



RISING STARS

ACADEMY

2022-23

*Welcome
back to
School*

From the Superintendent

Welcome to the new school year! We are happy to see all the smiling faces that have returned as well as the smiling (yet a bit apprehensive) faces of our new students. All are finding their way around, socializing and genuinely eager to learn and explore new opportunities.

Staff spent the week before school started learning so that they can bring some of the latest and greatest programs to your adult student. One day the entire staff attended leadership training at Base Camp in Genesee County. Staff were taken out of their comfort zone and challenged with activities that will help them grow together. Some staff were apprehensive about climbing the high ropes; however, they did amazingly well, tested their strength, and gained an understanding of what our students may go through when they are faced with something new. During the school year, it is our hope to have students attend Base Camp to challenge themselves to step out of their comfort zone and grow.

Another staff training was Virtual Thinking Strategies (VTS) at the DIA. Staff learned how to direct conversation to create deeper thinking for our students. VTS is hopefully something your student will talk to you about when they reflect upon their day. We are starting these strategies with artwork; however, we will move into social emotional learning as well as any other programs that we offer. Below is a link to a video to gain an understanding of VTS.

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&ei=UTF-8&p=visual+thinking+strategy+in+a+classroom+video&type=E211US105G0#id=1&vid=040ceb359baa9d8ab45ec7ce09cef08&action=click>

Time was also spent working with social/emotional curriculum coaches, Corrective Reading trainers, and as a team to select our (5) Core Values that we will work on this year as a staff. Look for more information in future newsletters on our Core Values. We will operate under these values and teach them in classrooms.

Five (5) Core Values:

- Integrity**
- Respect**
- Community**
- Positivity**
- Ingenuity**

Deb Prentiss



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!

September

Safety: Ms. Maria's class will be starting the year off learning about safety. The first week they will learn about fire safety and severe weather safety. These lessons will help them if an emergency happens at the school. Also, it will be good information to have for a work place as well. The first week students will do team building activities to help them get to know everyone and to enhance their ability to work with and tolerate others. Students will be introduced to the Cricut and green screen technology. Students will learn how to make items with the Cricut to sell in the store and how to make videos that will be posted on our Facebook page in the weeks to come.

Garden: Students have been busy tending to the garden!



Parent Information:

Macomb ISD Inter-Agency Transition Council Presents:

"Turning 18: 101" - Planning for the Future

Seminar for Parents

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Please join **Jennifer Vandermark B.S.W, J.D.**, as she discusses the important challenges of Future Planning!

Topics Jennifer will discuss include:

- Supported Decision Making (Guardianship/Power of Attorney)
- Income
- Medicaid
- Macomb County Community Mental Health (CMH)
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM



**Place: Macomb Intermediate School District
44001 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, 48038
Room – Central Training Rooms**

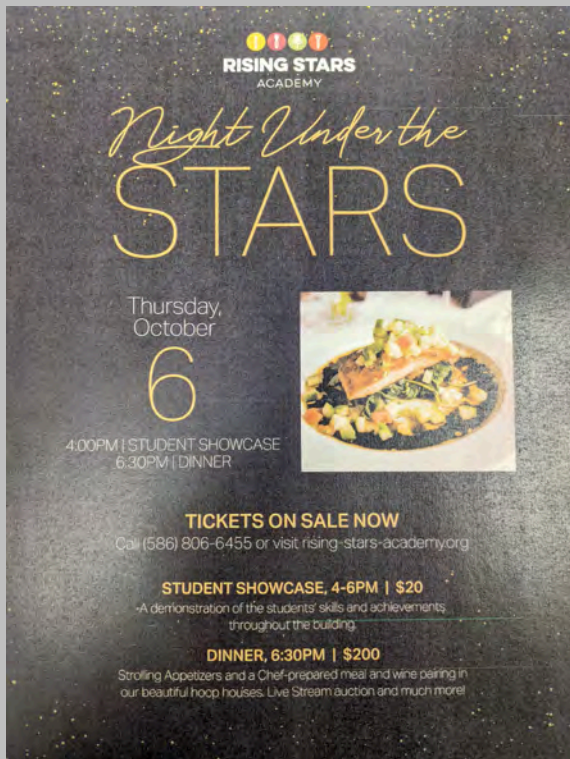
FREE TO ATTEND

Registration is mandatory – This session will only be open to the first 100 people who register (due to limited spacing and social distancing)

To Register Online: events.misd.net

- Select COURSE OFFERINGS tab on top
- Select COMPLETE LIST OF COURSES/EVENTS on left
- Login or Create New Account top of screen on right
- Click SPECIAL NEEDS from gray box on the left
- Select TRANSITION from dropdown
- Find course





Night Under the Stars Information

Please put Thursday, October 6, 2022 on your calendar and join us for this event. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year!

There are two events scheduled to take place that evening:

1: Fall Showcase is for students to demonstrate and share things they have been doing since school opened. This is a strolling appetizer event that costs \$20.00 at the door. There will be appetizers, raffle baskets, and a 50/50 drawing held. It is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Classrooms will be putting together themed raffle baskets. If you can help, please send in an item for the baskets. Your donation would be greatly appreciated!

Classroom Basket Themes:

- Ms. Emily: Halloween
- Ms. Jenni: Instant Lottery
- Ms. Keeya: Spa/Self Care
- Ms. Sarah: Fall
- Ms. Maria: Game Night

2: The second event will be our Dinner for 100 in the Hoop House in our garden. This meal will give focus to food from 10 of our area's best chefs from:

Chef Anthony Lombardo, SheWolf Pastificio & Bar

Chef John Vermiglio, Grey Ghost Detroit

Chef Nyles, Bar Pigalle

Chef Omar, Saffron De Twah

Chef Less Molnar, Green Dot Stables

Chef Amber Poupore, Cacao Tree

Chef Brandon Zarb, Detroit Athletic Club

Chef Hassan Musselmani of Drunkin Rooster and Hell's Kitchen

Chef Jared Bobkin, Hell's Kitchen

Chef Ryan Prentiss, formerly from Prime and Proper

This event is held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost of one ticket is \$200.00. There are also sponsor levels available. If you know of a corporation that would like to sponsor an awesome school like Rising Stars Academy, please share this information with them and/or give them Chef Mark's phone number: 586-202-9466.



Night Under the Stars Sponsorship Information

Tickets can be purchased in/through the Four Circles Store & Cafe'. Feel free to call (586) 806-6455 and ask for the school store OR visit the store between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Thank you.

Important Dates:

September 6 - First Day of School

October 5 - Count Day

October 6 - Night Under the Stars

October 7 - NO SCHOOL



STUDENT ABSENCES

If your student is going to be absent, please contact the main office. 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.

Suggested Donation List

- Tissue
- Sanitizer Wipes
- Glue (sticks and liquid)
- Pencils
- Highlighters (any color)
- Markers (any size/color)
- White Board Markers (any size/color)
- Wide Ruled Looseleaf Paper
- Blue/Black Ink Pens
- Wide Ruled Notebooks

Thank you!!!

Thank you to all who donate 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.





Resource Page



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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

