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Why I Chose Rosa

By Abby Yu
Grade 7

"Rosa International Middle School believes that collaboration, individual responsibility, acceptance, and respect to all including the school and overall global community is what makes a successful learning environment" (*Rosa's Mission Statement* on Homepage).

Rosa is an IB World School that encourages the learning and respect for cultural and national identity of Rosa individuals. Creating and establishing a secure and safe environment for all students is very crucial to Rosa. Ensuring that students can be in a safe, trusted environment during their middle school learning experience conveys the message that bullying is not tolerated. All in all, the atmosphere of Rosa makes it a pleasure to come to school every day.

Rosa has many after-school activities and clubs to offer. A variety of seasonal sports are offered throughout the school year. Rosa International Middle School also offers additional homework help. Lastly, if you are musically talented, some clubs to consider may be orchestra, band, or chorus! While participating in clubs or sports, students are likely to meet and create new friendships with those who have similar interests. The clubs and sports that I have been a part of have contributed to my amazing experience at Rosa so far.

Our principal, Mr. George Guy, always has a huge, sincere smile on his face when he is there to greet you every morning. Mr. Guy makes you enjoy coming to school with a positive attitude to begin our daily journey of learning. The teachers are always there to help and guide you with almost anything. The staff is always there to assist with the smooth running

of Rosa. Without all of them, Rosa would not be where it stands today in 2018.

If you are a 5th grader reading this article, just remember that 6th grade is a great time to reinvent yourself and create the best you possible. Make the best use of your time by being proactive. This includes developing a way of studying and managing your time early and efficiently. These skills will make projects and homework less stressful. This also leads to another topic: procrastination. It is important to avoid the temptation to procrastinate, which is to delay or postpone an action such as a homework assignment or a big project. Additionally, keep in mind that your teachers are here to help. Always remember to treat others with respect.

Rosa is a great school to experience your years as a middle schooler. Rosa provides a safe environment that will ensure great times to come! We would love to have you join our Raptor Family!

TOUCHDOWN! Middle School

By Nysa Chawla
Grade 6

I know that it's very hard to choose which middle school to go to next year. Rosa, Beck, Carusi - but which one to choose? I have been through the same process, and it takes a while. The first step is to be well-informed: go to all the open houses, collect information and compare all the schools against the criteria that is important to you. In the end, I chose Rosa. My best friend went to Beck, but my other friends came here. I was sitting in the same place as you are now. I looked around and I knew Rosa was the school for me. I just had that feeling.

Here are some tips for choosing the best middle school for you:

You don't need to go where your best friend is going. Go where you want to go. You will make new friends, anyway. But if you do go to the same school as your best friend, that's great!

Choose the school that feels right for you, not anybody else. People who might recommend a school for you are parents, friends, and old teachers. It is your decision. Where you go will benefit you more than anyone else!

If you don't get into Rosa because of the lottery, don't feel disappointed.

You still have a chance to get in if you are on the waiting list.

Whichever middle school you attend, just remember to smile, make great choices, and have fun!



P.M. Rosa – Clubs And Activities

By Kyle Lehrfeld
Grade 6

The decision is right around the corner. Which middle school is best for you? Important factors to consider are clubs and activities. And Rosa has a lot to offer in this area. We have at least five clubs happening every day of the week, not including sports. Still not eye catching? Just read about some of our clubs.

Art and Literary Magazine

Interested in having your art and writing recognized? Step right on up with your art, stories and poetry and have them published in our magazine!

Bridge

Having a little trouble in school or just looking for some tips as to how to make academics easier? Sign up for Bridge and get academic help from our own graduates who are now top students in high school.

Video Game Club

Relax, have a snack, and enjoy in this fun club where you play video games with your friends and have fun in another dimension!

MathCounts

Are you a math whiz? Then this is the perfect club for you! Come on down and do some math problems with your friends and hopefully get picked for the team in January!

Animal Welfare

Want to help find ways to help animals? Help us out and join the team! We create drives, and other ways to help and hope YOU join us!

Recorder Ensemble & Puppet Club

Can you play the recorder? Are you interested in learning how to operate a puppet? Come on down! We put on shows every so often with music from the recorders! Hope you can join!

Model United Nations Club

Like representing different countries? Come try it out for yourself! Can't wait to see you there!

Chess and Board Games Club

Like board games? Come on down and check us out! We have "Sorry," "Uno," and even "Trouble!"

Juggling Club

Come on down and try out the juggling club! We juggle things from scarfs to basket balls!

Drama

Love to act? Try out for our drama club! We put on a production once a year. YOU could be a part!

Robotics

Like to program things? Come try our robotics club and build your very own robot with your group.

Origami

Learn to fold all sorts of shapes and have fun! Can't wait to see you!

Multicultural Club

Come learn about all cultures and hang with your friends! Can't wait to see you there!

Orff Ensemble

Learn to play the xylophone in our very own Orff Ensemble! We perform twice a year and can't wait to see you!

Raptor's Roar

Write your own articles for the school newspaper! There is nothing like having your article in the newspaper!

