



Tiger Tails

The promise of Rush City Schools is to create global citizens who are lifelong learners.



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BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION

High School - First Day of School - Sept. 5

Elementary School - Get to Know you Days - Sept. 5 & 6 (by appointment)

Elementary First Regular Day - Sept. 7 (all students in attendance)



**We are thrilled to welcome our new teachers, paraprofessionals,
and school counselor to Rush City Public Schools!**

Pictured:

Back row from left: Janet Wagener (high school principal), Sarah Hamilton, Steph Ehrreich, Barbara Emmerich, Stephanie Olson, Dave Crowell, Randy Thill, Bill Sheffield, Kayla Seltis, Mike O'Donnell, Robyn Kielsa, Nichole Olson, Joe Lakeberg, Brandon Cardinal, Deanna Roper, Alicia Nelson (elementary school principal).

Middle Row from left: Ka Bao Jennrich, Hanna Feten, Donna Peters, Jennifer Seekon, Holly Johnson, Randi Moulton, Angela Peterson.

Front Row from left: Abby Pulkrabek, Chelsea Portillo, April Olson, Jessica Schneider.

Rush City Schools



Superintendent
Brent Stavig

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Dear Tiger Community,

I hope this message finds you well. As we kick off the new academic year, I want to highlight the invaluable role that community engagement plays in enhancing our school programs and fostering a positive learning environment for our students. Your involvement is not only welcomed, but crucial in shaping the future of our school and the broader community.

At Rush City Schools, we firmly believe that education extends beyond the classroom walls. Our school programs are designed to empower students with not only academic knowledge but also essential life skills, values, and a sense of belonging. However, these goals can only be fully realized when we join hands as a community and actively participate in the educational journey of our young learners.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, neighbor, or local business owner, your contributions can make a meaningful impact. There are numerous ways to get involved:

1. **Volunteering:** Your time and expertise can be priceless resources. Whether it's assisting in classrooms, organizing events, or sharing your professional experiences, volunteering connects our students with diverse perspectives and real-world insights.
2. **Participating in Events:** Attending school events such as sports games, art shows, and performances not only shows support for our students but also encourages them to excel in their passions.
3. **Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO):** Joining the PTO allows you to collaborate with teachers, administrators, and other parents to contribute to school policies, programs, and events that directly impact students.
4. **Guest Speaker Opportunities:** Share your knowledge and experiences through guest speaking engagements. Your insights can inspire and broaden students' horizons.
5. **Community Partnerships:** By partnering with local organizations, we can create a network of support that extends beyond school hours. Collaborations with businesses, nonprofits, and community programs enrich the educational experience.
6. **School Board and Committees:** Serving on the school board or its advisory committee provides feedback and insights that will help ensure we are providing the best educational opportunities and experiences to Rush City students. Parental involvement is desired on several committees charged with planning and continuously improving critical functions to include; staff development, promoting positive student behaviors, and improving academic achievement and student well-being.

Your involvement not only benefits our students but also strengthens the bonds within our community. It sends a powerful message that we are invested in the success of our students. By working together, we create a positive cycle of growth, learning, and mutual respect that resonates far beyond the walls of our school.

I encourage each and every one of you to explore the opportunities available and find a way to contribute that aligns with your passions and availability. Let's make this academic year one of unprecedented collaboration and achievement. My door is always open, feel free to email bstavig@rushcity.k12.mn.us or call 320-358-4855 to connect.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Brent Stavig

Superintendent of Rush City Schools

Rush City Schools Post-Referendum Survey

On May 9th, voters of our district had the opportunity to weigh in on investing \$28.4 million in enhancements at our schools. The results revealed that the referendum did not gain approval.

To continue charting a course for the future, we believe that gathering insights from you and our community is pivotal. We invite you to take part in an anonymous survey designed to glean your perspectives. This input will assist us as we navigate the way forward for our district.

We kindly ask for a few minutes of your time to share your thoughts through this survey. Your participation will greatly contribute to the next steps we take as a district.

[Click here](#) to take the survey. Thank you! The survey will close at midnight CST on Friday, September 8.

Rush City High School



High School Principal

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

I hope everyone had an amazing summer break! I'm so excited to see our students return for the 23-24 school year!

7th Grade/New Student Orientation: We are looking forward to welcoming the 7th Graders and many new students to Rush City High School. We are excited to have you here and are here to help with anything you may need. The orientation will take place on August 30th at 6:00 p.m., in the high school theater.

7th-12th Grade Open House: All students are welcome to join us at the high school from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. for an open house: put items in your lockers, map out your classes, visit with your teachers, make schedule changes, etc.

Lunch/Breakfast Program: **2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR UPDATE--BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES ARE FREE* TO ALL STUDENTS THROUGH A FOOD SERVICE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY THIS YEAR.**

*Each student will be able to receive ONE free breakfast and ONE free lunch per day. The Rush City Food Service Program has a computerized meal accountability system. Even though there are free meals, we will need to have students log in for each meal they receive, just as they traditionally would.

School Hours:

Building Open: 6:45 a.m.

Start Time: 8:10 a.m.

End Time: 3:05 p.m.

Building Closes: 4:00 p.m.

