school.

What can you do? We can, by no means, mention all of the opportunities, but you will see them as they arise. We are mentioning only the more general opportunities so that you may find out how to put your shoulder to the wheel and make up for excellent teamwork lost to the school when last year's senior class graduated.

THE PURPOSE OF RULES

Whenever people live together as we do in school, it is necessary to make rules for them to live by, otherwise everyone would be doing what he wanted to and no one could get anything done. At first thought you might think it fine to be allowed to do as you please, but you would soon change your mind when someone else in doing what he pleased took your bicycle or struck you with a stone or killed one of your pets with his rifle.

When your school or your teachers make rules, experience has shown that such a rule is necessary. Don't think that they are trying to spoil your fun or are being unfair. Always try to understand the reason for each rule. For example, teachers will ask you not to talk during study halls because, if everyone talked whenever he pleased, no one could ever get any studying done because of the noise. In the case of this example, as in the case of all rules, you can see that the rule is necessary for your own benefit; to protect you from others who are not as thoughtful and considerate as yourself.

The rules mentioned in the paragraphs to follow are ones we have found make school a more pleasant place for all. We don't think that you will find any of these rules annoying. Can you see the reason for each one?

HOMEROOM

After you enter your homeroom, leaving should be at a minimum. This means that you should take care of all your needs and bring all supplies you will need for the morning with you to homeroom. Just remember, a good workman plans his work for some time ahead.

LOCKERS

Lockers are provided for the use of the pupils. Every locker should have a DUDLEY COMBINATION lock on it. The combination of this lock should be registered with your home room teacher so that if you become ill and wish to have books sent home these can be secured for you. Make sure no one else knows the combination of your lock. Lockers are for your convenience and you must keep them clean for they are occasionally inspected by the faculty.

Your gym suits, tennis shoes, racquets, balls, etc., are to be kept in your gym locker. Books, outer garments, lunches, and such things should be kept in your regular locker.

You are permitted to go to your locker only three times a day. You may go immediately upon arrival in the building in the morning, during your lunch period, and at the close of school. Plan your work so that you will have all the supplies that you need and still not violate this rule.

ABSENCE AND TARDINESS

Be in attendance at school every day that you are physically well. Every absence means that you have missed some important work that will have to be made up, and in addition must be prepared for any written quizzes or examinations that may be given over the material you have missed.

If you have been absent, you are requested to bring a written excuse signed by your parent or guardian which states the reason for your absence and the number of days of absence. Present this to your homeroom teacher during the homeroom period on the day of your return. You will receive a slip which must be presented to each one of your subject teachers for their signature. Leave the slip with the last teacher who will file it in the office.

Be prompt! There are very, very few good reasons for tardiness. Promptness is a habit which can be learned and which all successful men and women have cultivated.

You are to be in your seat when the tardy bell starts to ring or you are tardy. If you are tardy, go immediately to the office where you will get a slip that will admit you to class. You will not be admitted to homeroom without a permit from the office.

LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

If you become ill during the day or have to go home for any other reason, always go to the office first and secure a pass to leave the building. Girls will consult with Miss Le Pontois and boys with Mr. Mayer. This pass must then be signed by your parents or guardian and returned to the office when you return. This procedure is as true of the lunch periods as of any other period during the day.

GYM EXCUSES

If you need to be released from Gym, bring an excuse from home signed by one of your parents. These excuses are given to your gym teacher at your regular gym period. It will be necessary to secure a written statement signed by your doctor if you are to be excused from gym over a definite period of time. Consult with your gym instructor as to forms available for this purpose.