

Students have started to return to off-campus job sites. On November 30, 2021, Henry Ford Hospital welcomed back RSA students. Students are working diligently in the cafeteria preparing and assisting in food preparation. They are practicing, gaining, and utilizing skills such as social, following directions, and working independently as well as with peers.





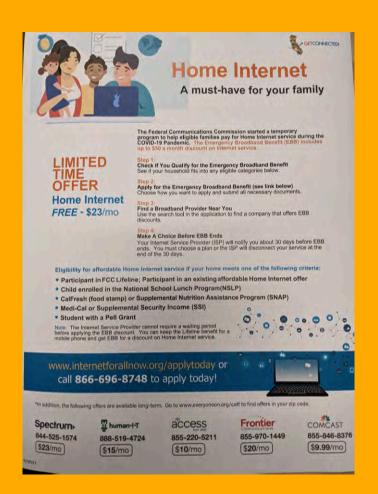




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FOUR CIRCLES STORE & CAFE Phone: 586-806-6455 X133 (Cafe) Store Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cash, credit, and checks accepted

Bread can be purchased in the store. Carry outs for lunch are also available.





You may qualify for a discounted rate on your home internet service. The FCC has a temporary program to help eligible families. Please call 1-866-696-8748 or visit www.internetforallnow.org to find out more information as well as to apply.

## Smart Transportation

RSA students can become ADA certified through Smart. Please visit: https://www.smartbus.org/Services/ADA-Service/Eligibility-Application or contact Smart at 1-866-962-5515. RSA also has applications in the main office. Approval by Smart can take from two to four weeks so please plan ahead.

## **AmazonSmile**

RSA now participates with AmazonSmile. A percentage of your purchases will be donated back to RSA. Please utilize this link which is connected to RSA: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0834143

Once you enter through the above link, you continue to shop and checkout as you normally would. Your support is appreciated!

## 2021 Chase Plastics Giving Card Campaign Winners Announced



Chase Plastics, Clarkston, Michigan, recently has awarded donations totaling \$10,000 to four different charities as part of its annual Chase Plastics Giving Card Campaign. Winners were all nominated by customers of Chase Plastics and include **Rising Stars Academy**, a school for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults; Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Battin Farms Equine & Soldier Sanctuary, a nonprofit horse rescue and to utilize rescued horses and rehabilitate to provide equine therapy to veterans and active duty military; and See Me Home – A Senior Dog Sanctuary.

The Chase giving Campaign started in 2016 to highlight the charities that Chase Plastics' customers and suppliers were most passionate about. A total of \$37,000 has been donated to charities across the country through the campaign. Chase Plastics has made it an initiative to encourage volunteerism and increase awareness of charitable organizations by spotlighting various nominated charities on its Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn pages throughout the campaign. The Chase Plastics Giving Card received a record number of nominations in 2021.



## **Free Mental Health Counseling**

Macomb County will offer free mental health counseling and care throughout the county following recent events that have impacted our communities. Services are open to anyone and are available at no cost. All ages welcome.

Counseling and resources will be provided from 2pm-7pm at the following locations:

Tuesday, Jan. 11th MCCMH West 6555 15 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Wednesday, Jan. 12th MCCMH North 43740 Groesbeck Hwy., Clinton Twp., MI 48036

Thursday, Jan. 13th MCCMH East 25401 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Additionally, the Crisis Center is available 24 hours to help Community Members in crisis. Call 586-307-9100 to chat with a crisis counselor.

855-99-MCCMH www.mccmh.net

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Feb. 9, 2022 - SPRING COUNT DAY Feb. 14-16, 2022 - NO SCHOOL (Mid-Winter Break) April 4-8, 2022 - NO SCHOOL (SPRING BREAK) April 15, 2022 - NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)

## The All Star Cafe'

As of now, the All Star Cafe' will remain closed due to COVID and CDC Guidelines.

## Thank you.

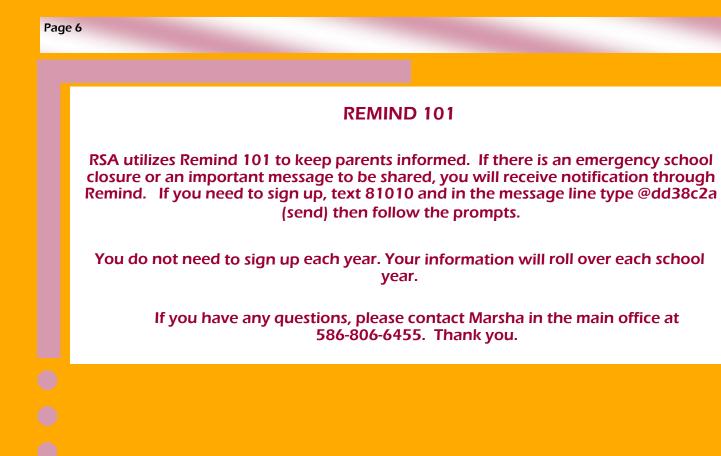
## **REMINDER - STUDENT ABSENCES**

If your student is going to be absent for any reason, please contact the main office to let us know. If the office is closed, please leave a message or send an email. Many students attend job sites and it is crucial that we know if they will be there or not. If your student is going to be absent, we can give another student the opportunity to attend a job site with proper notice.



## Thank you!!!

Thank you to all who have donated their time, supplies, and/or have contributed monetarily. All support is appreciated and vital to our students' success!



**Summer Camp Opportunity:** 

Tamarack Camps: Avodah Young Adult Program/Special Needs Inclusion Program

Please visit the link below or contact Danielle Tagai at dtagai@tamarackcamps.com

https://tamarackcamps.com/campers/special-needs-inclusion-program/

## **Resource Page**



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www.rising-stars-academy.org

## **Community Agencies/Resources**

THEARC - https://arcmi.org 44050 Gratiot Avenue Clinton Township MI 48036 586-469-1600 Advocate organization for those with developmental disabilities.

#### DISABILITY NETWORK OF EASTERN MICHIGAN (DNEM)

Tacey Comber-Scarsella (tcomer@dnom.org) Mark Bashaw (mebashaw@dnom.org) Disability Network provides numerous services including Transition Services, Independent Living Skills Training, and Advocacy Services, among others.

#### NEW HORIZONS REHABILITATION SERVICES, INC.

www.newhorizonsrehab.org Ms. Elizabeth Foradori Social Security Specialist

#### MI ALLIANCE FOR FAMILIES

1819 South Wagner Road PO Box 1406 Ann Arbor, MI 49106 1-800-552-4821 www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org

### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

www.ssa.gov Toll Free: 1-800-772-1314

#### MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

www.mccmh.net 586-948-0222 Access Center Offers a variety of supports and mental health services to meet needs of those with developmental disabilities, coordinated by a therapist or case manager.

### MIPROTECTION & ADVOCACY

4095 Legacy Parkway, Ste. 500 Lansing, MI 48911-4263 1-800-288-5923 www.mpas.org



