

Rice Lake High School Student Newsletter August—2017

High School Open House 5:30—7:30 Orientation - Freshmen and New Students

6:00 Auditorium

Wednesday, August 30th

Open House for all students will take place beginning at 5:30; students and parents can tour the building and meet the high school staff.

The purpose of Orientation is to introduce new students and their parents to Rice Lake High School. Students and parents will also be given the opportunity to meet members of our staff and student body, and to become acquainted with our building. Please report to the High School Auditorium at 6:00 PM for the Freshmen and New Student Orientation Program.

Student Handbook Planner

On the first day of school, each student will receive a copy of the Student Handbook. The handbook/planner contains information about discipline, attendance, and other policies, procedures, and regulations necessary for the smooth operation of the high school.

It is expected that students and parents will read the handbook, have knowledge of the rules, and ask questions about anything they don't understand. An electronic copy of the handbook can be found on the high school website under the Parent/Student resource tab.

School Safety

Safety of our students continues to be a priority for our district. We will continue keeping our building secure during the school day through the use of a security camera and access system controlled by our office staff at the S1 visitor's entrance. As was the case last year, office staff will buzz in visitors after proper identification is determined. Please understand that this system is in place district-wide to improve the safety of our students and staff and we appreciate your patience and cooperation with this process.

Attendance

Parents, we need your help, understanding, and cooperation in promoting good attendance habits. Attendance is a major predictor of academic success and every period of absence is a lost learning opportunity. This requires regular attendance! Did you know that missing even one day of school every two weeks can negatively affect student grades? Research on student achievement shows that maintaining a 97% attendance rate is important in maximizing academic success. That calculates to missing fewer than five days of school throughout the year. Please stress consistent daily attendance at home and help your child aim to meet the 97% attendance rate!

School Begins

Freshmen & New Students:

September 1st

All Students

September 5th

High School Bell Schedule:

1st period 8:03 - 9:25

2nd period 9:35 - 10:57

3rd period 10:57 - 12:59

A lunch 11:02 - 11:32

B lunch 11:34 - 12:04

C lunch 12:29 - 12:59

Resource 1:04 - 1:41

4th period 1:46 - 3:08

Parking

Juniors and Seniors can come to school to pick up a parking application one week prior to the beginning of school. You will need a parking tag to be able to park in the student lot but there will not be assigned spots. A parking tag costs \$5.00. All fees and detentions must be paid before applications will be accepted.

New Staff

Dan Buchmann—Tech Ed

Tyler Moore—Physical Ed.

Jackie Giedd—Special Ed.

Matt Savina—Special Ed.

TBA—Attendance

TBA—Science



RLHS Academic and Career Plan (ACP) Information

We are excited to begin the full implementation of ACP or Academic and Career Planning this year with students. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, all school districts in Wisconsin are required to implement Academic and Career Planning (ACP). At RLHS, this means we will be continuing with many components of the E-Portfolio requirement, but will be adding in even more career supports through embedded career exploration and planning to help students plan for and achieve post-secondary success. Below you will find out how the ACP will be integrated within each grade level. More information on the ACP is available on the ACP website on the RLASD website.

Class of 2018 (12th Graders)

ACP requirements will be met for the Class of 2018 through the use of the online E-portfolio process housed on the RLASD intranet to document growth in academic, career, personal, and community service areas as a graduation requirement.

Class of 2019 (11th Graders)

ACP requirements will be met for the Class of 2019 through the use of the online E-portfolio process housed on the RLASD intranet to document growth in academic, career, personal, and community service areas as a graduation requirement.

Class of 2020 (10th Graders)

The Class of 2020 will continue to use the online Career Cruising program to explore and plan for post secondary options and document progress toward their ACP requirements, including academic, career, and personal development, and community service. In 10th grade students will prepare a career plan and explore postsecondary options that provide training for careers. This will be done through goal setting in Homeroom, a Career Day, and during Sophomore Conferences.

Class of 2021 (9th Graders)

The Class of 2021 will use the online Career Cruising program to explore and plan for post-secondary options and document progress toward their ACP requirements, including academic, career, and personal development, and community service. In 9th grade, students will further develop their career planning abilities and learn how career choices impact their economic well being. This will be done throughout Freshman Success class, and during Career Day activities.

