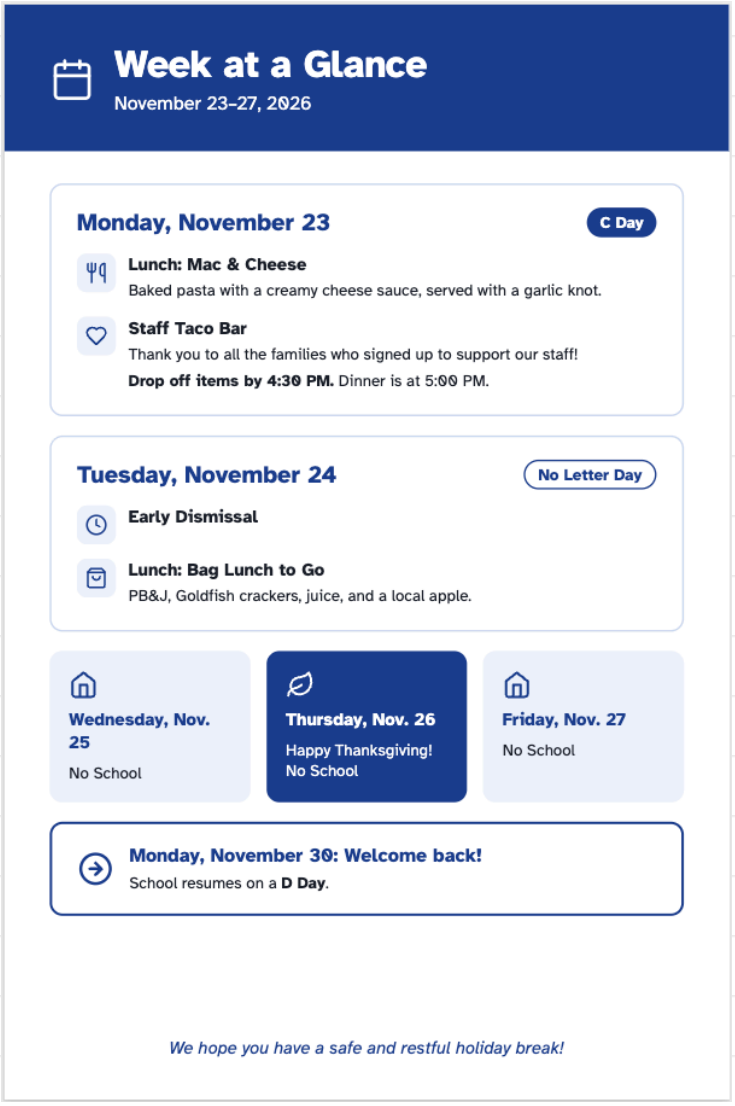
26-27 Rebel Report

COMPASSION HONESTY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

November 20 2026



Beyond the Classroom: 8th Graders Explore Real-World Careers



On Thursday, November 19, our 8th graders visited United Technologies Center (UTC) in Bangor, one of Maine's largest career and technical high schools. Students got a close look at hands-on career training as they start thinking about high school and beyond. UTC offers more than 20 programs. Here they are, grouped by career area:

- **Transportation & Mechanics:** Automotive Technology, Diesel Mechanics, Electric Vehicle Technology, Small Engines & Outdoor Power
- **Building Trades:** Carpentry, Construction Operations, Electrical, Plumbing & Heating, Welding
- **Health & Public Safety:** Emergency Medical Services, Health Occupations, Medical Assisting, Law Enforcement
- **Creative & Technical:** Digital Arts & Software, Video & Audio Production, Pre Engineering
- **Business, Food & Service:** Business Leadership, Culinary Arts, Hospitality, Educator Prep
- **Outdoors & Exploration:** Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation, CTE Exploratory, a sampler for students still finding their interests

Many programs let students earn real industry credentials while still in high school, such as OSHA 10, ServSafe, CNA training, and the Maine Electrical Helpers License. Some, like Electrical and Plumbing & Heating, prepare students for state journeyman licensing.

