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***Independent School
District 2897
Redwood Area School District
Redwood Valley High School
100 George Ramseth Drive
Redwood Falls, MN 56283***

**Subject: Principal's Weekly Message
Date: October 19, 2026
To: Students and Parents/Guardians**

Parents/Guardians and Students:

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! To keep you informed, I will be sending a weekly email every Sunday. Please read over the information in this document and let us know if you have any questions. The HS Office (507-637-0950) is staffed daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Have a great year!

New Information:

End of Quarter:

Quarter 1 ends on November 4. Be sure to check grades and complete any missing work. Note, P1 and P2 classes will earn .5 credits and grades will be final at the end of Quarter 1. P3, P4, P5, P6 will not receive grades until the end of the semester in January. While grades are final for P1 and P2 at the end of 1st quarter, note that report cards are only issued at the end of each semester.

Volleyball Game:

On Thursday, October 22, RVHS students will attend a volleyball game during the school day. The schedule for the day will be:

P1: 8:20-9:33 (73)

P2: 9:38-10:50 (72)

Character Strong: 10:55-11:30 (Release with Privileges at 11:25)

Lunch: 11:30-12:00

P3: 12:00-12:25

Volleyball Game: 12:30-End

P4: End of Game-2:15

P5: 2:20-2:45

P6: 2:50-3:15

Repeat Information:

Pick Your E:

Throughout the State of Minnesota, October is Minnesota Goes to College Month (MGC)-renamed at RVHS to Pick Your E (Enlistment, Education or Employment).

The RVHS Counseling Team is excited to support students toward their next steps after high school, whether it's employment, enlistment or furthering their education. To celebrate, all students at Redwood Valley High School will be learning about the benefits of receiving a college education (*College education is defined as any post-secondary education or training beyond high school*), opportunities with enlistment and future career possibilities.

For seniors considering further education after high school graduation, October is a GREAT time to apply to colleges.

MN Goes to College- Free Applications- During the Month of October

Many Minnesota state colleges and universities are waiving their application fee for the entire month of October.

- Students will be encouraged to submit applications to colleges
- Counselors will be available in the mornings and during homeroom to assist Seniors with completing college applications.
- Please Note: Applications must be submitted to participating schools during the month of October. Students will be charged if applications are submitted outside of the free application window.

Complete list of participating schools: [Free Application Opportunities 2026](#).

One-page resource for: [MN Colleges Information & Resources](#)

Direct Admissions- Open All Year

RVHS is participating in the Office of Higher Education- Direct Admissions Program. This program works to ease the stress of the college application process, creates early connections between students and admission offices and waives application fees to participating Direct Admission colleges/ universities.

- Colleges will communicate directly with students on their acceptance following an academic review and a short student survey.

Complete list of participating schools: [DA Colleges & Universities](#)

In addition, there is trivia throughout the month AND drawings for Pick Your E prizes.

Weekly Trivia

-Will be questions related to Enlistment, Enrollment or Employment

Picture Retakes:

Picture retakes are on October 20.

Pre-ACT:

RVHS will be offering the PreACT to any to Freshmen and Sophomores students interested in taking this exam. The PreACT simulates the ACT testing experience, giving valuable practice with ACT-quality questions and scores similar to those on the ACT. In addition, students will

receive a personalized view of college and career possibilities based on their answers to the ACT Interest Inventory.

Testing will be held on the following dates:

9th Grade: Wednesday, November 18th

10th Grade: Thursday, November 19th

This is an optional test and is **NOT** required by RVHS. If interested, register with Mrs. Carlson in the high school office to take the test. **Registration closes on Friday, October 9th at 3:15pm.**

If you have any questions, please connect with Ally Carlson, High School Counselor.

Phone: [507-637-0955](tel:507-637-0955)

Email: acarlson@redwoodareaschools.com

Grade Checkpoint for Activities:

Note that students are expected to be in attendance and passing all classes to be eligible to participate in activities. Note the following:

Attendance: Students with an unexcused absence are ineligible to participate in any activities on the date of the unexcused absence. Students with three tardies in a week are also ineligible on the date of the 3rd tardy. This includes practice, events, games, and performances.

Grades: There are checkpoints for grades. At each checkpoint, students who are not passing a class will be ineligible to participate in games, events, or performances. Students may continue to practice. Here are the checkpoints for Quarter 1:

Date of Checkpoint	First Date Student Ineligible
October 26	October 29
November 4 (End of 1 st Quarter)	

Anonymous Safety Report:

One of our goals is to keep students safe and in order to do this, we have created an anonymous report form. This can be used to report bullying, harassment, illegal activity, or any other safety concerns. Responses will be sent to the HS Principal, HS Office Staff, and the SRO. The form can be found at this [link](#) and you can also use a QR Code to access the form.



We look forward to seeing and working with you all throughout the 2026-2027 school year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at rjorgenson@redwoodareaschools.com or 507-637-0950.

It is going to be a great year at RVHS!

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard P. Jorgenson", is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

Dr. Richard P. Jorgenson
Principal
Redwood Valley High School

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