

Rossford Junior-Senior High School Monthly Newsletter

AT A GLANCE

- August 20, 2024 Open House 5:00-7:00 pm
- August 22, 2024 First Day for Grade 6 only
- August 23, 2024 First Day for Grades 7-12

Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!



Dr. Nick Neiderhouse Principal



Mr. Matt Beakas Assistant Principal



Mr. Bryan Skrzyniecki Assistant Principal



Mr. Bryan Smith Athletic Director

A Message from Dr. Neiderhouse

Welcome students and families to the 2024-2025 school year! We are excited to begin as students will be entering the building in less than three weeks! I know to have a successful year, clear and consistent communication is critical from our office and the teachers/staff. We want students and families to be as informed as possible of the events and learning opportunities that are in and around the Jr./Sr. High School. Connecting with students and families is of utmost importance to us as we know these connections build trust and critical relationships to help students achieve their full potential this school year!

While I am new this year as the head principal, we also have other new staff that will be joining our team that I've had the pleasure of interviewing to fill a few vacant and new positions in the building. These important names and positions are listed on page two and we are pleased to have them teaching and/or supporting our students this year.

You can expect a weekly email update from the office on Fridays and a monthly newsletter at the beginning of each month. Please take advantage of these communication tools throughout the year. I also wanted to mention that we will be sharing the successes of the school year through our social media platforms on Instagram (@rossfordjrsrhs) and X (@RossfordJrSrHS). Those mediums will be utilized only for sharing and posting positive events happening both in and outside of the classrooms.

Please reach out to us so we can best serve your child through the resources shared above or call me directly at (419) 666-5262 or email me at nneiderhouse@rossfordschools.org. To learn more about me, please listen to the Rossford podcast coming out this week!

We "R" one and Go Bulldogs!

Dr. Nick Neiderhouse

Welcome New Junior-Senior High Staff

Please join us in welcoming the following new Junior-Senior High School staff members:

Matt Beakas, Assistant Principal
Kim Binns, Cleaner
Nathan Brighton, Secretary
Beth Dennis, Math Teacher
Jared Droesch, English Teacher
Andrea Iman, STEM Teacher
Quinten Jackson, School Counselor
Tom Miller, Custodian
Nick Neiderhouse, Principal
Eric Rill, Intervention Specialist
Ann Trondson, Art Teacher
Liz Williams, School Psychologist

8/20/22 - Open House

Erin Ziems, Science Teacher

Open House is on Tuesday, August 20 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Students can pick up their schedules and meet their teachers. Note, students in grade 6 will receive their schedules during WEB orientation, not at Open House or on Schedule Pick-Up day. Administration will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Students will also receive their locker numbers during Open House. Locks previously used at the Junior-Senior High School can be used or new locks can be purchased in the Main Office for \$5.00. In addition, student fees (\$55 high school; \$45 junior high school) can be paid during schedule pick-up by cash or check (credit cards are not accepted); past due fees must be paid at this time as well. Please make checks payable to Rossford Junior-Senior High School.

8/21/2023 - Schedule Pick-Up

Schedules will be available for pick-up in the Main Office on Wednesday, August 21 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Students who are new to Rossford and are not in grade 6 can also tour the building on this day. Student schedules can be viewed on-line beginning August 16.

8/22 - First Day - Grade 6

WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) is a program for all incoming 6th grade students to help with their transition from elementary to Junior High School. On Thursday, August 22, all 6th grade students must report for their first day of school for orientation. Orientation will begin at 7:45 am in the cafeteria and conclude at 2:39 pm. Regular bus service will be provided. Students should wear comfortable clothing and should not bring school supplies on this day. A pizza lunch will be provided. Please see more WEB information in the letter included with this Newsletter.

8/23 - First Day of Classes - Grades 6-12

All students in grades 6-12 report for their first day of classes. Doors to the building open at 7:15 and the school day begins at 7:45 am; dismissal time is 2:39 pm. Students not in class by 7:45 will be marked as tardy, so please plan accordingly if you are dropping off a student or if your student is a driver.

9/11 - Picture Day

Junior-Senior High School Picture Day is Wednesday, September 11 during regular school hours. You will view your student's pictures online, choose from a variety of backgrounds, and pay online for the package that you select. Picture orders will be mailed directly to your home. No orders or money will be collected at school. More information will be emailed from Jostens in the coming weeks.

Senior Picture Day - Date TBD

Seniors, in order to have your picture in the yearbook and the senior class composite, you must have a picture taken by Impulse Studio. Impulse Studio will be at Rossford Junior-Senior High School on a date to be determined to take senior headshots. There is no cost for this picture unless you choose to purchase a photo package.

