

Wildcat Roar

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Meet some of the new Teachers and Administrators of Rocky Hill

There are around 20 new staff members that have joined Rocky Hill Middle School. We have interviewed four new staff members to share with everyone. Please take a minute to read about our new Rocky Hill staff members. More interviews will appear in the next edition.

Mr. Miller- Assistant Principal

Wildcat Reporter- Can you tell me a little about your background in education?

Mr. Miller- I was a high school math teacher, and I coached varsity baseball and varsity football. The time I spent teaching was some of the most fun I had in my life.

WR- How long have you been teaching?

Mr. M- This is my first year as Assistant Principal at Rocky Hill.

WR- What is your favorite thing about teaching?

Mr. M- My favorite thing about teaching is the kids, getting to know them, seeing them grow and seeing them be successful.

WR- Is there an important person or role model in your life?

Mr. M- I would say my role model would be my grandfather

WR- Any advice for students at Rocky Hill?

Mr. M- My advice for all the students : Be yourself, enjoy your time in school cause it goes by very quickly and have a lot of fun!

WR- Finally, would you like to share anything about your family?

Mr. M- I have 3 amazing daughters, and an amazing wife. I love them all so much!



Mr. Clink- Science Teacher

Wildcat Roar- Can you tell me a little about your background in education?

Mr. Clink- I have been a substitute teacher for 2 years.

WR- How long have you been teaching?

Mr. C- I have been teaching for 5 months officially, but 3 years, if you include subbing.

WR- What is your favorite thing about teaching?

Mr. C- Forming wonderful relationships with students and learning from them.

WR- Is there an important person or role model in your life?

Mr. C- Probably my science teacher, Mr. Dan Bishop.

WR- Any advice for students at Rocky Hill?

Mr. C- My advice would be to try finding a subject that you are passionate about

WR- Finally, would you like to share anything about your family?

Mr. C- My mother is a teacher and has been for 12 years. My father is an excellent teacher, but that is not his job.



Mr. Sims

Wildcat Reporter- Can you tell me a little about your background in education?

Mr. Sims- My first 5 years of teaching were in Virginia, I got my undergrad degree at JMU and got my masters degree at GMU. It is my first year at Rocky Hill and the last 3 years I was at Richard Montgomery.

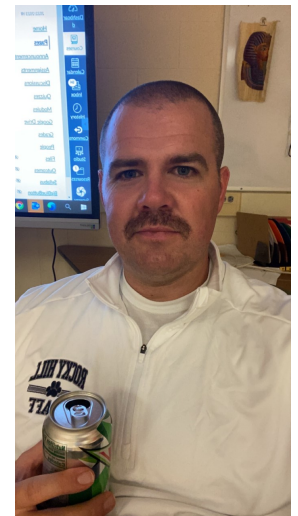
WR- How long have you been teaching?

Mr. S- If I do the math correctly, my 9th year teaching

WR- What is your favorite thing about teaching?

Mr. S- Interaction with the student because you guys are funny and it doesn't feel the same everyday, everyday is different..

WR- Is there an important person or role model in your life?



Mr. S- My father is my role model for a lot of reasons : work ethic example sets as a father and husband and two of my most important people are my wife and son

WR- Any advice for students at Rocky Hill?

Mr. S- Be yourself, take middle school seriously because it takes you up to high school to college and make friends and be nice to teachers

WR- Finally, would you like to share anything about your family?

Mr. S- My son is 15 months old. His name's CJ, he's awesome! I have been married to my wife for 3 years but we have been together for 10 years. I am an identical twin

Mr. Doh- Paraeducator

Wildcat Reporter- Can you tell me a little about your background in education?

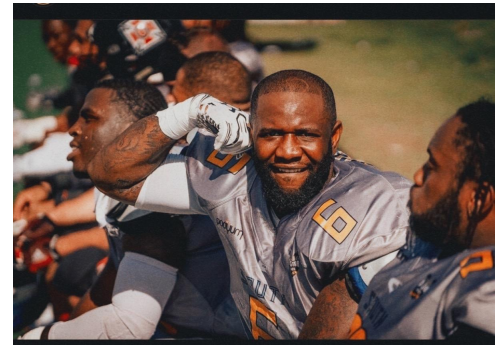
Mr. Doh- I used to be a tutor, and mentor for boy's and girl's clubs, and I worked in a high school in Baltimore, before coming here, before covid.

WR- How long have you been teaching?

Mr. D- I've been teaching for 4 years.

