

# ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL

## IB WORLD SCHOOL



# 2024

## HAPPY NEW YEAR



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January 12th, 2024  
Greetings RHS Families,

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

I hope the new year is treating you well! As we continue to refine and reimagine our communication strategies for families I wanted to make you aware of an exciting development. This will be the last week of our Weekly Parent Bulletin in its current form. Beginning on 2/2 we will launch a Monthly Newsletter for each building across the district. We will supplant information that could typically be found in our weekly communication and place it on our website ([www.rockford.k12.mn.us](http://www.rockford.k12.mn.us)). It is our intention to more fully utilize the website and all of its capabilities to become a reliable source of information for internal and external audiences, provide information that you can access at your convenience, and reduce frequency of multiple emails at once across the district. As an added benefit, we see opportunities to more fully utilize social media effectively and reduce the amount of repetitive information, missed information getting caught in SPAM filters via email, and the ability to differentiate messages to specialized audiences. In the newly formatted Monthly Newsletter you can expect important dates, a retrospective of the month prior, previews of upcoming events, special highlights marking significant dates and milestones throughout the month forthcoming, notable updates from departments and school officials, and more. We hope you enjoy this new approach!

Sincerely,

Paul Menard  
Principal

# **Classroom Procedure Change:** **Effective Immediately.**

Due to an increase in traffic in the halls, bathrooms and common areas during classroom time (our Safety Specialist tracked a sampling of 8 minutes with 26 students entering and exiting one set of restrooms), we are instituting a rule effective immediately that has been put in place periodically since our return from COVID in the Fall of 2022. As opposed to living room virtual learning, students continue to need re-learning in a school setting about arriving to class on time and maximizing time in the classroom.

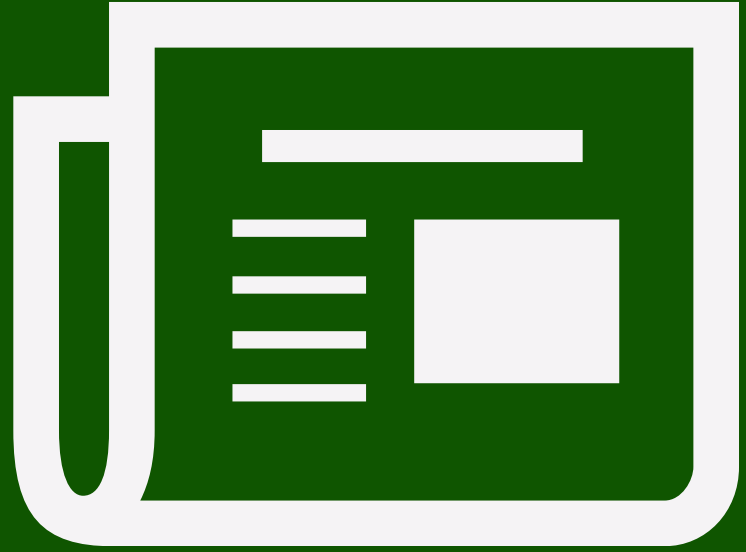
Excluding emergencies, students will not be allowed out of the classroom on a block during the first and last 20 minutes of class time. Similarly, on a Flex Friday schedule, students will not be allowed out during the first and last 10 minutes of class.

We continue to emphasize research-backed findings that confirm a direct correlation between regular classroom attendance and academic achievement. Please speak with your child about timing out restroom breaks, visits to teachers and office staff, and socialization. We want them in the classrooms and actively engaged.

# Newspaper Change Notice

On January 9th, the school board made the decision to change the Legal newspaper to the Wright County Journal Press. All legal notices will be printed in the Wright County Journal Press.

You can subscribe by clicking [HERE](#).



## DECA Project Survey

*Dear Parents/Guardians*

As part of a DECA project, students are collecting responses in the following questionnaire. This is optional for students to participate. Please review the content of the questionnaire and speak with your child about whether or not you'd permit them to complete it.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwVPBFZrknmnTC\\_7ZAuRTz0SI99KdUfQntDkfaatKxa0QuQA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwVPBFZrknmnTC_7ZAuRTz0SI99KdUfQntDkfaatKxa0QuQA/viewform)



# New Year, New Social Connections

Make 2024 the year you make new social connections- with neighbors, community members, and family members. Research shows that social connections offer many benefits- and can even extend your life. Start the process now- for yourself and your loved ones.