Eligible high school students can take one- or two-year programs in morning or afternoon sessions and stay enrolled at their local high school. UTC is supported by 39 communities in the Bangor region, and students from public high schools, private schools, and homeschools all attend.

Ask your 8th grader which program caught their eye, and why! It's a great conversation starter as they think about the years ahead. To learn more, visit **utc4me.org**.







Striking Gold: Our Special Olympics Bowlers Shine On and Off the Lanes

Our Special Olympics team recently competed in Unified bowling, and they brought home much more than medals. Our 10 student athletes took home **two golds, one silver, and two bronze medals**. The way they competed made just as strong an impression.

Coach Andrea Lee shared what it was like to be there:

> "Our students were focused, engaged, and stayed true to our core values of respect, honesty, compassion, and responsibility. It was impressive! So much so that I went over and spoke to Mike Littlefield of the Special Olympics Maine office. He was impressed as well. He shared that he loved how the cheers that started with our team spread throughout the bowling alley. Other teams caught the positive energy, and it became a ripple effect. It was a cool moment in our team's history! I wish you all could have been there to witness the power of positivity!"

Unified Results

🥇 **Gold:** Markus G & Connor F
🥇 **Gold:** Owen S & Ben G
🥈 **Silver:** Aisley R & Mason T
🥉 **Bronze:** Karter F & Ollie S
🥉 **Bronze:** Cam F & Reese S
🏅 **4th Place:** Jaiden H & Jaylen A

Congratulations to all of our athletes and Unified partners! You showed our whole community what it looks like to compete with heart and lift each other up, and the other teams around you too.









Reeds Brook Cross Country Team Honored for Sportsmanship



The Reeds Brook Middle School cross country team was recognized at the Wednesday, November 18 School Board meeting for winning the league's Sportsmanship Award. Coach Kash and Coach Newhouse, who led the team this season, are proud of the grit and character their runners showed.

Coach Newhouse said, "We're so happy to recognize them, because all season long we felt so fortunate to coach such a good-hearted group of athletes. Some of our favorite memories are of watching our students comfort runners from other teams at the starting line, encourage them during the race, and sincerely congratulate them afterward. Not only did they live up to our core values, but it's clear they had a positive impact on the rest of the league as well."

Coach Kash explained that the award is based on votes from all 30 teams in the league over the course of the season, and Reeds Brook was one of the teams chosen for the honor.

To watch the presentation, visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_y5YzO0bD8Y



TWINNING





Rebels Sports Calendar LINK

REEDS BROOK REBELS 2026-2027 WINTER ATHLETICS MASTER SCHEDULE:

PDF **RSU22 Middle School Winter Athletics Memo from AD Novem ber 2026.pdf** Download 143.7 KB

