

## **Rossford Junior-Senior High School** Monthly Newsletter

## April 2025

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### A Message from Dr. Neiderhouse, Principal

Spring has officially arrived and so has the last quarter of the school year. I would politely make the argument that this is the most important guarter of the school year for a variety of reasons. First, our Ohio State Tests (OSTs) are starting this month. Please read page three of this newsletter as this has essential information for all students and families grades 6-12. Some high school students can arrive to school two-hours later if they are not testing on those days. We will provide a free light breakfast for all students if they are testing on that day. It is critical that any appointments for students are scheduled on non-testing days so the testing environment is consistent for students. We have spent a considerable amount of time this year preparing staff and then in turn, students to perform well on these tests. As mentioned in a previous communication, students who achieve at least proficient scores and/or have met attendance criteria have opportunities to participate in a reward with prizes (JH) or have the opportunity to waive exams (HS) (see page 4 for details).

Another reason this quarter is paramount is because if your son or daughter wants to participate in a fall sport to start the 2025-2026 school year, they must have at least a 1.7 GPA (and no more than one F) in this guarter to compete. Along those lines, I hope that you can come out to cheer on spring Bulldog athletes in track, softball, baseball, or tennis.

Lastly, this month is when students select their courses for next school year. If your child has not talked to you about this, please ask them as schedules are due in about two weeks. We will be switching to a seven period schedule next school year to lengthen our classes and spend more time with students and instruction. Each period will increase by approximately six minutes, which equals to thirty more minutes for each class each week. Again, please provide positive encouragement for students to do their best on the upcoming tests so we know what they have learned and how we can support them going forward into next school year.

Go Bulldogs! nneiderhouse@rossfordschools.org (419) 666-5262

### **Counseling Corner**

### Testing, Scheduling, Scholarships, and Everything In-Between

**Testing** - We are quickly approaching our state testing dates. This can be both stressful and anxiety producing for your student. Therefore, it is important to practice good test-taking strategies and find healthy ways to manage the stress. Here is short article written by Dr. Craig N. Sawchuk with some quick tips on how to manage test anxiety:

https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/generalized-anxiety-disorder/expert-answers/testanxiety/faq-20058195

**Scheduling** - Your student must submit their class request, for next year, by this Friday (April 4th). Currently, we are still waiting on 33% of the students to fill their requests out. We recommend taking some time to look at your student's "Class Request" screen, on PowerSchool, and making sure that you approve their class choices.

**Scholarships** - Senior scholarships have been posted. Majority of these due dates are this Friday, April 4th to the counseling office. That being said, all scholarships have their own requirements and students should pay attention to details for those they are applying for.

**Everything In-Between** - We are in the home stretch. The year has gone by quickly and we are now in the 4th quarter. We want everyone to finish strong, especially our senior class! There are only two months of school left, but this can be plenty of time to improve in an area. Take some time to email your counselor today and start a conversation!

### SOS Club

SOS Club's 4th Annual Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 8:00 am until 11:00 am or until sold out. Enjoy all-you-can-eat homemade buttermilk pancakes (with mini chocolate chips, if you like!), along with sausage, fresh fruit cup, juice, milk, and coffee. Proceeds benefit Flag City Honor Flight.



### 2025 Spring Ohio's State Tests

Students at Rossford Junior-Senior High School (6th-12th) will take the graduation required Ohio's State Tests (OST) on the dates and times listed below. Students are encouraged to take these tests seriously as the tests are one measure that tell us how well our students are growing in the knowledge and skills outlined in Ohio's Learning Standards. These tests help guide and strengthen future teaching so we can be sure that we are preparing our students for long-term success in school, college, careers, and life.

### Chromebooks

ALL students are expected to bring their school issued chromebook each day they are scheduled to take an OST. Chromebooks **need to** be charged overnight and in working condition for each scheduled test.

### **Sleep and Nutrition**

Students are encouraged to be well rested. This will allow students to be more alert, focused, and ready for each test. Students should also try and eat breakfast to help fuel their brain and stay energized while working through each test.

#### Schedule

During English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematical, Science and Social Studies Ohio Testing Dates, <u>HIGH</u> <u>SCHOOL</u> students who are <u>NOT</u> scheduled to test have two options:

- Students may choose to come in late (9:45 am) and follow the 2-Hour delay schedule provided they have their own transportation. District transportation will operate on the normal schedule.
- Students may choose to come in at the regular scheduled time (7:45am) and report to a supervised study hall. Once testing is complete in the building, students will follow the 2-Hour delay schedule. District transportation will operate on the normal schedule.

ALL students grades 6-8 students will attend ALL school days during testing.