Attendance: Attendance is essential in ensuring the success and academic achievement of our students. Please be conscientious of the number of days your student(s) miss school and communicate with the office any time your student must be absent. Please look at the Student/Parent Handbook to learn more about our attendance policies (see board policy #503) and procedures. If possible, please use our spring break period for vacations/trips.

Rush City High School

3 Unexcused Absences

*School sends a warning letter to families letting them know the student is close to reaching the county definition of truancy which is 5 unexcused absences.

5 Unexcused Absences

*School sends another letter notifying families that information was sent to the county and they will be inviting families to a county meeting.

7+ Unexcused Absences

*School has to file truancy with the county.

7 - 10 Excused Absences:

*School to send a warning regarding excessive absences

*Request for doctor's notes or nurse's assessment for any future absences due to illness

10+ Excused Absences:

*School to impose Mandatory Doctor's Note or Nurse's Assessment requirement

*Failure to produce a Doctor's note or Nurse's Assessment will result in an unexcused absence

*If absences reach the threshold number, referral to the county.

[Click to View Chisago County's Truancy Policies and Procedures](#)

Student Parking Passes: Students who are planning on parking on school grounds must do the following:

1. Have a signed (student & parent) parking contract turned in to Mrs. Wiener in the High School Office.
Families/Students can pick up these forms from the high school office starting now.
2. Once the signed contract is turned in to the high school office, they will be issued a school parking permit which must be displayed at all times when parking on school grounds.
3. There is still no fee for parking on school grounds.

Cell Phones: A change in policy for Rush City High School means that students can no longer have their cell phones in classrooms during instruction. Students may use their cell phones only during passing times between classes, during lunch, or before and after school. See the student handbook for further details.

Technology: 1:1 Chromebook initiative continues to enhance the capabilities of our students and teachers. If your student is going to use a school device, please ensure the protection plan loan agreement paperwork is completed and returned to the office with payment of (\$45). Students are allowed to use their own devices.

Chromebook Pick-Up Dates & Times (HS Media Center)

Aug 28: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Aug 29: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Aug 30: Noon - 7 p.m.

August 31: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

School Picture Date: Friday, September 15, retakes will be done on Friday, October 27

Rush City High School



[Click HERE to access ParentVUE](#)

ParentVue provides you access to your student's schedule, grades, and basic school information.

For assistance with ParentVUE please email office staff:

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Cathy Monster cmonster@rushcity.k12.mnn.us

Again, welcome back, and let's make this another great year at Rush City High School. We are in this together to provide an amazing education for our students! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

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CE Jacobson Elementary



Elementary Principal

Alicia Nelson

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Welcome to a new school year!



Together, we are better for our children, families, our community, and each other.

We are so excited to have our students back in our school and are looking forward to seeing each individual student!

I am personally looking forward to this school year for many reasons:

- We continue to **strengthen our programming for students** that will help them grow as a “whole child” such as:
 - Art and Social-Emotional Learning
 - Literacy skill development using LETRS (the science of reading)
 - Social-emotional programming and added mental health support
- We are implementing a **stronger framework of MTSS** (multi-tiered systems of support) in which all students receive what they need in terms of intervention, stability, and/or challenge in reading, math, core academics, and social-emotional-behavioral wellness.
 - **Parent support of this model is extremely valuable** as these concepts can be strengthened in the home as well.
 - As parents, you will see all **new, revised report cards, parent progress guides, and help sheets** to use at home
 - We have big goals for **boosting the academic success** of our students!
- We are really excited to see you, spend time with you, and partner with you during **Get to Know You Days on September 5th or 6th**, depending on when you set your student’s appointment/s.



Goals

Aside from our primary goals of continually raising student academic achievement, guiding students with knowledge and skills that will carry with them all throughout their lives, and maintaining a safe and positive learning environment, some of our main goals have been:

- Provide opportunities for student “voice” and empowerment in their own education.
- Strengthen a well-rounded, whole-child approach to education.
- Provide youth programs both inside and outside of the school day that enhance our students’ wellness and social-emotional well-being.
- Connect with families to support our students and our community.
- Embrace, support, and honor our unique differences within the student community.
- Create a safe and welcoming school culture for all students, staff, and families.

CE Jacobson Elementary

NEW This Year: BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES ARE FREE TO ALL STUDENTS THROUGH A FOOD SERVICE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY THIS YEAR. **Each student will be able to receive ONE free breakfast and ONE free lunch per day.**



Special Programs and Activities

Below is our elementary school concert calendar for the year. You will also receive updates throughout the year about many other special events and programs for our students and families! Before each program, you will receive updates from the school about what to expect.

Elementary Music Programs - SAVE THE DATES! 🎵

All Programs Below Take Place at the ELEMENTARY SCHOOL unless otherwise indicated
Doors open 15 minutes before programs begin

K/Grade 1 Music Program - Friday, December 8, 2023 - 9:30 am OR 1:45 pm - Elem. Gym

Grades 6-7 Band Winter Concert - Monday, February 5th, 2023 - 7:00 p.m. - HS Theater

Grades 2-3 Music Program - Friday, February 9, 2024 - 9:30 OR 1:45 pm - Elem. Gym

Grade 4- 5 Music Program - Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 9:30/1:45 pm - Elem. Gym

Grade 6 and Jr. High Choirs Root Beer Rag - Monday, April 22, 2024, 7:00 pm

Location TBD

Grades 6-7 - Bands Root Beer Rag - Monday, April 29, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Be sure to keep your contact information updated throughout the year by calling our office to receive accurate updates, invitations, and information.



