



Rockford Public Schools

Quality Community – Quality Schools
Together Building a Tradition of Excellence

ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL
4100 Kroes NE
Main Office: 863-6030
Attendance: 863-6032
Counseling: 863-6033
Office Hours: 7 AM—4PM

ROCKFORD FRESHMAN CTR
4500 Kroes NE
Main Office: 863-6348
Attendance: 863-6352
Counseling: 863-6350
Office Hours: 7 AM—3:30PM

October/November 2019 Newsletter

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Rockford High School 10-12 Building
and Rockford Freshman Center

Wednesday, October 16
3:30-6:30 pm
Thursday, October 17
4:00-7:00pm

ATTENDANCE NOTES

- ❖ **Daily Illness & Appointment Absences**
 - Call: 863-6032 (RHS)
 - Call: 863-6352 (RFC)

Please leave a message if unavailable
Written excuses from home **will not** be accepted for these absences.

- ❖ **Must Have Permission to Leave the Building**
- ❖ **Advanced Absences**
Note required from parent to attach to the Advanced Absence
- ❖ **College Advanced Absences**
Two (2) per year for Juniors & Seniors
Stop by Attendance and request form
Attendance Policy & Procedures can be found on Pages 12-14 in the Student Handbook

Visitors

For the safety and protection of students, **all** visitors (including parents) entering the school buildings during school hours, **must** register in the main offices.

Media Center Hours

RHS – Lower Media Center
Monday & Tuesday: 7a-6:30p
Wednesday – Friday: 7a-3p
(According to GRCC schedule)
Upper media – 7 AM-2:30 PM, M-F
RFC - 7:00 AM - 2:30 PM daily

Student Drop-Off

RHS 10-12 Bldg – preferred drop-off is in the senior parking lot. If you do drop off using the main entrance, **please pull all the way to the crosswalk** to avoid cars being backed up onto Kroes Rd.
RFC-Please do not drop off or pick up students at the four-way stop at Kroes & Northland. Drop off at the side entrance; please do not enter through the EXIT on Northland Dr.



Yearbooks on sale now in the main office or on-line, @ Yearbookforever.com - with a 1.00 svc fee- cost is \$70.00 - 9/28 – 12/20/19. 12/21/19-5/29/20 will be \$75.00 **Senior photos due:** 12/19/2019
Email senior pictures to: JFeeley@rockfordschools.org

Students Traveling Between Buildings

Between hours, buses are located in front of each building; students are required to use the service. The bus will depart when the bell rings to end class. Students will be released three minutes prior to the bell and allowed to arrive two minutes late. Based on classroom location, staff will make the appropriate arrangements if these times need to be adjusted. However, establishing a concrete arrival time in order to hold students accountable is imperative.

DHK Presentation

Opioids & Pain Killers

October 9th @ 6:30-8:00p
RHS Auditorium
Please see attached flyer



Community EDUCATION and PREVENTION Series

Holiday Craft Fairs

Craft Fairs will be held @ RHS on these dates: November 9th & December 14th 9am to 3pm – over 150 vendors!

MEDICATION INFORMATION

The District’s medication policy requires that parents deliver to school medication that might be needed by a student during the school day. Medication can be dropped off any time the office is open. We will have you fill out a permission form. The only exception to that rule is for emergency medication such as an inhaler or Epi pen. If your child needs such emergency medication, he or she may carry it, but we still require the medication permission form to be on file.

Medication is not kept in the health room over the summer, so any remaining at the end of the school year should be picked up by the parent.

****Medication must be in its original container****



KCTC SCHEDULES

FRIDAY, OCT. 11 & NOV. 8, 2019

(HALF DAY) RHS DISMISSED @ 10:55a

Students should attend all classes 0-5th hrs.

1st Session – Attend RHS 3rd, 4th & 5th hrs (3rd hr starting at 9:01a)

2nd Session – Attend 1st, 4th & 5th hrs (students will remain at RHS)

3rd Session – Attend RHS 1st, 2nd, & 3rd hrs

No RPS transportation to KCTC

NOV. 14 & 15, 2019 – 1ST TRI EXAMS:

Thursday-November 14th; (FULL DAY)

Running exams hours; 1, 2 & 3rd hr review

1st Session-attend KCTC & RHS 3rd hr review @ 1:30p

2nd Session-attend RHS 1st hr review & exam*

*2nd session students are allowed to leave after the exam if they have their own transportation**

3rd Session-Attend RHS

Friday-November 15th; (FULL DAY)

Running exams hours 3rd, 4th & 5th

1st Session – attend RHS

2nd Session-Attend RHS @ 9:10a for 4th & 5th hours

3rd Session-Attend 3rd hr exam @ 7:40a & KCTC

The RHS Guidance Office webpage has a great deal of helpful information available: from announcements about college reps visiting RHS... to resource lists for struggling teens and families... to financial aid information... to a copy of the RHS Junior Handbook... or the RHS Senior Checklist... or college athletic eligibility... there’s something for everyone! Link to our page via the RHS website or <http://www.rockfordschools.org/?i=HighSchoolGuidance>

School News Network

We invite you to visit the School News Network website at www.schoolnewsnetwork.org and bookmark it, or you can also subscribe to the Weekly Headlines on the site. We think you’ll like what you see!

PAC Meetings; 9:00a @ Freshman Center/LGI

October 7, 2019

November 4, 2019

January 27, 2020

March 16, 2020

May 4, 2020

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Reproductive Health Information

The Board of Education has established a program of instruction in sex education. As a component of the sex education program, reproductive health is offered in identified courses. All freshmen, new students needing the required credit, and those repeating health will be enrolled in a trimester course of health education this year.

