



RISING STARS

ACADEMY

▶ 2021-22



From the Superintendent

April has been a short but busy month here at Rising Stars Academy! Our next round of electives ends on May 13th. We will be hosting another showcase during the school day. The theater group will perform their new play: "When Fairy Tales Collide".

Students are starting to wrap up their transportation unit in Life Skills. They have been learning how to read maps, bus schedules, and plan trips. Students took a CBI to Detroit to ride the QLine and are planning a trip on the Smart Bus to Lakeside Mall.

If you have not stopped into the Four Circles Store & Cafe recently, please be sure to come in and check out all the student-made spring products and new RSA fashion!

As spring progresses, students have been getting the garden ready. We are almost ready to plant in the garden. If students wish to not get their shoes or clothes dirty, we recommend they bring in an old pair of shoes and extra clothes to keep in their locker.

Just a reminder: **THERE WILL BE NO VIRTUAL LEARNING OFFERED NEXT YEAR.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school or email me at ebregier@rsaonline.org or Ms. Prentiss at dprentiss@rsaonline.org or contact your student's caseload teacher.

Emily Bregier



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.



DISCOUNTED RATE ON HOME INTERNET

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, visit www.internetforallnow.org, or visit fcc.gov/acp 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!

On Friday, May 13, 2022 the next school play entitled "When Fairy Tales Collide" is scheduled to take place at 12 p.m. Admission is FREE. If you would like to leave with your student after the play, feel free to do so. See flyer below.




A flyer for a virtual career fair. The top section has a black background with white text: "State of Michigan Virtual Career Fair Tuesday, May 3, 2022". Below this, the text reads "Career Exploration Open to Students & Educators 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.". To the left of this text is an illustration of a person sitting in a chair, looking at a laptop. Below the main text, there are three paragraphs of smaller text: "Pre-Employment Transition Services - Career Exploration of State of Michigan Jobs", "Students will have the opportunity to research Michigan's 20 state departments and learn about jobs.", "Students will learn about in-demand, high-paying careers with the State of Michigan, ranging from entry-level to advanced degree requirements.", and "Free virtual program for students working with BSBP or MRS. Designed for students with disabilities to increase their knowledge of career options for high-paying State of Michigan jobs." At the bottom, it says "Please register for this event through the link below:" followed by a blue hyperlink: "Career Exploration Session Registration Link". At the very bottom, there are four logos: Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity, Employment & Training, BSBP (Bureau of Services for Blind Persons), and MRS (Michigan Rehabilitation Services) with the tagline "PROMOTING ABILITIES".

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Virtual Career Fair. Registration information can be found here: <https://app.brazenconnect.com/a/Michigan/e/90BZDSb>


Student Name _____ Phone _____

RISING STARS
ACADEMY


Apparel Order Form

 \$20.00


Gray Short Sleeve ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X
Quantity ___ x \$20 = _____ Total

 \$25.00

Gray 3/4 Sleeve T-Shirt ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL
Quantity ___ x \$25 = _____ Total

 \$30.00

White Hooded Long Sleeve ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X
Quantity ___ x \$30 = _____ Total

 \$40.00

Gray Hoodie ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X
Quantity ___ x \$40 = _____ Total

*Quantities are limited. If your size is not available we will notify you immediately.

New RSA apparel has arrived! Above are pictures of the order form displaying the new tshirts and hoodies, sizes available, and cost of each item. The order form was also sent home in the Friday Update email. Stop in to the school store Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to shop or order from Rising Stars Academy's website.




While shopping for new apparel in the school store, be sure to check out the beautiful wood raised garden planter and the Adirondack chair available for purchase. Great items to add to your home decor this summer!

TUESDAY, MAY 17 • 4 PM - CLOSE

DINE TO DONATE

10% OF ALL SALES INCLUDING ALCOHOL, WILL BE DONATED TO RISING STARS ACADEMY TO HELP DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS

BENEFITING RISING STARS ACADEMY



POP'S FOR ITALIAN
300 WEST 8 MILE • FERRDLE
www.popsforitalian.com

PUBLIC HOUSE
241 WEST 9 MILE • FERRDLE
www.publichouseferndale.com

ONE-EYED BETTY'S
175 WEST TROY ST • FERRDLE
www.oneeyebettys.com

On Tuesday, May 17 from 4 p.m. to close, a variety of restaurants located in Ferndale will be donating 10% of their food and alcohol sales to benefit Rising Stars Academy! We hope that the community will choose to support these restaurants which will, in turn, support RSA.