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Attendance and Tardies

The research is clear: Students who attend school regularly are able to learn more, have fewer discipline problems, develop better study habits, and often are more successful than students who do not. Our school district recognizes that good attendance is one of the keys to academic success. Good attendance includes arriving at school on time and being prepared to learn. Since truancy can be a symptom of more serious issues that a student may be facing, the Chisago County District Court, in collaboration with the Chisago County Attorney and Chisago County Health and Human Services, has developed a Protocol for Truancy/Educational Neglect cases.

Parents / Guardians will be notified when:

- A **child has 3 unexcused absences** – the school will begin the initial interventions. Our schools are legally required to notify the parent or guardian that the child is a “continuing truant” at three unexcused absences. A letter outlining the potential legal consequences as well as recommended actions for the parents, is sent to the child’s home.
- A **child has 7 unexcused absences**, they are considered “habitually truant.” The school is required to report that the student is in violation of the compulsory attendance laws. The student must have a dated doctor’s note for any further absences.
- A **child has any further absences** that do not have doctor’s notes, they are referred to Chisago County or their county of residence for “Education Neglect”.
- A **child has excessive tardies**. Any tardy beyond one hour counts as a half-day absence. These tardies quickly turn into full days of absences and are treated exactly the same as absences listed above.

[Click to View Chisago County's Truancy Policies and Procedures](#)

Here are some tips for helping with attendance:

- Keep an attendance chart at home. At the end of the week, reward your child for attending school every day. Rewards could include a visit to the park, extra video game time or a special treat.
- **Make sure your child is in bed by a certain time each night and the alarm clock is set.**
- Don’t let children stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and may not be a reason to stay home. School is equipped to support and handle this.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning. Our team approach has been successful!
- Talk to our health office staff if you have questions or concerns prior to keeping a child home from school.
- Identify a relative, friend or neighbor who can take your child to school if you can’t or if he/she misses the bus.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session. We do have a spring break scheduled for longer family vacations as well.

Procedures for Safety To And From School



Elementary Student Pick Up / Drop Off / Bus Loop / Parking

Morning Drop Off: In the morning, parents and guardians should drop students off along the sidewalk in the staff PARKING LOT area by pulling forward ALL THE WAY around the curve prior to stopping. This allows all cars to access the area. Students should be let out of vehicles and parents SHOULD NOT get out and walk students to the building. Staff will be there to assist students and to monitor for safety. Students may be dropped off between 7:45 and 7:59 a.m. before school and are allowed to go directly into school for breakfast or wait outdoors near the front entrance. If waiting outdoors, please make sure they have appropriate apparel for the seasons.

Students who are eating breakfast** or who are sitting with friends may go right in and head straight to the cafeteria after 7:45 a.m. Students who ride bikes to school should go to the back of the building to park bikes and walk to the front of the building to join the others. **One breakfast per student is FREE this year!

Afternoon Pickup: Afternoon pickup takes place in the front of the building in the bus loop. Students will be held safely inside the building until the buses are loaded and gone. Everyone must remain in their vehicles at all times during pick-up and must also use the bus loop, driving along the yellow curb to pick up students.

No one picking up a child can walk up to the building and wait. This is a VERY important part of our safety protocol. You will be asked to return to the pickup line if you decide to park somewhere and walk to pick up your child. Procedures must be followed for everyone's safety.

Any teacher may kindly correct any person not following the procedure. Students will be released to parents or guardians as they enter the bus loop in vehicles for pick-up. Every child is given a nameplate for the vehicles that will be picking them up. This can be picked up at your child's Get to Know You Days conference. The nameplate should be displayed on the dash or window of the vehicle or can be held up for staff to read. All students will load directly into vehicles from the **CURBSIDE** for their safety. Students cannot walk into the lane to get in a vehicle on the driver's side; no exceptions. Please plan accordingly as we know that many of you have car seats that may need to be moved. **If everyone follows this procedure it will go very smoothly and quickly! Thank you in advance for helping us with a safe and swift dismissal!**

It is not necessary or advised to arrive early to wait for a place in line—in fact, it complicates the process. If people arrive shortly around the time the buses leave (at 3 p.m.), the process will naturally go smoothly.

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Bus Procedures

The bus loop in the front of the elementary is reserved for school buses or school vehicles only from 7:30 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. (immediately after buses leave). Staff will be monitoring students as they board or exit buses each day. Students who ride the bus will receive information about pickup and drop-off times a week prior to school. Any bus-related issues should be directed toward the Transportation Supervisor first. **There will be no bus passes issued again this year for various safety and capacity reasons. If your child is having friends or guests over, please plan to pick them up after school.**

Students are released from school as follows at the end of the day:

2:55 p.m. - Bus Riders (from the front of the building)

3:00 p.m. - Parent Pick Up (from the front of the building)

3:00 p.m. - Walkers and Bike Riders (from the rear of the building)

Parents and Guardians: Please remember to make any transportation changes for the day in writing to your child's classroom teacher or through a phone call to the elementary office prior to 2:00 p.m..



