

26-27 Rebel Report

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September 11, 2026

SAFETY ALERT: STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP REMINDER

⚠ SAFETY ALERT

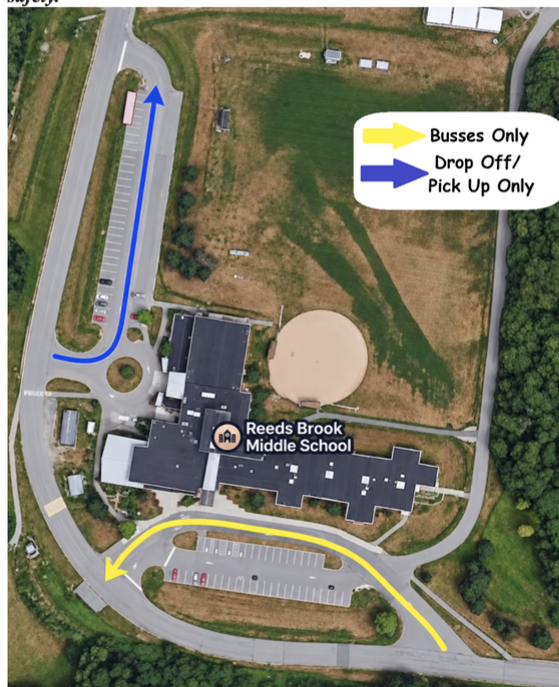
We Need Your Help With Our Traffic Pattern

Reeds Brook Middle School

Student drop off and pick up is at the **GYM ENTRANCE**.

Drop Off: 7:15 – 7:35 AM • Pick Up: 1:45 – 2:10 PM

Please pull all the way up and drop your student off close to the doors so every family can load and unload safely.



Follow the arrows above:

● Yellow — Busses Only

● Blue — Drop Off / Pick Up Only

Thank you for helping us keep every Reeds Brook student safe.



WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear RBMS Families,

Our Rebels are off to a great start this year! It's exciting to see students connecting, both in and out of school. Athletics are in full swing!

NWEA Testing

We begin NWEA Math and Reading benchmark testing on Monday, September 14th and Tuesday, September 15th. This data helps us support learners, target growth, and find the just-right amount of productive struggle for each student.

Clubs

Next week we kick off our after-school clubs! All clubs begin next week, with one exception: Show Choir will start later, on Tuesday, 9/22.

Morning Clubs (7:00–7:40 AM)

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Jazz Band – Max Carter
- Tuesday, Thursday: Show Choir – Jessica Kust (starts 9/22)

Afternoon Clubs (2:00–3:00 PM)

- Monday: TombStone (Carol Gourmelon), Art Club (Connor Reese), Tech Club (Judi Michalik), Math Club (Dorothy), Yearbook (every other week)
- Tuesday: TombStone (Carol Gourmelon), Garden Club (Stacy LaBree & Danielle McKinley)
- Wednesday: Chess Club – Dorothy
- Thursday: Unified – Andrea Lee
- Friday: Writing (Tracy Cowan), Role Playing Games (Juliet Stoneton)

Reminder: Students must turn in a completed permission form to participate in clubs.

After School Bus: If your student needs to ride the After School Bus, please email rbmsoffice@rsu22.us to let us know.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Warmly,

Jen Cyr, Principal



September 2026 — A/B/C/D/E/F Day Rotation

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 A First Day of School	1 B Day	2 C Day	3 D Day	4 E Day
7 Labor Day	8 F Day	9 A Day	10 B Day	11 C Day
14 D Day	15 E Day	16 F Day	17 A Day	18 B Day
21 C Day	22 D Day	23 E Day	24 F Day	25 A Day
28 B Day	29 C Day	30 D Day		

☐ Holiday / No School
 ☐ No School (Weekend)
 Letter = Rotation Day (A–F)

LUNCH MENU

14	15	16	17	18
Popcorn Chicken Bowl <i>Crispy white chicken with Mashed Potato, Corn, & Gravy</i> Dinner Roll	Cheesy Breadstick Dippers <i>Savory baked whole grain sticks with Tomato Marinara Dipping Sauce</i>	Chicken Caesar Salad <i>Romaine lettuce tossed with chicken, parmesan cheese, homemade croutons, and Caesar Dressing</i> Garlic Bread	Hamburger <i>USDA Beef Patty on a whole grain bun with choice of American Cheese and toppings</i> French Fries	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 



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Music Corner

RBMS MUSIC NEWS

BEYOND NOTES AND RHYTHMS

WHAT DO I NEED?