### **Testing Dates/Times:**

- April 8 & April 9, 2025 English Language Arts Parts 1 and 2 (ELA 6, 7, 8 and ELA II (HS))
   7:45am 9:45am ALL students who are scheduled to test are expected to report by 7:45am.
- April 15 April 16, 2025 US History and American Government Parts 1 and 2 (HS)
   *ALL JH students report to school / High School Students see schedule above*
- April 23 April 24, 2025 Science Parts 1 and 2 (Biology and Science 8)
   ALL JH students report to school / High School Students see schedule above
  - ALL JH students report to school / High School Students see <u>schedule</u> above
- April 29 May 1, 2025 Math Parts 1 and 2 (Math 6, 7, 8, Integrated Mathematics I & II, Algebra I, or Geometry)
  - 7:45am 9:45am ALL students who are scheduled to test are expected to report by 7:45am

Rooms for testing: Students will be notified of their room and teacher assignment for each test they are taking

#### Rossford Junior-Senior High School

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Dear Bulldog Families,

We're excited to announce a new **Attendance**, **Grades**, **and State Test** Incentive Program designed to reward your child's hard work and dedication this spring! For attendance, starting on **February 18**, **2025**, and running through **May 23rd**, **2025**, you'll have the chance to earn a special reward based on your attendance. For the academic incentive, this would carry through **May 29**, **2025**. During our last attendance drive, more than 80% of Rossford Junior-Senior High School students met their attendance goals and participated in our Rewards Day. Attendance is critical to your child's academic success and social-emotional well-being.

### Junior High School Rewards

No more than three tardies and one unexcused absence from school.

Achieve a score of proficient (700) or higher on the Spring Ohio State Test (OST). For every test they score proficient on, students can earn an additional prize ticket to be placed in our prize drawing.

Junior High Students can earn a reward both for attendance and for proficiency on the state test. For each state test that they are proficient in, students will have additional opportunities to earn prizes during the reward time. A score of 700 or higher on the spring OST means they scored proficient on their state assessments and have demonstrated a level of performance consistent with subject area mastery.

### **High School Exam Waiver Rewards**

- 1. By having no more than three tardies and one unexcused absence during the incentive window, you may WAIVE (1) exam of your choice!
- 2. If a student earns at least a 92% in the 3rd **AND** 4th quarter, a student is exempt from taking a final exam. If multiple 92% in multiple classes, the student must declare which exam they are waiving by completing the waiver form by May 29.
- 3. Achieve a score of proficient (700) or higher on the Spring Ohio State Test (OST) and you may waive that course's exam.
- High School students have the option to waive exams in May, if they meet the requirements above.
- If you do not meet the requirements for the attendance waiver, you may only waive **TWO** exams.
- The total number of exams that are permitted to be waived would be **THREE** exams.
- To be eligible to WAIVE an exam, the student must have a minimum of a 70% in BOTH 3rd **AND** 4th quarters.
- Seniors do not have to take exams, unless they are in danger of failing a class needed for graduation. If this is the case, they will need to take the exam on the scheduled exam day.

We encourage your child to take full advantage of this opportunity to stay engaged, attend school regularly, and help your child focus on doing their best. Let's make these last few months of school count!

Go Bulldogs!



# Attendance

Please report all student absences, late arrivals, and early departures through SafeArrival/SchoolMessenger

With SafeArrival/SchoolMessenger, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of the 3 convenient methods listed below. Parents/guardians will be contacted by phone and email via SafeArrival if student absences have not been reported by 8:45.

 Using your mobile device: download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The icon for the app looks like the below image. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance -> Report an Absence

This is what the app looks like



- PowerSchool Parent Portal: Use the SafeArrival website via the SchoolMessenger link in PowerSchool Parent Portal online. Log into the PowerSchool Parent portal then scroll down and click on the SchoolMessenger link on the left.
- 3. **Toll-free number**: Call the toll-free number **1-844-867-6066** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These three options are all available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



# Science Comp survivor edition

## A FUN-FILLED CAMP FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN AND EXPLORE SCIENCE! SATURDAY APRIL 12

9AM-3PM DROP-OFF BEINGS @ 8:30 AM FREE TO 6TH-8TH GRADE STUDENTS LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED





# OHIO MILITARY FAMILY SPIRIT WEEK

Join our virtual Ohio military family spirit week April 14-18 and share your spirit on your social media platforms using #PurpleUpOhio

## April 14-18, 2025

April 14: Red, White, and Blue Day

April 15: State-wide Purple Up! Day 2025

April 16: Support Your Favorite Military Branch Day

April 17: Camouflage a.k.a. "Digi" (Digital) Day

April 18: R.E.D. (Remember Everyone Deployed) Friday-wear Red!

Contacts: Ashley Twedt, Ohio MIC3 Council | twedta@staff.clearfork.k12.oh.us

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This is the 5th Anniversary of Spirit Week!



