

Calendar of Events

2019-2020

Issue 1

August 23, 2019



Aug. 28 Open House, 5-7 PM
Sept. 4 Progress Reports
Sept. 24 Financial Aid Night, 6 PM
Oct. 2 RHS Choir Concert, 7 PM
Oct. 4 End of 1st Grading Period
Oct. 5 SAT at RHS
Oct. 10-18 Fall Break
Oct. 14-17 Intersession, 8:30-11:30 AM

Oct. 22 ASVAB for Juniors and Seniors
Oct. 23 Report Cards
Oct. 30 PSAT for Sophomores and Juniors
Nov. 8 & 9 Fall Play, 7 PM
Nov. 20 Progress Reports
Nov. 27-29 Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 17 RHS Holiday Concert, 7 PM
Dec. 20 End of First Semester

Guidance Information

ILEARN Biology test results from Spring 2019 were mailed home this week.

Award letters for the Babcock Dual Credit Scholarship applicants will be mailed soon. Payment will be made directly to the college/university.

Progress Reports will be distributed on **September 4**. Reports will be emailed from Harmony to parents who have provided RHS with an email address. Report Cards will be distributed in the same manner on **October 23**.

Seniors – The SAT is being offered at RHS on October 5. The registration deadline is **September 6**. Register at <http://sat.collegeboard.org>. Our high school test code number is 153020. If you receive free or reduced lunch, have questions, or need more information, please stop by the guidance office

Seniors -- The ACT is taking place on October 26. You can register online for the test until **September 20** at www.actstudent.org/start. RHS is **NOT** a testing site for the exam. Our high school test code number is 153020. **We recommend that you take the ACT plus writing.** If you receive free or reduced lunch, your test fees are waived. See guidance for a fee waiver. Please see Ms. Andrews or Mrs. Seufferer with questions.

The ASVAB will be administered to juniors and seniors on October 22.

The PSAT will be administered to all sophomores and juniors on **October 30**. This test is free of charge to students.

RHS will administer the Math and English ISTEP+ retests in Mid-December for sophomores and juniors that did not pass in the Spring.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's Homework Hotline provides **FREE math and science homework help** to Indiana students in grades 6-12. Students may contact the Homework Hotline from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. (EDT), September through May, toll free at 1-877-ASK-ROSE or on-line at www.AskRose.org.

RHS Open House

August 28

5:00-7:00 PM

Parents are invited to meet teachers and administrators. Please enter through the Zebbie doors.

Jostens will be taking orders for class rings and senior graduation supplies.

Presentation in Choir Room:

5:30 - Grades 9-12— InVest Ed
Early Awareness/Financial Aid

Presentation in Cafeteria:

6:00 - Seniors—College applications, dual credit, transcripts, financial aid, upcoming events and local scholarships (Alison Heyde from NICF will also be here)

FREE Books Available

The RHS Library will offer "discarded books" free to the public during Open House.

2018-19 and 2019-20 Yearbooks

A limited number of 2018-2019 yearbooks will be on sale during Open House for \$50. Also, orders may be placed for 2019-2020 yearbooks, which are currently the lowest price of the year at \$50 until September 13. Until September 13, if you choose the personalization package for an additional \$6, you will be able to choose 4 FREE icons to further personalize the front of your book; a savings of \$12! Yearbooks go up in price to \$55 on September 14.



Zebra Tracks

School Accident Insurance Coverage

Rochester Community Schools provides accident coverage for all school supervised and sponsored activities. This coverage is for medical bills resulting from ACCIDENTS only. An accident is defined as an unexpected, sudden and definable event which is the direct cause of a bodily injury, independent of any illness, prior injury or congenital predisposition.

Conditions which result from participating in sports do not necessarily constitute accidents. For example, illnesses, diseases, degeneration, conditions caused by continued stress to a particular area of the body, and existing conditions aggravated or exacerbated by an accident are not covered. This plan of insurance is EXCESS ONLY. It will not duplicate benefits paid or payable by any other insurance or plan including HMO's or PPO's.

The policy will not cover expenses payable under the insured's HMO (Health Maintenance Organization), or PPO (Preferred Provider Organization). If the insured chooses not to use an authorized medical vendor (under HMO or PPO), the policy will only cover expenses incurred that it would have honored had the insured used the proper medical vendor.

Medical treatment for a covered accident must begin within 90 days of that accident. Only expenses incurred within 52 weeks are considered. Benefits are determined on the basis of REASONABLE AND CUSTOMARY for the geographic location where services are performed.

Specific exclusions of the policy include, but are not limited to, sickness, disease, or hernia in any form; non-prescription drugs; fighting; and orthotics not prescribed exclusively for rehabilitation (e.g., playing brace, mouth guard).

A \$100 deductible will be applied to each claim regardless of other valid collectible insurance or plan payments.

A person who knowingly and with intent to defraud an insurer files a statement of claim containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information commits a felony.

Accidents must be reported to the school within 20 days. Medical bills must be submitted to First Agency, Inc. within 90 days after date of treatment. Questions regarding claim procedures may be directed to First Agency, Inc. at 5071 West H Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009 or 269/381-6630 or Fax 269/381-3055.

Student Drivers must have a **parking tag** displayed in their vehicles. Permit forms are available from Mrs. Furrow and cost is \$1 per year. (Also, see Mrs. Furrow with vehicle information changes). Display parking permits hanging from the inside mirror.

No student parking is permitted in unmarked spaces and the first three rows at the west end of the student lot (closest to the tennis courts). That area is strictly for Middle School pick up and drop off. Cars not parked in the correct areas will be ticketed.



