

Rossford Junior-Senior High School Monthly Newsletter

AT A GLANCE



- December 4 Freshman Class Rings/Jewelry Arrive
- December 7 Grinchmas & Santa Shop
- December 16 HS Winter Choir Concert
- December 17 JH Winter Choir Concert
- December 19 Band Holiday Concert
- December 23 January 3, 2025 Winter Break

Dr. Nick Neiderhouse Principal



Mr. Matt Beakas Assistant Principal



Mr. Bryan Skrzyniecki Assistant Principal



Mr. Bryan Smith Athletic Director

A Message from Dr. Neiderhouse, Principal

Hello Bulldog families,

We are heading into the holiday season and when students return from Thanksgiving Break, there are only three weeks left before winter break. These three weeks are very important and can be busy for everyone. We are providing an extra incentive for students to be Respectful, Responsible, and READY. For instance, between Nov. 18 and Dec. 20 we are offering reward time for any student that has less than 3 tardies to school or class **and** 1 or less unexcused absences. We hope this extra incentive can help keep students focused and committed to learning and improving both academics and behaviors.

On Tuesday before Thanksgiving Break, we had a Pep Assembly to recognize our winter sports teams and also those that are involved in any extracurricular clubs. Studies indicate that when students are actively engaged in their school community, students perform better academically, behaviorally, and socially. We want all of our students to be in a sport, club, or activity for the reasons just mentioned. Within the next month, if your son or daughter is involved, we want them to be proud and recognize them for making that commitment. Therefore, they will be receive a locker magnet for the activities for which they participate. If you child is not participating, please see the next page for a list of clubs that are available to join and reach out to an advisor.

We will have a different schedule for all junior/senior high students from January 14-16 due to first semester exams taking place for high school students only. While the junior high will not be taking exams, we are following the same schedule which consists of about 80-minute blocks. For example, on Jan. 14th we will have periods 1-3, on the 15th periods 4-6, and on the 16th periods 7-8. More information will be available when we return from winter break and in the January newsletter.

I want to congratulate and recognize our new inductees into the National Honor Society. This would be Allyson Bautista, Damian Selvera, Amanda Bautista, Preston Buzdor, and Michael Dangelo. It was amazing to see them sign their names on the same book from the first NHS inductees from 1921. What a honor to keep this Bulldog tradition alive!

Lastly, as I have mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have parent council that has met twice this year to discuss academics and other school-related items. We are seeking your feedback through a survey. We plan to review these responses and create an action plan in January to further assist you and your child. This survey will be sent as a separate email this week. Please take about 5 minutes, as we value your input!

We "R" one and Go Bulldogs!



Junior-Senior High School Student Clubs & Organizations

Art Club - Junior & Senior High School

JH Advisor Mrs. Clarson-Burnett

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HS Advisor Mrs. Odenweller

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Book Club - Junior & Senior High School

Advisor Mrs. Bertsch

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Chess Club - Junior & Senior High School

Advisor Ms. Hodge

mhodge@rossfordschools.org

Collectables Club - Junior High School

Advisor Dr. Neiderhouse

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Drama Club - Junior & Senior High School

Advisor Mrs. Witulski

jwitulski@rossfordschools.org

Euchre Club - Junior & Senior High School

Advisor Mrs. Switzer

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) - Junior & Senior High School

Advisor Mr. Drusback

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Homework Club - Junior High School

Advisor Mrs. Hood

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International Club - Senior High School

Advisor Mrs. Lark-Schlatter

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National Honor Society - Senior High School

Advisor Ms. Hodge

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Ping Pong Club - Junior & Senior High School