Class Lists and School Information

Class lists for the 2023-2024 school year are posted at the front of the elementary school or are available by calling the office at 320-358-4724. Our teachers are really excited to get to know each and every student! The most positive school year experiences begin at home, in practicing good communication, establishing support, and in helping to motivate our learners! Our school supply lists are available on the school website or you can request a copy from the office. Please let us know if you are struggling to gain all of the supplies needed for a successful school year.

[Click Here For School Supply List](#)

Visit our school's website for further information and updates throughout the year, including our school calendar:

www.rushcity.k12.mn.us



Devices

Our elementary school's full 1:1 technology initiative began a few years ago. This year, we will plan to issue school devices during regular classroom instruction, when needed and when appropriate, but technology is not "assigned" to a student as "theirs". Careful communication will be sent home at each grade level regarding your student's use of technology as the school year continues. Do not expect students to bring devices to and from school at the start of the year.



Student Handbook

There have been many updates and additions to our student handbook this year. Please take one at our open house or request one through your child's teacher or through our office. **All parents/guardians will be asked to review and sign off on our student handbook this year, in which your support is critical to the well-being and operation of our school.**

[Click Here for Student Handbook](#)



Upcoming Activities and Updates

- Wednesday, September 27th- Elementary Picture Day 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 2nd- No School for Students (Professional Development)
- October 9th-13th- **Rush City Schools Homecoming Week**
- October 9th-13th- Fire Prevention Week
- October 16th-20th- School Bus Safety Week
- Thursday through Friday, October 19th-20th- No School - Education MN / MEA Break
- Monday, October 23rd- Parent / Teacher Conferences 12 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
- Thursday, October 26th- Parent / Teacher Conferences 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 26th- Elementary Picture Make-Up Day 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Student Clubs and Additional Activities

- We will be hosting student clubs once again this year! Some of them are offered through the school and some are offered through community agencies. We are so excited to offer the following student clubs with more yet to come. Watch for updates in the near future:
 - LEGO CLUBS
 - CROCHET CLUBS
 - YOUTH SPORTS
 - YOUTH FIRST
 - SCOUTS
 - and MORE!

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Activities



Community Education and Activities Director

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Greetings Tiger Territory!

We are looking forward to a great start to the school year for Rush City Tigers activities! Again this fall, there are over 200 students involved in the activities they enjoy. There are many opportunities for families and community members to come out and watch games or events. For times and places of these games and events, check out the [events and activities calendar](#).

Admission to home games will continue to be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with ages 62+ attending for free. Those senior passes can be picked up at the high school office or at the admissions table during games. Again this year, all high school students get free admission with their school ID or their Student View account. Elementary students are also admitted free, but they must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Athletic contests bring out strong emotions in the people who coach and participate in them. They also bring out some of those same strong emotions in the fans who come to cheer the Tigers on. Fans at Rush City events in the past have shown good sportsmanship and control. However, if you ever see or hear anything that you feel is not appropriate at any of our events, home or away, please contact the Activities Director. Again, we have been very fortunate and appreciative of the fact that in Rush City we have not had many incidents where fans have made poor choices. This is not the typical trend across Minnesota and the rest of the country. Thank you for your continued sportsmanship.

Any students who are planning to participate in a sport should check to make sure that they are registered for that sport on the [activity registration page](#). Students must also have a current physical on file in order to start practices on time. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to the Activities Director or Cathy Monster.

Postponements and cancellations for games and practices can happen anytime. Parents, make sure to opt into the Remind 101 app that your child's coach provides. This is a great way to get messages about practice and bus departure changes on short notice. Grandpas, grandmas, and community members can stay informed about game schedule changes and notifications as well. Simply set up '[Notify Me](#)' through the events & activities calendar on the district's homepage.

1. Set up an account using your email address and create a password.
2. Choose all of the activities you would like to be alerted to.
3. Setup Notification Preferences
 - a. You can choose to get notifications of the upcoming events in the activities you choose.
 - b. You can choose to get notifications only when a scheduled event is changed.
4. Click "Save My Settings" and you are finished.

You can change your 'Notify Me' settings anytime by logging back into your account, making the changes, and saving the changes you make.

Looking forward to seeing and visiting with all of you when you come out to support the Tigers!

High School Counseling

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

We are so excited to welcome back our incredible 7th – 12th-grade students! We hope you all had a safe and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces as well as some new ones!

The Counseling Department has expanded our Team; welcome Annie Knutson! Annie will be located in the Media Center. She will primarily be the counselor for all mental health counseling including social, emotional, and personal needs. This may include brief individual counseling, check-ins, peer mediation, small group counseling, and other targeted interventions. We are so excited to have her here!

Mrs. Weileder will continue with scheduling, academic, college, and career counseling. This includes scholarships and post-secondary planning. She will be visiting classrooms, teaching college prep to juniors, teaching MNCIS to 8-12th grade, meeting with seniors one-on-one, completing personal learning plans for all students, and hosting many college/career events.

Please email Mrs. Weileder any schedule change requests and we will do our very best to try and accommodate as best possible. The last day for schedule changes is Friday, September 8th. If you would like to meet in person, please call her at 320-358-1267, or the school counseling assistant Carrie Kirchberg at 320-358-1269.

The Counseling Department has many programs and events throughout the year. We will announce these in the monthly Tiger Tail Newsletter as well as in the daily announcements which are also posted on our school website. These services promote personal and social growth which, in turn, raises academic standards.