LOOKING AHEAD: Week of Thanksgiving Break

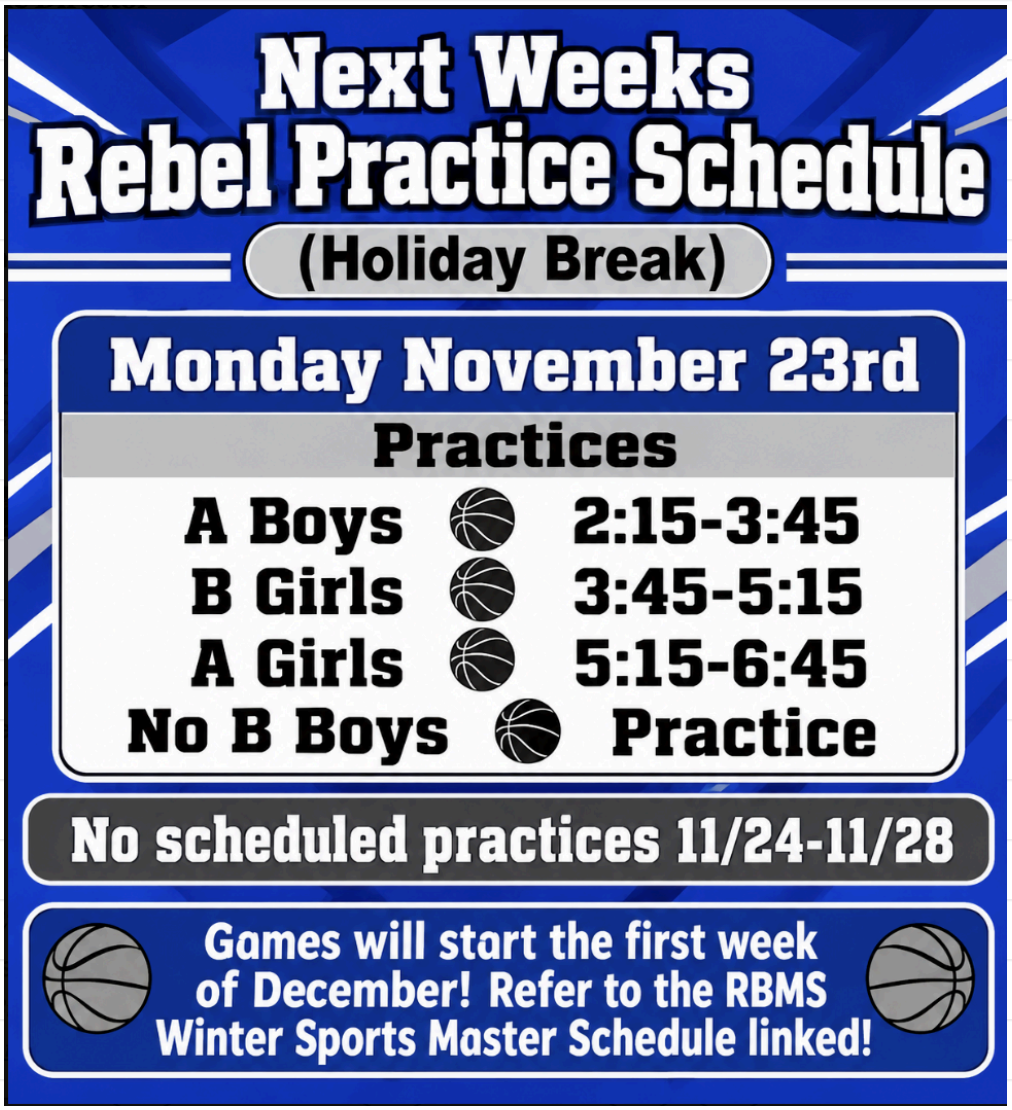
Please see the attached flyer regarding winter sports practice plans next week! Don't forget to refer to the RBMS Winter Athletics Master Schedule for the most recent updates regarding sports schedules.

