JUNIOR HIGH

ROCKET NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 4TH, 2026

WEEKLY REMINDERS:

Mon Oct. 5th
- **Basketball (G-JH) @ HOME**

Tue Oct. 6th
- **Football (B-JH) @ Central**

Wed Oct. 7th
- **FCA at 7:20 am**

Thur Oct. 8th
- **Basketball (G-JH) @ Wethersfield**
- **Art Club @ 3:15**

Fri Oct. 9th
- **11:30 am Dismissal**
- **End of 1st Quarter**

IMPORTANT LINKS

- Lumen
- JH Morning Announcements
- Student handbook
- Music Newsletter
- JH/HS Event Calendar

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another great week at Rockridge Junior High! As a reminder, Friday, October 9th marks the end of the 1st Quarter and is a School Improvement Day with an 11:30 a.m. early dismissal. Please also keep in mind that there will be no school next Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

The official 2026 IHSA Playoff shirts for Rocket Football are now available for order through the link in this newsletter on page 2.

Finally, extra 2025-2026 yearbooks are still on sale for 50% off ($15 each) while supplies last. Tickets are also selling fast for the Rockridge Booster Club's Dueling Pianos Fundraiser on Saturday, October 17th, at the Reynolds Legion Club, supporting the new RHS fitness center.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our students!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Corlett





[Get your playoff shirt here!]

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IHSA PLAYOFFS
Illinois High School Association

ROCKRIDGE

0	Thomas Sowards	RB / LB	12	26	Travis Ryser	WR / DB	9
1	Magnum Chisholm	WR / DB	11	27	Dalton Faith	WR / DB	9
2	Hutson Dunnett	WR / DB	10	28	Sean Adams	WR / DB	11
3	Drew Hawk	WR / DB	11	29	Kolby Kuster	WR / DB	9
4	Chase Wheatley	WR / DB	12	30	Owen Sowards	RB / LB	9
5	Owen O'Dell	WR / DL	10	32	Noah Behr	RB / LB	10
6	Cullen Schwigen	QB / LB	12	50	Trevor McKeag	OL / DL	11
7	Nate Lower	WR / LB	11	51	Evan Bolt	OL / DL	10
9	Kameron Wilkerson	WR / LB	11	52	Isaac Bull	OL / LB	12
10	Mason Frieden	WR / DB	9	53	Heath Bull	OL / LB	9
11	Bodhi Morales	WR / DB / K	12	54	Jacob Ryser	OL / LB	12
12	Kalen Hall	WR / DB	11	55	Kooper Rennison	OL / LB	11
13	Quinn Zimmerman	WR / DB	11	56	Brodey Horn	OL / DL	11
14	Daniel Bell	WR / LB	11	57	Wesley Becker	OL / DL	11
15	Levi Hoover	QB / DB	10	58	Cohen Anthony	OL / DL	9
16	Jax Alderin	WR / DB	9	62	Gavin Simpson	OL / DL	9
17	Landen Causemaker	WR / DB	10	63	Noel Taylor	OL / DL	9
18	Evan Wynn	WR / LB	9	65	Zeke Degelman	OL / DL	11
19	Joe Gierlus	WR / DB	9	70	Owen Wolfe	OL / DL	9
20	Wyatt Osborn	WR / DB	12	72	Garrett Buser	OL / DL	12
21	Braedon Flynn	WR / DB	10	73	Kainin Mumma	OL / DL	11
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Stat Crew

Keith Bognar, Annah Bognar, Shelby Bull, Taylor Hoggard, Presley Johnson, Lilly Pfaff, Adyson Reid, Khloe Schwigen

Varsity Cheerleaders

Seniors: Mya Gerischer, Payten Huntley, Kenzie Meyer, Aurora Myers, Lauren Neece, Adalynn Viren, Adelle Wright
Juniors: Mya Gray, Austyn Hetzler Sophomores: Mikayla Cantrell, Kinley Fuhr, Savona Morales
Freshmen: Emersyn Hanks, Addison McCombs
Head Coach - Joey Stanforth Assistant Coach - Gail Hahn

Dance Team

Kennedy Brakeman, Shelby Bull, Reese Darland, Molly Ill, Avery Kampmann, Autumn Peterson, Khloe Schwigen, Randi Sowards, Josey Stegmiller
Head Coach - Lauren Stegmiller Assistant Coach- Rachel Johnson

Marching Band & Color Guard

Rae Allen, Carter Anthony, Brookelyn Appelquist, Kaelen Baugher, Wes Becker, Noah Campbell, Grant Carlson, Izzy Carroll, Dawsyn Ceurvorst, Addyson Chehak, Addison Clarke, Allie Cox, Anna DeSmet, Aiden Ehrhardt, Rosa Emo, Lani Foster, Aiden Frazelle, Brady Fuhr, Mya Gerischer, Katie Gonzales, Mya Gray, Jackson Green, Austyn Hetzler, Delaney Holcomb, Addi Huber, Connor Jochim, Evalee Kershaw, Ellin Kuhlenbeck, Kolby Kuster, Kylen Kuster, Austin Leffler, Talon Machida, Zoe Mattingly, Rylan McNicol, Chase Murley, Gryffyn Myers, Rori Myers, Hayden Nelson, Tyler Overfield, Lyra Peters, Autumn Peterson, Lilly Pfaff, Chase Richhart, Stella Rider, Ryan Rostetter, Macey Schaver, Delaney Smiley, Reagan Smiley, Brayden Sprott, Alandes Swinney, Tre VandeGeest, Adelle Wright, Sylvie Wright
Marching Band Director - Jake Walker Color Guard Coach - Curtis Fischer-Oelschlaeger

Fall Picture Day 2026 is here!