We look forward to a positively exciting year with you and your students. Thank you!

Mrs. Weileder

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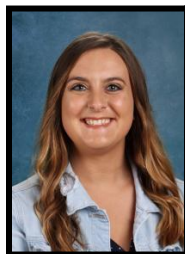
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Health and Wellness



Licensed School Nurse

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Hey, I'm back!

Until we have a new school nurse, I've returned to manage the health office. I love being back with all the fabulous staff and kids, but it's only temporary.

With the start of the school year, I would like to put out some reminders.

- Remember that it is a **state law** that children are current on immunizations or have a current conscientious objection form on file. We check kindergarteners and 7th graders. Those kids who do not have current records on file **cannot be in school**, so please, please make sure to have their shots before school starts. **Fairview clinics offer free immunizations to anyone.**
- Please make sure emergency records are filled out and returned to the office promptly. We want to have the most current information on file in case we need to reach you.
- If your student takes medications at school you will need to come to school to sign paperwork and drop off medication.
- Please teach and encourage your children to wash their hands often, avoid sharing food and drinks, cover their cough, and avoid touching their faces.
- Please review the handbook on when to keep your child home from school.
- If your child has a health concern or one develops during the school year, please reach out to let me know and we can come up with a plan that will provide a safe learning environment for your child.

Oh, and guess what? There's an uptick in COVID-19. Fortunately, free tests are available. Minnesotans can order free rapid at-home COVID-19 tests. Every home in Minnesota can order eight tests once a month while supplies last. Even if you have ordered before, you can order again. Order your tests at [Say Yes! To Covid Test \(sayyeshometest.org\)](https://sayyeshometest.org).

Here's to another happy, healthy school year!

Deborah Meissner, RN, PHN

Licensed School Nurse

Early Childhood



Early Childhood Coordinator

Sara Sieling

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Hello Rush City Families! Welcome to the new school year! We hope you had a great summer and are ready to get back into the swing of things! We are excited to start this new school year and cannot wait to meet our youngest learners! Below you will find information on all we have to offer at Rush City Early Childhood. Would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive our current offerings - Fill out this [FORM](#).

Preschool

We currently have openings in our 3-year-old morning class. This class is for children who turn 3 before September 1st and runs from 8:15 to 10:45 on Mondays and Wednesdays (Tuesdays and Thursdays are currently full.) We also have openings in our 4-year-old afternoon class. This class is for children who turn 4 before September 1st and runs from 12:00 - 2:45 Mondays through Thursdays. (Full-day classes are currently full. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.



Preschool classes for registered students will start the week of September 11th. Welcome letters were sent home with specific class days and times for parent orientation days. If you did not receive a letter, please let us know so we can get that information to you.

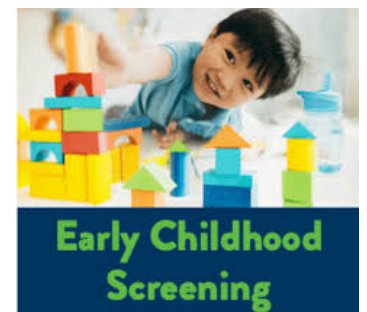


ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education)

We will offer three sessions this year - Fall, Winter, and Spring. Information will be available on our website and a brochure will be mailed out. Fall registration will open on September 5th on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Early Childhood Screening

Rush City Early Childhood invites parents of 3-year-old students (or any unscreened 4- or 5-year-old children not yet in kindergarten) to make an appointment with us to attend the screening. Screenings are required before students enter kindergarten, however, there is no need to wait or delay screening until your child is older. Screening is not a placement test. Screening questions and passing scores are based on the age of your child on the day they are screened. Screening is a quick check to be sure your child is meeting important developmental milestones. To register, click [HERE](#), contact Melissa Schroeder at maschroeder@rushcity.k12.mn.us, or call 320-358-3635.



Food Service & Nutrition



Food Service Supervisor

Molly Gotwald

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I hope everyone has had a fabulous summer! As we arrive at the school year, some new changes to the laws surrounding school breakfast and lunches are being implemented in our school district.

The Free School Meals Bill ensures that each student will receive one breakfast and one lunch at no charge for each in-person school day.

Adult meals, single milk, ala carte items, or second meals/entrees are not included in the bill and will be charged accordingly.

Additional information about the Free School Meals bill can be found at:

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/FNS/SNP/free/>

New this fall, the Farm to School Grant Program has awarded funding to our district. This is a special type of grant that provides reimbursement for purchasing qualifying food items directly from participating local MN farmers.

We have opted in for 2 separate usages of our award:

September will bring us Minnesota Berry Thursdays! We plan to have a selection of berries from throughout the state offered on Thursdays during the month.

October will be full of weekly apple varieties from MN, near and far!

In addition, we will be participating in the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch! A coordinated apple-eating event to celebrate our apple farmers throughout the state and nation!

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.



Transportation



Transportation Supervisor

Anders Johnson

ajohnson@rushcity.k12.mn.us | 320-358-3562

Welcome back to another school year.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer! Please be alert to school buses being on the road again and cautious for students waiting at bus stops.