Advisor Mrs. Hawk

khawk@rossfordschools.org

Quiz Bowl - Senior High School

Advisor Mr. Jackson

gjackson@rossfordschools.org

Red Cross Club - Senior High School

Advisor Nurse Linthicum

dlinthicum@rossfordschools.org

SOS Club - Senior High School

Advisor Mrs. Fellman

mfellman@rossfordschools.org

Advisor Mrs. Fowler

dfowler@rossfordschools.org

Speech & Debate Club - Senior High School

Advisor Mrs. Bertsch

sbertsch@rossfordschools.org

Student Council - Junior & Senior High School

JH Advisor Mrs. Atkin

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JH Advisor Mrs. Murtha

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HS Advisor Mrs. Brown

mbrown@rossfordschools.org

HS Advisor Mrs. Odenweller

jodenweller@rossfordschools.org

Technology Club - Senior High School

Advisor Ms. McGee

mmcgee@rossfordschools.org



Class of 2025 Graduation - Save the Date!

The Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at the Stranahan Theater at 7:00 pm. More information will be shared in the New Year.

Counselor's Corner

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College Visits:

Students in our Journey to College course will travel this month to BGSU and UToledo for visits.

College visits are a great way to decide where you would like to attend and whether that campus/community is a good fit for you! College Visit forms are located in the Counseling Office for students to receive an Excused Absence for their visits.

Holidays - Great Fun or Filled with Grief?

As we approach the holidays, for some this is a great time to catch up with family/friends or catch up on sleep with days off. For others, this time of year can be filled with grief over the loss of loved ones, missing an absent parent, or trouble not having a routine. Here are a few tips from our Counselors to help with any feelings that may come up this month:

- **Encourage Creativity-** for both grief and down time families can spend time expressing themselves. Memory boxes, journals, time spent listening to music, playing games whether these center around loss or fun this is a good way to connect.
- **Listen and Validate-** as adults we tend to drive conversation, when dealing with grief or an everyday teenager, listening is key.

"Help children communicate their feelings and remind them that it's okay to feel sad, mad, afraid, confused, or lonely. Do not ignore the warning signs or feelings manifested by the child and do not repress their feelings. Adults should avoid using phrases and responses, such as 'everything will be okay' and 'don't cry, you'll upset yourself' or 'you have to be brave this time of year' and 'I know how you are feeling.' Validate that it's okay to feel this way." (https://www.warner.rochester.edu/blog/school-counseling-expert-offers-tips-help-kids-cope-grief-during-holidays)

• **Plan Ahead-** For those grieving, make a plan to honor or commemorate your loved one. For those with kids home, make plans to get out of the house or have activities planned that bring you together. Too often adults and kiddos are stuck to our electronics.

Midterms - Academic Push

Even with the Holidays breaking up the 2nd Quarter, it's important to connect with your student(s) regarding their grades. Log in to PowerSchool together. Go through Emails. Get ahead on assignments. Follow our Housekeeping for the Holidays to assist your student(s) with physical and digital organization.

Housekeeping for the Holidays

Volunteers Needed

Our Junior-Senior High PBIS team is in need of 8 volunteers to chaperone a Semester 1 Rewards event on Thursday, January 30th from 7:45 am to noon. If you are already registered as a volunteer and wish to help, please contact Shari Meyers, School Psychologist at smeyers@rossfordschools.org. If you wish to help, but are not a registered volunteer, you will need to go through the New Volunteer Screening System.

Join Student Council and National Honor Society to spread holiday cheer!

December 2- All is BRIGHT, wear your Holiday BLING

December 3- Whoville Hair...wear your craziest hair like the Who's from the movie Grinch

December 4- Lumberjack Day- wear your favorite flannel!

December 5- Snowball Day- wear white or sparkles

December 6- Feelin' Festive- wear your ugliest Holiday sweater

December 9- Merry-toes Monday, wear your favorite holiday socks

December 10- Color Block Tuesday, wear all of one of your favorite holiday colors: red, green, blue, white, gold, silver, etc.

December 11- Santa vs Grinch... wear red or Green or dress like the BIG guys themselves

December 12- Candy Cane Ambush, wear all the stripes you can!

December 13- Baby, It's Cold Outside, wear a hat, scarf and/or gloves!

