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The Weekly Publication of Raymond Park Intermediate Academy

December 2, 2016

A Note from the Principal

Dear RPIA Families,

It is hard to believe December is already here! We have a busy month planned, and we hope you and your family are staying warm!

Students will be taking the NWEA test beginning December 12. This test is one students take three times per school year, and it tracks their growth in math, reading, and language. Please encourage your student to come in with a positive attitude to focus on this important assessment! We look forward to seeing great growth from each of our students!

With three weeks of school before winter break, we still have much to accomplish this semester! Students are encouraged to stay focused, work hard, and ask questions in class when needed! Let us know how we can best support your student.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Carey Storm

BOOK FAIR

December 6 — December 9

Online @ scholastic.com/fair
Search Raymond Park Intermediate Academy



OUR MISSION

to ensure the intellectual and emotional growth of every student while promoting civility, order, respect and excellence. We recognize that each student can and must succeed in an environment enriched with support, encouragement and accountability.



Students who participate in **Dress for Success** on Tuesdays must still follow the School Dress Code expectations. *Thanks!*

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The newsletter is sent home electronically each week. If you would like to receive it (via email) please contact Mrs. Storm at cstorm@warren.k12.in.us

E-LIBRARY CARDS

Students District-wide are receiving E-Library cards. These new cards are only for electronic material unless the parent/guardian takes the student to a local branch to upgrade the card. If a student had previously had a library card, they will not receive a new card, but will be reminded of their barcode number on an envelope. The eCards can be used at: www.ecollection.indypl.org for eMaterial such as eBooks and audio books. Additional resources such as magazines and databases can be accessed from the homepage at: www.indypl.org.

HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Parent preview dates for the Human Growth and Development videos will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 12th at Grassy Creek Elementary for Grade 4 parents, 10330 East Prospect St. and on Thursday, January 19, at Creston Intermediate Academy for Grades 5 and 6 parents, 10925 E. Prospect St. at 6:30 p.m.

These videos will be shown separately to present fourth and fifth grade boys and girls. Sixth grade students will participate in a program led by personnel from the Social Health Association of Indiana. Following the showing of the videos at both the adult previews and the pupil programs, discussion will be led by personnel from Social Health. Parents are encouraged to attend one of the parent preview nights.

SUCCESS

Create Yours!

2016-2017 Theme

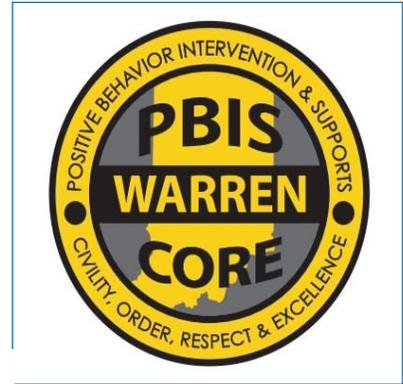
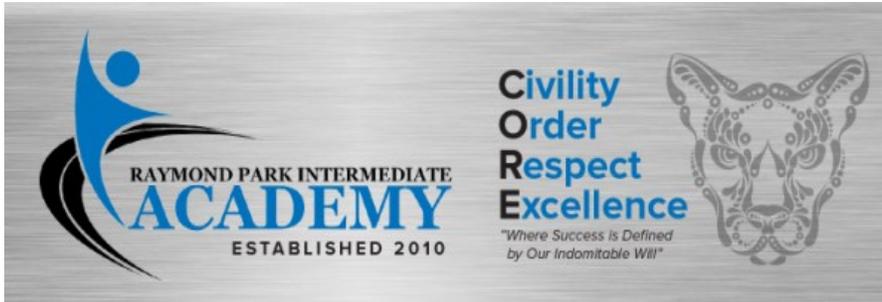
Teachers and Staff will support all students to help them find personal success and growth this year!

