

## **INVOLVEMENT AT BURGER**

***The evidence is now beyond dispute:*** When schools work together with families to support learning, children tend to succeed not just in school, but throughout life. In fact, the most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status, but the extent to which that student's family is able to:

1. Create a home environment that encourages learning;
2. Express high (but not unrealistic) expectations for their children's achievement and future careers;
3. Become involved in their children's education at school and in the community.

We at Burger Middle School are committed to you and your child's positive learning experience and offer many fun and interesting activities to involve you from Day 1. Please review our entire list and join us, in whatever capacity you can. We look forward to working with you.

### ***ACTIVITIES for STUDENTS/PARENTS***

Listed below is a diverse list of ways for you to become involved with your student's education process. This list is not limited to daytime, daily, participation requirements; we have a varied schedule with flexible hours. If you have any questions regarding a specific event, please don't hesitate to contact the person listed along with that activity (i.e. glane@rhnet.org). We will be glad to make you aware of how your involvement can be utilized to the fullest.

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**BOX TOPS** for **EDUCATION** are accepted here at Burger. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products (i.e. Betty Crocker, Nestle, misc. cereals and granola bars, Pillsbury, Land O Lakes, Yoplait, Nature Valley, Welch's, Hanes, Avery office supplies, SCOTT, Kleenex, Hefty, and Brita). On these products you will see a small official coupon that has a pencil on it - this is a box top for education and can be redeemed by the school. If you collect these box tops, please send them along with your student to the Main Office. Mrs. Markham will collect them, determine their value and request items to replenish our school. Thank you for your contribution.

**CANTEENS** (Student) These are parent-sponsored events that occur four times a year. Students pay fifty cents at the door and enjoy a night hanging-out with their friends. Students can play in the gym, listen to music, buy snacks and play video games. Parents drop their children off at 7:00 p.m. at the far entrance of the lower loop and pick them up in the cafetorium at 9:00 p.m. We are always looking for parent volunteers. This is a perfect way to get involved in your child's life and meet some of their friends. If you have any questions, please **contact Andrea Catena at 359-9998 (acatena@rhnet.org) or Kelly Nestler (gnestler@rochester.rr.com).**

**Grade 6**            November 4  
                         January 6  
                         March 9  
                         May 4

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**Grade 7**            September 30  
                         November 18  
                         February 3  
                         April 27

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**Grade 8**            October 14  
                         December 2  
                         March 23  
                         May 11

**CONCERTS** (Student/Parent) Evening concerts are held twice a year for each grade level ensemble. Performance participation is an expectation for all students who participate in these ensembles. We hope that family members are able to attend these special evenings as well, as it showcases the hard work and effort of an entire semester of rehearsals. Advance contact is requested for all conflicts.

Grade 8	Winter Concert	Dec. 5	7 p.m.	Auditorium
Grade 7	Winter Concert	Dec. 12	7 p.m.	Auditorium
Grade 6	Winter Concert	Dec. 19	7 p.m.	Auditorium
Grade 6	Spring Concert	May 21	7 p.m.	Auditorium
Grade 7	Spring Concert	June 4	7 p.m.	Auditorium
Grade 8	Spring Concert	June 11	7 p.m.	Auditorium

**COURSE SELECTION MTG.** (Parent/Student)

8<sup>th</sup> grades going to 9<sup>th</sup>      October 17   at 6:30 p.m., Auditorium – contact [mneary@rhnet.org](mailto:mneary@rhnet.org)

**DANCES** (Student) - All tickets for dances are sold ONLY at lunch and the cost ranges between \$5 & \$6. The dance hours are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Cafetorium. Parents need to drop-off and pick-up students from the lower loop. If you have any questions please **contact Gretchen Lathers at [glathers@rhnet.org](mailto:glathers@rhnet.org)**.

<b>Fall Dance</b>	October 21
<b>Winter Dance</b>	January 20
<b>Spring Dance</b>	April 20
<b>Dress Up Dance</b>	June 8

**INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR REQUEST** (Student/Parent) To order a translator or interpreter (ASL) for an event, please contact the Main Office at 359-5300 or email: [jciminelli@rhnet.org](mailto:jciminelli@rhnet.org) or [doryszak@rhnet.org](mailto:doryszak@rhnet.org) to fill-out a request.