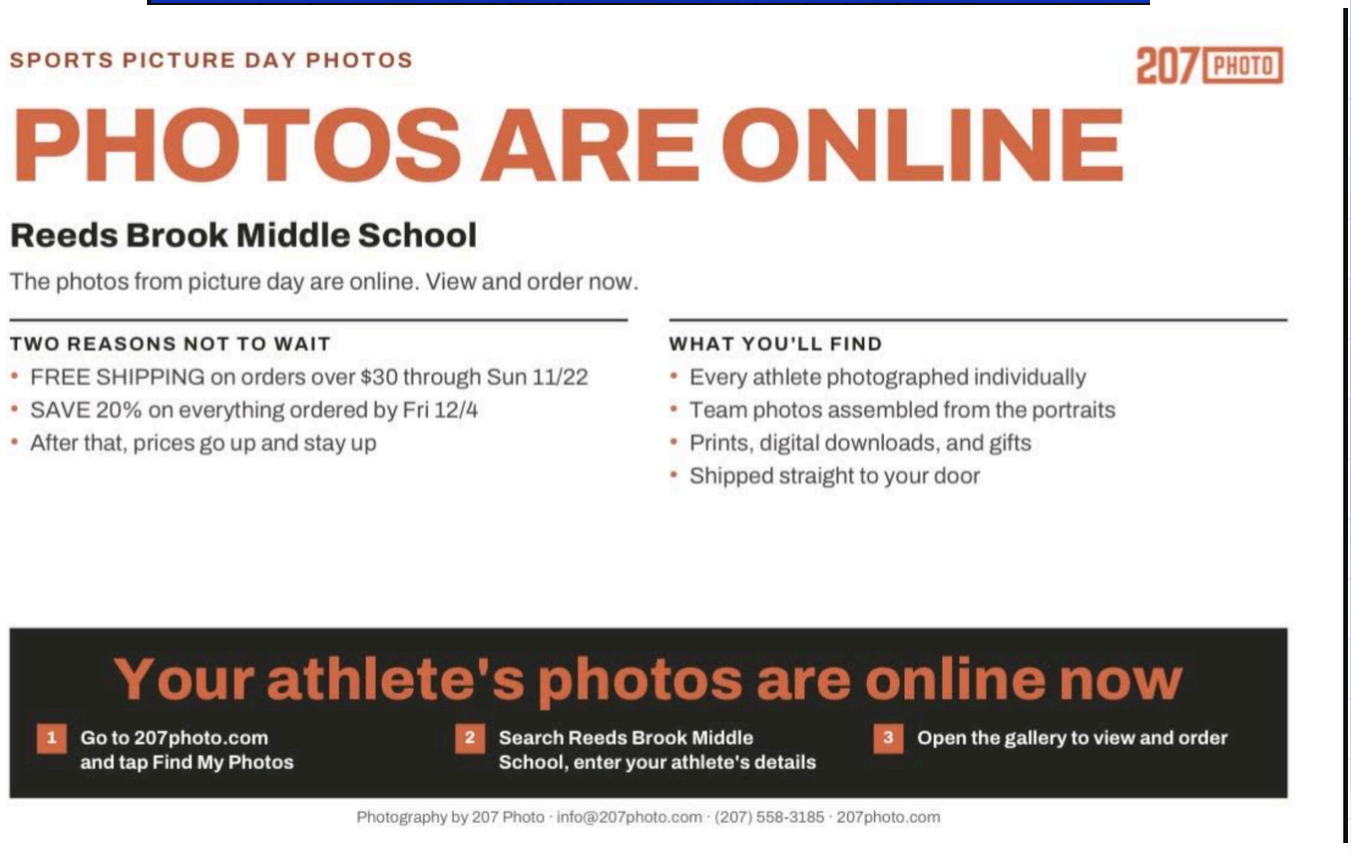
Master Schedule Link:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/10EMObRYL-XPP6AXTpZ7PshMA_M718amfhLXBfUHpzDw/edit?usp=sharing

WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS ARE IN:
Sports photos from 207 Photo are in!
Please see the flyer below from 207 with instructions on finding and ordering your athletes photos on the 207 website! If your athlete missed photos and is in need of makeups, see the "Make Up's"