WR- What is your favorite thing about teaching?

Mr. D- My favorite thing about teaching is when the kids leave and come back and tell what they learned.



WR- Is there an important person or role model in your life?

Mr. D- Well, I would say my girlfriend

WR- Any advice for students at Rocky Hill?

Mr. D- Always stay true to yourself and always love yourself

WR- Finally, would you like to share anything about your family?

Mr. D- Lastly, what I want to share is that I have many families, but most importantly is, blood doesn't always make family

Look for more interviews of our new RHMS staff in the next edition!

Fall Sports at RHMS

Cross Country Coach- Mr. Stevenson

Wildcat Reporter- Why did you want to coach or sponsor a club?

Mr. Stevenson- I wanted to become a coach because I ran cross country in middle school.

WR- How long have you been in this role?

Mr. S- I have been in this role for about 6 years.

WR- What is your favorite thing about this role?

Mr. S- My favorite thing about this role is getting a chance to work with student athletes.

WR- What is your record?

Mr. S- Boys have 3 wins 1 loss, and the girls 2 wins and 2 losses

WR- Who are some stand-out players on the Team?

Mr. S- For the boys team Ernesto Lemus Rivera and for the girls team its Jilian Owens, they stand out to me because they both are team captins.

WR- What is your favorite thing about this club?

Mr. S- My favorite thing about this club is the student athletes improving in this sport.



Girls Softball Coach- Mr. Phillips



Wildcat Roar- Why did you want to coach or sponsor a club?

Mr. Phillips- Because I wanted to influence kids and also just to be close to you guys.

WR- How long have you been in this role?

Mr. P- I have been in this role for 10 years.

WR- What is your favorite thing about this role?

Mr. P- Seeing kids change based on relationships and building relationships

WR- What is your record?

Mr. P- We ended the season with 4 wins and 1 loss.

WR- Who are some stand-out players on the Team?

Mr. P- Juliet Oh, Sophia Zolkiewicz Seraphine Williams

WR- What is your favorite thing about this club?

Mr. P- Everybody has to come together to win.

Boys Softball Coach- Mr. Shull



Winter Sports start soon- Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball.

We also have many different clubs and after school activities available for our students. **GO WILDCATS!**

Jazz Band

Hello Wildcats! Today, we are going to interview a few people from the Jazz Band, so they can describe what it's like, and give a few tips to beginners!

Up first, we have Skylar Djoboku, an 8th grader who has played the clarinet for 5 whole years!

Wildcat Reporter- Do you like being in the jazz band? Do you recommend it?

Sklyar Djoboku- Yes, of course! It's fun, and a very friendly environment.

WR- Have you played any other instruments?

SD- Yes. I tried playing the flute once, but it was too hard and I switched to clarinet.

WR- Do you think you'll continue playing until high school?

SD- Yep! I think i'll play until 12th grade.



WR- Any advice for beginners?

SD- Practice, since we only meet once a week. Don't give up, and most of all, have fun!

Next, we have Vy Vuong, a freshman at Clarksburg (who used to attend RHMS). She has played 6 years on clarinet, and 13 years on piano!

Wildcat Reporter- Do you recommend being in band?

Vy Vuong- Yes! The times I was in band were the best times of my life!

WR- Do you have good relationships with the people in band?

VV- Yep! Everyone there is kind.

WR- Any advice for beginners?

VV- Practice a lot, get along with people, and listen to other people's music and blend in!

Thank you to all these wonderful people who came out and told us all this information! Have you learned anything new? If so, consider joining the jazz band!



Technology, Computers, Gaming and more

Exciting things are happening in the tech world and specifically gaming! The Minecraft Mob vote happened recently revealing the chosen Mob to be "The Sniffer" (In my opinion the rascal should have won.) But Minecraft aside, the new Agent "Harbor" just released in Valorant. He is the first Indian Agent In the game. Go Representation! On the more technical side, the new NVIDIA RTX 4090 just dropped! The graphics card is revolutionary. With a whopping 99/100 score on benchmarks, it is absolutely perfect for gaming, video editing, 3D, etc. NVIDIA is always one-upping itself. In a couple of months, Benchmarks is going to need a higher percentile!

Gaming:

Are you into gaming? Do you do youtube videos on gaming? Then this is the search result for you!

The best games as of now are in the following order:

1. Minecraft- Minecraft is a sandbox-building game with survival, creativity, and multiplayer
2. Grand Theft Auto- Grand Theft Auto is a car game where the protagonist is chased by police.