Bus information for the 2023-2024 school year has been established based on transportation needs from the last school year and the information collected recently. If have not received a letter, this means our records indicate that you do not need district transportation services. If you do require transportation or need to make a change to the information you received, please complete a 23-24 [student transportation form](#) and return it to your child's school office or the email at the bottom of the form. We ask that you allow up to five days for requests to be processed. Please understand that it is critical that we have consistent and accurate information on the location of all riders at any given time. This is why all students are required to ride the bus they are assigned to, as well as get on and off at their designated stop location. For the safety of all, we do not allow students (families) to alter these plans. Thank you for understanding that we cannot honor requests for bus passes. If your child cannot ride their scheduled bus, it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to arrange transportation. Students will be assigned to one primary bus and we ask that they ride only that bus. In rare circumstances, a student may also be assigned to an alternate bus (daycare, grandma's, etc.) only if they use this alternate site on a regular schedule. It is imperative that we adhere to these guidelines.

Safety Expectations on the Bus - Students will be notified of bus rules and will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will ensure safe passage and good care of the buses. Our primary concern is to provide the safest transportation possible. When a child becomes unruly on a bus, the child could be endangering others. Students who do not maintain an acceptable level of responsibility on the bus may lose the privilege to ride. Parents will be notified when a child exhibits repeated unacceptable behavior.

Disclaimer - Bus Transportation - Parents are advised that by Minnesota Law, school buses carry essentially the same insurance coverage as private automobiles, therefore, the "no-fault" coverage is in effect. Should a passenger in a school bus be injured, that passenger must make a claim to her or his (parent's) automobile insurance carrier for medical coverage.

If you have questions, please feel free to call the transportation department at 320-358-3562 and leave a message. We will do our best to return your call as promptly as possible.

Thank you to our returning drivers and a big welcome to the new faces who will be driving!

Best regards,
Anders Johnson

School Resource Officer



Deputy Gage

jgage@rushcity.k12.mn.us | 320-358-1343

Greetings Tiger Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I looked at my informational board at the high school and it read, "Have a Great Summer, see you in 91 days!" If only Winter went as fast as Summer.

I am excited to start my 6th year as your School Resource Officer. As we get back in the groove, please be mindful of school buses on their routes. Remember, you must stop at least 20 feet from the school bus that is displaying red flashing lights or the stop arm. Please pay attention to your surroundings and put the distractions away.

I am bringing back the Safety Patrol Team. The team consists of students from Jacobson Elementary. They are stationed at the crosswalk on Tiger Trail near the bus loop and the crosswalk on Harte Ave. near the back parking lot at Jacobson Elementary. If your child walks to school, please encourage them to use the crosswalks.

I am looking forward to a great school year.

Please reach out if you need to.

GO TIGERS!

SCHOOL BUS

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN
STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

Always be **prepared to stop** for school buses,
especially during pickup and drop off hours.

DRIVERS MUST:

- Stop for a school bus with its flashing red lights activated and the stop-arm extended.
- Stop at least 20 feet from a school bus.
- Remain stopped until the stop-arm is retracted and red lights turned off.



WATCH VIDEO



STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE

"To a Location"

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

Students are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

SECURE

“Get Inside. Lock outside doors”



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

LOCKDOWN

“Locks, Lights, Out of Sight”



A Lockdown is called when there is something dangerous inside of the building. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unscheduled drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it as a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.

It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the “Muscle Memory” associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.

CAN PARENTS OBSERVE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE DRILLS?

The school welcomes parents who wish to observe or participate in drills.



Notices

SchoolMessenger®

SchoolMessenger® is an automated communication and emergency notification system. As our district provides most of our communications electronically, it is imperative that we have accurate family contact information on file.

This system helps schools by empowering principals and administrators to notify parents using automated phone, email, and *text message (SMS) broadcasts. This can include scheduled communications, same-day and night-before parent notification for school cancellations, schedule changes, and unplanned events.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to log in to their ParentVue account to review the accuracy of their contact information and to make updates/corrections. Note that each parent has their own ParentVue account. Please ensure your email and phone contacts are current. SchoolMessenger® is set up to send broadcasts to all phone numbers and the first two emails you list in ParentVue.

Please contact your child's school if you have any questions about your ParentVue access or login.

Jacobson Elementary (including preschool) nmoulton@rushcity.k12.mn.us or 320-358-4724	Rush City High School evacinek@rushcity.k12.mn.us or 320-358-4795
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If you find that your contact information is correct, but you are still not receiving our email communications through SchoolMessenger®, please contact our district office at 320-358-4855 for assistance. Be aware that *broadcasts@schoolmessengermail.com* is the address from which the emails are sent. If you unsubscribe to this email address you will be removed from the list and unfortunately not receive any of our communications. *SmS messages are limited in characters - too short to fully explain an emergency situation. For parents who rely on that form of communication, please check your voicemail or email for all the details. If you didn't "opt-in" to SMS (text) messaging you won't receive them. If you would like to receive SMS (text) messages simply text the word yes to 67587 from your phone.

Writing a Check to the School?

Attention!! If you are writing a check to the school for any reason, all written checks require the following:

- Pay to the order of **RUSH CITY SCHOOLS**
- A printed or written phone number on the check

Checks will not be accepted if either of these items are incorrect or missing. If your check needs to be re-issued, credit will not apply until the correct check is received. Thanks for your understanding.

