JUNIOR HIGH

ROCKET NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 23RD, 2026

WEEKLY REMINDERS:

Mon Aug 24th

Tue Aug 25th
- **Cheer Clinic from 3:30-5:00**

Wed Aug 26th
- **JH FCA at 7:30 am**
- **Cheer Clinic from 3:30-5:00**

Thur Aug 27th

Fri Aug 28th
- **Cheer Tryouts 3:30-4:30**

Sat Aug 29th

IMPORTANT LINKS

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have officially finished our first full week of school, and it has been wonderful seeing our students settle into their daily routines! Looking ahead to this week, we have Cheer Clinic on Tuesday and Wednesday, JH FCA on Wednesday at 7:30 am, and Cheer Tryouts after school on Friday.

Please check out page two to learn more about our new School Counselor, Mrs. Hoover. We are so excited to have her be a part of our school! Take a look at page three for some helpful guidance from our Rockets Health Team outlining what to expect if you receive a call from the nurse's office!

This week's Handbook Highlight focuses on Chromebook Responsibility. Please help us encourage students to charge their school-issued devices every night and bring them to school daily.

Finally, please take a moment to review our 2026–2027 School Break Planner, information on RJH bracelet sales, and options for purchasing remaining 2025–2026 yearbooks. Thank you for your partnership and support!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Colett



MEET THE COUNSELOR!!

About Me

Hello, I'm Amanda Hoover! I've got a Masters in School Counseling and have been counseling for 12 years, working with students from 3rd grade to 12th grade. I'm excited to be a support for your child this year!



My Family & Hobbies

Outside of school, I love spending time with my husband, and three children, who are 14, 12 and 11 and you're likely to run into me at one of our shared sports competitions (just wearing the other maroon). In my free time ... who am I kidding?... I'm a kid taxi driver, just like you!

Fun Facts

- I can't start my morning without a cup of coffee and my Bible.
- My parents live in Taylor Ridge.
- I have a goldendoodle named Nola.
- My favorite game is Phase 10.
- I love all things coffee & candy.

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!

309-793-8040

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IF YOU GET A CALL FROM US...

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



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

1 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****

2 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

CHROMEBOOK RESPONSIBILITY

Students are expected to bring their school-issued Chromebook to school each day fully charged and ready for learning. If a student forgets their Chromebook at home or arrives with an uncharged device, they must check out a temporary Chromebook from the Junior High office. Any temporary Chromebook issued by the school must be returned to the office before the student leaves for the day.

The number of temporary Chromebook check-outs and school charger loans will be tracked each quarter. Parents can help students avoid check-outs by encouraging a consistent routine of charging and packing their Chromebook each evening.

To promote responsibility and ensure students have access to the technology needed for learning, the following consequences will apply:

- 1st and 2nd check-out: Documented by the office.
- 3rd check-out: Office referral issued and parent notification.
- 4th check-out: Office referral and lunch detention.
- 5th and subsequent check-outs: Office referral and additional administrative consequences as determined by school administration.

Students are expected to use Chromebooks and other school-issued technology for educational purposes only. Inappropriate use of a device, including but not limited to accessing unauthorized websites, playing games without permission, attempting to bypass school filters, using another student's account, recording or photographing others without permission, or any activity that violates the school's handbook, may result in disciplinary action.
Consequences for inappropriate use may include:

- Teacher intervention and redirection.
- Temporary loss of Chromebook privileges.
- Restricted access to school technology.
- Office referral and parent notification.
- Additional disciplinary consequences as outlined in the student handbook.

If a temporary device is lost or damaged while checked out to a student, the student will be responsible for the assigned technology fees.

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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ROCKRIDGE JUNIOR HIGH

HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

$10 EACH

TWO STYLES. ONE GREAT CAUSE.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ALL DAY. EVERY DAY

It adds up...

EVERY Tardy

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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

Sep 7, 2026	No School Labor Day
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



CLICK HERE FOR THE DISTRICT CALENDAR!