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—4 PM

ROCKFORD FRESHMAN CTR
4500 Kroes NE
Main Office: 863-6348
Attendance: 863-6352
Counseling: 863-6350
Office Hours7 AM—3:30PM

December 2018/January 2019 NEWSLETTER

2nd TRIMESTER PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

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

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019
3:30pm to 5:30pm
&.
Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019
5:00pm to 7:00pm

REGULAR SCHEDULE DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

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 28, 2019
March 4, 2019
May 6, 2019

Winter

SCHOOL CLOSINGS OR DELAYS Check the www.rockfordschools.org website or tune in to your local TV or radio stations for school closings or delays

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. 21. ORDERED DEC. 22 – MAY 31, 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.

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.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Boxtops are accepted at all Rockford elementary and middle schools. You can learn more about the program at www.boxtops4education.com

BUS NOTES

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. 8, 2018
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 7am-2:00p or check us out online & place your order @ WWW.ROCKFORDRAMSHACK.COM

TESTING OUT

Testing Out is offered once a year in August. Watch for information regarding registering for testing out in the spring.

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. 10th for Launch U and Dec 13th for Design Lab during all lunches. Please sign up in the counseling office to attend and learn about these programs.

LAUNCH U: A hands on early college program created in collaboration with Grand Rapids Community College. Students who love to take things apart and understand the mechanical world can begin a career path providing industry connections, skill certificates and a tuition-free Associate Degree in just one year after high school.

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
2018-2019

Thanksgiving Break	Nov 21-23
Half-Day Dismissal @ 10:55	Dec 7
Close Up Craft Fair	Dec 8
Holiday Break	Dec. 24 – Jan. 4
Parent/Teacher Conferences	
3:30-5:30pm	Jan 16
5:00-7:00pm	Jan 17
Freshman Center Class of 2023 Orientation	Jan 24
PAC Meeting	Jan 28
Spring Count Day	Feb 13
Half-Day Dismissal @ 10:55	Feb 15
Mid-Winter Break-No School	Feb. 18
Second Trimester Exams	Feb 28 & Mar 1
Half-Day Dismissal @ 10:55	March 8
No School	Mar 28 & Mar 29
Spring Break	April 1-5
Parent/Teacher Conferences: April	
***FC Only** 5-7pm	April 23
***10-12 Bldg. Only** 5-7pm	April 25
Prom	May 4
Snow Make-Up or No School	May 24
Memorial Day-No School	May 27
Graduation	June 4
Half Days/Exams	June 5-7
*Tentative Last Day of School	June 7