



JUNIOR HIGH

ROCKET

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

WEEKLY REMINDERS:

Mon Sept. 14th

- School Board Meeting at 6:30 pm

Tue Sept 15th

- JH Football at Home

Wed Sept 16th

- FCA @ 7:20 am

Thur Sept 17th

- Lockdown Drill

Fri Sept 18th

Sat Sept 19th

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to another great week at Rockridge Junior High! We have a busy schedule ahead, beginning with a School Board Meeting on Monday, September 14th at 6:30 pm. On Tuesday, September 15th, our first JH home Football game. Please also note that we will be conducting a safety Lockdown Drill on Thursday, September 17th.

This week's Handbook Highlight focuses on Compliance with State Health Regulations. All required state health forms must be submitted by October 15th to prevent student exclusion from school.

Please check the rest of the newsletter for more updates. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Corlett

IMPORTANT LINKS

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- [JH/HS Event Calendar](#)



IF YOU GET A CALL FROM US...



A call from one of us doesn't automatically mean your child needs to go home.

Rockets Health Team



- AMANDA LEWIS, DISTRICT RN
- JESSICA STUBBS, ELEMENTARY RN
- KRISTEN TUCKER, ILLINOIS CITY HEALTH AID



If they **HAVE** to go home, we will tell you.

If your child meets exclusion criteria or otherwise needs to leave school, we will specifically tell you they need to be picked up. That decision will be based on health and safety criteria we are required to follow. If we send your child home there will be instructions for return to follow.

****This absence is considered a Nurse EXCUSED absence and additional days if necessary****



If we **DON'T** say they have to go home, **YOU HAVE OPTIONS**

If they don't meet exclusion criteria but you still get a call from us, it's because I want your input on what to do next.

You can:



Talk to your child. We are always happy to put them on the phone



Send them back to class. You know your child best.



Pick them up anyway. That choice is always yours.

****most times this will not be an excused absence****

★ One quick note: Our offices can get pretty busy, you may not receive a call for every minor visit.

If you need to reach us:

- Amanda Lewis JH/HS/IL City
309-793-8040
alewis@rr300.org
- Jessica Stubbs Elementary
309-793-8080
jstubbs@rr300.org
- Kristen Tucker Illinois City
309-793-8090
ktucker@rr300.org

Every day in the classroom counts! While we always want to make sure your children are safe and comfortable, our main goal is to keep them in school and engaged in learning.

We know that minor, everyday aches and pains pop up from time to time. Often, a quick rest in the health office, a glass of water, or a little encouragement is all it takes to get them feeling ready to conquer the rest of their school day without needing to go home.

Rockridge JH YEARBOOK

First Come First
Serve-20 extras
\$30 each 25/26
yearbook

**WE STILL HAVE
EXTRA 25-26
YEARBOOKS!**

**WHEN THEY ARE GONE
THEY ARE GONE!**



Rockridge Junior High School

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT



COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HEALTH REGULATIONS

Junior high students must comply with state health regulations (unless other arrangements are made for personal or religious reasons). Failure to comply with the required health regulations can/will result in the student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the school (subject to the exceptions) by **Oct. 15th**. This policy specifically addresses the following requirements:

- Students entering sixth grade must have a school physical.
- Students entering sixth grade must show proof of having received the Tdap vaccine and a meningococcal vaccine.
- Students entering sixth grade must show proof of a second varicella vaccine.
- Students entering sixth grade must show proof of having been seen by a licensed dentist.

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ALL DAY. EVERY DAY

It
adds
up...

EVERY Tardy
+ **EVERY** Absence

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



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Rockridge Junior High School Upcoming Events

Sep 25, 2026

School Improvement Day- 11:30 Dismissal

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



2026-27 Calendar



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FOR THE
DISTRICT
CALENDAR!**