CONCERT ATTIRE FOR BAND AND CHORUS:

The purpose of our dress code is for the integrity of performance. Students have two options for concert attire.

- 1 Black dress shirt, polo or blouse, black slacks/dress pants, black socks, black dress shoes. Ties optional but encouraged.
- 2 Black Dress (must be all black, and at/past the knee), and black dress shoes/flats.

We have a good supply of concert attire that has been donated, please reach out to Mr. Carter if you require assistance or have questions about concert attire.

BAND INSTRUMENT SUPPLIES:

I keep a supply of various instrument supplies on hand, but students should have their own to use at home during practice. This includes reeds, valve/slide oil, cork grease, and cleaning cloths/swabs. Specific supplies for each instrument are included in the band syllabus.



WATER BOTTLE:

Students in both band and chorus should have a water-tight water bottle (sorry, Stanley fans). A water bottle is a required material for Chorus students.



THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL ISSUE!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

We are so excited to get the year started and have some great music, fun events, and enriching musical opportunities planned. RBMS has two performing ensembles, Concert Band and Chorus, which meet during the school day. These ensembles meet by grade level in two sections and are curricular classes that are aligned with the Maine state learning results.

In addition to band and chorus, we offer two co-curricular performing ensembles for students. Jazz Band and Show Choir meet before school and perform at festivals and compete in state competitions. Students must be enrolled in the curricular counterpart (band or chorus) to participate.

Information about ensembles is shared on google classroom for all students to access and the weekly Rebel Report will also have music postings. In addition, Mr. Carter will communicate with families using email and quarterly newsletters. Please check these places often to stay up to date on events, such as performances which are required to meet Maine Learning Results standards. Please carefully check the calendar on the following page and mark your calendars for these required performances.

Prior to concerts and other music events, a sign-up link will be shared that will provide ways for parents to help. We appreciate your support and are looking forward to a great year!

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Maxwell Carter, Music Director Email: mcarter@rsu22.us

Performing Ensembles Calendar 2026 -2027

(Updated 9/11/26)

September 14th: Jazz Band Rehearsals Begin

October 9th: Jazz Band Symposium @ UMaine 1944 Hall, 8am - 3pm

November 7th: District 5 Honors Chorus Festival

December 7th: BAND WINTER CONCERT @ HA PAC, 6:30 PM

December 9th: CHORUS WINTER CONCERT @ HA PAC, 6:30 PM

December 15th: "Baby it's cool outside" Jazz Concert @ RBMS, 6:30 PM

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January/February 2027: Middle School Pep Band Night @ HA

January 23rd: 7+8 Chorus SSB @ UMaine Hockey VS. UMass Lowell

February 10th: District Jazz Festival @ Nokomis HS

February 24th: Vocal Jazz District Festival @ Stearns HS

March 9th: RSU22 Jazz Night @ HA PAC, 6:30pm

March 20th: State Jazz Festival @ Stearns HS

April 7th: RSU 22 Show Choir Concert @ HA PAC, 6:30pm

April 8th and 9th: Honors Jazz Festival @ BHS

April 10th: State Vocal Jazz Festival @ Stearns HS

April 15th: SPRING BAND CONCERT @ HA PAC, 6:30 PM

May 1st: Honors Band Festival @ BHS

May 12th: SPRING CHORUS CONCERT @ HA PAC, 6:30 PM

May: "Swinging into Summer" Jazz Night @ RBMS, 6:30 PM

May/June: Concert for Weatherbee Students @ RBMS Gym, School Day

May 28th: Moosepoint Trip (Grade 6 Band/Chorus)

June 5th: Funtown Trip (Grades 7 and 8 Band/Chorus)

Dates/times may be subject to change, and will be communicated via email

When do we meet?

**Chorus
A, C, and E Days**

**Band
B, D, and F Days**

Sectionals Schedule

A: Flute

B: Clarinet

C: Saxophone

D: Trumpet

E: Trombone/Tuba/Bass

F: Percussion/Keyboard

Jazz band meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday before school from 7 - 7:35, all are welcome!
Rehearsals start on Sep. 14th

Show choir meets from 7:00 - 7:35 before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Repair or supply needs?
Email Mr. Carter to place an order through David French and they will deliver to the school!

Rebels Sports

NEXT WEEK IN REBEL ATHLETICS

We have had a great kickoff to athletics this fall!

