

Rib Lake High School

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

From the Desk of Rick Cardey, Principal

The construction is slowly wrapping up at the high school. A few quick construction updates are:

- The new HVAC has resulted in much better airflow and less humidity in the building. Temperatures will fluctuate more than we would want in classrooms as the system is balanced and calibrated during the month of September. Students should probably store a sweatshirt in their locker just in case it is needed.
- The windows and panels are scheduled to be replaced in late September. We may have to move classes to different parts of the building for a few days to accommodate the construction. The panels will also distinctly change the appearance of the building exterior.
- Although not part of the referendum, donations provided larger lockers for both locker rooms. Combined with some summer maintenance projects, the area is more representative of how we want to represent our school to visiting teams.

The Culture of Champions program is off to a great start. I was able to sit in on a planning meeting and the students had great ideas to improve leadership and spirit in the schools. The tailgate party for students on Friday, September 11th is just a start. I think their efforts when combined with those of the Power of Positive Student initiative and Student Council will result in good things for RLHS students.

Map testing is scheduled in math and reading for students in grades 9-11. This assessment which is approximately 45 minutes in length for each subject gives us valuable data on student growth over time and competency in completing curriculum tasks. The test also results in valuable goal setting and dialogue on an individual basis between the students and classroom teacher.

Big Thank You to:

- ◇ Joan Magnuson, who is volunteering her time as we work to find a quality choir teacher. We are hoping to have the position filled soon.
- ◇ The custodial staff for turning a construction zone into a clean, shiny building over the course of 10 days.
- ◇ The staff and students for their strong start to the school year in spite of the construction and ongoing calibrations.

School Pictures

School Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

Blood Drive

There will be a Student Council Sponsored Blood Drive at the Rib Lake High School from 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30th. The Blood Drive is open to 17-18 year olds and 16 year olds with parent permission. The public is welcome to attend.

Senior Pictures

Senior pictures are due to Mrs. Dwyer for the yearbook by Monday, January 15, 2016. If you have any questions about turning in your Senior pictures, please contact Mrs. Dwyer.

Veteran's Day Program

The Rib Lake School District will be honoring Veterans on Tuesday, November 11th with a Veteran's Day program open to the community. Specific details will be released as the date approaches.

Dates to Remember

September 25	12:30 p.m. Dismissal
September 26	Christmas Tree Fest
September 30	Blood Drive—1:00—3:30 p.m.
October 4	Band to Applefest in Bayfield
October 13	High School Picture Day
October 13	ASVAB Testing—AM
October 15	12:30 p.m. Dismissal
	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-6:00 p.m.
September 30	Blood Drive—1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
October 29	End of 1st Quarter
October 30	NO SCHOOL
November 1	Daylight Saving Time ENDS
November 3	Marawood Honors Band
November 12	12:30 p.m. Dismissal

Culture of Champions—Leadership Group

Our goal of building leaders and creating a “Culture of Champions” is off to a great start this school year! A group of 20 students meet each day during enrichment study hall and talk about various items, including school spirit themes, leading leadership activities and creating a fun and positive school environment. The students’ first project is installing a large whiteboard calendar outside the library. This calendar will have all events taking place throughout the month, along with themes, “Code Red” dates and “Primetime” workouts. The first “Code Red” event will be a tailgate party Friday, September 11th, at 5:00 p.m. behind the school before the home football game.

Mr. Krommenacker, Hailey Wudi and Hunter Swan will be going to Aspirus Hospital to present on the progress being made in Rib Lake. Aspirus donated a large amount of money to send the group to Lake Placid this summer, which helped get the leadership initiative underway. Thanks for your support in creating this positive culture!

2015 HOMECOMING

This year’s Homecoming game will be played in Prentice on Friday, October 9th, at 7:00 p.m., against Tomahawk. The week’s activities will be posted on the school website as the Student Council completes the planning.

Class Advice from the Guidance Office

Class of 2016 (Seniors):

- Visit college campuses—you have 2 days to use to do campus visits and/or job shadows which do not count against your attendance as long as they are approved through Mr. Cardey or Mrs. Rhodes.
- Meet with college and military reps who visit the high school. Their visits are posted in the daily announcements and appointments can be set up through Mrs. Rhodes.
- Complete college application no later than winter break. Priority is given to those received before November 15th.
- Create a student resume for scholarships.
- Start searching and filling out scholarships.
- Create a folder for all your college information.

Class of 2017 (Juniors):

- Start making your post-high school plans now.
- ACT testing will take place on March 1st.
- Apply for technical college at the end of your junior year if you are going into a health field.

Class of 2018 (Sophomores):

- Know what high school classes are required for admissions into technical and four year colleges. Plan to register for them in your junior year.

Class of 2019 (Freshmen):

- Get involved in high school clubs and activities.
- Start creating your individual learning plan to determine what courses to take in high school and what your plans are after high school.

Student of the Month

Rib Lake High School's September Student of the Month is Brooke Buehler. Brooke goes above and beyond what is expected of her in and outside of the classroom. She has shown herself to be a student leader that other classmates look up to. Brooke also displays a great work ethic which allows her to meet her loft academic goals at Rib Lake High School. Congratulations to Brooke on being the first Student of the Month at Rib Lake High School for the 2015-16 school year.

Monitoring Your Child's Grades

Mid-term grade reports will be mailed to your households on October 7th. Please take the time to review them with your child and feel free to contact the school if you have any questions regarding the information on the report. If you would like to see your child improve their grades, please keep in mind that the **end of Quarter I is October 29th**. Final grades for the quarter are issued at that time. Also, a reminder that there is an early dismissal on Thursday, October 29th and no school for students on Friday, October 30th.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 15th, from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

The students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. that day. This is a good time for you to meet your child's teachers and review with them your child's academic performance. Remember that you can access your child's grades anytime at <https://riblake.onlinejmc.com>.

We would like to remind you to view the high school web site frequently. This site allows for staff, parents, and community members to view the following items:

- * High School Calendar
- * School and Guidance Newsletters
- * On-line grades
- * Daily Announcements
- * High school assignments
- * Staff E-mails
- * Forms and resources
- * Periodically updated photos of school activities