

# PUMA PRESS

The Weekly Publication of Raymond Park Intermediate Academy

December 23, 2016

## A Note from the Principal

Dear RPIA Families,

We want to wish you a happy holiday season. We hope you have many blessings and memories that you create with family and friends!

The week we return to school, please be aware that we have a Late Start on Wednesday, January 11th. Students will begin school an hour later than usual. We have some exciting plans in store for students during our second semester!

Term 2 report cards will also be sent home with students the week we return from break.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Carey Storm



### 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.



Pacers Fundraiser Info was sent home this week!

Check out the [video](#) for more information.





## DONATION DRIVE

help the environment and give back to your community

**January 1 – 31, 2017**

**HOW TO DONATE:** Bring at least two, 13-gallon bags or copier boxes of clothes, household items, books or toys to any Goodwill location. You can donate larger items, too. Get credit for your donation by giving the attendant your school's name.

**WHERE TO DONATE:** Any central Indiana Goodwill store

**THE TOP SCHOOL WILL WIN A CELEBRATION EVENT!\***

[goodwillindy.org/schools](http://goodwillindy.org/schools)



\* Certificates of recognition are awarded to the top three schools in each township. The top overall school will receive a trophy. Number and weight of donations will be considered, as will total enrollment. Check donations for valuables and any documents before donating.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

**January 9**

School Resumes

**January 11**

Late Start for Students  
School begins at 8:30

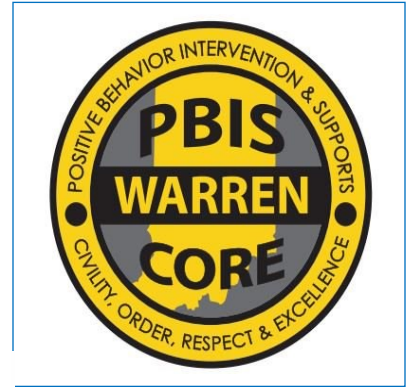
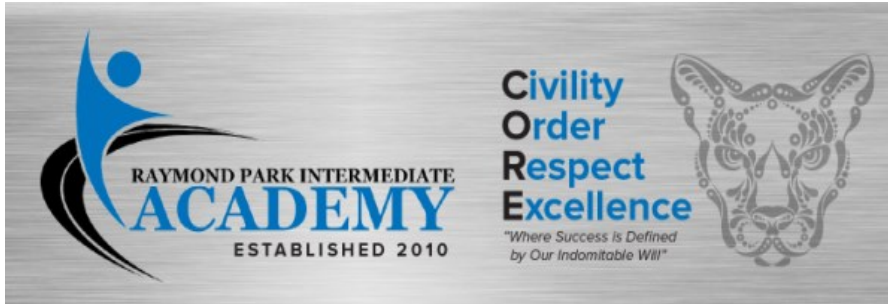
**January 16**

No School—MLK Day

**January 20**

Puma Excellence  
Breakfast—for Honor  
Roll Students—  
Invitation Only

Civility . Order . Respect . Excellence





## 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!**

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#### 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](http://www.catchthestars.org)

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



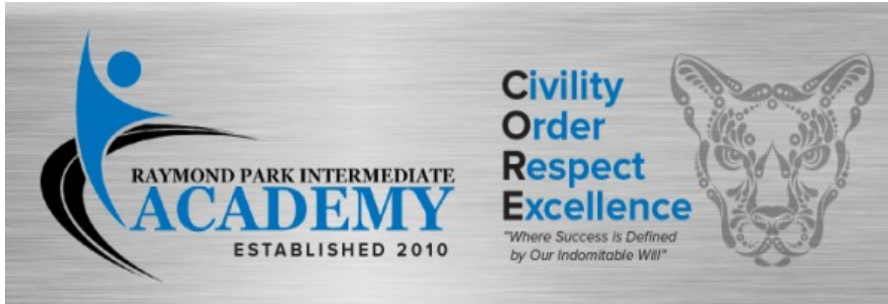

## Volunteers

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.

### Warren Township Youth Tennis

**Who:** Warren Township students, grades K-8  
**What:** A fun opportunity for students to learn tennis skills and make new friends  
**When:** January 23 - March 15 (Mondays and Wednesday from 6-7, or 7-8 PM)  
**Where:** Warren Central High School and Creston Middle School  
**Why:** Tennis is a fun, competitive, and lifelong sport. Spend this winter learning and improving your tennis skills!

For questions, contact coach Jason Wagner at [jwagner@warren.k12.in.us](mailto:jwagner@warren.k12.in.us) If your child wants to play tennis, we want to help make that happen!