



# Rice Lake High School Student Newsletter August-2018

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

6:00 Auditorium

Wednesday, August 29th

Open House for 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

During the first week of school, each homeroom class will review the RLHS Student Handbook. The handbook contains information about discipline, attendance, and other policies, procedures, and regulations necessary for the smooth and safe 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 goal of 97% attendance 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 4th

**All Students:**

September 5th

**High School Bell Schedule:**

<b>1st period</b>	8:03 - 9:25
<b>2nd period</b>	9:35 - 10:57
<b>3rd period</b>	11:02 - 12:59
A lunch	11:02 - 11:32
B lunch	11:34 - 12:04
C lunch	12:29 - 12:59
<b>4th period</b>	1:04 - 1:41
<b>5th period</b>	1:46 - 3:08

### Parking

Juniors and Seniors can come to school to pick up a parking application 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

Patrick Swanson - Math  
Mary Kay Crotteau - SPED  
Cross Categorical  
Rhonda Morris - Psychologist  
McKenzie Narins - NLRA

## **RLHS Academic and Career Planning (ACP) Information**

As of 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. Read on to learn more about how the ACP will be integrated within each grade level. More information regarding ACP is available on the RLASD website.

### **Class of 2019 (12th 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 (11th 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 post-secondary 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 (10th Graders)**

The Class of 2021 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 post-secondary options that provide training for careers. This will be done through goal setting in Homeroom, a Career Day, and during Sophomore Conferences.

### **Class of 2022 (9th Graders)**

The Class of 2022 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.

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## **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
- Sports Registration

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 8, 15, 23 and 30th.** 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)

Options 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 2018-19
3. Registration Fee 2018-19
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.

### Attendance

We need your help, understanding, and cooperation. Attendance is a major predictor in academic success. This requires regular attendance! Please stress this at home.

### 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—Chris Fitzgerald  
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](http://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](http://www.yearbookforever.com)

If you have issues with the website or an internet connection, see Ms. Hansen in the Student Services area of the high school or email Mr. Panasuk at [panasuk@ricelake.k12.wi.us](mailto: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 15

The eighth annual Forrest Run will be held Saturday, September 15 at 9:00 am at the UW Barron County Campus by the RLHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Last year over \$10,000 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](http://www.forrestrun.org).

Hope to see you there!

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 1st 4:30—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10th 5:00—7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 26th 5:00—7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 6th 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](http://www.1stagency.com/voluntaryac)

### Website Notice

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

[www.ricelake.k12.wi.us](http://www.ricelake.k12.wi.us)



A note from Mr. Lipke, RLHS Athletic Director: NEW this year is registering for HS sports online on Skyward Family account. A WIAA physical/WIAA alternate physical form that is completely filled out and signed can be uploaded to family access or dropped off to Mrs. Nanstad in the RLHS Athletic office. Check out the RLHS athletic web page for more information: [https://rlhs.ricelake.k12.wi.us/athletics/athletic\\_registration](https://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](http://www.bigriversconference.org) Also available is an app called rSchool Today to download the Activity Scheduler for Rice Lake High School. Go Warriors!



Any questions, feel free to contact Tim Lipke 234-2181 ext. 5245 or JoAnn Nanstad 234-2181 ext. 5027.

### Athletic Passes

This pass will be good for admission to all regular season home contests, excluding multi-team tournaments and WIAA tournament contests. Passes can be purchased through Skyward or in Student Services.

**Student - \$25.00**

**Adult - \$75.00**

**Senior Citizen 62+ - \$50.00**

**Family (Season) - \$150.00** Includes parents and their children through high school grade 12



**Admission prices to all regular season sporting events:**

Adults	\$5.00
Seniors	\$4.00
Students	\$4.00



## Upcoming Events

- August 29—Freshmen/New Student Orientation  
6:00—7:00  
Open House All Students and Parents 5:30—7:30
- September 4th—Freshmen & New Students Only
- September 5th—All Students
- September 12th—Student pictures  
September 13th—Student pictures
- September 28—Homecoming
- September 29—Fall Formal
- October 1—Teacher In-Service - No School
- October 1 —Parent/Teacher Conference 4:30—7:30
- October 10 — PSAT
- October 12th —Education Fair  
UWBC & WITC
- October 19th—Teacher In-Service - No School
- October 23rd — ASVAB Testing
- November 7th—End of First Term

### Education Fair Set for October

The Education Fair, sponsored by WITC and UW-Eau Claire—Barron County, is scheduled for Friday, 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.

### Student Pictures

Pictures of underclassmen are scheduled for September 12th and 13th More information on student picture packages will be made available after the start of school.