



# Rockford Public Schools

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

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

## December 2019/January 2020 NEWSLETTER

### 2<sup>nd</sup> TRIMESTER PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL 10-12 BLDG.  
& ROCKFORD FRESHMAN CENTER

**RHS 10-12 Bldg ONLY**  
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020  
4:00pm to 7:00pm

**Freshman Center ONLY**  
Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020  
4:00pm to 7:00pm

**REGULAR SCHEDULE DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS**

**YEARBOOKS** ON SALE NOW IN THE MAIN OFFICE OR ON-LINE, @ YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM – WITH A \$1.00 SERVICE FEE. COST IS \$70.00 THROUGH DEC. 20. ORDERED DEC. 21 – MAY 29, COST WILL BE \$75.00.

### 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 cross walk to avoid cars being backed up onto Kroes Road.**

**RFC-** Drop off at the west side entrance; please do not **ENTER** through the **EXIT** on Northland Dr. Do not drop off students at the 4-way stop.

### VISITORS

For the safety and protection of students, ALL VISITORS (parents/volunteers) entering the building during school hours must sign in at the main offices.

### PAC MEETINGS: 9:00am at the RFC in the LGI

January 27, 2020  
March 16, 2020  
May 4, 2020

### STUDENTS TRAVELING BETWEEN BUILDINGS

Between hours, buses will be 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 three 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.

### ATTENTION SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS:

KCTC PROGRAM VISITS ARE HAPPENING NOW!  
VISIT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE RHS  
ATTENDANCE OFFICE. VISITS RUN THRU MARCH  
19, 2020  
HOWEVER, SLOTS FILL UP QUICKLY!

*Winter*

**SCHOOL CLOSINGS OR DELAYS** Check the [www.rockfordschools.org](http://www.rockfordschools.org) website or tune in to your local TV or radio stations for school closings or delays

### TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Bus notes allowed in the event of a family emergency only. Parents MUST call transportation for verification of available space on the bus requested. We do not transport students to afterschool employment, appointments, YMCA, MVP or friend's house or any other destination other than their residence.

### ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

#### ATTENDANCE PHONE NUMBERS:

RHS – 863-6032

RFC – 863-6352

**\*ABSENCES** –If a student is to be absent, please remember to call the attendance office between the hours of 7:00 am – 3:30 pm on the day of the absence. These numbers are available 24 hours a day; leave a message on the answering machine after hours. Parents, when calling to excuse your student due to illness, please explain the nature of that illness. In an effort to protect the public's health, The Kent County Health Department collects and tracks a variety of illness in schools. We do our best to report this information correctly & your call makes all the difference. If the student has the flu, please let us know whether he is vomiting or if it is the flu characterized by a cough, aches & fever. If they have a cold or headache, just let us know so that our reports are accurate. The better the information we send them, the better they can do their part to keep us healthy. Thank you.

**\*APPOINTMENTS:** If a student has to leave school for an appointment, please call the attendance office the day before (when possible) or first thing in the morning. The office will issue a pass to be excused from class, which the student needs to pick up. Verification of the appointment from the doctor's office will allow the absence to be waived. Additional attendance policies and procedures are in the student's handbook.



### HOLIDAY CLOSE UP CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY DEC. 14, 2019

9:00 – 3:00 AT RHS 10-12 BLDG. GREAT CHANCE TO DO SOME HOLIDAY SHOPPING. ADMISSION IS \$1.00 AND **PROCEEDS GO TO BUY BOOKS FOR THE RPS LIBRARIES**

## AFTER GRAD:

Information about After Grad registration, forms & fundraising can be found on the RHS website & in the Main Office at RHS.



### THE RAM SHACK

Great gift ideas! RAM wear, Fleece blankets, lanyards, water bottles & travel mugs for that warm hot chocolate. The Ram Shack also sells schools supplies. Hours are 7:30am-2:00pm or check us out online & place your order @ [WWW.ROCKFORDRAMSHACK.COM](http://WWW.ROCKFORDRAMSHACK.COM)

### TESTING OUT FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Testing Out is available once a year in August. More information to come regarding dates to register for testing out.

### KISD PROGRAM

Are you interested in attending classes at KISD as a sophomore? If so, we will have two presenters at RFC to talk about these programs for your sophomore year.

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> for Launch U and Design Lab during all lunches. Please sign up in the counseling office to attend and learn about these programs.

**LAUNCH U:** Gives high school students the chance to earn a free associates degree from Grand Rapids Community College in only one year! Choose General Studies or Mechanical Design. Start in 10<sup>th</sup> grade with a combination of high school and college courses.

**DESIGN LAB:** Is a project based STEM lab program. Discover how design and technology work together to make the world a better place. Explore a wide range of topics from graphic design to constructive, alternative energy to computer coding and everything in between. One online class is also required.



## Important Dates 2019-2020

Thanksgiving Break	Nov 27-29
Half-Day Dismissal @ 10:55	Dec 6
Close Up Craft Fair	Dec 14
Holiday Break	Dec. 23 – Jan. 3
Parent/Teacher Conferences	
<b>10-12 Bldg ONLY 4:00-7:00pm</b>	Jan 14
<b>FC ONLY 4:00-7:00pm</b>	Jan 16
PAC Meeting	Jan 27
Freshman Center Class of 2024 Orientation	Feb 6
Spring Count Day	Feb 12
Half-Day Dismissal @ 10:55	Feb 14
Mid-Winter Break-No School	Feb. 17
Second Trimester Exams	Feb 27 & 28
Half-Day Dismissal @ 10:55	March 6
No School	April 2 & 3
Spring Break	April 6-10
PSAT & SAT Testing	April 14
Parent/Teacher Conferences	
<b>*FC Only 4-7pm</b>	April 21
<b>*10-12 Bldg. Only 4-7pm</b>	April 23
Prom	May 2
PAC Meeting	May 4
Snow Make-Up or No School	May 22
Memorial Day-No School	May 25
Graduation	June 2
Half Days/Exams	June 3-5
*Tentative Last Day of School	June 5

