

26-27 Rebel Report

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September 18, 2026

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP REMINDER

⚠ SAFETY ALERT

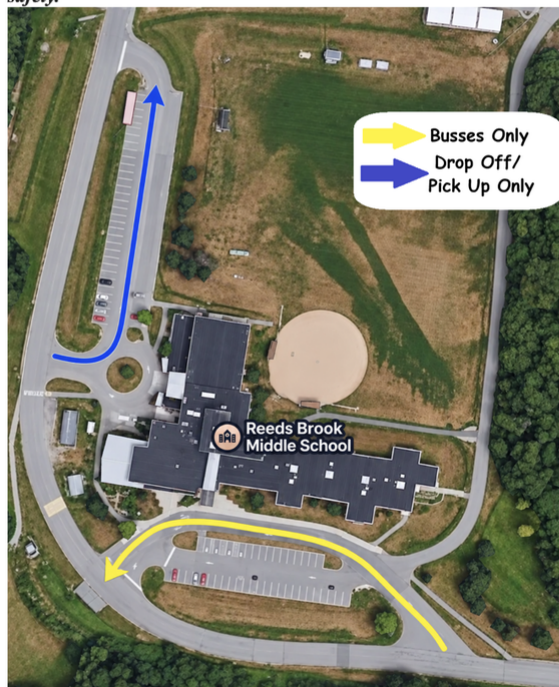
We Need Your Help With Our Traffic Pattern

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.



SPRIT WEEK THEMES FOR 9/21-9/25



WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Rebel Families,

This week, our students successfully completed Fall NWEA testing (Maine's Through the Year State Testing). These results give us valuable information for targeting both achievement and growth for every student.

Next week is RBMS Fall Spirit Week, held in conjunction with RSU 22's Homecoming! Each day has a fun theme for students to dress up and show their Rebel pride:

- **Monday, Sept. 21 – Jersey Day:** Sport your favorite team's jersey!
- **Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Lookalike Day:** Wear the same outfits as your friends!



- **Wednesday, Sept. 23 – Decades Day:** Dress like the '80s, '90s, or 2000s!
- **Thursday, Sept. 24 – Soccer Mom vs. BBQ Dad:** Tracksuits or cargo shorts. Pick your side!
- **Friday, Sept. 25 – Purple & White Day:** Show your support for the HA Broncos by wearing purple and white!

We'll cap off the week with our first all-school assembly. It's going to be a great week!
Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmly,
Jen Cyr, Principal

	Monday September 21	Tuesday September 22	Wednesday September 23	Thursday September 24	Friday September 25
Letter Day	C Day	D Day	E Day	F Day	A Day
Event	Jersey Day — sport your favorite team's jersey!	Lookalike Day — wear the same 'fits as your friends! Student Council's first meeting is after school Tuesday, 9/29, in Mrs. Kilgour's room.	Decades Day — dress like the 80s, 90s, or 2000s!	Soccer Mom vs. BBQ Dad — tracksuits or cargo shorts? Pick your side!	Purple & White Day — show support for the Hampden Academy Broncos by wearing purple & white!
Lunch	Pancakes — fluffy whole grain pancakes with syrup, Maine blueberries, and sausage	Chicken BLT Pasta Salad with garlic breadstick	Ham & Cheese Croissant with pickles & chips	Vanilla Yogurt Parfait with Maine blueberries, strawberries & granola; hashbrown potato	Pizza — cheese, pepperoni, & special
Sports Schedule	Cross Country: 2:10–3:45 Girls Soccer: 2:15–3:45 Field Hockey: At Troy Howard Middle School (bus leaves Reeds Brook 1:55) Boys Soccer: 3:45–5:15 Football: 5–7, at Hampden Academy	Cross Country: 2:10–3:45 Girls Soccer: At Ellsworth Middle School (bus leaves 1:55) Boys Soccer: Home vs. Ellsworth Field Hockey: 2:45–4:00, at the Hampden Academy Track Football: 5–7, at Hampden Academy	Cross Country: 2:10–3:45 Girls Soccer: 2:15–3:45 Field Hockey: At Brewer, 5:00 PM (bus leaves Reeds Brook 4:00) Boys Soccer: 3:45–5:15 Football: 5–7, at Hampden Academy	Cross Country: Host meet — Boys 4:15, then Girls Girls Soccer: Home vs. Brewer Boys Soccer: At Brewer (bus leaves 2:30) Field Hockey: Home vs. Hermon, A team only, 3:30 Football: 5–7, at Hampden Academy	Cross Country: 2:10–3:45 Girls Soccer: No game today Boys Soccer: No game today Field Hockey: 2:45–4:00, at the Hampden Academy Track Football: 5–7 PM, location TBD



HONORING OUR VETERANS

Honoring Our Veterans

Reeds Brook Middle School would like to honor our veterans! We invite students and staff to submit a photo of their Veteran(s), along with the following information:

- Veteran's name
- Branch of service
- Submitted by (your name)

Please bring your submission to one of our Social Studies teachers: Mrs. Gourmelon, Mr. Kash, or Ms. Oliver.

Thank you for helping us honor your Veteran(s)!



Fragrance-Free Environment

Reeds Brook is committed to a safe learning environment for students and staff with fragrance-related allergies, asthma, and chemical sensitivities. Students and staff are asked to refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, and other heavily scented products at school. We appreciate your cooperation.

TWINNING



Nurse's Corner



THE NURSE'S CORNER

Alison Ramsdell RN
aramsdell@rsu22.us
862-3540



THEY'RE BACK!

