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Rush City Volleyball: A Remarkable Return to the State Tournament!

The 2023 Rush City volleyball season has once again etched its name into history! For the second consecutive year, the Tiger Volleyball Team has not only earned a spot at the **STATE** tournament but also secured an impressive **SECOND-PLACE** finish.

Our small town's spirit, pride, and unyielding support have once again elevated this experience to extraordinary heights. Congratulations to each member of the team (players, managers, and coaches) for contributing to this historic back-to-back achievement! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Rush City community for their continued support. Thank you, Rush City, for joining us in celebrating this incredible journey for the second year in a row!

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Rush City Schools



Superintendent

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Season's Greetings to the Rush City Community,

As we immerse ourselves in the spirited month of December, I extend my warmest greetings to each of you. The air is filled with anticipation and creativity as our schools come alive with the festive energy that characterizes this joyous season. Amidst the vibrant decorations gracing our halls and the harmonious rehearsals for winter concerts, the heart of our community beats strongest through the positive endeavors of our students. Their resilience and innovative spirit, mirrored by our dedicated staff, illuminate the path forward.

In the true spirit of giving, our students have embraced initiatives to support those who are less fortunate. Food shelf donations, collections of hats and mittens, and the gathering of gifts for those in need reflect the genuine compassion of our students. Witnessing their joy in making a positive impact serves as a profound lesson and a source of inspiration for us all.

As we revel in the excitement of December, it's important to note that Winter Break is scheduled from Monday, December 25th, through January 2nd. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd. This break offers our students and staff a chance to recharge, returning ready for the new year's opportunities.

Looking forward, I'm optimistic about the bright future of our district. The collaborative spirit shown by our students embodies the positive path we're on together. May this December be filled with warmth, unity, and reflection on the strength of our exceptional Rush City School District community.

Wishing you all a safe, festive, and rejuvenating Winter Break and look forward to the exciting experiences that await us in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Brent Stavig
Superintendent
Rush City Schools

Rush City High School



High School Principal

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Happy December Rush City Families,

This month is packed full of fun events and activities!

PBIS Movie Reward Day

We want to reward and congratulate students who have been following our ROAR expectations with a Movie Reward Day on December 19th at the Cambridge Movie Theater. Students who did not receive a behavioral referral/detention for 1st semester will be able to attend the movie. The movie is free to students but they will need to bring money if they are interested in concessions. THANK YOU TO THE CAMBRIDGE MOVIE THEATER FOR HAVING US! Students who have had 1 or 2 detentions have the opportunity to earn their way back into the movie but need to visit with Mrs. Wirtz, Mr. Connors, or their case managers for a restorative practice piece.

- What is restorative practice? Providing students with intentional, inclusive, and respectful ways of thinking about, talking about, and responding to their behavior.

Attendance for the day is mandatory for all students. Those not attending the movie will stay in school.

Biggest Buck Contest!

We are doing our annual Big Buck Contest again this year! Students can submit pictures of themselves and their buck/doe to be hung up anytime between now and December 30th! Each student who submits their picture will be entered into a drawing for some great prizes!

Dress Code

STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to enhance the education of students by establishing expectations of dress and grooming that are related to educational goals and school standards. School Board Policy 504.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The policy of the school district is to encourage students to be dressed appropriately for school activities and in keeping with community standards. This is a joint responsibility of the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s).
- B. Appropriate clothing includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 1. Clothing appropriate for the weather.