RHS Choirs
Fall Concert
Ms. McMillen, Director
Columbia Elementary Gym
October 2, 2019
7:00 PM



Upcoming Events
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Home Football Games
October 26 Field Trip to Lucas Oil Stadium

DINNER AND A SHOW

BLACK TIE AFFAIR

RHS Tri-Epsilon
will present "Sherlock in Love"
November 8 and 9, 2019
7:00 PM in the RHS Cafeteria
Directed by
Mrs. Sydney Gudeman, Mrs. Brittany Pearcy



We provide our members with opportunities to serve, build character, and develop leadership. Key Club members around the world are learning how to lead and stand for what's right through service and volunteerism. Join the Rochester High School Key Club and make a positive impact as you serve others in your school and community.

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Dues (\$2) for Spanish Club should be turned in to Mrs. Zartman as soon as possible. Tee shirt designs are also due by Monday afternoon, August 26. The first meeting will be Tuesday, August 27, at 7:45 AM with voting for tee shirts and officers. You must be a paid member to vote!

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First Wrestling Call-Out meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th in the Aux Gym. 8:30-9:00 AM. The meeting is open to any young man or young lady that is interested in wrestling this year.

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All Sports Passes are being sold at the main office and all home sporting events this fall.
\$175 for a family of 4
\$200 for a family of 5 or more
\$60 for adults
\$30 for senior citizens
\$30 for students

Attendance Office

223-1555

Parents should call in **absent students** by 8:30 AM. A note should be sent with a student who will be leaving for any reason during the school day. When arriving at school the student should take the note to the attendance office to receive a passport to leave class.

Students going on **college visits** or **preplanned days** should bring a note prior to the absence in order to be excused. A note from the college should be presented to the attendance office upon their return.



Shots and More Shots!

Welcome back to school everyone and hope your year is off to a great start.

I just wanted to take a moment to mention that it is highly recommended that students get flu shots. Last year we saw lots of flu. With the start of school there are always illnesses that float around. We take measures to keep classrooms clean and sanitized. We also encourage frequent hand washing throughout the day, especially before eating, along with covering coughs and sneezes. A flu shot would be another great way to protect yourself and your family from falling ill.

It is kind of early to think about next school year but it is worth a mention so that as you see health care providers throughout the year these immunization requirements can be addressed. New for next year, all students (not only seniors) must have had the Hepatitis A immunization series in order to attend school. Also, all seniors coming in will continue to need a second dose of the Meningitis vaccination in addition to the Hepatitis A vaccine. The Meningitis shot can be had anytime after turning 16 and the Hepatitis A can be done immediately if your child has not already had it. Talk to your healthcare provider about this at your next visit and get these requirements out of the way so that you will have one less thing to worry about!

If you ever have any questions or concerns please contact me at victoria.zellers@zebras.net or give me a call at 223-2176.

Thanks and wishing you good health and wellness as we get deeper into this.

-Nurse Zellers

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July

August

5 First Student Day
28 RHS Open House

September

2 Labor Day
4 Progress Reports

October

4 End of 1st Nine Weeks
10-18 Fall Break
14-17 Fall Intersession
23 Report Cards

November

20 Progress Reports
27-29 Thanksgiving Break

December

20 End of 1st Semester
23-31 Winter Break

January

1 New Year's Day
6 Begin 2nd Semester
6-9 RHS Intersession
15 Report Cards

February

12 Progress Reports
17 Make-Up Day

March

6 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
11 Report Cards
23-31 Spring Break
23-26 RHS Intersession

April

2, 3 Spring Break/Make-Up
10 Make-Up Day
29 Progress Reports

May

1 Make-Up Day
25 Memorial Day
29 End of 4th Nine Weeks

June

1-26 RHS Summer School
1-4 RHS Intersession
5 Baccalaureate, 7 PM
Commencement, 8 PM

Messages called in to the school should be kept to a minimum in order to not interfere with the educational process. Students having messages in the office will be announced over the P.A. during class breaks and prior to the afternoon dismissal.

2019-20 Student Handbook

and

Technology Handbook

may be viewed online at www.rhs.zebras.net

Free and Reduced Price School Meals

Free and reduced income based forms filled out for last school year will expire on September 3, 2019. Applications for the 2019-2020 Free and Reduced Price School Meals and Textbook Assistance need to be returned to the school before September 3 to avoid students going to paid status.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

School bus safety is of the utmost importance and violation of the laws regarding school buses can be both a civil and criminal offense. Throughout the State of Indiana law enforcement is cracking down on driving offenses involving school buses and a failure to abide by the law will be costly to you and you could wind up in jail.

The statute is as follows: **IC 9-21-12-1. Stopping for Stopped School Bus**

(a) A person who drives a vehicle that:

- (1) meets or overtakes from any direction a school bus stopped on a roadway and is not stopped before reaching the school bus when the arm signal device specified in IC 9-21-12-13 is in the device's extended position; or
- (2) proceeds before the arm signal device is no longer extended commits a Class A infraction.

A Class A infraction is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000.00.

In addition to a fine of \$10,000.00 for a violation of the above code section, you can be charged with a Class B misdemeanor of Reckless Driving if it is determined your driving behavior meets the statutory requirements for that offense.

A Class B misdemeanor carries a jail sentence up to 180 days.

Therefore, when you see a school bus pay careful attention to when it is stopping and when the arm signal device is being extended or is extended. Passing, overtaking or not stopping before reaching the school bus violates Indiana Law and you will be prosecuted. Further, your direction of travel is irrelevant and a violation of this section from any direction is an offense.

As your School Resource Officer, I implore you pay attention to school buses. Be sure to slow down, watch out and stop when required as lives are at stake. Remember, violation will not be tolerated and you face significant monetary penalties, an adverse impact on your driving record and possibly going to jail.

Sincerely,

Robert Daughtery
School Resource Officer