# Saturday, April 26

# 8-11 am or until sold out

Rossford Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria

Serving:

Pancakes (buttermilk and chocolate chip)

~ from scratch and all you can eat! ~

Sausage Links



Fresh Fruit Cup



Juice/Milk/Coffee

Adults: \$8, Senior Citizens: \$6, Students: \$5, Under 5: \$2

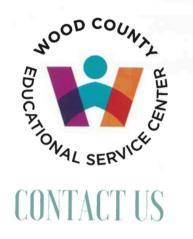
## Sponsored by Rossford High School SOS Club Serving Our Soldiers since 2008

This course changed my life... - Parent Project Mom

> I recommend it to any parent with an adolescen child... - Police Officer

It helped me save my relationship with my son... - Parent Project Dad





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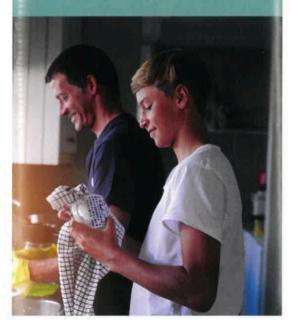
# ABOUT THE PARENT PROJECT

- The Parent Project provides activity-based instruction, support groups, and curriculum addressing the most destructive of adolescent behavior.
- With a nationwide proven track record, the Parent Project reduced juvenile crime by one third, while significantly improving both school attendance and performance in one community.

The program utilizes behavior modification approaches. Parents who have completed the course show success in dealing with children. The Parent Project will help you accomplish these goals!

## HOW DOES IT WORK

- Helps parents demonstrate their love for their children
- Learn to parent without arguing with your strong-willed child!
- Teaches intervention/prevention strategies for school attendance and performance, drug and alcohol use, negative peer association, violence, and bullying
- Improves parent/child relationship
- Offers ongoing emotional and practical support for the family



# PARENT PROJECT OF WOOD COUNTY

Share with other parents who are facing similar challenges! You are not alone.

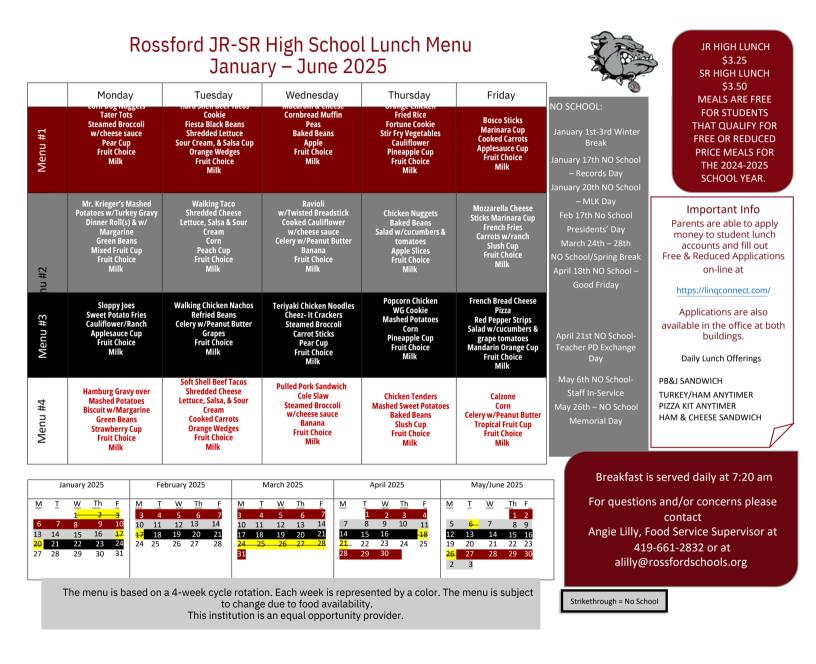
Parents participate and learn in a classroom model to manage teen behavior problems at home.

Parents receive and practice with an activity-based 218-page curriculum.

### Offered various locations around Wood County each year:

- 10 week sessions typically beginning the first week of September and the first week of March.
- Cost is \$20.00. A refund is available if you attend all scheduled sessions.
- Parents meet one night per week. Each session lasts an average of 2 hours.









## NO COST FOR YOUR FAMILY!



CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AT ROSSFORD JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 6 THROUGH 12 DISMISSAL - 6:00 PM MONDAY-THURSDAY

### WHAT WE OFFER:

-Free Hot Meal - Safe Space between School and Sports - Strengthen Social Relationships - Homework Assistance - Flexible Attendance - Trained Staff



The Rossford Jr-Sr High School program's goal is to improve core academic performance, strengthen social relationships, and provide a safe transitional location between school and afterschool extracurriculars with our supportive staff members. This afterschool program is offered to Rossford families at no cost.



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