

Rush-Henrietta Central School District  
**Henry V. Burger Junior High School**  
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# Burger Junior High School 2024 Newsletter

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**Please call the attendance line when your child will be absent or late to school.**

*For daily announcements or activity updates, please visit our Burger community website at [www.rhnet.org/burger](http://www.rhnet.org/burger).*

## **Upcoming Events**

**September 3** First Day of Classes  
**September 9** School Pictures  
**September 9** Parent Group Meeting (virtual), 6:30 p.m.  
**September 18** 8th Grade Washington DC Club Interest Meeting (Burger Aud), 6:00 p.m.  
**September 18** Open House, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
**October 14** *School closed* - Columbus Day/  
Indigenous Peoples' Day  
**October 18** Fall Celebration, 7-9 p.m.  
**October 22** School Picture Make-up Day  
**October 26** Fall Theater Program (Burger's Got Talent), 7 p.m.



**September 22 (8:43 a.m.) -  
First Day of Fall**



## Welcome to Burger Junior High!

I am excited to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year! I am confident that this will be an excellent year for our students. We have a talented staff and a supportive community who want to get to know our students and help them reach their potential. We have a lot of new Burger staff members this year. Please welcome the following professionals who have joined the Burger family.

Liset Leon Ferrer - Spanish

Albert Craig IV - Earth Science

Brigid McGee - AIS Math

Connor Dickman - Technology

Antonia Scahill - Special Education

Mary Beth Bradshaw - Business

Megan Kosachook - Social Worker

Anna Mack - Art

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Cecelia Gonzales - Special Education

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Chris Volo - Math Specialist

Kate Solano - Spanish

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Heather Fingland - Counseling Secretary & Registrar

Leah Gregory - AP Secretary (8th & 9th)

John Gala - Building Substitute

### After-School Activities

We offer our after-school programs from 2:35-3:30 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Look for details on our wide array of student clubs in early October. We also host the Successful Student Workshop (SSW), a program that provides our students with support and a quiet space to complete work. Transportation is available for all students attending after-school programs. The late bus leaves Burger around 3:40.

### Stay Connected and Informed:

We're here to ensure a smooth and successful year for you and your child. Feel free to contact your student's teachers at any time. Email is the most effective way to reach out to our staff. You can also contact me at [glane@rhnet.org](mailto:glane@rhnet.org) or 359-5308 with any questions. We look forward to working with you to help your child succeed.

### Mark Your Calendars!

- September 9: School Pictures
- September 9: PTO Meeting (Virtual), 6:30 PM
- September 18: Open House (7 PM – 8:30 PM)
- September 18: 8th Grade Washington DC Club Interest Meeting (6:30 PM in Burger Auditorium)

## **Burger Team of Professionals**

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## **Get Ready to Shine with Voce Vita Auditions!**

Calling all singers! Do you have what it takes to be part of our elite vocal ensemble, Voce Vita? Auditions are just around the corner on September 23 from 2:30-3:30 PM in the chorus room. There is only one day for auditions so be sure to email Mrs. Lamica and let her know that you are staying after school.

### **What is Voce Vita?**

Voce Vita, which means "Voice Life" in Italian, is a select group of talented vocalists who meet every Monday and Tuesday after school in the chorus room. If you're passionate about singing and ready for a challenge, we want to hear from you!

### **Returning Members: We've Got You Covered**

If you were part of Voce Vita last year, you don't need to audition again. We can't wait to hear your voice soar once more!

Tuesday, September 24 will be our first rehearsal!!

### **Newcomers: Come Prepared to Wow Us**

If you're new to Voce Vita, come ready to dazzle us with your karaoke version of an appropriate song. Show us your style and talent!

### **Questions? We're Here to Help**

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Lamica at [clamica@rhnet.org](mailto:clamica@rhnet.org). I can't wait to hear you shine at auditions!

# **Burger Fall Production**

Get ready for the ultimate showcase of talent -

## ***"Burger's Got Talent"***

is coming this fall! This is YOUR chance to shine, whether you're a dancing dynamo, a maestro of magic, a songbird, a virtuoso, a gymnastics guru, or a cultural storyteller. We want to see your unique skills take the stage!

Don't miss the information meeting after school on Thursday, September 19 from 2:40 - 3:30 pm in the chorus room. A late bus will be provided. We can't wait to discover the incredible talent that's been hiding in our midst.

Late bus passes will be provided, so there's no excuse to miss out!

This is more than just a show - it's a celebration of YOU and what makes our community special. So mark your calendars, start perfecting your act, and get ready for the spotlight!



# RIT | Science and Technology Entry Program

State-funded grant program that encourage and support youth (7th-12th) from underrepresented and economically disadvantaged groups to pursue college and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields as well as the New York state licensed professions.



## FREE Programming

- \* STEM Workshops
- \* Robotics
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## Contact us for more information!



## Eligibility

- \* Be a member of a historically underrepresented group from the math, science, technology, and health-related fields as stated by the NYS Education Department. These are: African-American/Black, Latino/Hispanic, Native American/Alaskan Native, and/or economically disadvantaged (any ethnicity).
- \* Academic eligibility requires a GPA of 3.0 (students with a 2.5 or higher GPA may be accepted on a probationary basis).
- \* Be a New York State resident.

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