Weekly Parent Bulletin

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ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL





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Greetings RHS Families,

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There is a lot to look forward to at Rockford High School! Tonight many folks will attend the Rockford Education Foundation Gala at Rush Creek Golf Course. Having worked with and for several nonpublic agencies/schools, I have witnessed a variety of academic boosters, PTAs, ambassadors, development, and advancement efforts throughout my career. I believe that our Education Foundation is among the best I've ever seen. Their hands on support, consistent communication, and efforts to provide more resources to increase the student experience are impressive and appreciated. Thank you to all of those who donate, who will attend this evening, and who choose to invest in our children.

Tonight is opening night for our fall musical, "Bye Bye Birdie". This classic romp will be playing through Sunday, so find a time to attend. Our cast, crew, and adult staff have been working so hard to create a quality show; I'm really excited to see the production.

Our winter sports season is gearing up to be exciting. While we have some early injuries, we look forward to cheering on our student athletes; home games are just around the corner!

NEXT WEEK: students have school Monday (Day 1) and Tuesday (Day 2). Have a great weekend. Go Rockets!

Sincerely,

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Paul Menard Principal

<u>Reminder!</u>

There will be NO SCHOOL November 22nd through November 24th for Thanksgiving Break.

School Store Hours

Not and ISD 883 Sponsored Event



School Store November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Store Hours:	10	11
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				5:00pm-8:00pm HS Band Dinner		
				& Concert		
12	12	14	15		17	10
12	13	14	15	16		18
					Store Hours:	Store Hours:
		-			5:30pm-7:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
					District Musical	District Musical
					Bye Bye Birdie	Bye Bye Birdie
19 Store Hours:	20	21	22	23	24	25
12:30pm-2:30pm						
District Musical						
Bye Bye Birdie						
26	27	28 Store Hours:	29	30 Store Hours:		
		5:30pm-8:30pm		5:30pm-8:30pm		
		JV/V Girls		JV/V Girls		
		Basketball		Basketball		

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

Job Opportunity!



Apply online at <u>www.fourpointo.com</u> or call 763-477-6100!

<u>Change to Chill</u>

As the holiday season approaches, November can be a great time to connect with friends and family members. However, this may also be a time that individuals deal with loss or grief for those no longer with us.



It's important to reflect on how we are feeling. Change to Chill offers coping strategies and ways to care for yourself and others during challenging times. Learn more <u>HERE</u>.

Financial Aid Information Night

Mound Westonka High School will be hosting a Financial Aid Information Night for all senior families and has invited Rockford High School senior families to join!

When: Monday, December 4th Time: 6:30-7:30 pm Where: MWHS Performing Arts Center 5905 Sunnyfield Rd E, Minnetrista, MN

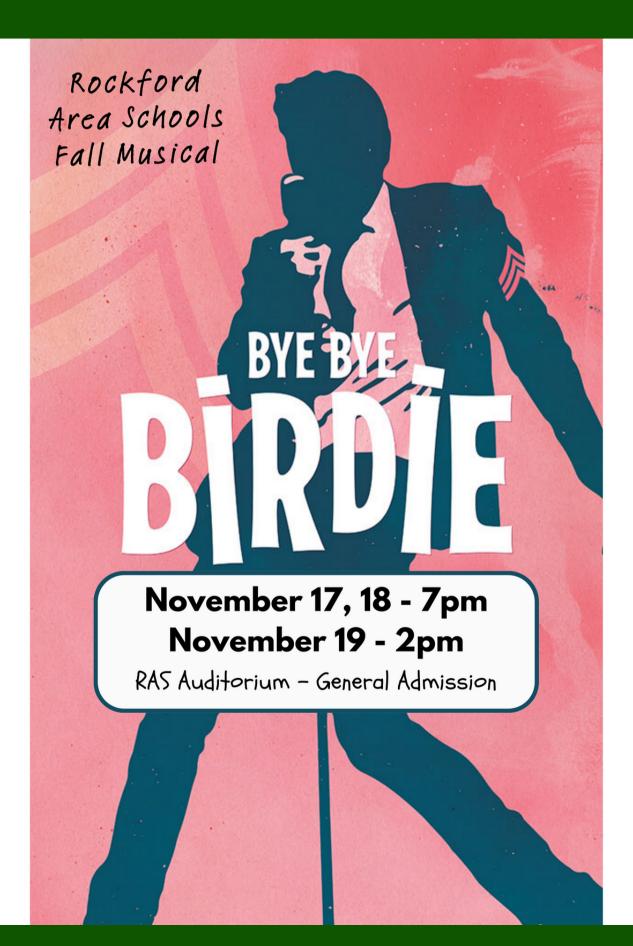
Speaker: **Susan Ant**, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships at Normandale Community College

