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Greetings RHS Families,

It seems hard to believe that we have reached the end of October! There is still a lot that our students are getting reacquainted with regarding 'school as usual'. We are doing our best to ratchet up expectations, address learning loss, and move forward through our curriculum.

Thank you for attending conferences last night, engaging with teachers when needed, and investing in your children's education. If you have time, we would appreciate your feedback in this survey: <https://forms.gle/RHtZxgEnFNEAsm5S8>.

As we approach midterms (November 8th), please remember that these grades do not get reported on a student's transcript. Rather, it serves as a snapshot indicating current performance in each course. Another type of snapshot is our STAR testing reports for 9th and 10th grade students. Students received a copy of their reports on Tuesday of this week. We encourage you to discuss your performance with your children. [Here](#) is a helpful document that explains how to read the reports. Should you have any questions or concerns about the results, please reach out to our Guidance Office for more support.

We hope you have a festive and safe Halloween weekend.

Student Quote: I'm looking forward to Halloween, hanging with friends. Bummed that football lost. Looking forward to the girls volleyball playoff game! —Cole Tauber

Sincerely,
Paul Menard
Principal

COLLEGE IS KNOWLEDGE MONTH:

Discover Your Dream College Virtually!!

November 3, 2021 from 5:00pm-7:00pm

"Visit" colleges across the nation, chat live with admissions counselors, see photos, get brochures and college applications, and make connections at schools that interest you.

Registration is FREE! Use the link below to register and see what colleges are participating.

Register [HERE](#)

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RAS E-LEARNING DAYS:

Please read this [attachment](#) so you and your children understand expectations and are prepared for unexpected inclement weather days. These e-learning days ensure that we can reach our instructional minutes as required by the State of Minnesota without having to add days to the end of our calendar year.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CURRICULUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING ON NOVEMBER 30: (Click [here](#) for a [SPANISH](#) version of CAC Invite)

The Curriculum Advisory Committee is a volunteer group of parents or guardians, community members, teachers, and administrators that advise the district regarding the implementation of the Minnesota Academic Standards in our schools. The purpose is to provide input, advice, and make recommendations regarding distance learning, local graduation requirements, World's Best Workforce (WBWF), Achievement and Integration (A&I) requirements, K-12 curriculum, and other relevant issues. If you are interested, please email or call Kevin Keller, Director of Teaching and Learning, Kellerk@Rockford.k12.mn.us or 763-477-9165 x4005, to attend the virtual Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting on November 30th, 6:00-7:00 pm. A meeting link will be provided to those that call, email, or fill out this form by Friday, November 26: <https://forms.gle/6zH7LVyT8S9tBxqL9>

IB ASSESSMENT REGISTRATION FOR DP BIOLOGY SL & DP ECONOMICS:

Students in the DP Biology SL and DP Economics SL are given the opportunity to take an International Baccalaureate assessment in May 2022. The fees for the test would be covered by the IB grant and the due date to sign up for the exam(s) is Friday November 5, 2021. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LINE:

Just a reminder to all RHS families to please try to use the school attendance line for calling students in absent, late or for early release. 763-477-7525

QUARANTINE HOMEWORK:

If your child must quarantine, we have drafted procedures to assist them in remaining current with their work. Please [click here](#) for more information.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACT:

This is a great school, close-knit community, and we offer a world class IB program. I want so many people to know the wonderful things happening in and out of the classroom. I can no longer contain my excitement. Please consider following me on social media and look for the occasional boast post about our fantastic kids!

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DONATION OPPORTUNITY:

The high school is in need of tissues. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and happily accepted!

COVID MESSAGE FROM NURSE:

As we get back into the swing of things and spend more time together, there are going to be cases of COVID, especially with the Delta variant making its way through. In order to not inundate you with emails, we will not be sending a general notification letter to an entire grade level after every positive case of COVID. We will be alerting you if your child is a close contact of a positive case of COVID. *Please be vigilant in monitoring your child for symptoms and keep them home if any present.*

NYSTROM ANXIETY & COVID/DISTANCE LEARNING:

Here is our [monthly newsletter](#) from the School Based team at Nystrom and Associates. As we continue to work with our student populations, we are continuing to notice an increase in all areas of [mental health](#). Please see the attached forms. We ask that you share this with your staff and parents as this is a great resource for talking about and combating mental health!

EVERY MEAL WEEKEND FOOD PROGRAM:

The Every Meal weekend food program is back! This is different from the RAS lunch that is available for students on week days. The Every Meal Program is free for all families, there are no qualifications, and your privacy is protected. Families can enroll at ANY time throughout the school year. You are in the program once you fill out this [FORM \(English\)](#) or [FORM \(Spanish\)](#). Food bags will be available for pick up at your student's school on Thursday and Friday's. Contact Madison Holm at 612-567-0114 or at holmm@rockford.k12.mn.us with any questions.

HOMEWORK HELP:

Homework Help is back for the 21/22 school year! Homework Help is each Wednesday from 3:00pm-4:15pm. This is a great opportunity for students to work on homework and get help from their teachers. Transportation will not be provided at this time and students will need to arrange for transportation at 4:15. Online Tutoring is also now available through [Around Cloud Tutors](#).

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE:

Yearbooks are on sale NOW! Please follow this [link](#) to purchase a Yearbook for \$65! SENIORS - use the same [link](#) to upload your senior pictures! SENIOR FAMILIES - use the same link to upload your baby picture and purchase the ad space! Senior pictures are due by November 30.

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GIRL SCOUTS HALLOWEEN FOOD DRIVE:

This is not an ISD 883 sponsored event.

Rockford Girl Scouts will be having a “Trick or Can” Halloween Food Drive. For more information, click [HERE](#)