Weekly Parent Bulletin

#### November 3rd, 2023

### ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL







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CIS Biology Class at St. Cloud State University

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Greetings RHS Families,

FOR A QUICK, EASY TO READ VERSION CLICK HERE.

It's been another busy week at Rockford High School. Particularly, it's because we are entering midterm, which is the end of the first quarter and marks the halfway point of the semester. Midterm grades will be finalized and posted next week. Please know that these grades are not reflected anywhere on a student's permanent transcript. Rather, it is a great indicator of how the student has performed on the whole to this point. If the grade does not align with the original academic goal for the class, it's a great moment for reflection. If the grade surpasses expectations, it's a great moment for celebration!

We have some pretty great students in this school. I've gotten a chance to visit classrooms and speak with students more than usual this week. I've heard about jobs, relationships, school 'stuff', dreams, future plans, and more. I've seen compassion, students caring and advocating for one another, and other really positive moments. Please look for these moments at home, call them out, and reinforce the positive behaviors. They deserve it (especially at midterm time)! Have a great weekend. Go Rockets!

Sincerely,

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Paul Menard Principal

## **November Reminders**

### Winter Activities

Winter Activities Registration is now OPEN! Go to <u>https://www.rockford.k12.mn.us/activities/registration</u> 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.

### School Closed

School closed on Monday, November 6th for Staff Development

### Winter Activities Meeting

There will be a winter sports meeting planned for Monday evening at 6:00 pm in the RHS Auditorium. It is highly recommended you attend if you plan on participating in a winter sport. If you cannot attend, please reach out to the coach for more information about the season.

### Lockdown Drill

There will be a lockdown drill on November 8th at 9:20 am.

### Fall Break

School will be closed November 22nd through the 24th for Fall Break!

## Parking Permit Reminder

### **ALL students and parents:**

If your student(s) drives to school, they MUST have a parking permit. This is for your student's safety and for the school's safety. They need to update this every year, so last year's pass

They need to update this every year, so last year's pass will not be valid.

To obtain a parking pass, go to the High School Home page, click on Student Services, then click on Forms. From there you will select RHS Parking Permit Request Form. Or you can click on the link <u>HERE</u>.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will need to fill this out. Once it has been completed, your student must stop by the front office to collect their parking pass.

Just a reminder, these parking passes are valid for the student lot only. The lot outside the front office is meant for visitors and staff so make sure you are parked in the correct area. Thank you for your cooperation!

## **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 <u>HERE</u>.

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

<u>Senior Recognition/Baby Ads</u> can be purchased and photos submitted by clicking this link <u>HERE</u>. 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 <a href="mailto:sauers@rockford.k12.mn.us">sauers@rockford.k12.mn.us</a> with any questions!

### Highschool Fall Band Concert \*\*\*\* VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Join us on Thursday, November 9th for our "Forever Remembered, A Veteran's Day Tribute" Fall Band Concert as we honor our past and current service members in our armed forces.

This concert will feature our Indoor Marching Band and all 3 high school Ensembles, as well as our Flag Team and Drumline!

When: Thursday, November 9th at 7:30 pm in the HS Gymnasium

### **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!**

Join us for our 11th Annual Music at Rockford Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! When: Thursday, November 9th Time: 5:30 - 7:00 pm Where: Rockford High School Commons We are currently taking preorders and they are due by Friday, November 3rd to Mr. Ferdig. Checks must be made out to "Rocket Boosters"

### <u>Tickets are on sale now for the</u> <u>2023 Event!</u>

Join us for the Rockford Education Foundation's biggest fundraising event supporting the Rockford Are a Schools! \*Not an ISD 883 Sponsored Event\*



*Theme*: Saturday Night Live (costumes encouraged!) *Event Details:* Friday, November 17th, 2023 6:00pm - 11:00 pm Rush Creek Golf Club, Maple Grove

Purchase Tickets: <u>www.rockford23.givesmart.com</u> \$75/per person (part of your ticket is a donation)

#### Fundraising Goal:

Full-fill the wish lists from all three schools! Next week we will roll out all the Fund-A-Need opportunities to support your school!

<u>Thanks to our Champion Sponsors!</u> Apple Roofing and Total Strength Fitness

# Fall Musical!



## **Field Trips and Activities**



On October 27th, AVID students had an opportunity to visit St. Cloud Technical and Community College where they got a chance to learn about possible future careers!









On October 30th, Rockford FFA students hit the road for FFA Nationals in Indianapolis! To keep up to date on all of the activities the students are participating in, checkout their Facebook Page!





On November 1st, the CIS Biology class took a trip to Saint Cloud State's Robert Wick Science Building to participate in a college lab to test the effects of various chemical stimulants and depressants on the heart rate of a model organism!



Students in the International Baccalaureate Career Pathway Program volunteered at Riverworks Thrift Shop on Thursday, November 2nd to earn service learning hours toward the requirements for the program!







DECA Students attended the Back 2 Business Conference on October 30th in Minneapolis in preparation for their upcoming DECA competitions! Congratulations to Gwen Keller, Joey Klaith, Eddie Binsfeld and Eli Von Holtum on their wins!



AVID Student 's participate in many fun fall activities such as candlelight journaling, checkers and creating a fall and Halloween display!