Back-to-School Forms

School forms that must be completed can be accessed through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please note, these must be completed even if information has been submitted through FinalForms (athletics). If you have any problem with completing the forms, please call the Main Office at 419-666-5262.

Supply Lists

Click the link below to view supply lists for grades 6, 7 and 8.

https://www.rossfordschools.org/Downloads/6-8%20Supply%20Lists%2024-25.pdf

High school students should bring the basics (spiral notebooks, pens, pencils). High School teachers will communicate supply needs for their classrooms on the first day.

Attendance

Please report a student's absence, late arrival, or early dismissal through SafeArrival/SchoolMessenger. SafeArrival can be accessed through the PowerSchool Parent Portal, the SafeArrival app, or by calling 1-844-867-6066. All options are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Failure to notify the school of a student's absence can result in the absence being unexcused.

If an unexpected issue arises and your student needs to be released early, please call 419-666-5262, option 6 to speak with a secretary. You will need to come in to the Main Office and show your ID when picking up your student.

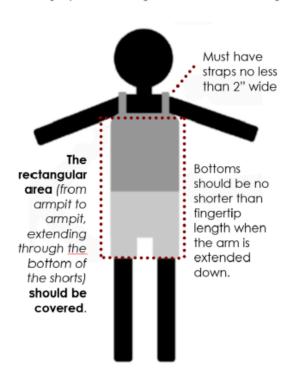
Cell Phone Usage

Junior-Senior High School Students may use PCDs during the scheduled lunch break and between classes, as long as they do not create a distraction or disruption or otherwise interfere with the educational environment. Usage during lunch is considered a privilege and may be revoked. Receiving or placing calls on any PCD is NOT permitted during school hours including at lunch or between classes. A reminder that cell phones are not permitted in classrooms, unless part of a teacher-directed class activity/lesson.

Dress Code

Dress and Grooming

Students are expected to dress appropriately at all times. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted.



Clothing should cover, at a minimum, the shaded portions as noted in the image on the left. Bottoms (shorts, skirts) should be fingertip length at a minimum. Any holes in pants must be below the fingertips.

Undergarments should not be visible.

Shoes must be worn at all times—cleats and slippers are not permitted. For safety, elementary students are discouraged from wearing open-toed shoes.

Sunglasses and coats should not be worn during the school day.

Bandanas, hats, hoods, or other head-coverings are not permitted except as required by a student's religion.

For safety purposes, chains/jewelry should be of reasonable length and not be worn hanging off clothing.

Pajamas (pants/bottoms/tops) are not appropriate school attire and shall not be worn.

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Students may not wear clothing that has suggestive or inappropriate words/symbols/items including those displaying drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products.

Students who are representing Rossford Schools at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements. Usually, this applies to teams, bands, and other such groups.

Parents/Guardians/Visitors

For the safety of all, we will continue to ask for a state-issued ID before parents/guardians and visitors are allowed to enter the building. If parents need to drop off items, please make sure the items are clearly labeled with your student's name. We will then ask you to place it in the security box for staff to collect and deliver.

School Devices

All students will be assigned a device to use at school and at home. Parents must complete the device agreement in the back to school forms before their student will be permitted to take a device home. Students will need to have devices charged each day and must bring them to school daily for classes.

Student Drivers

Students planning to drive to school must complete a Parking Permit Application. The completed application and \$10.00 must be provided to the Main Office to receive a parking permit. Please make checks payable to Rossford Junior-Senior High School.



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.
- 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



August 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian of 6th Grade Student,

We are very excited that your child will be attending Rossford Junior High School and we look forward to meeting your student on the first day of school. This is the tenth year that our school is participating in the nationwide WEB Program, an organization whose sole purpose is to help sixth graders feel more comfortable; as well as, helps them achieve success in their first year of junior high.

The WEB sixth grade program is designed to both welcome and support sixth graders by assigning them an 8th grade WEB leader as a mentor during the year. This WEB leader is a responsible older student who was hand selected from a large pool of applicants and has met the qualifications of being a good role model and a positive leader on campus. Following is some information to let you know what you and your student can expect in advance of their first day of school.

- A day or two before the first day of school your student will receive a phone call from his or her WEB leader personally inviting your student to the first day of school and giving the details of where to be and what time;
- 2. Your student is encouraged not to bring backpacks, purses or other like items as the day is quite active:
- 3. Because the day is active, please make sure that your student wears comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement.