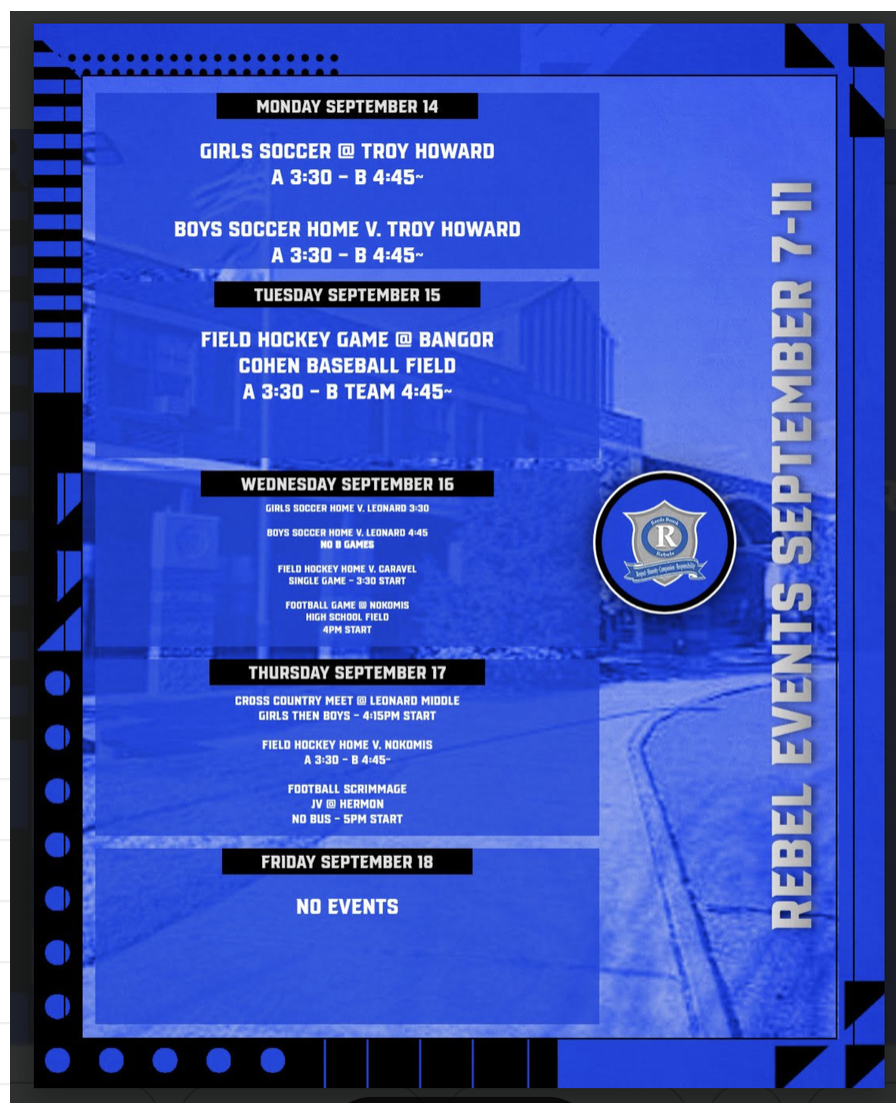
Congrats to Boys Soccer on their Victories over Hermon on Wednesdays and Congrats to Field Hockey on their strong victory over Leonard Middle School Thursday! We have also seen some strong competitive effort from Girls Soccer & Football! Looking forward to seeing Cross Country get to work next Thursday at their first meet of the season at Leonard Middle School!

Weekly Athletic Schedule 9/14-9/18

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QJouTVGFP5SLLTW8U4_qdXbe5-aAu_fNaaYlevhEirw/edit?usp=sharing

Master Schedule

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r2LKp5iZoMzn461-b8-3GOIZewVhVT2mYM5q8-JG7kY/edit?usp=sharing>



A poster titled "REBEL EVENTS SEPTEMBER 7-11" with a blue background and a black border. The poster lists athletic events for the week of September 14-18. A circular logo with a shield and the letter 'R' is on the right side.

Monday September 14
GIRLS SOCCER @ TROY HOWARD A 3:30 - B 4:45~
BOYS SOCCER HOME V. TROY HOWARD A 3:30 - B 4:45~

Tuesday September 15
FIELD HOCKEY GAME @ BANGOR COHEN BASEBALL FIELD A 3:30 - B TEAM 4:45~

Wednesday September 16
GIRLS SOCCER HOME V. LEONARD 3:30
BOYS SOCCER HOME V. LEONARD 4:45 NO B GAMES
FIELD HOCKEY HOME V. GARAVEL SINGLE GAME - 3:30 START
FOOTBALL GAME @ NOKOMIS HIGH SCHOOL FIELD 4PM START

Thursday September 17
CROSS COUNTRY MEET @ LEONARD MIDDLE GIRLS THEN BOYS - 4:15PM START
FIELD HOCKEY HOME V. NOKOMIS A 3:30 - B 4:45~
FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE JV @ HERMON NO BUS - 5PM START

Friday September 18
NO EVENTS



**7th GRADE TEAM BUILDING "ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE,
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH."**

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

-Helen Keller



Building Connections Through Art

Our 7th graders just completed a collaborative abstract art collage — and the result speaks for itself! Each student created their own unique panel using cut paper in navy and white, exploring shape, pattern, and negative space. Individually, each square tells its own story. Together, they form one striking, unified piece.