And there's more! More Clubs: **Lego Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Magic the Gathering Club, Drama Crew, Harry Potter Club and Ping Pong Club.**

Rosa Music – There's Something For Everyone

The Rosa Music Program has lots to offer any student who has an interest in any kind of music at all. You like Rock and Roll? You get to learn how to play the guitar in 7th grade music classes. You always wanted to learn to play the piano? You have a keyboard class in 6th grade music. Are you an aspiring composer? Eighth grade music class is just the place for you. Might you be the next contestant on American Idol? Or just love singing in the shower? The Rosa chorus boasts over 400 members who take vocal workshop classes and meet for choral rehearsals once a week. Want more vocal time? The Rosettes and Close Harmony are auditioned groups that sing a cappella and perform multiple times each year.

The instrumental music program at Rosa has over 270 students involved in a multitude of activities: Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band and String Ensemble. Music lessons and ensemble rehearsals take place once a week. And the best part of it

all? At Rosa, you can "have your cake and eat it, too." You can participate in sports, clubs, student government, drama and STILL take music. As a matter of fact, more than 75% of the music students at Rosa participate in other activities, maintain great grades and still get to pursue their musical interests. Also, this year alone, 35 Rosa music students have been selected for and participated in regional and state-wide events, with more activities to come.

Thinking of getting involved? Want to do more? There's plenty of information on the Rosa music website. The website has details about each music group, dates and information about upcoming events, and all the musical activities that take place all year. It also has schedules, links to other sites, and a way to contact the music directors. So, if you have any questions, please be sure to check out: www.rosamusicprogram.com

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Butterflies In My Stomach

By Ananya Manchiganti

Grade 6

All I heard were butterflies
 My stomach was churning
 My eyes were burning
 Yesterday was excitement
 5 Today is frightment
 Running, Yelling, Screaming
 As I entered school I heard loud announcements
 They were buzzing around my ears like bees
 Crowded
 10 I was flying through a flock of birds
 Alone
 No one to be with
 Didn't want to be mortified
 I felt lost
 15 A lovely lady lent me a hand
 Once I got to my classroom, I saw new kids
 Missed the old ones
 Kids behind me were talking
 I thought I should too so I did
 20 The friendly words and sentences wrapped around my heart
 I made new friends
 Sat with them at lunch
 Visited new classrooms
 Learned how to open lockers with complex combos
 25 Excitement finally rose up
 Felt like a middle schooler
 Proud
 Couldn't wait for the next day!