2. Clothing that does not create a health or safety hazard.
 3. Clothing appropriate for the activity (i.e., physical education or the classroom).
 4. Face Masks worn under COVID guidance and following the school policy
- C. Inappropriate clothing includes, but is not limited to, the following:
1. "Short shorts," skimpy tank tops, tops that expose the midriff or private body areas, and other clothing that is not in keeping with community standards.
 2. Clothing bearing a message that is lewd, vulgar, or obscene.
 3. Apparel promoting products or activities that are illegal for use by minors.
 4. Objectionable emblems, badges, symbols, signs, words, objects, or pictures on clothing or jewelry communicating a message that is racist, sexist, or otherwise derogatory to a protected minority group, evidences gang membership or affiliation, or approves, advances, or provokes any form of religious, racial, or sexual harassment and/or violence against other individuals as defined in ISD #139 Policy 413.
 5. Any apparel or footwear that would damage school property. 504-2
 6. Wearing items that aren't considered apparel: Flags
- D. Appropriate hats and hoods can be worn in the school building but it is left up to each classroom teacher on if they allow it in their classrooms.
- E. The intention of this policy is not to abridge the rights of students to express political, religious, philosophical, or similar opinions by wearing apparel on which such messages are stated. Such messages are acceptable as long as they are not lewd, vulgar, obscene, defamatory, profane, or do not advocate violence or harassment against others.
- F. "Gang," as defined in this policy, means any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of one or more criminal acts, which has an identifiable name or identifying sign or symbol, and whose members individually or collectively engage in or whose members engaged in a pattern of criminal gang activity. "Pattern of gang activity" means the commission, attempt to commit, conspiring to commit, or solicitation of two or more criminal acts, provided the criminal acts were committed on separate dates or by two or more persons who are members of or belong to the same criminal street gang.
- G. Apparel depicting current or former students is not allowed

III. PROCEDURES

- A. When, in the judgment of the administration, a student's appearance, grooming, or mode of dress interferes with or disrupts the educational process or school activities, or poses a threat to the health or safety of the student or others, the student will be directed to make modifications or will be sent home for the day. Parents/guardians will be notified.
- B. The administration may recommend a form of dress considered appropriate for a specific event and communicate the recommendation to students and parents/guardians. C. Likewise, an organized student group may recommend a form of dress for students considered appropriate for a specific event and make such recommendation to the administration for approval.

REMINDER: See Something, Say Something

As our school year progresses, the safety and social-emotional well-being of our students and staff continue to remain a top priority. Just a reminder that the "See Something, Say Something" form available on our high school website is a convenient and confidential way to report potentially disruptive activities such as harassment, bullying, drug or alcohol abuse, or threats to personal or school safety. Please click this [LINK](#) which will take you right to our page.

Substitutes for paraprofessionals and substitutes:

We need substitutes. If you are interested in learning more about the requirements and “how to’s” of subbing please contact me and I can help you with the process. For paraprofessionals, you need a high school diploma/GED, and for substitute teaching, you need a four-year degree



[Click HERE to access ParentVUE](#)

This provides access to your student’s schedule, grades, and basic school information.

For assistance with ParentVUE please email office staff:

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As you know, our winter break is from December 25th-January 2nd. December 22nd is now a school day due to canceling school for the Girls State Volleyball Game. Classes will resume on January 3rd. Take time with the ones you love, enjoy, and create new traditions as this holiday season may look different for everyone. I want to thank everyone for your support this school year and please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or for support. See you next year!

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HIGH SCHOOL MENTORS MAKE A HUGE IMPACT

Spreading joy and knowledge during Slime Week at CE Jacobson Elementary School! High school mentors leave a lasting impression on their 'littles' as they dive into the fun with enthusiasm and smiles, creating unforgettable moments of mentorship.

PLAYING WITH MUD AT RCHS

It's always exciting to see what new talents present themselves in the students of Rush City High School. While RCHS offers many exciting electives from FACS to Choir, many students find they have a knack for working with clay! Ceramics and Advanced Ceramics are two classes offered where students can potentially discover a love for pottery and sculpture! 12 years ago we only had a few pottery wheels, we have built up to nine wheels, allowing students more time and access to mastering the very difficult skill of throwing pots! We asked Kellen Gorman (pictured with vase) what he finds valuable about ceramics, "It takes your mind off things and allows you to make a product out of a calming experience."

We hope to acquire two more wheels in the upcoming years, expanding the number of students who can practice regularly and develop real skills. Students can find they have talents in the most unlikely places, even playing with mud!



CE Jacobson Elementary



Elementary Principal

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We're working hard and making gains!

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

Congratulations to our students of the quarter, nominated by staff for showing consistent, daily leadership in the areas of Respect, Organization, Attentiveness, and Responsibility! Students had a surprise pizza, pop, and Oreo party during the lunch block!

Elementary ROAR Students of the Quarter!