***Please include the following in the email:***

Name	_____
Translator or Interpreter? ASL?	_____
Language to be interpreted/translated?	_____
Event Name and Event Date	_____
Name of Student going to Burger	_____

**MUSICAL and AUDITIONS** (Student/Family) October 31 – November 4, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Auditorium There will be an informational meeting the week prior to auditions to discuss the expectations, time commitment and how auditions are run. Students/parents interested will be asked to read through an informational letter and sign a contract of commitment. Students may choose to participate in set building (once or twice a week until 4:15 p.m.) or as part of the cast (up to 5 times per week until 5:15). The cast is chosen based on singing and dancing auditions and will represent all three grade levels. The performances will take place on Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, February 11 at 1 p.m. in the Burger Auditorium. Tickets will be sold one week prior to the show dates and at the performances. Contacts: Dr. Michele McCall ([mmccall@rhnet.org](mailto:mmccall@rhnet.org)) or Mrs. Allison Dains Smith ([adainssmith@rhnet.org](mailto:adainssmith@rhnet.org)).

February 10 at 7 p.m.	Auditorium	Dr. Michele McCall ( <a href="mailto:mmccall@rhnet.org">mmccall@rhnet.org</a> )
February 11 at 1 p.m.	Auditorium	Dr. Michele McCall ( <a href="mailto:mmccall@rhnet.org">mmccall@rhnet.org</a> )

**OPEN HOUSE** (Student/Parent) **September 19** Grade 6 – 6:30 p.m. Grades 7 & 8 – 7:00 p.m.

We are excited to have you attend our open house. This event is a great opportunity for students and families to enjoy touring our building. Sixth grade students and their families are invited to arrive at 6:30 p.m., seventh and eighth grade students and their families are invited to arrive at 7 p.m.

**PARENT GROUP MEETINGS** (Parent) – These meetings are a great way to share your ideas, meet other

parents, and learn about the school that your child (ren) attends. If you would like to be involved with this group, please **contact Andrea Catena at 359-9998 (acatena @rhnet.org) or Kelly Nestler (gnestler@rochester.rr.com)**. Meetings take place in the Library at 6:30 p.m. on the following evenings:

September 12  
October 3  
November 7  
January 9  
February 6  
March 5  
April 2  
May 7

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM** (Parent) Along with the committees listed within this e-flyer, there are

other committees that parents can be a part of. Please come to the Parent Group meetings for more information on all available opportunities or if you have any questions, please contact Andrea Catena at 359-9998 (acatena @rhnet.org) or Kelly Nestler (gnestler@rochester.rr.com). Listed below is a list of additional committees for your consideration:

**Budget Advisory Council (BAC)**

Two representatives are needed to attend monthly meetings from November to March to work on the creation of the school budget. BAC representatives are responsible to update the parent group. Please **contact Andrea Catena at 359-9998 (acatena @rhnet.org) or Kelly Nestler (gnestler@rochester.rr.com)** for more information.

**District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)**

Four representatives are needed to attend monthly meetings to serve in an advisory capacity to the Superintendent and the Board of Education. DPAC representatives are responsible to bring issues from Burger to the DPAC meeting and report back to the parent group. Please **contact Andrea Catena at 359-9998 (acatena @rhnet.org) or Kelly Nestler (gnestler@rochester.rr.com)** for more information.

**Rush Henrietta Music Parents Assoc. (RHMPA)**

RHMPA representatives are needed to attend District-wide meetings focusing on supporting the music programs in our schools. Representatives are responsible to report back to the parent group. Please **contact Andrea Catena at 359-9998 (acatena @rhnet.org) or Kelly Nestler (gnestler@rochester.rr.com)** for more information.

**Staff Appreciation Committee**

Volunteers are needed to help with this annual event to show appreciation to the Burger staff for all they do for our children. Please **contact Andrea Catena at 359-9998 (acatena @rhnet.org) or Kelly Nestler (gnestler@rochester.rr.com)** for more information.

**Staff Assistance (Daily)**

If you are interested in assisting staff with tasks such as: creating folders, numbering books, maintaining bulletin boards, etc. Please **contact the Main Office at 359-5300**.

**PARENT/TEACHER Conferences** (Parent)      **November 28** 1-8 p.m. and **November 29** noon-7pm

Parents set-up meetings to meet with their children's teachers.

**SCHOOL CLOSED (2011-12 School year)**

Columbus Day	October 10	Classes Resume October 11
Veteran's Day	November 11	Classes Resume November 14
Thanksgiving Recess & Conf.	November 24 - 29	Classes Resume November 30
Christmas Recess	Dec. 26 – Jan. 2	Classes Resume January 3
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 16	Classes Resume January 17
Grading Day	January 27	Classes Resume January 30
Winter Recess	February 20-24	Classes Resume February 27
Spring Recess	April 6-13	Classes Resume April 16
Superintendent Conf Day	May 14	Classes Resume May 15
Memorial Day	May 28	Classes Resume May 29

**SCHOOL CLOSED - WEATHER**

When our winter season brings inclement weather, the superintendent will decide when the district schools will be closed. Tune in to the following radio stations to hear any weather related closings in the Rush-Henrietta Central School District: WHAM, WBEE, WPXY, WVOR, WCMF, WZKC, WMJQ, WWWG, WXXI, WEZO, WNYR, and WDKX.