Submission of Back to School Forms and Fees

Parents/Guardians are asked to **log into their online Family Access Account** (link available on the district website) and **complete the online “Back to School Forms/Fees” process**. The process includes the following:

- View back to school information
- Verify Student/Family/Emergency Information
- Enter text message numbers that you want the school to use to contact you about school cancellations and other school communications (required to receive text messages)
- View information from the School Nurse and provide updates to student health information and authorization for medical treatment and medication usage
- Make payments for fees and school lunch
- Complete an application for free/reduced lunch
- Complete the field trip permission form

If you don't have a Family Access account, you can find information for obtaining an account on our district website under the “Skyward Family Access” button

Student Services Department News

Counseling services are provided for all students by the Student Services Department. Counseling is a process to help students in dealing with problems and making decisions. Counselors assist students with high school academic programs, post-high school planning, and personal concerns. Various department functions include group and individual counseling, group achievement testing and interpretation of test results, various career investigation activities to help students with career planning, and scheduling assistance for students as they choose their high school courses. Counselor assignments, according to students' *last names*, are as follows:

A—L Jessica Ebner Ext. 5470
M—Z Mike Shomion Ext. 5335

Counselors will be available from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM on August 9, 16, 24 and 31st. Watch for the Student Services Fall Newsletter that will be online for information concerning applications and deadlines for post-secondary schools.

Schedule Changes

Login to Family/Student Access to view student schedules.

When students make their course selections, having utilized the assistance and advice of teachers and counselors, a schedule is generated. It is expected that the students will follow that schedule.

We do realize that sometimes circumstances change, and some schedule changes must be made if the requests are legitimate and educationally sound. **Any student who needs to change a course must pick up a "Request for Change" form and have it signed by a parent.** Change forms are available in the Student Services Office.

Each completed request is reviewed by a team of administrators and counselors. It should be pointed out that quite often, classroom enrollments and availability of courses do not allow students to switch classes. We appeal to parents to discuss any request for change with their son or daughter before signing it.

Student Fees

Rice Lake has a few set fees that must be paid by each student. Some of these fees are listed below, while others may arise during the year, depending on the types of classes the student is taking. Please pay these fees by the first day of school:

- Registration Fees \$14.00 (To be paid by all students)
- Class Dues \$ 2.00 (To be paid by all students)

Option for paying fees: (paying fees is also included as a step in the "Back to School Forms/Fees" online process)

1. Online through E-Funds (preferred method)
⇒ See the district website (Parents tab) for directions to setup an account and use it to pay online

The following can be paid through E-Funds

1. School Lunch
2. Class Dues 2017-18
3. Registration Fee 2017-18
4. Student Athletic Pass
5. Family Athletic Pass

If you purchase an athletic pass through E-Funds, please stop in the office to get your pass.

2. Send a check and enclosed invoice to Rice Lake High School

Change of Address/Phone/ etc.

When you have changes in demographic information (address, phone number, text numbers, emergency contacts, etc.)



throughout the school year—please be sure to log into your Family Access account and make those changes.

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Warrior Booster Club

The new sports season will soon begin. The Booster Club exists for the purpose of broadening the involvement of students and community citizens who support all high school athletic programs. We encourage all parents to join by becoming a member for the upcoming year (see attached registration form). A sign-up information table will also be set up during the evening of Freshman Orientation/Open House. Membership dues are \$25 per family.

President—Angie Beranek
Treasurer—Kirk Brettingen

Student Fees

A number of "check-points" have been established to assure that students do not accumulate a number of unpaid fines and fees over long periods of time. Students with unpaid fines or fees will not be issued a parking tag, or their high school diploma.

Absences

Please call the school before 8:03 AM on the day of an absence to report your son or daughter absent due to illness. If a telephone call is not received by 2 PM the day of the absence, a note indicating the reason for the absence will be required the day he/she returns to school.

Students will be marked unexcused and disciplinary action taken if there is no note or phone call received within 24 hours of the absence.

Any other absence must be pre-excused prior to the absence per state law. This can be done by bringing a note to the Attendance Office.

Regular attendance is extremely important, and is expected .

RLHS Yearbook – The Aurora

Buy yours today!

Yearbook purchases can be made online via our publisher's website. Just go to www.yearbookforever.com, type in Rice Lake High School and you can buy a book and choose a variety of options. Options include, name stamping and nicknames on the front cover, sports and club icons on the front cover, plastic covers, autograph inserts, a year in review insert and even gel pens for autograph signing.

Again, be sure to visit the website to purchase your yearbook:

www.yearbookforever.com

If you have issues with the website or an internet connection, see Ms. Einum in the Student Services area of the high school or email Mr. Panasuk at panasuk@ricelake.k12.wi.us.

