



# CHARLES S. RUSHE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Home of the Ravens

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Dear Raven Families,

It has been a great start to our school's fifth year of serving our community. Our students and teachers hit the ground running with taking the first of three formative assessments: CORE Science and Math, FAIR (reading), and Rushe Writes. We are using this data as a baseline, and students are learning how to interpret this data and how to set goals to increase their performance. We are excited about having our students actively involved in setting goals and monitoring their performance! Your child will be bringing home their progress monitoring and goal setting sheets to share with you. Please set aside some time for them to share with you their progress compared to last year and what goals they have set for themselves this year.

Autumn is in the air, and we will soon be cheering our Ravens as they begin their athletic seasons. First up will be volleyball with their home opener on September 15, at 6:00 P.M. and football on September 20, at 6:30 P.M. We wish our student athletes the very best as they represent our school!

Until next time – remember, you are Ravens and Ravens soar to success!

All the Best,

David Salerno  
Principal

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### **Middle School Requirements**

Florida Law requires that a child who is not meeting the school district requirements for proficiency in reading and mathematics shall be covered by a Progress Monitoring Plan (PMP). The PMP must be designed to assist the child or the school in meeting state and district expectations for proficiency.

If your child has been identified in one or more areas as not meeting district standards, additional support will be provided to help him/her improve in those areas. You may consult with your child's teachers to discuss their Progress Monitoring Plan.

### **Guidance News**

Parents interested in learning more about the 7th Grade Duke Talent Search can go to Rushe website and click on the short video presentation for more information. Continue to click on the presentation to change slides. If you have questions, please contact Dixie Carter, 7th Grade Counselor, at (813) 346-1305.

We just want to share with you our plans for September. The Guidance Team will

be going into the classrooms to introduce themselves and to discuss bullying and the procedures to report an incident. Here are a couple of websites to check out: [www.chatdanger.com](http://www.chatdanger.com), [www.stopcyberbullying.com](http://www.stopcyberbullying.com), and [www.wiredsafety.org](http://www.wiredsafety.org). If your child is being cyberbullied, please feel free to contact your phone provider, Internet provider, or Facebook. This is just a reminder that students must be 14 to be on Facebook. We all know how important it is to monitor our children's online activity. We also strongly encourage students to talk to a trusted adult if bullying is occurring. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, counselor, or administrator. We look forward to working with you this year. Counselors are: Mr. Snyder-8th Grade, Ms. Carter-7th Grade and Ms. Wolfe-6th Grade.

If your child is out sick, you may call for homework. The teachers will need 24 hours to gather the work.

### **Check Out Procedures**

Please follow these procedures when taking a student out of the building or volunteering. You will need to have your

drivers license in order to do both. No student should be checked out after 2:30 p.m.

### **Great American Teach-In**

This year we will have our fifth annual Career/Great American Teach-In Day on November 16! We invite parents and local community members to come to school and talk with our students about their jobs/careers and hobbies. We feel this event benefits our students by learning about a variety of careers and interests and their relationship with school.

Would you consider coming to Rushe and spending part of the day or a whole day with us? If so, please email back to [jswitzer@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jswitzer@pasco.k12.fl.us) or call 813-346-1200. You will be assigned to a teacher to present to their classes for the time you are here, or if you have a preference, please give us the teacher's name. Each class is approximately 50 minutes long. Feel free to bring handouts and/or props. All presenters and anyone accompanying you must complete the District Online Volunteer Application on our school website. Select the **Parents Tab**, from our homepage, then go to the **[Sign up to Volunteer Tab](#)** on the side bar.

## Drama Club

Drama Club is off the ground and running for this school year. Auditions for the spring play have already begun, but there are still opportunities for students to audition for the cast as well as stage crew. Auditions will be Tuesday 9/20 through Thursday 9/22, and due to high demand, two additional days have been added – Tuesday 9/27 and Wednesday 9/28. All auditions are held in Mrs. Chase's room (153) after school; please see her for more information.

## 2011/2012 Cheerleading Squad

Below is this year's Raven Cheerleading Squad:

Samantha Arisman, Sabrina Arroyo, Lauren Berk, Sydney Black, Nicole Calderin, Rylee Fitzsimmons, Kayle Holland, Julia Kelly, Hayley Keyes, Nikki Martinetto, Madison Meglio, Mallory Mock, Karsyn Powell, Jennifer Rafalovich, Gabrielle Rebstock, Victoria Renfroe, Deoris Rodriguez, Andrea Silver, Meagyn Speer, Brooke Strauch, Sharis Tejada, Alyssa Uliano, Cortlyn Worley, and Jessica Rogofsky.

The Coach is Heather Sidlauskas.

## Raven Football Team for 2011 School Year

Congratulations to the following students that will be representing our Rushe Football team this year: Matthew Ellis, Riley Scallan, Danny Hrenko, Andre Black, Tony Martinetto Papas, Justin Metzger, Justin Beazley, Justin Martinez, Logan Roque, Alec Cremeans, Vincent Griffo, Dylan Schultz, Jacob Ortiz, Jabriiri Davis, Julio Torres, Michael Reyes, Carlos Portillo, Mateo Maramara, Sam Lewis, Trevor Davenport, Christian Galdos, Miles Gorman, Hunter Bertoncini, Dylan Hohenthauer, Makua Peters, Fernando Romagosa, Harley Rothhausen, Aaron Fletcher, Andres Campo, Joseph Rivera, Andrew Riddle, Trevor Smith, Robert Valentine-Miller, Ryan Medina, Blake Porter, James Perez, Ryan Everhart, Michael Fontana, Carson Reavis, and Matthew Gaydos. Head Coach is Mike Hill with Assistant Coaches Will Fields and Jerry Scott. Our parent volunteers are Ben Hedblom, Michael Davis and Jeremy Sidlauskas.

## Volunteer Applications

We had many wonderful staff and parents that volunteered for Rushe during the last school year. If you would like to volunteer for Rushe for the 2011/2012 school year, please go to [www.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us) and complete the volunteer application. A new application has to be completed each year.

## Baccalaureate Diploma Program

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB) offers high-achieving, high performing students an opportunity to pursue a rigorous program of studies during their high school years. The academic requirements of the IB program are rigorous and demanding. However, the student with an IB diploma or certificate may be awarded college credit and advanced standing at colleges and universities throughout the world. Schools on the East side and Central side of Pasco County are served by the IB Program at Land O' Lakes High School. Parent information nights will be held in November and are open to the public. Applications are available on line at <http://lolhs.pasco.k12.fl.us> at the International Baccalaureate link.

Central: Wednesday, November 9 at Land O' Lakes High School Commons, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

East Side: Tuesday, November 1 at Centennial Middle School Cafeteria, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

For further information, contact Holly Rockhill, Assistant Principal at (813) 794-9429, [hrockhil@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:hrockhil@pasco.k12.fl.us) or Rebecca Gleaton, Counselor at (813) 794-9418, [rbgleato@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rbgleato@pasco.k12.fl.us).

## Dates to Remember

- September 27 Rushe @ PMS/PHS 6:30 pm
- October 04 Football JLMS@ Rushe/SLHS 6:00 pm
- October 06 Volleyball PVMS @ Rushe 6:00 pm
- October 10 Volleyball Rushe @ TEWMS 6:00 pm
- October 11 Football Rushe @R.B. Stewart/ZHS 6:00 pm
- October 25 Football TEWMS @Rushe/SLHS
- October 27 SAC Meeting 4:00 pm/Media

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