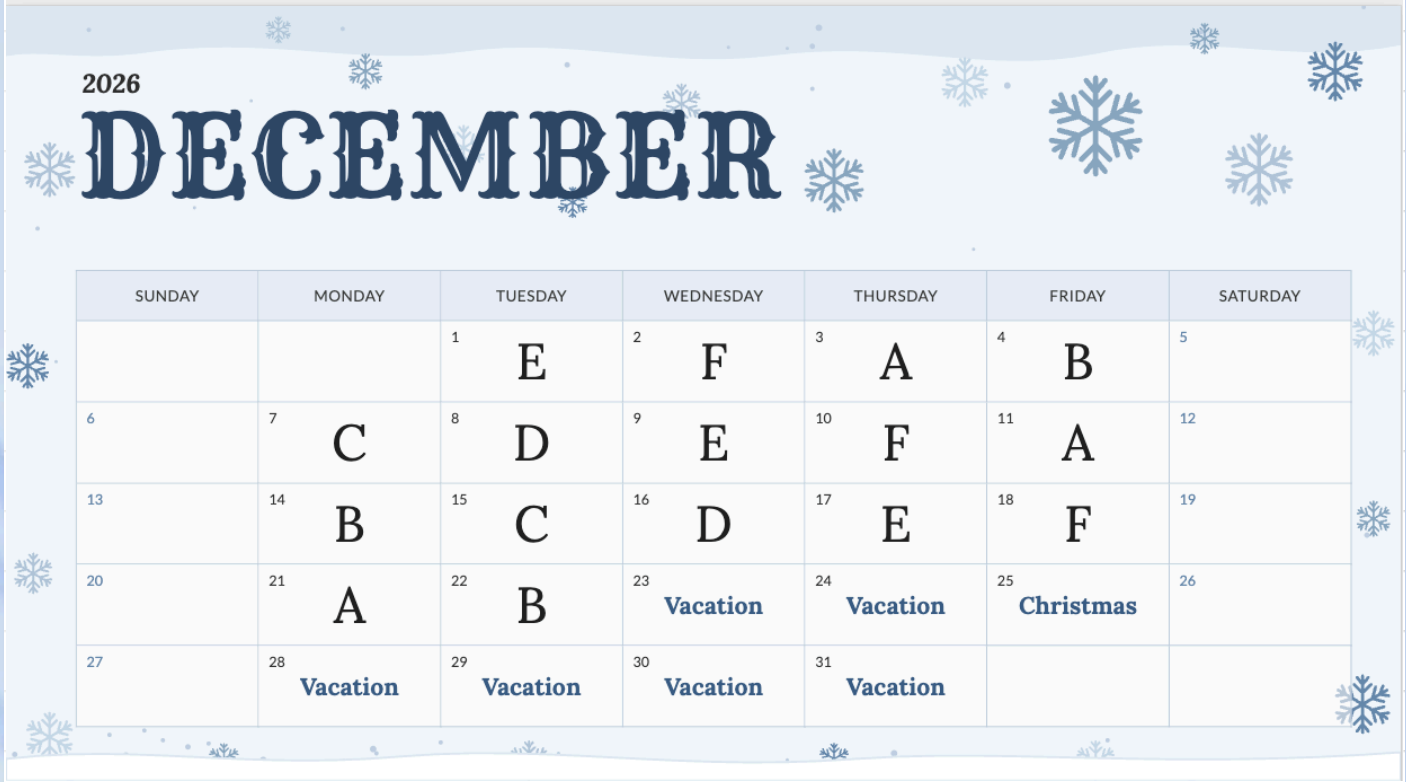
portion of the 207 website, or contact the athletic department for assistance.

207 Photo Website:
https://207photo.com





LOOKING AHEAD.....DECEMBER IS AROUND THE CORNER



Sign Up for School Text Alerts



Music Newsletter

October/November Music Newsletter

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Check out this US Letter designed by Maxwell Carter.

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UPCOMING EVENTS


MARSH ISLAND KITCHEN
POLICE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN
MAINE
SETTLED 1767 · INCORP. 1793
Special Olympics Maine
TIP-A-COP
Come Dine With Us & Support a Great Cause!
Hampden Police Officers will be at Marsh Island Kitchen helping with tables, serving, and collecting donations to benefit Special Olympics Maine.
THURSDAY
DECEMBER 3RD
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
MARSH ISLAND KITCHEN
55 Main Rd N
Hampden, ME
ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
DONATE DIRECTLY TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS
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YEARBOOK INFORMATION

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

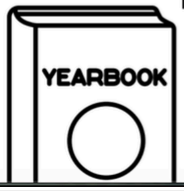
Copies of the Yearbook will NOT be available for purchase on-site at RBMS