Kindergarten - Wayland Karnick, Vivian Moulton, Audrey Piel, Amelia Marty

First Grade - Autumn Allen, Annabelle Akers, Micah Karlsson, Emmett Schmidt

Second Grade - Emelia Blomberg, Xavier Faaj, Addisyn Fisher, Penelope Sybrant

Third Grade - Ella Amundson, Bryson Fletcher, Aubree Klocke, Dylan St. Juliana

Fourth Grade - Chase Carlson, Izzy Hoppe, Daphne Simons, June Blomberg

Fifth Grade - Sid Anderson, Wyatt Smuder, Josephine Nelson, Lilly Karlsson

Sixth Grade - Addison Brown, Adyson Seymour, Levi Crandall, Kinley Zeltinger





Please take time to review the winter dress procedure here at C.E. Jacobson Elementary.

Please make sure your child is coming to school with appropriate winter gear. *If you don't have certain items please let us know and we can help. We have items that we can give away as well as loan out from day to day.*

Updated Student Recess Dress Code Zero Degrees or Below = Inside Recess
Under 40 Degrees and Snow/Ice/Wet

K-2

Required: Boots, Snowpants, Hats, Mittens/Gloves, Jacket

If no boots or snow pants- Students must play on paved areas only.

If no jacket- Students will have to borrow a loaner.

***Students may self-regulate body temp when playing by unzipping a jacket, but not taking it off.**

3-4

Required: Boots, Hats, Mittens/Gloves, Jacket

If no boots- Students must play on paved areas only.

If no jacket- Students will have to borrow from a loaner.

***Students may self-regulate body temp when playing by unzipping a jacket, but not taking it off.**

5-6

Required: Jackets and hats/hoods of some kind are required— loaners are always available.

If students do not / will not wear mittens or gloves, that will have to be a natural consequence—they will have cold hands and hopefully choose to wear them. If students do not wear boots, they are limited to playing only on the paved areas.

STUDENT COUNCIL

21 Days of Giving

Congratulations to our student council for hosting and collecting donations of food, toiletries, toys, and hats & mittens this year for the food pantry and for individuals in need!

In week one, they collected 453 food and personal care items for the Rush City Food Shelf. For weeks two and three, they collected new toys, hats, and mittens that will also be donated to the food shelf

Pictured: 4th-6th grade students with collected food and advisor, Anne Rood. Taylor Conrad is also a teacher sponsor for the student council. Way to go, students!



Upcoming Dates and Information

Important Dates

K & 1st Grade Music Program - Friday, December 8th

American Indian Parent Advisory Council - Monday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m.

School Board Advisory - Monday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting - Thursday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Last Day of School Before Winter Break - Friday, December 22nd - Students have fun activities all day long at school!

First Day Back to School from Winter Break - Wednesday, January 3rd

Reminder of Special Music performances:

Below is our elementary school concert calendar for the year. You will also receive updates all throughout the year about many other special events and programs for our students and families! NEW THIS YEAR–We have added a new sound system for better-quality performances!

Kindergarten and 1st-grade families–please check your emails for program details as we have our first program coming up on December 8th!

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 - 7:00p.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 - 9:30am OR 1:45 pm - Elem. Gym

Grade 6 and Jr. High Choirs Root Beer Rag - Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 7:00 pm

Location TBD

Grades 6-7 - Bands Root Beer Rag - Thursday, May 2, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Activities



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Greetings Tiger Territory!

As you saw on the front page of the newsletter, it was another busy fall in the Rush City High School activities program! The volleyball team had another great season! They won the Great River Conference championship with a perfect 10-0 record. Not including the shortened Covid season in 2020, this marks the program's 5th consecutive conference championship! They also won their second consecutive Section 7AA Championship which earned them another trip to the MSHSL State Volleyball Tournament. The team went on to make more history, not just in the volleyball program, but in school history. The 2023 Rush City Volleyball team became the first team to compete for a state championship! They fought a great fight and earned being the Class AA Runner-up. There was again great support from the Rush City community as the Tigers were competing down at the Excel Center. A HUGE Thank you for all of that support which included a large disruption to the school schedule on the first day of the tournament. Not having school allowed so many students, staff, and community members to support these student-athletes. Congratulations to all of these students and the coaches on their accomplishments.

