

# ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL

## IB WORLD SCHOOL



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Sydney Colton on flute (not pictured), Olivia Kissner on clarinet, Alexandra Nixon on bass, Aric Beardsley on french horn, Justin Ziemiecki on tenor saxophone, Thomas (TJ) Barrows on trombone, and Elise Dieter on trumpet participating in the Gustavus Honor Band (November 5th and 6th)

December 1st, 2023

Greetings RHS Families,

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

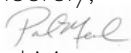
This week we opened our winter activity season, and our students are off to a great start! We also welcome the month of December in our building. During the month of November we observed Native American Heritage Month. This month we will celebrate Holidays Around the World. Our halls are beginning to look festive, and it will culminate in a Rocket Block holiday door decorating contest.

Speaking of Rocket Block, we are excited to continue to implement our Responsive Scheduling model for Rocket Block. This will allow even more intentional opportunities for academic intervention and personal enrichment. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for specific study sessions, test/assignment makeup, health and wellness, and fulfilling community building activities that match their personal interests. Please ask your children about the Rocket Blocks they have signed up for during the month of December to best support them in their academic goals and personal health and wellness.

Building update: I want to make you aware of a recent implementation of a new practice within our school district, specifically, the decision to lock open some public restrooms starting December 1st, 2023. The decision to enforce this new safety measure has been made by the district administration with the utmost consideration for the betterment of the student experience.

Have a great weekend. Go Rockets!

Sincerely,

  
Paul Menard  
Principal

# 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.

# MASE President's Scholarship

Each year, the President of MASE has the privilege of honoring a graduate of the district(s) they serve with a \$1000 scholarship.

The recipient should be a student from a MAWSECO member district who's graduating from high school in the current school year majoring in a special education field (special education teacher, school psychologist, speech and language pathologist, etc).

If your student has an interest in any of these careers, please see the link below for the application!

*MASE President's Scholarship Application*

## Job Opportunity!



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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.

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# 2023 Football Award Winners

*Most Valuable Defensive Lineman-* Nathan Woodward

*Most Valuable Linebacker-* Phil Gorder

*Most Valuable Defensive Back-* Wilson Sanderson

*Defensive Player of the Year-* Harrison Brun

*Most Valuable Offensive Lineman-* Sam Stuckmayer

*Most Valuable Offensive Back-* Tim Houghton

*Most Valuable Receiver-* William Graunke

*Offensive Player of the Year-* Logan Stedman

*Most Improved Player Offense-* Ryan Schuman

*Most Improved Player Defense-* Max Edwards

*Special Teams Player of the Year-* Will Luckett

*Scout Team Player of the Year-* Dalton Larson

*All District-*

1st Team: Harrison Brun, Logan Stedman, Tim Houghton, Aiden Smith, Wilson Sanderson, Phil Gorder

2nd Team: Sam Stuckmayer, Owen Boerboom, Nathan Woodward, Josiah Zilmer

*Kare 11 All Metro-* #24 Harrison Brun

*All Section-* Avery MacDonald, William Graunke, Brian Schloeder and William Luckett

Our team was awarded for 13 of the last 14 years the Minnesota Coaches Association Academic All-State Award

*Academic All District Awards:* Owen Boerboom, Ben Johnson, Brian Schloeder, Aiden Smith, Josiah Zilmer, Parker Boede, Max Edwards, Jaden Kolhei, Riley Moran, Aiden Rund and Ryan Schuman



# Native American Heritage Month

To recognize Native American Heritage, Rockford High School utilized bulletin boards, our main office windows, and display cases to showcase artifacts, and display information about Native American Heritage month.

11th grade student Avery Jackson came up with the idea to translate our common language in Dakota and Ojibwe to educate our students and staff on native language!



# Prom Fundraising

\*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 [Classof2025RHS@gmail.com](mailto:Classof2025RHS@gmail.com) 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 Riverworks Food Shelf 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 <https://bit.ly/3FOGRLY>
2. Click on the FUND drop down menu
3. Select **ROCKFORD SCHOOL HOLIDAY DRIVE**