Why Rosa Is So Great

By Giorgio Abdalla

Grade 6

R.*espect*

O.*utstanding*

S.*uccessful*

A.*mazing*

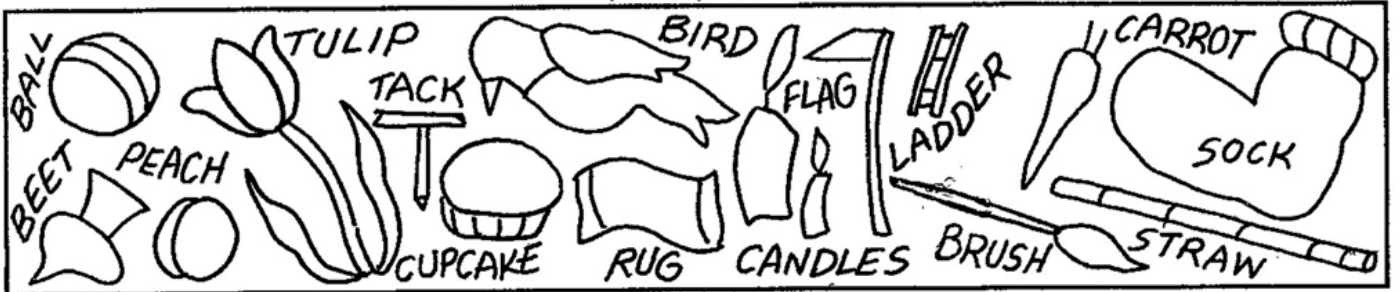
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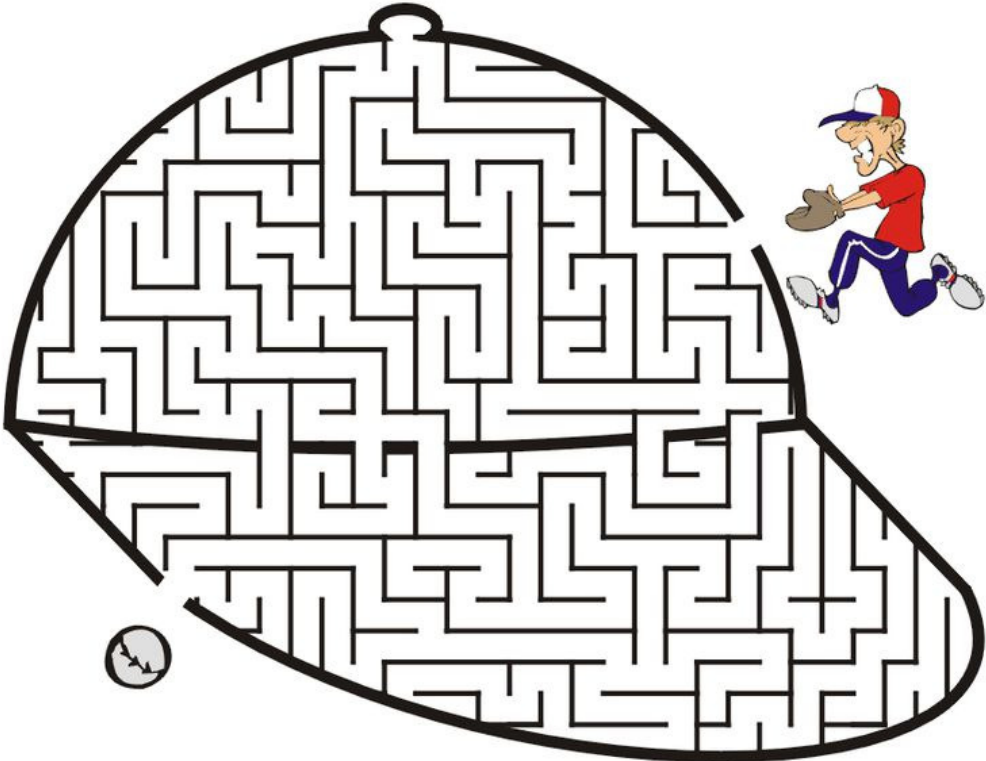
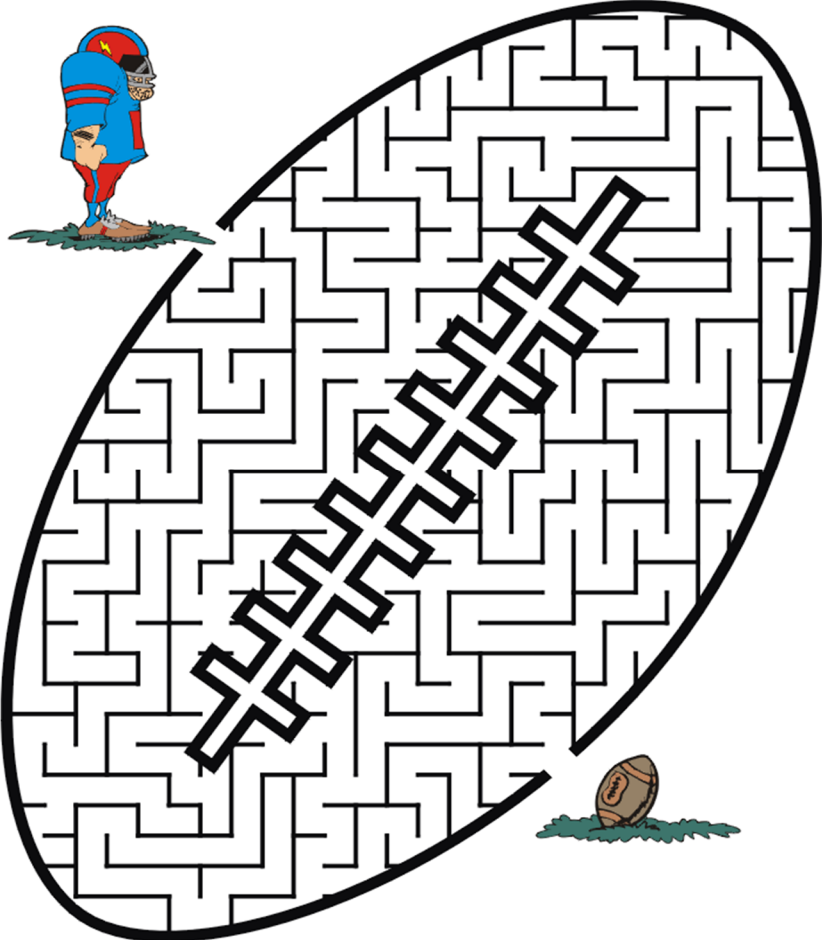


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The Maze To Amaze At Rosa

By Ellie Noh
Grade 6

On the first day of school, it was like I had entered into a new maze called middle school. There were so many new aspects of Rosa compared to elementary school such as lockers, clubs and so much more! I was able to get past this feeling of a new maze and into a comfort zone with the help of my teachers and friends.

During the first two weeks of school, I was able to make many new friends in my learning community. So I will give you some advice: don't be anxious about starting middle school. Here at Rosa there are many after-school clubs that you can join.

It may be hard to choose what to join at first but once you start looking at all the choices, certain clubs will stick out to you. These clubs are not only fun to do but can introduce you to new interests. That's what happened to me. It is already the 3rd marking period at Rosa, and I am having no trouble at all. As a 6th grader, I am very excited about everything that is to come at Rosa International Middle School because of the amazing experiences I have had so far.



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



January 29 & 30 – 5th Grade Information Night

February 4 – SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 15 – Cherry Hill Jazz Showcase @ Rosa, 7 p.m.

February 16 – Snow Make-up Day!

February 19 – NO SCHOOL – President's Day

February 21 – Spring Sports Parent Meeting

February 22 – Broadway Night @ H.S. WEST, 7 p.m.

February 23 – Friendship Dance

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