ALL SCHOOL PLAY - "Clue"

Since the last newsletter, we were also treated to a tremendous performance of the play "Clue" by Mrs. Bigelow, Ms. Schueller, and the cast and crew of the all-school play! They gave 3 great performances which had the audience members laughing out loud! Congratulations to Mrs. Bigelow, Ms. Schueller, and all of the cast and crew for a job well done!



WINTER SEASON IS HERE!

This is one of the busiest times for activities at the high school. While we have hosted some junior high girls' basketball games, our first home varsity event was the 41st annual Rush City Invitational wrestling tournament. It took place on Saturday, December 2nd at the high school when RCB wrestling hosted nine other teams. While there were multiple technology issues, all of the wrestlers, coaches, and fans stayed patient and we were able to finish wrestling. Congratulations to all of the wrestlers on a great tournament. This year our girls' basketball program has created a co-op with North Branch High School. Our girls will be playing with some great girls and also being coached by a familiar face as former Tigers' football coach and 6th-grade teacher Joe Lattimore is the head coach. While the girls' schedule is on our school calendar, for the most up-to-date schedule please check the [North Branch Activities Calendar](#). Our co-op programs of boys and girls hockey have also started action. Don't worry if you missed some early games, there are plenty more to be attended. Boys basketball has also started with a couple of away games. They will host their first game on Friday, December 8th against the Bombers from Braham. Gymnastics opens the season on the road but will be hosting Chisago Lakes on December 21st.

Be sure to check the school [events and activities calendar](#) to find dates that you can come out and support our student-athletes. Please remember when you attend these events that you are doing so to support our great kids and coaches. Let the players play, the coaches coach, and the officials officiate. You can grab some popcorn along with something to drink and enjoy the entertainment.

Parents, make sure to opt into the Remind 101 app that your child's coach provides. If you do not know what it is, reach out to the coach and find out. 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 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.



National Signing Day Celebration

Exciting news as we celebrate the remarkable achievement and the commencement of a new chapter in Lydia Bengtson's journey!

Lydia has officially inked her commitment with Bemidji State University for volleyball, a testament to her unwavering dedication, hard work, and undeniable talent.

Congratulations, Lydia!



1,000 Career Points

Congratulations to Kayla Diedrich on her incredible achievement of scoring her 1000th point in her basketball career against Duluth-Denfeld on Friday, December 1st!

So proud of this hard-working, dedicated Tiger player. Special thanks to the North Branch/Rush City cooperative team for their unwavering support on this remarkable journey!



WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need people to work at events so our kids can have games.

We need **lower-level officials** for our junior high and c team basketball games.

We need a **boys' basketball c-team coach**.

There is also a need for **table workers to run scoreboards and shot clocks**.



Get paid to make a difference!

If you are interested or know someone who may enjoy watching games while getting paid, please have them reach out to Lee Rood at 320-358-1265 or lrood@rushcity.k12.mn.us.

We Are HIRING

PARAPROFESSIONALS

- ✓ Immediate Openings
- ✓ Elementary & High School
- ✓ Full-time & Part-time
- ✓ Positions Open Until Filled
- ✓ Starting Pay: \$13.74/hour

LEARN MORE & APPLY ONLINE AT
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Learn more by contacting: High School Principal, Janet Wagener at 320-358-1264 or jwagener@rushcity.k12.mn.us or
Elementary Principal, Alicia Nelson at 320-358-1362 or anelson@rushcity.k12.mn.us

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High School Counseling

Happy Holidays from the RCHS Counseling Offices!

We had some Career/College Knowledge Month presentations that spilled over from October into November for our seniors! One special guest is an alum from Rush City HS who gave a fantastic presentation to all our seniors! They got to hear a wonderful, in-depth example of putting a plan together, being flexible with what life throws at you, and following your heart, without going into debt! Rick Moulton truly appreciated the warm welcome RCHS extended to him for coming back to his high school and presenting. All the students agreed it was deeply encouraging, practical, and truly inspirational! We were so honored he was able to provide this for our students.



The Estates at Rush City came in and talked about a fantastic skilled nursing program they offer seniors who want to work and take classes for free. A representative from the Regional Council of Carpenters also spoke to them and offered our students an apprenticeship that combines classroom and hands-on training with on-the-job experience. Apprentices earn a livable wage while they learn.