Student Accident Insurance

The School District does NOT provide any type of health or accident insurance for injuries incurred by your child at school.

We encourage all families to have accident coverage for their children prior to participation in any sports or school-sponsored activities. If you do not feel your insurance is adequate or do not have insurance, we encourage you to review the student insurance program.

Accident insurance is made available through Gerber Insurance. This plan will provide benefits for medical expenses incurred because of an accident. Enrollment can be completed by visiting [K-12 Special Markets](#).

Students and parents must be sure to inform the coach or the person in charge of the activity if the student is injured. An accident form must be filled out and verified in each case at the time of the injury

Notices

Asbestos Notification

To all parents, teachers, and employee organizations of ISD #139:

ISD #139 has on file a complete and updated Management Plan for dealing with former asbestos-containing building materials within the school district's buildings. The Management Plan is available for viewing by interested parties, Monday through Friday; 8:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. at the District Office. Copies will be made available for reproduction at a nominal cost.

The Rush City High School was designed without specifying or requiring the use of asbestos-containing building materials.

During the summer of 2003, C. E. Jacobson Elementary had all known asbestos-containing building materials removed. This included floor tile and pipe wrap contained within the interior walls.

Environmental Health Issue

The Lead Contamination Control Act of 1988 requires that all water coolers in public and private elementary and secondary school buildings that are not lead-free must be repaired, replaced, permanently removed, or rendered inoperable unless the water coolers are tested and found not to contribute lead to drinking water (test results above 20 parts per billion where a significant portion of the lead is contributed by the cooler). Although testing for lead is not required under the Act, it is encouraged.

Rush City schools routinely conduct tests on water coolers within its buildings to determine the lead content. By law, the school shall notify parents, teachers, and employee organizations of the availability of such testing results.

Testing results and a record of remedial action taken may be found at the district office and may be viewed during normal business hours.

Notice Concerning Use of Pest Control Materials:

Our district utilizes a licensed, professional pest control service firm for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district's buildings. Their program consists of:

1. Inspection and monitoring to determine whether pests are present and whether any treatment is needed.
2. Recommendations for maintenance and sanitation to help eliminate pests without the need for pest control materials.
3. Utilization of non-chemical measures such as traps, caulking, and screening.
4. Application of EPA-registered pest control materials when needed.

Pests can sting, bite, cause contamination, damage property, and spread disease; therefore, we must prevent and control them. The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pest control materials, or the class of materials to which they belong, may not be fully understood. All pest control materials are chosen and applied according to label directions per Federal Law.

An estimated schedule of interior pest control inspections and possible treatments is available for review or copying at each school office. A similar estimated schedule is available for the application of herbicides and other materials to school grounds. Parents of students may request to receive, at their expense, prior notification of any application of pest control materials, should such an application be deemed necessary on a day different from the days specified in the schedule.

Rush City Schools Radon Testing

During the 2016-2017 school year, Rush City School buildings were tested for the presence of radon. All test results came back below the Minnesota Department of Health recommended limit.

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Notice

Rush City School district is proud to be taking a leadership role in providing a safe, comfortable, and productive environment for our students and staff so that we achieve our core mission - educating students. Our school will follow EPA guidance to improve our indoor air quality by preventing as many IAQ problems as possible, and by quickly responding to any IAQ problems that may arise. Good air quality requires an ongoing commitment by everyone in our school. School staff, students, and parents can obtain checklists or self-help information so they can properly evaluate their child's home or out-of-school situation by contacting the school. Staff and parents can also obtain information about school facility construction, maintenance, housekeeping practices, chemicals used, and mold herbicide applications to determine the extent to which activities contribute to a child's symptoms by contacting the school.

Notices

State Choice Programs - Open Doors for Minnesota Learners

Several choice programs have been adopted by the legislature since 1985.

Two pamphlets are available to help guide you in the selection of a school: "How to Pick Your Child's School" and "How to Select a School For Your Child: A Family Guide." Ask someone in your local school office or call the MN Dept. Education Hotline: 651-582-8572.

Families and learners may choose from the following enrollment options programs:

POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS allows 11th and 12th graders to attend, full or part-time, a technical college, a community college, a private, liberal college or university, or any of the state universities for high school credit. Students must meet the requirements of that postsecondary institution. Students should work with their high school counselor to ensure the courses taken will meet graduation requirements.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT OPTIONS OR OPEN ENROLLMENT permits kindergarten through twelfth-grade students to apply to attend a school outside the district in which they live. Applications must be received by the nonresident district for enrollment.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION INCENTIVES program is designed to encourage learners, who are having difficulty in school or who have dropped out of school, to complete their high school credits in alternative settings. Qualifying students may attend another traditional high school inside or outside their district, an Area learning center, an Alternative School or program, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school that has been contracted by a district to provide educational service.

DIPLOMA OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS encourages individuals aged 21 or older, who have not completed high school to return to get their diplomas. Qualifying persons have up to two years of free state aid to finish their requirements. Many of the same programs available under high School Graduation incentives are available to adults.