**SCHOOL PICTURES** (Student) – All students will have their pictures taken for their school ID card and the yearbook. An order form will be given, in homebase, to each student for the opportunity to purchase a picture package. This order form and payment must be presented to the photographer when the student is called to the Cafetorium for the picture. If you are not satisfied with the pictures, the picture package needs to be returned on the picture retake day, October 26. If you have any questions, please ***contact the Main Office at 359-5300***.

September 15	Picture Day
October 26	Picture Retake Day
February 16	Picture Day - for students who missed both September and October picture days.

**SHARED DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE (SDM)** (Parent)

Four SDM representatives are needed to serve on this committee of stakeholders that identify and work on school-wide initiatives. The mission is to improve student achievement and support the goals of the school. Responsibilities include attendance at monthly meetings and reporting back to the Parent group. For more information, please ***contact Greg Lane at 359-5305 or glane@rhnet.org***. SDM meetings are held in the Library at 4 p.m. on the following afternoons:

October 4  
December 6  
February 7  
May 1

**SIXTH GRADE ORIENTATION** (5<sup>th</sup> grade Student/Parent) **April 30** 6:30 p.m. Auditorium  
contact: Mike Neary (mneary@rhnet.org or 359-5323).

**SPIRIT WEEK** (Student) **February 27 – Mar. 2**      During school day      contact: Gretchen Lathers (glathers@rhnet.org)

**STUDENT/STAFF BASKETBALL GAME** (Family)      **March 2 at ROTH MS**      6:30 p.m.

Tickets are sold during lunches and the cost is approximately \$5 for a family. If you have any questions, please **contact Andrea Catena at 359-9998 ([acatena@rhnet.org](mailto:acatena@rhnet.org)) or Kelly Nestler ([gnestler@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gnestler@rochester.rr.com))**. We are currently looking for a Chairperson for this event.

**SURVIVOR FEST** (Student)      **September 23**

Fun activities start at 6 p.m. and include: a dunking booth, Are You Smarter Than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader, water relays, etc. It's fun for the whole family. If you have any questions, please **contact Cindy Bahr at [thebahrs@rochester.rr.com](mailto:thebahrs@rochester.rr.com)**. We are always looking for volunteers.

**TALENT SHOW** (Student/Parent)      **October 12**      6:30 p.m. Auditorium contact person: Lisa Hawkes

The talent show will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the auditorium. After school auditions will be held on September 20 and 21. There will be after school practice sessions the week before the show on October 3, 4 and 5. Students will be allowed to sign-up for one after school practice session. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Hawkes at 359-5329 ([lhawkes@rhnet.org](mailto:lhawkes@rhnet.org)). Admission to the show will be free.

**Grade 8 2012 DC Trip** (Student)      **Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012**      Grade 8 ONLY

**New payment policy.** Checks are to be made out to **1st Choice Educational Tours** and mailed directly to 1st Choice Travel, Attn: Mary or Betty, P.O. Box 950, Batavia, NY 14021.

- **Wednesday, December 7, 2011:** \$150 initial deposit is due (\$75 is nonrefundable).
- **Wednesday, February 8, 2012:** 2nd payment of \$150 is due; along with completed Travel Guard Form, declining or accepting insurance (\$29 payment due with acceptance).
- **Wednesday, April 11, 2012:** Final trip unpaid balance due (amount due minus fundraiser credit)
- **Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 6:30pm Auditorium:** Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting.

Look for our 8th Grade DC mailing at the end of October with important trip information and forms.  
Contact information: Elaine Acresti @ 359-5310 ([eacresti@rhnet.org](mailto:eacresti@rhnet.org)) or Mike Sweeney @ 359-5309 ([msweeney@rhnet.org](mailto:msweeney@rhnet.org)).

**YEARBOOK** (Student/Parent) Obtaining a yearbook is a wonderful way to preserve memories of the past school year. Pictures of friends and teachers remind the student about all the great relationships created here at Burger. To order a yearbook please contact Lisa Hawkes in the Counseling office. Checks need to be made out to Burger Middle School and the Club Advisor is Jen Bosco. We sell the yearbooks after the entertainment book fundraiser in the fall and the price of the yearbook depends upon the fundraiser results.