CALENDAR

December 8
Donuts with Dads—
RSVP due Monday,
12/5/16

December 14
Late Start

December 23
CORE Bash
During Related Arts,
Last Day Before
Winter Break





Tamika Catchings'

16th Annual Catch the Stars Youth Holiday Basketball Camp

December 28th-30th, 2016

AT Warren Central HS Fieldhouse
(9500 E. 16th St. Indianapolis)

For boys & girls ages 9-15
12/28 & 29- (10am-4pm) & 12/30-(10am-2pm)



Join WNBA Champion & 4-time Olympic Gold Medalist **Tamika Catchings** and her volunteer team for her annual 3-day camp. Campers will learn basketball fundamentals as well as the importance of sportsmanship, academics and goal setting.

Each camper will receive individual instruction, daily lunches, guest speakers, one ticket voucher to attend a 2017 Indiana Fever home game, personalized skills assessment & a camp t-shirt.

Early Bird Special Ends December 1st!! *Regular Registration \$100 per camper!

CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM

Camper's Name: _____ Age (ON 12/2016): _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Email: _____

T-shirt size: (circle one) Youth-L Youth-XL Adult-S Adult-M Adult-L Adult-XL

RELEASE-INDEMNIFICATION-DISCLAIMER-AUTHORIZATION

I, the undersigned, submit that my son or daughter is physically fit to participate in strenuous activity and waive the Catch the Stars Foundation, Warren Central High School, Tamika Catchings, and all sponsors from any and all responsibility for injury or illness. I hereby authorize the directors of the camp to act for me according to their best judgement in an emergency requiring medical attention. I understand that I am solely responsible for the payment of any such medical expenses and acknowledge that I have medical and accident insurance coverage. I consent to the camp and the camp photographers taking and/or using photographs of my child for promotional/marketing purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail to: Catch the Stars Foundation, P.O. Box 53557, Indianapolis, IN 46253 OR

Register online at www.catchthestars.org

****Campers will receive confirmations within 2-3 weeks of receiving your Camp Registration****



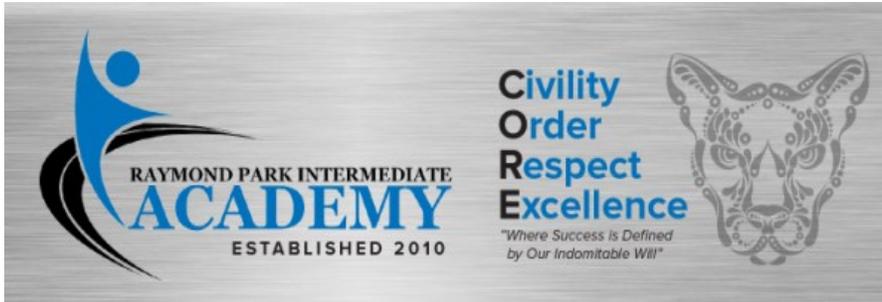

Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer in any Warren Township school, you need to complete a Criminal History Background Check form and provide a copy of your driver's license or state I.D. You will need to allow approximately 2 weeks for the Background Check to be processed.

Phone Numbers

Please be sure to notify the school of any changes in home, cell or emergency phone numbers. This is very important in case of an emergency or illness. Please let Mary know at 532-8965.

The occasion may arise when the school district wants to recognize your child or your child's school. This may include your child's photo, your child's name or your child's work in district publications, newsletters, on school district websites, and in electronic/social media or in staff training videos. We may also want to tell the media (including newspapers, television, and radio) about your child's achievements. We never knowingly release information about a student to anyone who wants to use it for commercial/political purposes. However, we will honor your request to not include your child in these types of recognitions if you notify your child's school office in writing that you do not want this type of information released.



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CORE Bus Expectations

Please discuss with your student the importance of CORE Bus Expectations which will be reinforced throughout the school year. Students are to be seated, facing forward, and stay in assigned seats while the bus is in motion. These expectations focus on keeping students safe as they travel to and from school every day. Thank you for your support!