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

RBMS WEBSITE

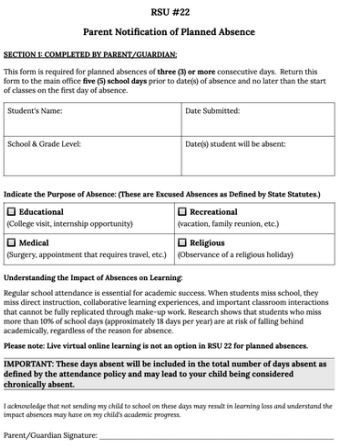
Bus Information

Community Events

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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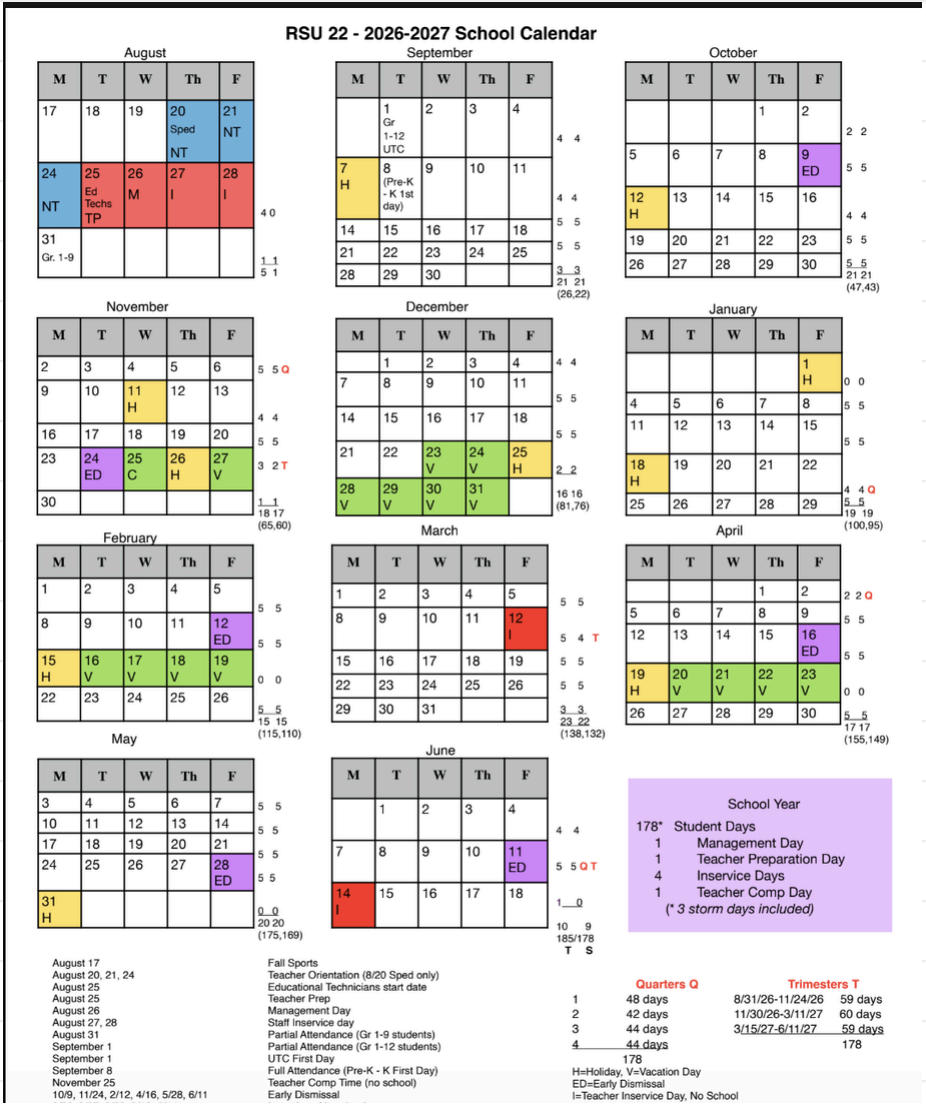
Please note: Live virtual online learning is not an option in RSU 22 for planned absences.