Topics: Financial Aid topics including the following:

- Changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - new for students enrolling in college Fall 2024 and beyond.
- Financial Aid process and timeline.
- Guidance for completing the FAFSA.

Q&A and time for individual questions will follow the large group presentation.

Fall Musical!



AVID Teacher Grant

AVID Elective teacher **Polly Trandahl** applied for a teacher mini grant and received over \$800 from the <u>Education Foundation</u> to create posters around *WICOR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading)*, IB Learner Profiles, and ATL's (Approaches to Learning).





This shows collaboration between our International *Baccalaureate Programming* and our *AVID program*.

Field Trip

Our students attended a field trip to Buhler Minneapolis, located in Plymouth, to learn about apprenticeship programs in Business and Mechatronics. Each Apprenticeship program at Buhler Minneapolis is certified by the Industry Consortium for Advanced Technical Training (ICATT), apprentices will earn an associate degree from Hennepin Technical College (HTC) while gaining valuable experience working at Buhler.

To learn more about the apprenticeships, follow the link <u>Buhler Apprenticeship Academy</u>







Congratulations to senior Harrison Brun!



Harrison made this year's Minnesota High School Football All-Star Game roster for Team North! He is the 3rd student in Rockford history to achieve this accomplishment! Come out and support him on Saturday, December 2nd at U.S. Bank Stadium at the 50th All-Star Game! Kickoff is at 1:00 pm.

<u>Prom Fundraising</u>

Not ISD 883 Sponsored Events



We are raising money for Rockford Prom, and would like YOU to win CA\$H! Tickets are \$5 and you do not have to be present to win.

If you would like a ticket, or two or ten let the Prom Committee know at <u>Classof2O25RHS@gmail.com</u> or contact Amy Edwards, Amy Kloss, Denise Engerbretson, Jamie Moran, Jessica Mclerny, Kate Perry or Robyn Schuman. We appreciate your Support!

Food Shelf

Every year, we partner with <u>Riverworks Food Shelf</u> to help support our community before the holiday season. Last year we raised over \$500 thanks to all of the generous donation!

As we plan our upcoming celebrations, we at Rockford Area Schools are asking that you take time to think of others who are less fortunate.

Please consider making a donation that works for your family to help relieve the stress of others during this time. If you are unable to donate, we are asking families and staff to donate money on-line directly to Riverworks.
With the financial support, they will be able to purchase the food to fill their shelves. Please follow the directions below to donate. Any dollar amount helps! Thank you for supporting our community and partnering with Rockford Area Schools. Happy Holidays!

Here's how to give:

- 1. Go to <u>https://bit.ly/3FOGRLY</u>
- 2. Click on the FUND drop down menu
- 3. Select ROCKFORD SCHOOL HOLIDAY DRIVE



Can't make it to the fall event?

You can still support the Rockford Education Foundations' largest event!

You can do this by participating in our *online silent auction* or *donating to the Fund-A-Need!*

Online Silent Auction

If you like a good silent auction, you do not want to miss this one! The timing is perfect with the holidays right around the corner! Event Website: <u>https://Rockford23.givesmart.com</u> Auction starts on **November 15th at Noon!**

Donate to one of these 10 Fund-A-Needs!

1.CNA	6. Deep Portage Scholarships
2.Welding	7. Classroom Seating
3.General Woods	8. Theater Program
4.College and Career	9. Keyboards
5.STEM Organizer Cart	10. Technology
Click HERE to see the detailed list	

Donate here: <u>https://www.rockfordfoundation.org/2023-donate/</u> Select a fund-a-need from the drop down menu. Donate by November 16th to get your donation added to our goal thermometers!

Note: Donating is also available on the event website along with the auction. Event Website: <u>https://Rockford23.givesmart.com</u> *Not an ISD 883 Sponsored Event*