Guest Teachers

Warren Township schools are looking for classroom guest teachers for the 2016-17 school year. Classroom guest teachers, also referred to as substitute teachers, work a 7 1/2 hour day with a 30 minute lunch. Classroom guest teachers are paid \$72 a day and are eligible for a \$100 bonus after completing twenty classroom assignments. With 18 schools, and over 600 classrooms in the district, there are ample opportunities for being assigned to a classroom on a daily basis. Requirements for the position can be found on our district website: (<http://www.warren.k12.in.us/employment-opportunities>) or by contacting one of our 18 Warren Township schools. Interested applicants can apply at <https://apptrack.warren.k12.in.us/applicant/login.php>

Lobby Guard

Last school year the Raymond Park office started signing visitors in and out using Lobby Guard. Please remember to have a valid I.D. with you to gain entrance to our school. After you scan your I.D. at the Lobby Guard kiosk located at the main entrance, a visitor's badge will be generated.

2016-2017
District Calendar
[CLICK HERE](#)

Warren Students Rights & Responsibilities Handbook
[CLICK HERE](#)

Parent Portal Access
[CLICK HERE](#)

There is another very important way that parents can help contribute to the greatness of our school...join our PTSA! We are asking for any and all parents interested in helping to join the RPIA PTSA. Membership is \$7.00. Please consider becoming a part of this great organization.

Wednesday Ice Cream Sales

\$1.00

During Lunch

Benefits PTSA & School Projects



**Civility
Order
Respect
Excellence**
*"Where Success is Defined
by Our Indomitable Will"*



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FROM THE COUNSELOR

Linda Willen, 532.8965 ext. 6508

It is hard to believe that it is December already, especially with the warmer than normal temperatures. I doubt many of us are complaining about that. I wanted to share with you about something that continues to happen here at school, but it typically starts at home. Cyberbullying is very real. Almost every week there is something that started at home on student's media devices that is carrying over to school and disrupting the learning environment. Obviously, we take great care to keep our students safe here at school, but what they "stir up" at home or at the latest sleepover at someone's house is something in which we have no control. Most parents think that their student would never post anything inappropriate on social media. But many of our kids are so much more "tech savvy" than we are and so their ability to post pictures, remove pictures, alter pictures or comments is well beyond our comprehension. The reality is does a 10 year old or 11 or 12 year old really need to be on social media? In a great article on PC Tech, the author describes many of the problems that social media bring to our students. You may want to check it out: <http://www.pcadvisor.co.uk/feature/digital-home/how-much-screen-time-is-healthy-for-children-benefits-3520917/?scrlybrkr=61dfdfc8>. Parenting magazine on line also has a great article about setting limits on social media. You may want to check out this great resource as well. <http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/managing-your-childs-screen-time/?scrlybrkr=d64b1a7c>. And finally, we are never too old to learn about the latest apps and social media opportunities that can lead to real danger (and often leads to social problems for your students here at school). Those apps are given on this website: <http://foreverymom.com/author/meganmaas/>. Last, if you have spent the 15 – 30 minutes checking out these articles, perhaps it is now time to put your device down and model for your kids that there ARE other things to do each day that may be much healthier for them and for all of you. Remember, you are their parent, not their best friend.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

IT'S COLD OUTSIDE, BUT WARM AT THE Y!



2016 WINTER BREAK CAMP



LOCATION

Ransburg YMCA

501 N. Shortridge Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46219

PRICING

Y Members: \$134/Week

Non-Members: \$169/Week

- Rates based on household income are available!
- Lunch and breakfast will be provided, but please bring 2 snacks and a water bottle!

DATES & TIMES

December 22-23

December 26-30

January 2-6

6:30 AM—6:00 PM

TO REGISTER:

Visit indymca.org/youthdevelopment, or call (317) 484-9622.