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: _____



RSU 22 - 2026-2027 School Calendar

August

M	T	W	Th	F	
17	18	19	20 Sped NT	21 NT	
24 NT	25 Ed Techs TP	26 M	27 I	28 I	4 0
31 Gr. 1-9					1 1 5 1

September

M	T	W	Th	F	
	1 Gr 1-12 UTC	2	3	4	4 4
7 H	8 (Pre-K - K 1st day)	9	10	11	4 4
14	15	16	17	18	5 5
21	22	23	24	25	5 5
28	29	30			3 3 21 21 (26,22)

October

M	T	W	Th	F	
			1	2	2 2
5	6	7	8	9 ED	5 5
12 H	13	14	15	16	4 4
19	20	21	22	23	5 5
26	27	28	29	30	5 5 21 21 (47,43)

November

M	T	W	Th	F	
2	3	4	5	6	5 5 Q
9	10	11 H	12	13	4 4
16	17	18	19	20	5 5
23	24 ED	25 C	26 H	27 V	3 2 T
30					1 1 18 17 (65,60)

December

M	T	W	Th	F	
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7	8	9	10	11	5 5
14	15	16	17	18	5 5
21	22	23 V	24 V	25 H	2 2
28 V	29 V	30 V	31 V		16 16 (81,76)

January

M	T	W	Th	F	
				1 H	0 0
4	5	6	7	8	5 5
11	12	13	14	15	5 5
18 H	19	20	21	22	4 4 Q
25	26	27	28	29	5 5 19 19 (100,95)

February

M	T	W	Th	F	
1	2	3	4	5	5 5
8	9	10	11	12 ED	5 5
15 H	16 V	17 V	18 V	19 V	0 0
22	23	24	25	26	5 5 15 15 (115,110)

March

M	T	W	Th	F	
1	2	3	4	5	5 5
8	9	10	11	12 I	5 4 T
15	16	17	18	19	5 5
22	23	24	25	26	5 5
29	30	31			3 3 23 22 (138,132)

April

M	T	W	Th	F	
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5	6	7	8	9	5 5
12	13	14	15	16 ED	5 5
19 H	20 V	21 V	22 V	23 V	0 0
26	27	28	29	30	5 5 17 17 (155,149)

May

M	T	W	Th	F	
3	4	5	6	7	5 5
10	11	12	13	14	5 5
17	18	19	20	21	5 5
24	25	26	27	28 ED	5 5
31 H					0 0 20 20 (175,169)

June

M	T	W	Th	F	
	1	2	3	4	4 4
7	8	9	10	11 ED	5 5 Q T
14 I	15	16	17	18	1 0 10 9 185/178 T S

School Year

178* Student Days
1 Management Day
1 Teacher Preparation Day
4 Inservice Days
1 Teacher Comp Day
(3 storm days included)*

August 17
August 20, 21, 24
August 25
August 25
August 26
August 27, 28
August 31
September 1
September 1
September 8
November 25
10/9, 11/24, 2/12, 4/16, 5/28, 6/11

Fall Sports
Teacher Orientation (8/20 Sped only)
Educational Technicians start date
Teacher Prep
Management Day
Staff Inservice day
Partial Attendance (Gr 1-9 students)
Partial Attendance (Gr 1-12 students)
UTC First Day
Full Attendance (Pre-K - K First Day)
Teacher Comp Time (no school)
Early Dismissal

Quarters Q		Trimesters T	
1	48 days	8/31/26-11/24/26	59 days
2	42 days	11/30/26-3/11/27	60 days
3	44 days	3/15/27-6/11/27	59 days
4	44 days		178
	178		

H=Holiday, V=Vacation Day
ED=Early Dismissal
I=Teacher Inservice Day, No School

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

RBMS Student Handbook 2026-2027

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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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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.

Principal: Jennifer Cyr (jcyr@rsu22.us)
Dean of Students: Sandi Bellerose (sbellerose@rsu22.us)
School Counselor: Ann Moody (amoody@rsu22.us)
Nurse: Alison Ramsdell (aramsdell@rsu22.us)
Athletic Director: McKenzie Madden (mmadden@rsu22.us)
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