May 10, 2022 The Arc of Macomb is hosting a Zoom meeting concerning creative housing options. Please refer to the flyer for registration information.



The Arc
of Macomb County

ASK THE ADVOCATE

Creative Housing Options

Join us for the upcoming session of Ask the Advocate to learn more about Creative Housing Options. Executive Director Lisa Lepine will discuss a variety of options for people with I/DD to have the support needed to live happy and healthy lives in homes of their choosing. Information will be provided about housing options through Community Mental Health and DHHS as well as Self Determined arrangements.

MAY 10, 2022
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
44050 N. GRATIOT AVE
CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI 48036

Zoom option available for registrants

REGISTRATION:
586-469-1600 x120
www.arcservices.org/asktheadvocate

*PLEASE REGISTER BY MAY 8TH



LISA LEPINE
Executive Director

STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THESE UPCOMING TOPICS:
PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

As a community service organization, donations from supporters like you, are what allow us to continue to offer free events such as this! A donation is welcomed, but never required.

RISING STARS ACADEMY
NIGHT UNDER THE STARS
 BOWLING FUNDRAISER
Friday, June 3rd 2022
 Sterling Lanes
 33200 Schoenherr Rd.,
 Sterling Heights 48312
 7:30-10:00
**BOWLING FUNDRAISER
 LANE SPONSORSHIP**

Strike Sponsor \$5,000	Spare Sponsor \$2,500	Split Sponsor \$1,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 VIP Lanes with 10 Bowlers • Snack Tray • Sponsor name on Lane • 10 Drink Tickets • Logo on event Swag Bag • Name recognition at Event • Name added to Wall of Fame • Social Media Newsletter Recognition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 VIP Lane with 5 Bowlers • Snack Tray • Sponsor name on Lane • 5 Drink Tickets • Logo on event Swag Bag • Name recognition at Event • Name added to Wall of Fame • Social Media Newsletter Recognition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 VIP Lane with 3 Bowlers • Sponsor Name on Lane • Logo on Event Swag Bag • Name recognition at event • Social Media Newsletter Recognition
Alley Sponsor \$250		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor Name on Lane 		

Please Return form by Thursday, May 26th
 and include cash or a check payable to 'Rising Stars Academy'

Name:
Address:
Level of Sponsorship:
Contact Information:
 Please email company logo to msalome@rsaonline.org

On Friday, June 3, 2022 RSA will be hosting another bowling fundraiser at Sterling Lanes from 7:30-10:00 pm. Deadline to register for this event is Thursday, May 26, 2022. Please note that lane sponsorship is also available. Please review the two flyers for more information about registration as well as lane sponsorship. Thank you.

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 BOWLING FUNDRAISER
Friday, June 3rd 2022
7:30 - 10:00
 Sterling Lanes
 33200 Schoenherr Rd.,
 Sterling Heights 48312

TICKETS ARE \$25.00 EACH
 Includes two games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop
 Bowling Begins at 8pm

Silent Auction **50/50** **Basket Raffles**
 seeking donations

Lane Sponsorships Available
 Please Return Form by Thursday, May 26th
 Include cash or a check payable to 'Rising Stars Academy'
Names of Bowlers
 Maximum of 5 bowlers per lane

1. _____ 2. _____
 3. _____ 4. _____
 5. _____ **# of Bowlers x \$25** _____

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 27-May 30, 2022 - Memorial Weekend
(CLOSED Friday, May 27 and Monday, May 30)

June 3, 2022 BOWLING FUNDRAISER
June 3, 2022 - NO SCHOOL
June 17, 2022- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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. It is crucial that we know if your student will be in school 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.

Available for purchase in the
Four Circles Store & Cafe!



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!

REMIND 101

RSA utilizes Remind 101 to keep parents informed. If there is an emergency school closure or an important message to be shared, you will receive notification through Remind. If you need to sign up, text 81010 and in the message line type @dd38c2a (send) then follow the prompts.

You do not need to sign up each year. Your information will roll over each school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha in the main office at 586-806-6455. Thank you.

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



23855 Lawrence St.
Center Line, MI 48015

Phone: 586-806-6455

Fax: 586-806-6967

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/RisingStarsAcademyMI/>

Instagram: #risingstaracademy



www.rising-stars-academy.org

Think Big

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)

16645 15 Mile Road
Clinton Township MI 48035
586-268-4160

<http://www.dnom.org>
Tracey 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.

MI PROTECTION & ADVOCACY

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