Welcome to the beginning of the school year! We are well into the swing of things now. Please make sure you have filled in the required **Annual Medical form** as it is necessary for us to make sure we have the most recent and updated health information. It is also the permit for your student to get acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil) if they need it during the school year. Simply click on the link below to fill out the form.



As our students again fill the halls, so do colds and flu. As we transition into Fall, it's important to remember the upcoming flu season. The CDC link to the Flu Guide to Parents is below.

[Flu guide for parents Flyer](#)

Quick tips to prevent colds and flu and stay healthy

- Wash your hands often.
- Cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve, completely covering your mouth and nose if no tissues are available.
- Be sure to get plenty of sleep. The proper amount of sleep can help bolster our immune system.
- The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

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 Calendar LINK

This Week From the Rebel Athletics Coaches Desk!

Another great week to be a Rebel Athlete!

Cross Country

The Reeds Brook Cross Country team traveled to Leonard Middle School in Old Town to compete against three other area schools, and every Rebel turned in a great race! Leading the way for the boys were Bennett Aronowitz, Kolten Worster, Kellen Madigan, and Brennan Driscoll. The top Reeds Brook finishers for the girls were Elena Silk, Josie Boron, Avery Allen, Lauren Haefele, and Charlotte Whinery. Special congratulations to our girls, who **won the meet!** Remember, practice is after school today until 3:45 pm.

Girls A Soccer

The Rebels battled hard Thursday and came away with a 1-0 victory over Old Town! Darby Naughton scored the game-winning goal off a great assist from Quinn Bourque.

Boys Soccer

- **B Team:** The Rebels faced Belfast on Monday and pulled out a 3-0 victory. Goals came from Callen Brooks, Caiden Albert, and Kieran Wright, with assists from Wyatt Jolley and Avi Moore. Blaise Allen and Callen Brooks shared the shutout in goal.
- **A Team:** Played a hard-fought battle Thursday, ending in a 0-0 tie against Old Town.

Field Hockey

The Broncos played two well-fought games against Bangor on Monday.

- **A Team:** Fought hard in a 2-1 loss. Cora Costigan scored the Broncos' goal, assisted by Casey Moran.
- **B Team:** Came out on top with a 1-0 win. Harper McLaughlin scored with an assist from Grace Bishop. Ellie Freeman and goalkeeper Delaney Stillman turned in excellent defensive work.

Football: Broncos Find Victory Over Nokomis, 32-25!

"Offense sells tickets, defense wins games, special teams win championships." That classic adage proved true in every phase as the Bronco 7/8 team earned a hard-fought 32-25 win over Nokomis.

Offense Sells Tickets

The offense put on a clinic with a powerful ground-and-pound attack, led by a dominant offensive line of Calan Weldon, Dustin Campbell, Francis Gustafson, Evan Eaglin, and Carter Murray. Their push up front set the stage for Mike Carter, who exploded for 148 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns and added 70 receiving yards. Ridge Tweedie was equally electric, rushing for 85 yards and 2 touchdowns, catching a 31-yard pass, and converting a point-after. Quarterback Greyson DiCentés directed the offense efficiently (7-for-11, 163 yards), including a 17-yard touchdown pass to Traycin Dow. Owen Rancourt added a big 20-yard catch to keep the chains moving.

Defense Wins Games

When the game was on the line, the defense shut the door. Ridge Tweedie, Mike Barboza, Traycin Dow, and Peter Walters wreaked havoc in the backfield with numerous tackles for loss and sacks, while Mike Smith, Carter Murray, and Eric Mitchell made several key stops. The defensive play of the game came late in the 4th quarter, when Axel Baker deflected a 4th-down pass to turn the ball over on downs.

Special Teams Win Championships

Special teams swung the momentum of this contest. Spencer Beale put on a masterclass,

executing 3 onside kicks that the kickoff unit recovered to steal extra possessions. Points-after from Peter Walters and Ridge Tweedie provided the final cushion.

Congratulations to all of our RBMS student-athletes on a successful week!

Hampden Academy Homecoming Next Week

Join us for the HA Homecoming Game on **Friday, 9/25!**

- **Community Tailgate:** 4:00-6:15 pm in the HA Staff Lot. Reserve your spot today!
- **RSU22 Parade:** 5:15 pm through campus.

Details are on the "HA Bronco's Spirit" Facebook page, or contact Mack Madden at mmadden@rsu22.us.

Next Week's Schedule: [View the weekly schedule here](#)

A blue and black poster for Rebel Events from September 21 to 25. The poster features a background image of a school building and a circular logo with a shield and the letter 'R'. The events are listed by day: Monday (Field Hockey game at Troy Howard), Tuesday (Boys and Girls Soccer games), Wednesday (Field Hockey game at Brewer), Thursday (Homecoming events), and Friday (HA Homecoming).

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21

FIELD HOCKEY GAME @ TROY HOWARD
A - 3:30 B - ~4:45

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22

BOYS SOCCER GAMES HOME V. ELLSWORTH
A - 3:30 B - ~4:45

GIRLS SOCCER GAMES @ ELLSWORTH
A - 3:30 B - ~4:45

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23

FIELD HOCKEY GAME @ BREWER
A ONLY - 5PM

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24

HOME XC MEET - HOSTING
BOYS FIRST TEAM GIRLS - 4:15 START
GIRLS SOCCER GAMES HOME V. BREWER
A - 3:30 B - ~4:45
BOYS SOCCER GAMES @ BREWER
A - 3:30 B - ~4:45
FIELD HOCKEY GAME HOME V. HEDDEN A ONLY - 3:30
TENTATIVE FOOTBALL SCRAMMAGE
NOT CONFIRMED

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25

HA HOMECOMING

NO RBMS EVENTS

REBEL EVENTS SEPTEMBER 21-25





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

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...

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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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