AREA LEARNING CENTERS provide year-round, nontraditional education toward a high school diploma for students 12 years of age through adult on a full- or part-time basis. Students develop, with an instructor, learning plans that best fit their course needs and learning styles.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS personalize the education of learners at risk of not completing high school. classes are taught using nontraditional methods and allow for flexible scheduling. These programs operate during the school day and year.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MINOR PARENTS AND PREGNANT MINORS are designed to ensure teens, who are parents or pregnant, complete their high school education. When requested, educational programs that fit the needs of the individual must be made available, by the school district, along with any necessary supportive services.

For more information about these enrollment options programs visit your school or district office. You may contact the district office at 320-358-4855, or call the MN dept. of education enrollment options hotline, 651-582-8572.

Directory Information - Elementary and High School Students

In compliance with Section 99.3 of the Data Privacy Act, the Rush City Public Schools declares the following information relating to students to be "directory information": Student's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, date and place of birth, participation in school activities, dates of attendance, school awards received, and other similar information. What this means is that the school will release upon request the above information regarding students to military recruiters, colleges, tech schools, congressmen, etc.

Students and parents have the right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the above categories of personally identifiable information as directory information with respect to that student. Students or parents wishing to do so should contact the elementary school or high school offices by September 25, 2023. Students will automatically be included in the directory information list if parents have not contacted the school.

Notices

Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination

We hereby affirm that the Rush City School District Number 139 is in compliance with the following state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination:

1. MN Stat. 363.03, Minnesota Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in education programs and activities on grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, or disability.
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (PL 88-352) which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the district receives federal financial assistance.
3. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (PL 88-352) as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 (PL 92-261), which prohibits discrimination in employment because of an individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
4. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (PL 92-318), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
5. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (PL 90-202), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age (40 through 64).
6. MN Stat. 126.21, which prohibits sex discrimination in athletic programs.
7. EDU 4 (1.004), curriculum, which provides that "No school shall provide any course or activity on the basis of sex. This includes health, physical education, home economics, and industrial education."
8. EDU 620-639 (1.0620-1.0639), relating to equality of educational opportunity and school desegregation.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts, or other federal and state financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the district by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and the State Department of Education, including installment payments after such date on applications for federal financial assistance and state aid allotments which were approved before such date. The district recognizes and agrees that such federal and state financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations, and supporting information required by MN. Stat. 124.15, subd. 2a, and agreements made in this assurance. This assurance is binding on the district and the person or persons whose signatures appear and who are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the district.

The superintendent of schools is designated as the administrator of this program. Anyone feeling they have been discriminated against in any of these items should contact him/her to register a complaint.

Teacher Qualifications

We are required to notify parents of their rights to access information on the professional qualifications of classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher is licensed for the grades/subjects assigned.
- Whether the teacher is teaching with a waiver.
- The academic preparation of the teacher and whether their child is provided services by a paraprofessional and his/her qualifications.
- Notify parents when students have been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Notices

Nondiscrimination Notice

Rush City Schools offers a variety of vocational opportunities through the Business Education, Agriculture, and Industrial Technology Departments. These opportunities are offered regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Admission for specific courses is based on grade level, and in some cases, prior experience related to advanced courses.

Rush City Schools conforms to all the laws, statutes, and regulations concerning equal employment opportunities and affirmative action. We strongly encourage women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans to apply to all of our job openings. We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability status, Genetic Information & Testing, Family & Medical Leave, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. We prohibit retaliation against individuals who bring forth any complaint, orally or in writing, to the employer or the government, or against any individuals who assist or participate in the investigation of any complaint or otherwise oppose discrimination.

Rush City Schools ISD #139 promotes equal opportunity for students and staff and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. School Board policy designates the Superintendent as coordinator of Title IX, ADA, and Section 504 regulations. Brent Stavig; PO Box 566, 51001 Fairfield Ave; Rush City, MN 55069; Phone: 320-358-4855.

Quick Reference Policies:

[Policy # 413 - Harassment and Violence](#)

[Policy # 419 - Tobacco-Free Environment](#)

[Policy #503 - Student Attendance](#)

[Policy #505 - Distribution of NonSchool-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees](#)

[Policy #506 - Student Discipline](#)

[Policy #515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records](#)

[Policy #520 - Student Surveys](#)

[Policy #522 - Title IX Sex NonDiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedures and Process](#)

[Policy #524 - Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy](#)

[Policy #526 - Hazing Prohibition](#)

[Policy #527 - Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches](#)

[Policy #529 - Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students](#)

[Policy #534 - Unpaid Meal Charges](#)

[Policy #609 - Religion](#)

[Policy #624 - Online Learning Options](#)

[Policy #709 - Student Transportation Safety Policy](#)

169 Student Rush City Schools 2023-2024 Calendar 182 Staff

2023 - 2024 School Calendar

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SCHOOL CLOSED/ HOLIDAYS



TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY
(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)



EVENING CONFERENCES
(SCHOOL IN SESSION)
(COUNT AT 1.5 STAFF DAY)



FIRST AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



TEACHER IN SERVICE DAY &
AFTERNOON CONFERENCES
(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)



SUMMER SCHOOL 2023
PROPOSED DATES 2024 JULY - JULY 8-26 M-F



END OF QUARTER

* Open House: Wednesday, August 30, 2023

* Veteran's Day Program: Monday, November 6, 2023

* Graduation: Friday, May 31, 2024

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School Board Meetings

The Regular School Board Meetings are scheduled for the Third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

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