This is a student only function. We look forward to meeting your student on the first day of school.

Sixth Grade First Day of School

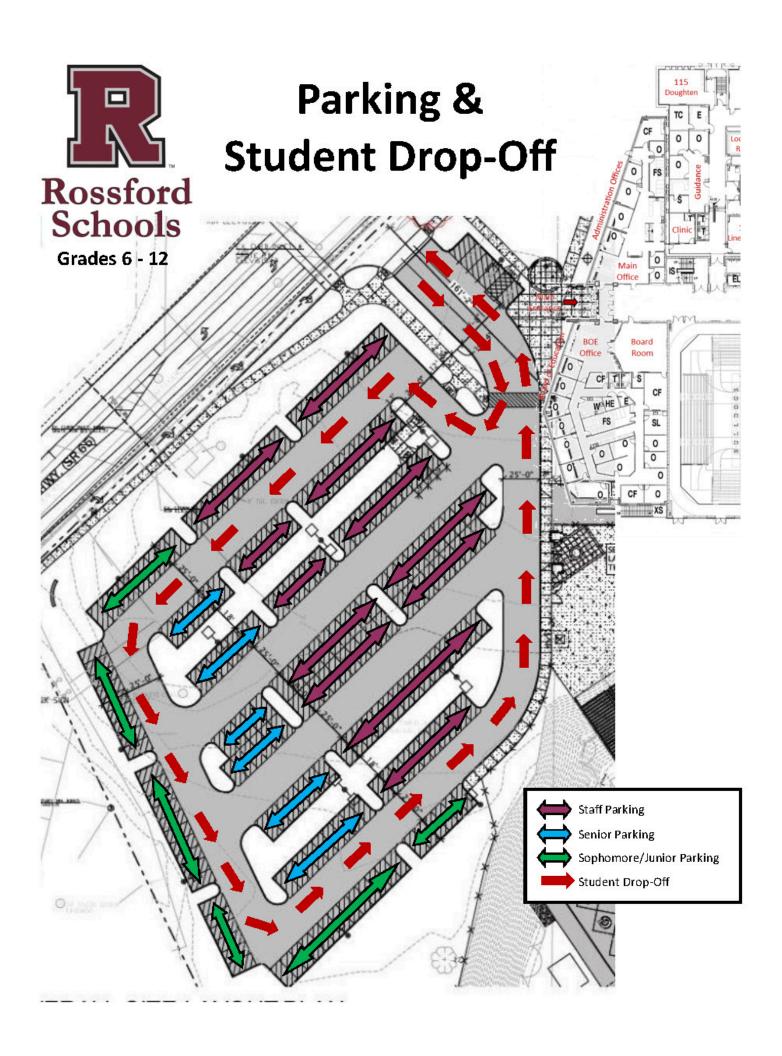
Thursday, August 22, 2024

7:45 am -2:39 pm

Meet in the Cafeteria

The WEB Coordinators: Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Murtha.

If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Murtha at cmurtha@rossfordschools.org.



Rossford JR-SR High School Lunch Menu August – December 2024





NO SCHOOL:

September 2nd/Labor Day

October 24th/Conferences

October 25th/Teacher Comp Day for Conferences

November 5th/Staff Inservice

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

December 23rd – January 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 2024-2025 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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w/cheese sauce

Banana

Fruit Choice

Milk

Slush Cup

Fruit Choice

Milk

Tropical Fruit Cup

Fruit Choice

Milk

Green Beans

Strawberry Cup

Fruit Choice

Milk

Cooked Carrots

Orange Wedges

Fruit Choice

Milk

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

Strikethrough = No School

Back-to-School Quick Tips



Give your child the tools & support to succeed in school.

- Returning to school is a major transition in a child's life. Acknowledge your child's feelings by letting them know that their feelings are valid and encourage them to regularly open up to you about how they are feeling.
- Review problem solving scenarios with your child and remind them of all the various types of supports they can utilize when they are struggling.
- Children tend to do well with consistency. Prepare for the transition by discussing beforehand what the daily routine will be like most of the time. Discuss with them how to prepare for disruptions to their daily routine.
- Visit the school/classroom(s) with your child and demonstrate a positive, enthusiastic attitude.
- Foster a sense of belonging by seeing what extracurriculars your child might be interested in and help them get involved.
- A stressful environment disrupts the learning process. Think about ways to create a more calming atmosphere at home, i.e. creating a comfortable, sensory safe space to rest or do homework or setting aside a quiet time to read a book with your child each night.





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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