3. Dota 2- Dota 2 is an online multiplayer game where there is mild violence
4. League of Legends- League of legends is following suit as a battle game
5. PUBG- PUBG is a multiplayer gun game that includes more violence

Tech updates in the modern world:

The Google Pixel 7 and 7 pros just came out with a google tensor G2 chip and the new competition smartwatches. Pixel watch, (with an Exynos 9110 chip) and earbuds, with the latest version of Google OS, Android 13. They have a 50-megapixel and 12-megapixel camera. The Samsung Galaxy foldable series 4 phones along with a snapdragon 8 gen 2 processor, and a 50 mp camera. The smartwatches (galaxy watch 5) came with the Exynos w920 processor, made by Samsung, and earbuds (galaxy buds 2) released. Apple has also come out with its new iPhone 14's which contains a 48-megapixel camera and an A16 bionic processor. The Apple watch 8 has an S8 SiP processor. Watch SE came out, as a less-priced option to the S8, and earbuds. They also released their new watch ultra for people who need more features. There will be more updates in the coming months.

Music spotlight- Top Billboard 100: Steve Lacy

Early Career

Steve Thomas Lacy-Moya was born on May 23, 1997 and raised in Compton California with his two sisters, he was raised by a single mother his father was absent for most of his life till his father passed when he was ten years old. Steve found an interest in the guitar at the age of seven. Lacy went to a public school till he left to go to a private school for the rest of high school.

Start of music Career

Early in his musical career he would make beats on his iphone and in high school Steve was in a Jazz Band where he became friends with Jameel Bruner, Steve agreed to join in on a project created by Jameel and they formed a band called "The Internet", Steve started to produce for the band in the 2013 and still produces music for them in the present day.

"Bad Habits"

The song that made Lacy number one was his song "Bad Habits", this song was released in June of 2022 it was stated to be "Groovy and melancholy" by GQ. This song became so popular that not too long after he signed into a record label with RCA Records which is home to Rex Orange County, SZA, and Doja Cat.

Genre and update

Steve Lacy performs really well in the R&B category. Lacy does really well in other categories like alternative and rock music. Steve Lacy is touring around America performing his latest album "Gemini Rights" which includes "Bad Habits" .

Student Poll- Favorite Color and Best Candy

Favorite Color

- Red: 1 vote
- Orange: 1 vote
- Yellow: 0 votes
- Green: 1 vote
- Blue: 8 votes *The most liked color was blue.*
- Purple: 6 votes
- Pink: 2 votes
- White: 1 vote
- Gray: 1 vote
- Scarlet: 1 vote

Best Candy

- Kit-Kat: 2 votes
- Twix: 2 votes
- Sour Patch: 3 votes
- Hersheys: 3 votes
- Butter fingers: 2 votes
- Skittles: 2 votes
- Airheads: 2 votes
- Reeses: 2 votes
- Dum Dums: 1 vote



Sour Patch and Hershey tied with 3 votes, and the majority of the rest received 2 votes.

Grade improvement

Here are some tips and tricks to help you get the most out of what you study!

- 1) Ask your teachers what you can do to improve your grade.
- 2) Go to trusted websites, like Khanacademy and IXL.
- 3) try to reduce gaming/watching youtube/tik-tok at home. Trust me, this will help!

Are you happy with your MAP score? Here are some websites you can go to if you need them!

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/mappers>

<https://www.ixl.com/> (*you need to make sure that you have a subscription to IXL.*)

And, if you want to do the official NWEA MAP recommended test, you should do the practice test for a better score!

Flu- tips on how to avoid it!

Flu is going on in the modern world! Here is how you can help protect yourself and others from the disease!

- Wear a mask.
- Take the flu vaccine.
- Try to avoid people that are coughing or sneezing.
- If you are sneezing or coughing, avoid going to school.
- Self-distance yourself so that you protect yourself.
- Try your best to avoid going to congested areas.
- Always wash your hands and use hand sanitizer.



These are just a few tricks, tips, and techniques that might help you and your friends from having to go through this FLU!

Pollution

Pollution is also something that is going on in the modern world. There are ways you can help protect your community, too!

- Make sure not to litter, especially plastic items.
- Recycle everything you can, to avoid the earth from holding your waste.
- Try to use things that are reusable, like a cloth/leather bag, rather than plastic bags.
- Tell others not to litter! It starts with you making a change that can affect people in your community.



We are off starting Wednesday, Nov. 23rd for our Thanksgiving break!