We have also enclosed an order sheet if you want to order directly from the school.

Forrest Run—A Fight Against Brain Cancer

Save the Date—September 16

The seventh annual Forrest Run will be held Saturday, September 16 at 9:00 am at the UW Barron County Campus by the RLHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Last year over \$12,000 was raised for the fight against brain cancer! The Forrest Run is in memory of Forrest Olson, an alumnus of RLHS, who passed away from brain cancer. The run is family-friendly—a one-mile run featuring nine different obstacle courses for kids under 12, and a 5K course for 12 and up. All the profits go to research brain cancer and support families who have loved ones suffering from brain cancer. You can find the registration form and more information enclosed www.forrestrun.org.

Hope to see you there!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, August 30th—Open House 5:30—7:30 p.m. High School

Tuesday, September 26th 4:30—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12th—5:00—7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 19th 5:00—7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 7th—5:00—7:00 p.m.



Supplemental Student Insurance

Students and their parents/guardians are responsible for providing accident insurance for the student.

The school assumes no financial liability in connection with any accident at any time. Although many families have adequate health and accident insurance, there are some families whose coverage is not adequate or who have no insurance. A low cost group insurance plan is being offered through the First Agency Insurance Company for those who feel they do not have adequate coverage or wish to have additional protection. An explanation of the benefits and cost of each type of coverage is explained on First Agency website.

If the decision is made to purchase this supplementary student insurance, visit the First Agency website at

www.1stagency.com/voluntaryac

Website Notice

Check our school website for calendar of events and athletics at:

www.ricelake.k12.wi.us

Athletics

Athletes should note several changes in the 2017-18 Athletic Code including attendance and honesty option reduction. All changes are noted in red online. The 2017-18 Athletic Code is available online at: http://rlhs.ricelake.k12.wi.us/athletics/athletic_registration. Sign up to receive auto notification for HS activities a/o HS sports events by signing up on: www.bigriversconference.org to the Rice Lake High School link. Also available is an app called rSchool Today to download the Activity Scheduler for Rice Lake High School.

HS sports information is available on HS website:

http://rlhs.ricelake.k12.wi.us/athletics/athletic_registration

The following forms are available to download on the HS website.

1. Sports registration form (1 for each season fall, winter, spring)
2. WIAA Physical
3. 2017-18 Athletic Code
4. 2017-18 Concussion Waiver



Athletic Passes

Student - A season athletic pass will again be offered this year. The price will be **\$25.00** per year. The purchase of a season pass is voluntary. If students purchase tickets at the gate they will have to pay the regular student price of \$4.00. Student passes can be purchased at Freshmen Orientation or in Student Services. This pass will be good for admission to all regular season home contests, excluding multi-team tournaments and WIAA tournament contests.

Adult (Season) - Adult season passes are available for **\$75** and are not transferable. This pass will be good for admission to all regular season home contests, excluding multi-team tournaments and WIAA tournament contests.

Senior Citizen 62+ (Season) Senior Citizen passes 62 or older are available for **\$50**. This pass will be good for admission to all regular season home contests, excluding multi-team tournaments and WIAA tournament contests.

Family (Season) - Family athletic passes are available for **\$150**, which entitles parents and their children through high school grade 12 admission to all regular season home contests, excluding multi-team tournaments and WIAA tournament contests.

Upcoming Events

August 30—Freshmen/New Student Orientation
6:00—7:00
Open House All Students and Parents 5:30—7:30

September 1st - Freshmen & New Students

September 5th—All Students

September 13th—Student pictures
September 14th—Student pictures

September 26th—Parent/Teacher Conference 4:30—7:30

September 29th—Teacher In-Service - No School

October 6th - Homecoming

October 7th- Fall Formal

October 12th —Education Fair
UWBC & WITC

October 17th—ASVAB Testing

October 23rd—Teacher In-Service - No School

November 3rd—End of First Term



Education Fair Set for September

The Education Fair, sponsored by WITC and UW-Barron County, is scheduled for Thursday, October 12th from 9 to 11 AM. Representatives from many universities, technical colleges and the military will be on hand to answer questions. Transportation will be provided for juniors and seniors who want to attend. Please find information for Juniors and Seniors enclosed in this mailing.

Student Pictures

Pictures of underclassmen are scheduled for September 13th and 14th. More information on student picture packages will be made available after the start of school.