

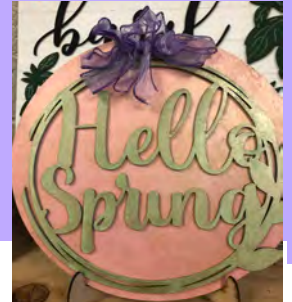


RISING STARS

ACADEMY

▶ 2021-22

From the Superintendent



March was a busy and eventful month here at Rising Stars Academy. Students finished up their first round of electives and hosted an elective showcase on March 11th. During the showcase, students displayed their work while the theater group performed their play "Lord of the Pies". The second round of electives is now in session!

Students just wrapped up the art appreciation unit in life skills where students engaged in a variety of activities where they learned about, and created, various kinds of art. Students also viewed art during community based instruction at The Cranbrook Art Museum, Detroit Institute of Arts, Park West Gallery, and the Anton Art Center.

The bowling fundraiser on March 18th was a great success! We had a huge turnout of students, families, and staff. We even saw some former Rising Stars students who came to visit their friends and bowl a few games.

After a long winter, we plan to embrace everything spring has to offer. During the month of April students will begin planting in the garden. If students do not want to 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 or concerns, please feel free to call the school, email me at ebregier@rsaonline.org or Ms. Prentiss at dprentiss@rsaonline.org, or contact your students' 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.

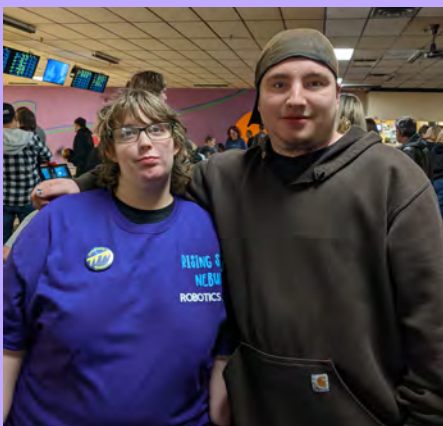
AmazonSmile

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 March 18, 2022 Rising Stars hosted a bowling fundraiser at Sterling Lanes. The event was well attended and fun was had by all (see photos below). Continuous support of Rising Stars is appreciated and vital to our students' success! Thank you.





**"Planning for the Future" Seminar for Parents Tuesday, April 26, 2022
6:30-8:30 pm 44001 Garfield Road
Clinton Township 48038
FREE to attend**


Please see flyer for registration information.

Macomb ISD Inter-Agency Transition Council Presents:

Planning for the Future
Seminar for Parents
April 26, 2022

Please join Elizabeth A Foradori, BS (New Horizons) and Jennifer Vandermark B.S.W, J.D, (The Arc of Macomb County) as they discuss planning for the future of your young adults!

Come join the conversations regarding the "ins" and "outs" of Social Security and Supported Decision Making - including Guardianship and Power of Attorney. Gain knowledge and peace of mind in preparing for the future needs of your loved ones with disabilities.



Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Place: Macomb Intermediate School District
44001 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, 48038
Central Training Rooms – 100 A/B/C

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
- Or you may phone in at 586-228-3461

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 4-8, 2022 - NO SCHOOL (SPRING BREAK)

April 15, 2022 - NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)

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

June 2, 2022 -Night Under the Stars

June 3, 2022 - NO SCHOOL

June 17, 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@dnem.org)

Mark Bashaw (mebashaw@dnem.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