- Power off your phone and other screens, You'll find you have more time for in-person connections which are good for your body and mind.
- Learn more about healthy communication and how it can improve your relationships. Curiosity, storytelling and humor can help you connect across differences.
- Engage in new activities through classes and social groups. Community education classes are a great way for people of all ages to learn and make new acquaintances.
- Volunteering has many benefits- for the volunteer and our community. It can also be an inter-generational activity that builds new social connections.
- Take time to think about your values and what matters to you. This will help you identify who you might want to include in your social circle.
- Recognize that social connections can span generations. Hobbies such as music, games and crafts appeal to all ages.



# Wright County Conference Honor Band

On Saturday, January 6th, 9 members of the Rockford Band program were selected to this year's Wright County Conference Honor Band.

The students selected were: *Auryn Rayller* on flute, *Haedyn Barkeim* on alto saxophone, *Elise Dieter* on trumpet, *Braydon Clarkson* on french horn, *Robert Ferdig* on trombone, *Sarah Buchholtz* on baritone, *Chase Evans* on tube, *Alexander Nixon* on bass (not pictured) and *Logan Perkins* (performed with the Honor Choir).

The guest condctor for the band was *Dr. Heidi Johanna Miller* from Gustavus College.

This one-day honor band concluded with a final concert at 4:30 pm in the Performing Arts Canter at Delano High School. Congratulations to our fine musicians!



# 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 \$65 with an additional charge for icons.

## **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.)

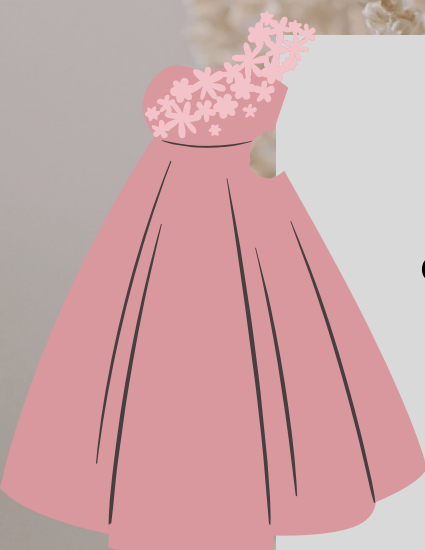
**Senior Recognition/Baby Ads** can be purchased and photos submitted by clicking this link [HERE](#). Then, scroll down and click on Yearbook Ads, then click on Recognition Ads. You will need to set up an account with Josten's and then you will be able to upload the photo, choose the layout of the design, 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!

**\*\*Not an ISD 883 Sponsored Event\*\***



# *Snow Week & Prom Dress Donations*



Semi- Formal and Formal dresses filling your closet? Bring them to ours! RHS is accepting donations for Snow Week and Prom 2024. Bring items in good condition & on a hanger to: RHS Main Office (during school hours) between  
January 29-February 2



# January School Store Hours

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## School Store January 2024

| Sunday | Monday                                       | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday                                      | Friday   | Saturday |
|--------|--|---|-----------|---|--|----------|
|        | 1  | 2   | 3         | 4   | 5  | 6        |
|        |  |   |           |   |  |          |
| 7      | 8  | 9   | 10        | 11  | 12   | 13       |
|        |  | Store Hours:<br>5:30p-8:30p<br>JV/V Girls BB                  |           |   | Store Hours:<br>5:30p-8:30p<br>Girls & Boys BB |          |
| 14     | 15   | 16  | 17        | 18  | 19   | 20       |
|        | Store Hours:<br>5:30p-8:30p<br>JV/V Girls BB |   |           |   |  |          |
| 21     | 22   | 23  | 24        | 25  | 26   | 27       |
|        |  | Store Hours:<br>5:30p-8:30p<br>C/JV/V Boys BB<br>*YOUTH NIGHT |           | Store Hours:<br>6:00p-8:00p<br>JV/V Wrestling | Store Hours:<br>5:30p-8:30p<br>Girls & Boys BB |          |
| 28     | 29   | 30  | 31        |   |  |          |
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Dates and times subject to change based on event changes. Any changes will be updated and posted on our social media platforms.

# Job Opportunity!



**STOP**  
the kids  
really need  
you!

**FLEXIBILITY**  
**NO SUMMERS**  
**NO EVENINGS**  
**NO WEEKENDS**  
**PAID TRAINING**  
**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

Transportation is needed for kids to attend school, after school activities, and sports. Call or stop in to take a drive in a bus and see if you are a fit! It's a great opportunity for any teachers, coaches, paraprofessionals, retired individuals, and parents that want to support their children's educations.

**Help Your Community**  
**DRIVE THE FUTURE OF ROCKFORD**

APPLY ONLINE AT [WWW.FOURPOINTO.COM](http://WWW.FOURPOINTO.COM)  
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