



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

January 8, 2024

Happy New Year!

I hope the first school day of 2024 has been good. We are excited to be back and look forward to a tremendous 2024.

Our next Developing Healthy Kids community event will be this Thursday January 11, at 6:30 PM, in the Rockford High School auditorium. Chris Herren, a former professional basketball player, has committed himself to advocating for wellness and speaking out on the topic of substance abuse prevention. He is an energetic speaker with a powerful message. All parents, along with their middle and high school age students, should come and listen to his message.

Our Hoops for Haiti basketball fundraiser will take place this Friday, January 12, at Rockford High School. Rockford Public Schools staff and students have been supporting humanitarian efforts in Haiti since 2010. Come and enjoy a night of great basketball - the boys' play at 6:00 PM followed by the girls' game at 7:30 PM - and plan on supporting our fundraising efforts for Haiti.

As you know, winter typically brings snow and icy roads to Michigan. So far this school year we have been spared the impact of winter weather. But we know that it is just a matter of time before winter and winter roads finally arrive. We try to make the best decision possible when winter weather impacts us. We also try and give you as much of a heads up as we possibly can if we are going to close schools. If the forecast calls for a lot of snow overnight, we may be able to call school the night before. But, often, the snow does not come at a convenient time.

In the event that snow starts early in the morning, we have a driver who goes out to check the roads. We also consult with districts that surround us to see what they may be thinking.

The concern is always to keep our students and staff safe.

I will alert you as soon as I can if school will be cancelled for the day. You will receive a phone call, a text message, and you can look on social media as well. I will post on both Instagram and X (Twitter) @docsmatthews.

I look forward to seeing you this Thursday, January 11, at 6:30 PM, at our Developing Healthy Kids event, Friday at Hoops for Haiti, and at other events in our school and community.

Steve

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