The Frandsen Family Foundation presented to all seniors the scholarship they offer to students who want to have a career-ready program completed in two years. They offer students to attend Pine Tech Community College or any other community college if PTCC doesn't offer their desired program. This also extends to the four schools of Northwood Technical College in Wisconsin. The scholarship will pay for tuition and give the student a \$1000 stipend for textbooks and fees as needed. The FAFSA still must be completed to receive the scholarship. The seniors have all applied for their FAFSA pin and will start their FAFSA form in January.



We have the application here in the School Counseling Office. It only requires their address, cell phone number, personal email address, major, and school choice. They need to sign it and the parent too if the student is not 18. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Quarter two is well underway and we look forward to continuing to serve your students into the new year! May you have a very joyful holiday season and break with all your family!

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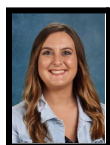
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Elementary Counseling

Hello, December!

Wow! I can not believe how fast this school year is flying by! The cold weather is certainly here! Please make sure that you are bringing cold weather/snow gear for your students to use during recess!

Mrs. Fealy and I wrapped up our first rotation of small groups that lasted for six weeks a few weeks ago. That means that we just started our second rotation! Small groups are some of my favorite parts of the school day. I love working with students in this setting and helping them grow in their social skills. Students are nominated for a group by their classroom teacher. They are then placed into a similarly aged group. For example, we might have groups of second and third graders or the group might contain just third graders. It just depends on the needs of our students! If you think your student could benefit from being in a group, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher so when the next group cycle comes around they can be nominated!

I look forward to working with the Rush City community. If I can assist you or your student(s) in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out!



Counselor

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Health and Wellness

Happy Holidays from the Health Office!

Some may say that it's the *most wonderful time of the year*; however, this often can be the most stressful time of the year. With that, I wanted to share some tips for staying healthy during the holidays.



Keep MOVING – Although the days are shorter and your schedule may be full, make time for yourself to get a little activity in. This can be a short walk, a free workout video, or even jumping jacks or squats randomly throughout your day. This can help decrease stress while increasing energy.

Get enough SLEEP – Be sure to get enough sleep as being tired can increase stress, decrease energy levels, and increase illnesses.

Drink plenty of WATER – Drinking enough water has many benefits! To name just a few – helps regulate body temperature, flushes toxins from the body, and aids in the digestive system.

Make HEALTHY food choices – Just because you may indulge in some favorite holiday dishes and treats, doesn't mean you need to choose unhealthy options for every meal. You can be mindful of what you eat or drink and still enjoy your favorites! Here is one of my favorite dishes to share at gatherings <https://iowagirleats.com/marinated-vegetable-salad>

Make MEMORIES – Be sure to slow down enough and enjoy one another. Let your kids pick something they want to do and you do the same. It can be decorating the tree watching a movie together, baking cookies, or driving around looking at Christmas lights with hot cocoa or playing a game. You could even make a Winter Bucket list with your kids (my children love this and we all contribute). Most importantly, give undivided attention and be present.

WASH THOSE HANDS, OFTEN – I cannot stress this enough! Washing hands helps prevent sickness and the spread of germs. Remind your children to wash their hands thoroughly and often (wouldn't hurt to practice hand hygiene with your children if they are younger). Encourage your children and yourself to wash hands upon arriving at a guest's residence, before and after meals, and again upon entering your own home.

Most importantly, please enjoy and savor these special moments with your loved ones and spread kindness wherever you go.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

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Preschool Openings

3-year-old classes have openings in both the Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday class sections. Children must have turned three before September 1st, 2023, and are nearly independent with toileting. Classes meet from 8:15 to 10:45 a.m.

4-year-old classes have openings in the Monday through Thursday afternoon class section. This class meets from 12:00 to 3:00 and includes lunch. Children must have turned four before September 1st, 2023, and be independent with toileting.

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

ECFE Happenings

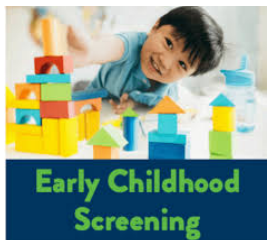
Registration for our winter session is open! Register [HERE](#).

We have openings in our weekly Friday morning classes. These classes meet each Friday when school is in session and have both an early childhood teacher and a parent educator! Come join parents of children the same age as yours to play and learn together!

We also have some special event Friday afternoon classes! Register now before spots fill up!!