As Helen Keller reminds us: *"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*

Proud of the creativity, individuality, and teamwork on display here! 🎨

RMBS Yearbook Information:

2026 - 2027 Yearbooks can be ordered online ONLY at:

www.Treering.com → Buy a Yearbook
PassCode=1017259887783996
You will need to create an account to purchase

Copies of the Yearbook will NOT be available for purchase on-site at RBMS

The deadline to order a yearbook is:
Saturday, 5/1/2027

For 8th Graders Only:

Please email a baby or toddler photo of your 8th Grader to RBMSYearbook@RSU22.us by no later than 12/22. Photos must be in .jpg or .png format (iPhone HEIC photos and .pdf files can not be accepted.)

Please name the photo file your student's first and last name and include "(Student Name) Baby Photo" in the subject of your email.



Information about 8th Grade
Tribute Ads will be sent home
after winter break

BUS INFORMATION

Please see the attached LINK 22 article regarding all bus routes for the 26-27 school year. If you have any questions, please call Cyr Bus directly at 862-3984 and they'll be happy to answer your questions.



CYR BUS LINE: 207-862-3984



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ATTENDANCE COUNTS



School Calendar 2026-2027 (3).pdf

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PLANNED ABSENCE FORM

Regular school attendance is essential for academic success. When students miss school, they miss direct instruction, collaborative learning experiences, and important classroom interactions that cannot be fully replicated through make-up work. Research shows that students who miss more than 10% of school days (approximately 18 days per year) are at risk of falling behind academically, regardless of the reason for absence.

This [form](#) is required for planned absences of **three (3) or more** consecutive days. Return this form to the main office **five (5) school days** prior to date(s) of absence and no later than the start of classes on the first day of absence.

RSU #22
Parent Notification of Planned Absence

SECTION I: COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN:
This form is required for planned absences of **three (3) or more** consecutive days. Return this form to the main office **five (5) school days** prior to date(s) of absence and no later than the start of classes on the first day of absence.

Student's Name:	Date Submitted:
School & Grade Level:	Date(s) student will be absent:

Indicate the Purpose of Absence: (These are Excused Absences as Defined by State Statutes.)

☐ Educational (College visit, internship opportunity)	☐ Recreational (vacation, family reunion, etc.)
☐ Medical (Surgery, appointment that requires travel, etc.)	☐ Religious (Observance of a religious holiday)

Understanding the Impact of Absences on Learning:
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Please note: Live virtual online learning is not an option in RSU 22 for planned absences.

IMPORTANT: These days absent will be included in the total number of days absent as defined by the attendance policy and may lead to your child being considered chronically absent.

I acknowledge that not sending my child to school on these days may result in learning loss and understand the impact absences may have on my child's academic progress.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

RBMS WEBSITE

Bus Information

2026-2027 RSU 22 District Calendar Community Events

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

Reeds Brook Middle School

Handbook for Students and Families
2026-2027 School Year

Regional School Unit #22

RBMS Student Handbook 2026-2027

Reeds Brook Middle School Handbook for Students and Families
2026-2027 School Year Regional School Unit #22 Letter from the Principal Dear Students and Families, Please join the Reeds Brook staff in creating a supportive learning environment that challenges students to learn and grow. Our sch...

[docs.google.com](#)

Strategic Plan 2022-2027

Four Building Blocks

1	2	3	4
Student Success	Professional Excellence	Community Partnerships	Operational Excellence
Academic Excellence & Achievement	Recruitment & Retention	Family & Community Engagement	Budget Development
Foundational Skills	Professional Development	RSU 22 Educational Foundation	Fiscal & Facilities Management
Instructional Models	Best Practices	Communication & Transparency	Comprehensive Planning
Engagement		Campus Based Services	

About RBMS

Reeds Brook Middle School currently serves approximately 300 students from Hampden and Newburgh, as part of RSU 22. Students at RBMS are in grades 6-8. We challenge all students to achieve individual success in a supportive environment.



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Athletic Director: McKenzie Madden (mmadden@rsu22.us)

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