



JUNIOR HIGH

ROCKET

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026

WEEKLY REMINDERS:

Mon Sept. 7th

- No School

Tue Sept 8th

Wed Sept 9th

- FCA @ 7:20 am

Thur Sept 10th

Fri Sept 11th

- Quarter 1 Midterm

Sat Sept 12th

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all of our families, students, and staff for your flexibility and understanding last week with our heat-related school cancellations. I hope everyone was able to stay safe, keep cool, and enjoy an extra-long Labor Day break with family and friends! As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, September 7th, in observance of the holiday.

Friday, September 11th, marks our Quarter 1 Midterm, making this a great week to check in with your child on their academic progress and assignments.

Our Handbook Highlight this week covers our policy regarding Beverages & Snacks. Energy drinks are also not permitted on school grounds or at junior high activities.

Thank you again for your continued support as we jump back into a productive week of learning!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Corlett

IMPORTANT LINKS

- [Lumen](#)
- [JH Morning Announcements](#)
- [Student handbook](#)
- [Music Newsletter](#)
- [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



BEVERAGES & SNACKS

Outside of the cafeteria, water is the only drink permitted in the hallways and in student lockers. While students may bring a water bottle to their classes, it must contain plain water only; the use of flavorings or powder additives is strictly prohibited. It is the responsibility of every student to maintain a clean environment. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of this privilege. Furthermore, energy drinks are not permitted on school grounds during the instructional day or at any Junior High activities. Any prohibited beverages found will be confiscated, and the student may face disciplinary consequences.

Students are not allowed to bring snack items to class with them unless approved by each teacher or the building principal.



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

ONE DAY → ONE WEEK → ONE MONTH → ONE YEAR

15  MINUTES = 1.25  HOURS =  DAYS =  DAYS

ONE DAY → ONE WEEK → ONE MONTH → ONE YEAR

30  MINUTES = 2.5  HOURS =  DAYS =  DAYS

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Rockridge Junior High School Upcoming Events

Sep 11, 2026

Quarter 1 Mid-Term

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



**CLICK HERE
FOR THE
DISTRICT
CALENDAR!**