Mark your calendars for Bowling for Books on February 13th at Chucker's Bowl! (Register at the above link.)

Early Childhood Screening



Rush City Early Childhood invites parents of 3- to 5-year-olds to make an appointment with us to attend 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.

Upcoming screening dates are January 19th (afternoon), February 16th (morning) or March 19 (evening).

Want to be one of the first to get Early Childhood information? Sign up to be on our mailing list [HERE!](#)

Looking for a way to help support Early Childhood Programming - check out our Amazon [wishlist!](#)

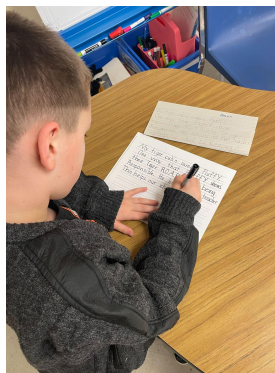
News & Information



The 8th-grade teachers had a drawing to reward students who didn't use prep passes for 1st quarter on Tuesday, November 21st during advisory. Prep passes can be used when students forget items from their lockers or need to charge their Chromebooks. Students who do not need to use these passes during the quarter are rewarded with prizes from their teachers. Pictured are all the 1st quarter winners with the prizes they picked. Congratulations, students!

Second-Grade Book Publishers

2nd graders in Miss Yaroscak's class are publishing a book! They have worked very hard to create their own tiger cub and got to write about how they show their ROAR!

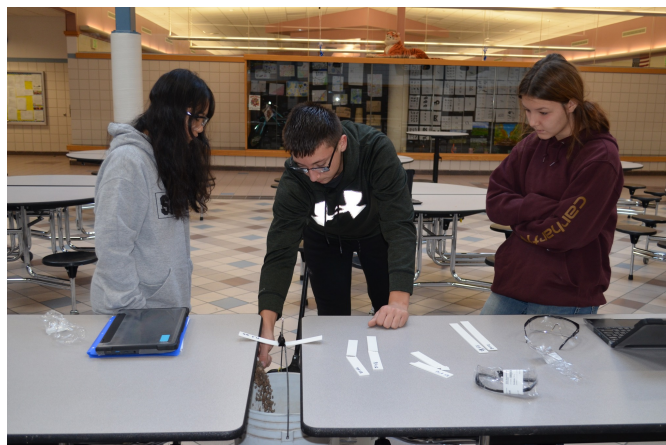


PROJECT LEAD THE WAY: ENGINEERING

So proud of Mr. Bingham's Engineering class! They recently completed a meticulous plastics strength testing project.

Throughout this project, the students delved into the fascinating world of designing a consistent testing process. They explored the strength versus failure rate of plastics, specifically those that would be included in a survival kit. This hands-on experience gave them valuable insights into engineering principles' real-world applications.

The curriculum for this engineering class was made possible, in part, by a grant from Project Lead the Way, a non-profit organization committed to advancing STEM curriculum and educational opportunities.



PROUD PUMPKINS

Elle Westberg made these proud pumpkins in Mr. Engel's classroom to display the ROAR spirit!



STUDENTS OF CHARACTER BREAKFAST

The following students were celebrated at our recent Students of Character breakfast at RCHS. Students of Character are selected by their teachers for demonstrating ROAR qualities.



September/October Students of Character

*From left: Vincent Scheele,
Sam Dick, Ruby Johnson,
Hunter McClain, Gabe
Widenstrom. Not Pictured:
Simon Karlsson*



November Students of Character

*Back row, from left:
Landon Sumner, AJ
LaChapelle, Summer
Nelson.*

*Front row, from left: Olivia
Tennyson, Abbey Pawlik,
Izzy Arneson*



**RUSH CITY TIGERS & TOYS FOR TOTS
PROUDLY PRESENT**

TEDDY BEAR TOSS

**BRING A NEW TEDDY BEAR TO TOSS AT HALF-TIME
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**RUSH CITY TIGERS VS. BRAHAM BOMBERS
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RUSH CITY HIGH SCHOOL**

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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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Important Forms/Links

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[2023-2024 Application for Educational Benefits](#)

[Enrollment Options Form \(Open Enrollment Application\)](#)

[2023-2024 School Year Calendar](#)

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