When: October 2nd, 2026

Just a reminder! ALL picture orders are online ordering only!

Link to Order: **HTTPS://INTER-STATE.COM/FLYERENTRY**

Each School has their own code. See below:

Illinois City Elementary School: 0556VYF

Taylor Ridge Elementary School: 0556XYF

Andalusia Elementary School: 0557KPF

Rockridge Junior High School: 0557RDF

Rockridge High School: 0557YNF

If you have questions, please reach out to your building's secretary.



Retake:

11/16/2026

NURSE NOTE

Parents!!

Don't Forget!

Do you have a 6th Grader

- Illinois school physicals and updated vaccines are due by October 15, 2026 for all 6th grade students.
- Dental exam is due by May 15, 2027

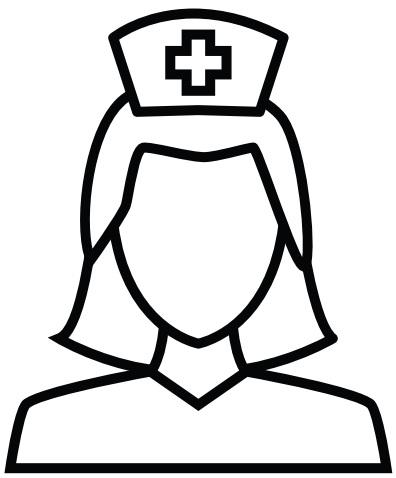
Is your student new to Illinois?

- Our health office needs a copy of an Illinois school physical form that was completed within one year of starting school by October 15
- If you are new to Illinois please turn in a current eye exam from an eye doctor.

Is your student playing a sport?

- Physicals are good for 13months
- School required (6th grade) are okay for sports as sports physical cannot be use for school
- Students in 8th grade playing sports can have a school form completed and it will be accepted for 9th grade admittance.

Contact Amanda Lewis (alewis@rr300.org)







Rockridge JH

YEARBOOK

50% OFF

NOW $15







WE STILL HAVE EXTRA 25-26 YEARBOOKS!

WHEN THEY ARE GONE
THEY ARE GONE!



Rockridge Junior High

2026 Fall After School Art Club



WHERE: Rockridge High School Art Room or Mrs. Wright's Room

WHEN: 3:15-4:30pm on **select** THURSDAYS

DATES

October: 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd
November: 5th, 12th, & 19th
December: 3rd, 10th, & 17th

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- PICK UP IS AT **JUNIOR HIGH DOORS** AT 4:30 pm
- Students may bring a snack
- It is not mandatory to come to every session; however, it is recommended that students come to as many as possible since each session builds on the previous session. Students participating in Speech will be excused on Thursdays to attend Art Club if they wish.

CONTACT DANA WRIGHT (facilitator) with questions: dwright@rr300.org

THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE JUNIOR HIGH OFFICE OR MRS. WRIGHT BEFORE THE STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE

Student's Name _____

I give my child permission to participate in the Rockridge Junior High After School Art Club.
Parent Signature _____

Parent Contact Information
Parent's Name _____
Parent's Phone Number _____
Parent's Email Address _____

The Rockridge Booster Club will be hosting

DUELING PIANOS

Sign Up Now! FUNDRAISER

Join us for a night of amazing music by **HOWL 2 GO**, great food, and cold drinks!

All proceeds from the event to support the new fitness center and weight room at Rockridge High School.

Saturday, Oct. 17 | 5-11 p.m.

Reynolds Legion Club

*Scan the **QR code** to get your tickets today!*
Or visit
https://forms.gle/uX3Gm19HhDGVtozR7

Event Details

Adults *(21 and older)*
Limited seating
Cost: **$75** per individual ticket
$600 per table *(8 per table)*

More pricing options available with the online form.

For more information, email
rockridgeboosters@gmail.com.

ROCKRIDGE BOOSTER CLUB

ROCKRIDGE

School Break Planner

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Labor Day	**3 DAY WEEKEND** SEPT 5-7 - NO SCHOOL
Columbus Day	**3 DAY WEEKEND** OCT 10-12 - NO SCHOOL
P/T Conferences	**4 DAY WEEKEND** OCT 30-NOV 2 - NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break	**5 DAY WEEKEND** NOV 25-29 - NO SCHOOL
Christmas Break	**14 DAY BREAK** DEC 23-JAN 6 - NO SCHOOL
MLK Day	**3 DAY WEEKEND** JAN 16-18 - NO SCHOOL
President's Day	**3 DAY WEEKEND** FEB 13-15 - NO SCHOOL
Spring & Easter Break	**8 DAY BREAK** MAR 22-29 - NO SCHOOL

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ALL DAY. EVERY DAY

It adds up...

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EVERY Absence

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

ONE DAY	→ ONE WEEK	→ ONE MONTH	→ ONE YEAR
15 MINUTES	= 1.25 HOURS	= DAYS 1	= DAYS 8
30	= 2.5 HOURS	= DAYS 2	= DAYS 16

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Rockridge Junior High School
Upcoming Events

Oct 9, 2026	**End of First Grading Period**
Oct 9, 2026	**School Improvement Day- 11:30 Dismissal**
Oct 12, 2026	**No School- Columbus Day**
Oct 29, 2026	**Parent- Teacher Conferences- 3:00-8:00 pm**
Oct 30, 2026	**Parent- Teacher Conferences-8 am - 1 pm**
Oct 30, 2026	**No School – P/T Conferences**
Nov 2, 2026	**No School – in lieu of P/T Conferences**



CLICK HERE FOR THE DISTRICT CALENDAR!