

The SPARK

January 24, 2018

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Team that represented our school at the Madison County Spelling Bee and competed against various other elementary and middle schools from the area. I am so thankful for the efforts of Jessica Yoder (who coached and coordinated) as well as Mrs. Chrysler, Miss Linette, and Denise Troyer who all assisted on the day of the event as well. All students on the team participated in the written portion of the competition. Special recognition goes to Alex Bauermeister who qualified for the oral spelldown. Nice job!

We are excited to partner with Rosedale Bible College to host our first basketball tournament at Shekinah and RBC. See the attached sheet for details regarding the schedule of the tournament. We are creating a page under the athletic menu on our website titled "Rosedale Invitational" where scores and updates will be posted throughout the event. There is also a picture on the homepage of our website that you can click on for access to a digital version of the schedule. *Note that tournament admissions rates will be different from regular season games.* You will have the option of purchasing a tournament pass that will give you access to every game on all three days. You can also purchase tournament daily admission for any single day that grants you access to both the Rosedale and Shekinah gymnasium.

Our January Bible Memory deadline was supposed to be this Friday! I've decided to extend the Bible Memory deadline to Monday due to the hectic schedule of the Rosedale Invitational. We hope this will help students relax and be able to enjoy preparing for and participating in the tournament more!

I'm awaiting a new update from our school treasurer regarding the *Traditions Campaign*. Our total has climbed over \$58,000 and I'm told there are additional checks that have not been added to the total yet. We are working on confirming quotes and finalizing an order for stage curtains, gym pads, and wall carpet options. Some work will be scheduled in the summer. However, we are aiming to have our new stage curtains installed and ready for our spring musical production!

FOR PARENTS



Blood Pressure & Scoliosis Screenings

On February 1st Mrs. Gossard, our school nurse, will be here to do blood pressure screenings for the 8th & 12th graders and will also be doing the scoliosis screening for the 6th & 8th grade classes.

Giant Eagle Scrip Card

We have a \$100 Giant Eagle gift card that is available for purchase. Someone ordered this card by mistake instead of a GFS card. If you often shop there, would you be willing to purchase the card? Contact Mrs. Grissom in the office if you can help!

Volunteer opportunity for students

In the school office you will find a pink slip with information on the volunteer program at Memorial Hospital in Marysville. This is open for students ages 14-18.



Spirit Day Dress Down Day

Friday, January 26th!



Come out and support the teams for the Rosedale Invitational by wearing your Shekinah spirit gear. You may wear jeans and your Shekinah t-shirts or sweatshirts. If you do not have any spirit wear you may wear navy, white or gray.
GO FLAMES!



Carnation Sale!



The Jr. class is once again selling carnations to be delivered on Valentine's Day. If you wish to buy a carnation for a friend, son or daughter, please stop by the office to place your order. There you will find the cards to fill out with envelopes.

Carnations are \$2.00 apiece.



PASSES

Daily
Adult \$7
Student \$5
Family \$20

3 Day
Adult \$18
Student \$12
Family \$60



Hot Lunch - Friday, January 26th
Chicken Patty Sandwiches, Sun
Chips, Peaches and Cookies
 Kindergarten-2: \$3.00
 Grades 3-12: \$3.50



(If your student forgets their money for hot lunch please have them see Mrs. Grissom in the office to make arrangements.)

Spanish III Fundraiser

Mark your calendars: Tuesday evening February 6th, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., the Spanish III class will have a fundraiser at Der Dutchman for their trip to Argentina in March. 15% of the total bill will go to the Spanish class plus 100% of the tips. In addition, 15% of any carryout, bakery, or gift shop purchases will go to the Spanish class. Just make sure to tell the cashier that your purchases are for the fundraiser! We are still in need of over \$6,000.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

January

- 25-27 - Rosedale BB Invitational
- 26 - January Bible Memory

February

- 6- Spanish III Class fundraiser at Der Dutchman 5-8
- 16 - Professional Dev. Day - Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.
- 19 - Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
- 19 - Girls' BB OHSAA Post-Season Tournaments Begin
- 23 - February Bible Memory
- 26 - Boys' BB OHSAA Post Season Tournaments Begin

Box Top Update

Keep saving those Box Tops. We have raised \$385 dollars so far! Remember our goal is \$1,000 by the end of the school year!



Counselors' Corner

Parents of 7th-10th Grade Students - ACT Aspire Information:

Last week you received a form to register for the ACT Aspire. It's not too late to fill out the form and turn it in. We extended the deadline to **Friday, January 26**. We just need to know if your student plans to take the test in plenty of time for us to meet the online registration deadline.

Parents and Students -Accessing and Understanding Those PSAT/NMSQT® Test Results:

If you took the PSAT and haven't unlocked your free SAT study plan, now is the time!

<https://www.collegeboard.org/membership/all-access/academic/january-22-26-sat-practice-kickoff-week>

January 22-26 is SAT Practice Kickoff Week. This is a great personalized resource, and it's free!!

NEW INFORMATION! Use this OpenEd resource to prepare for the ACT

ACT also offers a free personalized ACT study plan. <https://www.opened.com/>

As part of ACT, OpenEd provides students and teachers with resources to improve their skills and scores for the PreACT or ACT! Receive personalized resources based on your score and then watch videos and games to help address knowledge gaps! You'll even find short practice quizzes from past ACT exams.