

# ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL

## IB WORLD SCHOOL



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Greetings RHS Families,

FOR A QUICK, EASY TO READ VERSION CLICK [HERE](#).

We are halfway through October! I'd like to take a minute to explain common language. We have a multitude of effective strategies that our teachers use to make their curriculum come to life in the classroom. In order to better support students, we are going to make efforts to refer to these strategies in a universal way. To that end, students will be able to make connections across classrooms and better understand the strategies the teachers use that are more or less effective for their learning style. In turn, students gain a better understanding for their learning style, which will help their student agency AND we are able to dedicate more of our time to quality instruction as opposed to explanations surrounding the vernacular we use for similar strategies. This is one way in which our three foci tie together. Much of our time together in staff development next week will be around this work.

REMINDER: Students have school Monday and Tuesday of next week. It will be an odd day and even day schedule.

For your awareness, Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place the evening of October 26th from 3:30-7:30pm. This is great way to get 1:1 time with your child's teacher to discuss their performance thus far. Of course, we are blessed with technology that allows you to call or email at any time as well! Don't forget: the Parent Portal is another great tool for keeping up to date on student grades and attendance. The more proactive our approach is in supporting students, the greater the benefits in the long run. Together we can help all of our students maximize their potential. Have a great weekend. Go Rockets!

Sincerely,

Paul Menard  
Principal

# Important Dates and Reminders

## ***MEA Weekend***

There will be no school October 18th-20th for students due to MEA weekend. The Class Schedule will be the same as if we were in a regular full week (Monday/Odd and Tuesday/Even)

## ***Picture Retake Day***

Picture Retake Day is October 23rd from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please be sure to wear school appropriate clothing and no hats.

## ***Conferences***

Fall Conferences are coming up!

When: October 26th, 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

This is a great opportunity to talk 1:1 with your child's teachers about their progress in school.

## ***Winter Activities***

Winter Activities Registration is now OPEN!

Go to <https://www.rockford.k12.mn.us/activities/registration> to find a list of winter activities offered and to register!

For students interested in the One Act Play, please stop by the Activities Office for Information.

For students interested in Robotics, please reach out to the advisors.

# COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE MONTH

Did you know?

Almost ALL Minnesota colleges and universities are waiving application fees during the month of October for College Knowledge Month! Check out the list of schools at: [bit.ly/46vbEc3](https://bit.ly/46vbEc3)



Looking ahead!

Here is [What to Know about the 24-25 FAFSA](#)

## **Ready, Set, FAFSA!**

**Create Your FSA ID:** A FREE webinar

This session will go through a step by step walk through for parents and students on how to create your FSA ID.

When: Tuesday, Oct. 17th at 7:00 pm

To Register: Go to <https://bit.ly/RSFAFSA> to register to attend.

Students who attend are eligible for a \$500 scholarship drawing!

Interpreters **ARE** available.

# FAFSA CHANGES!

## New Timeline

- FAFSA is scheduled to open in December.

## New Wording

- FAFSA will have several new terms and wording. Attend the FREE webinars to make sure you are familiar with the new FAFSA before the application process begins.

## Create Your ID NOW

- Students and all contributors will each need to create a unique FSA ID. Creating your ID is not instant, so get this done in advance. Use this link to get step by step instructions on how to Create Your ID.

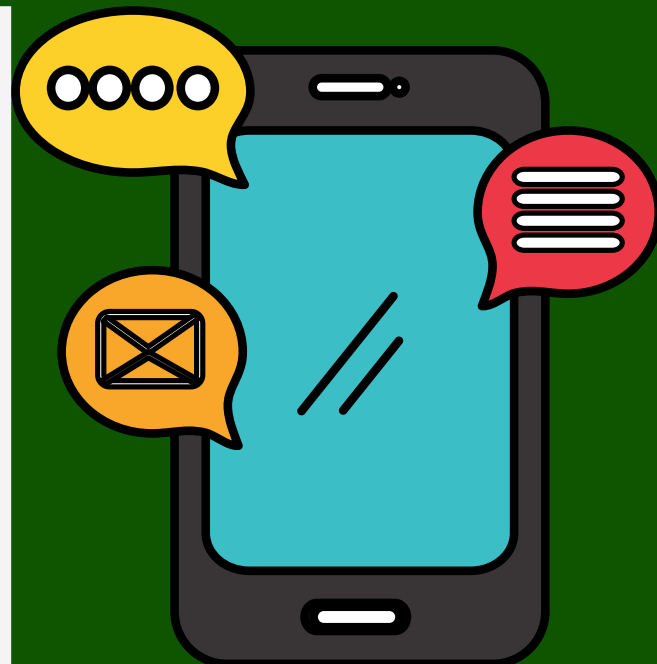
### **Resources for Parents AND Students**

#### FSA Partner E-Mails

- Subscribe to receive ongoing E-Mail updates from the Federal Student Aid: Outreach Partners

#### **Customer Service Center**

- Connect with FSA service centers to assist students, parents and borrowers: Help Center



# Yearbook Information

It's YEARBOOK TIME! Below is the ordering information for the 2023/2024 Rockford High School Yearbook!



## 9th GRADE to SENIORS!

Yearbook orders can be placed HERE.

The current price is \$60 with an additional charge for icons. The price increases to \$65 on **November 6** so order your student(s) a yearbook now to save money!

## SENIORS!!!!

Senior Pictures can be submitted using this link HERE.

The deadline is **February 11, 2024 at 11:59pm!** (Chrome is the recommended browser to use when submitting photos.)

Senior Recognition/Baby Ads can be purchased and photos submitted by clicking this link HERE. Then, scroll down and click on Yearbook Ads, then click on Recognition Ads. You will need to set up an account with Josten's and then you will be able to upload the photo, choose the layout of the design, and create your message. The cost is \$25 to purchase the Recognition Ad space! The deadline is February 11, 2024 at 11:59pm. (Chrome is the recommended browser to use when purchasing the ad space.)

Please contact Stephanie O'Neal Sauer at [sauers@rockford.k12.mn.us](mailto:sauers@rockford.k12.mn.us) with any questions!

# Wreath Sale!

**Spruce up your home this season by purchasing a holiday wreath through NW Area Jaycees and Prom 2024!**

When: Now through October 30th.

Pick-Up Date: November 22nd from 4 pm - 6 pm

Location: RCC Parking Lot

Pay cash, check or Venmo @classof2025RHS

**THANK YOU AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT**

**Click this link to order: Wreath Sale**

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# October School Store Calendar

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## School Store October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Store Hours: 5:30pm -8:30pm C/JV/V Volleyball	<b>6</b> Store Hours: 6:30pm -End of Half *at field V Football	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Store Hours: 5:30pm-8:30pm C/JV/V Volleyball	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Store Hours: 4:00pm-7:00pm RMS Conferences	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Store Hours: 4:30pm-7:30pm RHS Conferences	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

Dates and times subject to change based on event changes. Any changes will be updated and posted on our social media platforms.

# Taher is Hiring!

To Apply, go to

[bit.ly/RockfordHero](http://bit.ly/RockfordHero)



**WE  
ARE HIRING**

- \* Work in the Rockford Schools
- \* No nights or weekends
- \* Same schedule as the school
- \* Free meals and uniforms
- \* Rewarding work in a fun atmosphere

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