December 16- Hawaiian Winter, wear your best Hawaiian shirt

December 17-Tree topper Tuesday, top yourself with your favorite holiday headgear

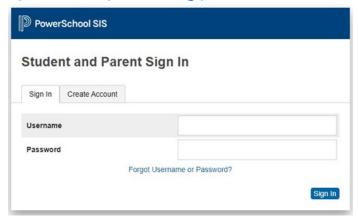
December 18- The Great Holiday Bake-off, wear an apron, chef's hat, etc (please keep it school appropriate)

December 19- Jingle Bell Jog, wear your best athleisure

December 20- Festive Friday- wear your BEST holiday gear

Directions to Access Grades on PowerSchool for Parents/Guardians

- Log in to the Rossford PowerSchool Parent Portal:
 - O https://rossford.ps.nwoca.org/public



- Ifyouneedassistance, please contact your child's school of fice
 - Elementary,419-666-8130
 - Jr.-Sr.High,419-666-5262
- Onceloggedin, you should be able to see your child's grades and attendance for the current school year.



• Moreinformationcanbefoundbyclickingonthegradesorabsences. Additionally, those students who attend Rossford Elementary may have more details available by clicking on the Standards Grades tab. Be sure to select the current school year.



• If you have any questions about a grade, please contact your child's teacher.

Grandparent/Kinship Support Groups

FREE DINNER Rossford

September 19

November 14

October 17

December 5

FREE CHILD CARE

JOIN US!

Rossford Elementary 5:30-7:00 pm

Kinship Support Groups meet in a casual and welcoming environment, offering education and support to grandparents who are raising grandchildren. and other kinship caregivers. Caregivers have the opportunity to meet other caregivers, develop a network of support, and receive information about resources and



CONTACT US!

services available.

419-354-9010 ext. 136 snidiffer@wcesc.org









PROGRAM ASSISTANTS FOR CLC

BEFORE + AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM





Weekends, holidays, and nights off!

Gain valuable work experience networking in surrounding school districts, and making a difference in your local community for elementary school children!

Obtain skills in leadership, problem solving, and professionalism!

- \$11.77 - \$13.17 per hour -

- Monday Friday or varied schedules available -
- A variety of part-time and full-time positions
 - SCHOOL YEAR shifts are 6:30 9:00 AM. 2:00 - 6:00 PM + 3:00 - 6:00 PM -

APPLY HERE:



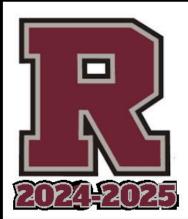
CONTACT WITH OUESTIONS:



419-354-9010









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

REGISTER HERE:



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.



- Trained Staff



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RossfordCLCAcademy@wcesc.org



$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Rossford JR-SR High School Lunch Menu} \\ \textbf{August-December 2024} \end{array}$





NO SCHOOL:

September 2nd/Labor Day

October 24th/Conferences

October 25th/Teacher Comp Day for Conferences

November 5th/Staff

November 27th 28th, & 29th -Thanksgiving Break

December 23rd – lanuary 3rd/Winter Break JR HIGH LUNCH \$3.25
SR HIGH LUNCH \$3.50
MEALS ARE FREE FOR
STUDENTS THAT
QUALIFY FOR
REDUCED PRICE
MEALS FOR THE 20242025 SCHOOL YEAR.
MILK \$.50
ADULT LUNCH \$4.80

Important Info

Parents are able to apply money to student lunch accounts and fill out Free & Reduced Applications on-line at

https://lingconnect.com/

Applications are also available in the office at both buildings.

Daily Lunch Offerings

PB&J SANDWICH TURKEY/HAM ANYTIMER PIZZA KIT ANYTIMER

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The menu is based on a 4-week cycle rotation. Each week is represented by a color. The menu is subject to change due to food availability.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Breakfast is served daily at 7:20 am

For questions and/or concerns please contact

Angie Lilly, Food Service Supervisor at 419-661-2832 or at alilly@rossfordschools.org

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