According to law (PA 227 of 1977 and PA 336 of 1993), you have the right to review the materials to be used in these courses. The local Board of Education, in compliance with the statutes, will make the materials available for your review and observation at **Parent Teacher Conferences on Oct. 16 & 17**. You may familiarize yourself with the curriculum as your sons and daughters may want to discuss the information presented by the written and audiovisual materials.

If you do not want your student to be instructed in Reproductive Health, and prefer to instruct your student at home regarding reproductive health to earn credit for this unit, you will need to contact your student’s instructor in writing or email. A letter requiring your signature regarding your decision will be sent home prior to instruction.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT:

Rockford High School will be hosting its annual Financial Aid on Monday, October 7th at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium. If you would like to learn how the FAFSA form is completed when applying for financial aid, how that information is processed for federal financial aid eligibility, and how the college will process this in order to generate financial aid offers, this will be a valuable presentation for you. Our main presenter, a college financial aid officer, will talk about how specific family situations impact financial aid and will answer your questions. We will also provide information about searching for scholarships. Plan to join us in the RHS Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.!

Each year, Rockford Public School District offers Career and Technical Education programs at Rockford High School. These programs are designed to prepare youth for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers, counselors, and cooperative education coordinators. All career and technical education programs follow the district's policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, disability, height, weight, or marital status in all programs, services, activities, and employment. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English language proficiency is not a barrier to admission or participation. The programs offered include Accounting and Business Management. The courses in these programs are as follows:

Accounting: Financial Management and Accounting A,B,C
Management: Business/Personal Finance and Business 1,2,3

For general information about these programs, contact:

Mary Cody, CTE Director
Rockford High School
4100 Kroes Road
Rockford, MI 49341
(616) 863-6030

Inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies should be directed to: Ms. Korie Wilson-Crawford
Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources
Rockford Public Schools



The Rockford Freshman Center Library will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from Oct. 14 to 18! There will be books for upper elementary through high school available, and we'll be open during the evening Parent-Teacher conferences. Thank you for supporting the RFC library!

Cabaret 2019

November 16 @ 6 & 8p

November 17 @ 2 & 4p



ATHLETICS UPDATES

Office Information:

Hours: 8 am – 4 pm, M-F

Phone: 863-6040

Fax: 866-7128

Website: www.rockfordrams.org

Athletics Website:

Visit the Athletic Website at www.rockfordrams.org for up to date schedule information. Changes and cancellations will be updated on our website by 2 pm daily. If you would like to receive game change information immediately, there is an option to sign up for alerts. Go to the webpage and click on “sign up for alerts” in the upper right hand corner of the main page. Please do not call the office prior to checking the website with questions regarding changes or cancellations. You can also view results and scores on the website.

Winter Sports

Physicals are REQUIRED for winter try-outs and must be turned into the Athletic Office prior to the first day of try-outs. A “current” physical is one dated on or after April 15, 2019. Required physical forms are available on the webpage, in the Athletic Office, or in the Main Offices at RHS and RFC.

You can check if your student has a “current” school year physical on file by following these steps:

- Log in to your Family Access Account and click on the HEALTH INFO tab
- Click “Display Options”
- Click “Show Physical Exams”

If there is a date listed on or after April 15, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year, your student has a “current” physical on file and NO action is needed.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Athletic Office.

First day for tryouts:

October 28: Gymnastics

November 4: Ice Hockey

November 11: Girls Basketball, Competitive Cheer,

November 18: Boys Basketball, Skiing – boys/girls, Wrestling, Bowling – boys/girls,

November 25: Swimming

Participation Fees:

\$120 per sport (\$350/year Family Max – MS/HS combined)

Fee is due 10 days upon notification from your Coach that the roster is complete and the fee is available to pay on the Family Access Account



Student Re-Takes 9-12 / 7:15-Noon	Oct. 1		
FALL COUNT DAY	Oct. 2	SPRING COUNT DAY	Feb. 12
PAC Meeting @ FC / 9a LGI	Oct. 7	Half Day Dismissal @ 10:55a	Feb. 14
Half-Day Dismissal @ 10:55a	Oct. 11	Mid-Winter Break	Feb. 17
Parent/ Teacher Conferences:		2nd Tri Exams	Feb 27 & 28
3:30-6:30p	Oct. 16	Half Day Dismissal @ 10:55a	Mar. 6
4:00-7:00p	Oct. 17	No School	April 2 & 3
PAC Meeting @ FC / 9a LGI	Nov. 4	Spring Break	April 6-10
Half Day Dismissal @ 10:55a	Nov. 8	Parent/Teacher Conferences: April	
Craft Fair	Nov. 9	FC Only 4-7pm	April 21
First Trimester Exams	Nov. 14 & 15	10-12 Only Bldg. 4-7pm	April 23
CABARET-RHS Aud @ 6 & 8p	Nov. 16	Prom	May 2
CABARET-RHS Aud @ 2 & 4p	Nov. 17	No School	May 22
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 27-29	Snow Make-Up or No School	May 25
Half Day Dismissal @ 10:55a	Dec. 6	Graduation	June 2
Holiday Collage @ 7p	Dec. 13	Half Days /Exams	June 3-5
Holiday Collage @ 5 & 7p	Dec. 14	Dismiss @ 10:55a	
Craft Fair	Dec. 14	*Tentative Last Day of School	June 5
Breakfast w/Santa @ RHS Café 9a-Noon	Dec 21		
Holiday Break	Dec. 23-Jan. 3, 2020		
Parent Teacher Conferences:			
RHS ONLY 4-7p	Jan 14		
FC ONLY 4-7p	Jan 16		
PAC Meeting	Jan. 27		
RHS Blood Drive	Jan. 29 & 30		