

## **News and Notes from Mr. Houchin**

**Points System (Discipline):** I would like to give an overview of our point system and how we use it here at RCMS. Please read the student handbook on our website for a complete description. *Each student is unique and discipline is assigned on a case by case basis, depending on what the student needs.*

- At RCMS, students are prohibited from engaging in behavior that will endanger the safety of others or will impede the conduct of the school program. Because of this, RCMS utilizes a Point System that addresses negative actions and offenses from students. Points can only be assigned by myself, or the principal, Cris Edwards. Students can receive points from a variety of ways, including: disrespect, electronic device, being late to class (three times per class per quarter), hands on, rude behavior, etc. (please see student handbook for the complete list). Students can be assigned anywhere from 5 – 10 points and/or other consequences depending on the severity of the offense and the frequency. At the end of each quarter, we tabulate each student's points. Privileges may be taken away from a student when he/she has accumulated a certain amount of points each quarter. At the end of the quarter, each student's point accumulation resets to zero.
- At RCMS, we also like to reward the students who make good choices and show they are doing their best. At the end of every quarter, we host events (cookout, movie, Chicken Run Tournament, Olympic Day, etc.) that students may attend if they have maintained good grades (cannot have 2 F's or more) and have not accumulated too many discipline points.
- Privileges at RCMS include: attending dances, extra-curricular activities (Sports, etc.), outside advisory time, quarterly rewards, may include field trips, and anything else that is decided by administration.
- Students start to lose privileges:

### **Points - Loss of Privilege / Quarter**

12 - Loss of a privilege - depends on offense - Admin choice

15 - Loss of quarter reward

18 - Loss of privilege - Admin choice

\*\* Privileges continue to be taken away every three points.

\*\* If a student receives 80 or more points (total throughout the school year) before a field trip, student could lose their field trip privilege.