



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

October 30, 2024

Good afternoon,

We continue to be busy in the Rockford Public Schools. Here are a few highlights.

The fall play – The Legend of Sleepy Hollow – has 4 shows starting tonight – October 30.

- Wednesday, October 30 – 7:00 PM
- Friday, November 1 – 4:00 PM
- Saturday, November 2 – 7:00 PM
- Sunday, November 3 – 2:00 PM

Our Rockford High School Marching Band competes in the state championship this Saturday, November 2, at Ford Field in Detroit. Flight One begins at 1:40 PM. The Rockford High School Marching Band will compete against ten other bands from across the state in the state championship.

The Rockford Public Schools with a big assist from the Rockford Education Foundation is providing our families in conjunction with Pine Rest a School Assistance Program. If you or your family needs mental health support, or resources on health, wellness, or finances you can access support through our School Assistance Program. Here is a link to additional information: [SAP-Flier.pdf](#)

Our Rockford High School football team has its first playoff game this Friday, November 1, at 7:00 PM at home in Carlson-Munger Stadium. We play Grandville in our pre-district game.

Our girls' and boys' cross-country teams both qualified for the state meet which will be run this Saturday, November 1. Each team finished 3rd in their regional which was held last Saturday.

Our Rockford High School boys' tennis team were regional champs and qualified for the state meet.

This fall we have several new curriculum initiatives:

- CKLA – Core Knowledge Language Arts – curriculum in our elementary classrooms.
- Outdoor education emphasis at the elementary level with a dedicated outdoor education teacher.
- Enhanced STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math – experiences at the elementary level.

Finally, the Rockford Public Schools Board of Education election is November 5. Please educate yourself on the candidates and be sure to vote.

Steve

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