# Rib Lake High School

# Holiday Concerts

The Rib Lake Middle School Holiday Concert will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gym. The Elementary School Holiday Concert will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017, in the High School Gym at 7:00 p.m. The High School Holiday Concert will be on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. The band, jazz band, and choir will be performing. The concert will also be recorded and played on WKEB 99.3 out of Medford. Fruit from the Choir fundraiser will also be delivered on December 18th. Thank you to all who purchased fruit this year.

# Winter Vacation

Winter Vacation begins on Friday, December 22, 2017. School will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.



# Mid-Term Reports

Mid-term grades were mailed on December 11th. Please review them with your child. If you have any questions/ concerns, please contact the school.

## 2018 Freshmen Orientation Night

Orientation for incoming freshmen will be held in March this year. Presentations will be made by Michelle Rhodes and Career and Technical Education Teachers. There will also be a high school athletic code meeting at this time.

# January Early Release

The time for the early release on Thursday, January 19, 2018, has been changed from 12:30 p.m. to 11:45 a.m.

# Winter is Here

In the event of severe inclement weather, school may be cancelled or dismissed early. If such a condition develops, it will be announced on the following stations: Medford/WIGM 99.3, Wausau/WYCO 108/WAOW TV 9, WSAW TV7, EauClaire/WEAU TV 13. It is always a good idea to send your children to school dressed appropriately for the weather...warm coats, hats, gloves and boots.

# Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Rib Lake High School currently is with post-secondary partners for credit offerings at Rib lake High School. We are currently offering the possibility of certifying staff, blended learning consisting of on-line and on-site classes, and distance learning. The overall goal of these offerings is to save families money and students time in post-secondary school by offering the college experience during the junior and senior years. The current list of transcripted credit courses at Rib Lake High School are: Medical Terminology, Welding, Oral and Interpersonal Communications, Written Communications, Anatomy and Physiology, College Psychology, Accounting, Intro to Business, College Algebra, Trigonometry, Furniture Manufacturing, Thinking Critically and Creatively, Marketing, and Calculus classes.

# Senior Orders

The representative from Jostens was at Rib Lake High School on Friday, December 1, 2017, to take orders from Seniors regarding ordering caps and gowns and announcements for graduation. REMINDER: Senior dues must be paid before the student receives his/her cap and gown.

#### Second Semester Schedule Changes

Students were allowed to change their second semester schedules on December 4th, 5th, and 7th with in the Guidance Office. Schedule changes need instructor approval, are limited to classes not reaching enrollment limits and must fit into a students Academic and Career goals.

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# **Project Based Learning**

The staff has been meeting collaboratively to develop project based learning activities that allow students to use their critical thinking, communication, creativity, and learning skills to show their knowledge of the learning standards. These projects, which will be offered starting in second semester, will have a focus on impacting a target audience larger than the regular classroom audience. These activities will also give students more input and choice in how they would like to prove their learning to the staff.

### **1st Semester Finals**

Finals are scheduled for students in grades 9-12 for January 17th and 18th. In following recent trends at the post-secondary level, some RLHS classes will have some final exams while others are focusing on project based summaries with presentations. These changes at the university and technical college level are designed to promote critical thinking, creative thinking, and presentation skills.

## **Professional Development**

The Rib Lake School District staff will be participating in professional development activities with both the Prentice and Medford Districts on the afternoon of Friday, January 19, 2018. The High School and Middle School will be dismissing students at 11:45 a.m. on this day. There will be no school on Monday, January 22, 2018, due to 1st semester recordkeeping.

## **RLHS** Talent Show and Activities

Students will be having activities starting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22nd. All students will have their choice of numerous indoor and outdoor activities until 2:00 p.m. on this day. RLHS will then be hosting a student talent show starting approximately at 2:10 p.m. in the high school gym. The public is invited to attend to see the various talents that will be performing.

### School Performance Reports

Pursuant to Section 115.38(2) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the Rib Lake School Board hereby notifies the parents/guardians of students enrolled in the district of their right to request a school and school district performance report. Please contact the District Office at 715.427.3222 if you wish to receive the most recent performance report. The School District of Rib Lake's performance report is also available at: http://riblake.k12.wi.us/districtds-assessment.cfm.



## What Parents Need to Know About Dual Credit

Dual Credit is a relatively new initiative which allows students to take college credit while in high school. The initiative is called dual credit because students receive both a high school and college grade during their sophomore (math only) through senior years. Northcentral Technical College, which is RLHS's biggest dual credit partner, has published questions on what parents should know about dual credit coursework. A few of the questions are highlighted below to help clarify the program for parents.

What is the benefit of my students attending college classes? Dual Credit is a free way for your student to experience the rigor of college courses with peers and teachers at his/her high school. Students can earn credit while in high school, save money and get a head start in NTC programs or elsewhere, as these credits may be transferable to other colleges.

Why is Dual Credit intended for mostly 11th and 12th graders? Dual Credit is intended for juniors and seniors so your student can learn the most up-to-date curriculum and build upon the information after graduation as he/ she transfers credits to NTC and other colleges and universities.

Why does my student need his/her social security number to sign up for Dual Credit? When students sign up for Dual Credit, they are becoming college students at NTC and they use social security numbers to accurately identify their students.

What if my student will not be attending NTC—why should he/she take Dual Credit? That's okay, NTC credits transfer! If your student chooses to attend a college other than NTC, your student will need to request that his/her NTC transcript is evaluated for credit by the institution he/she plans to attend. The receiving institution will determine if the credits transfer into your son/daughter's intended academic plan. Students may need to advocate for the credit they have earned to receive, at minimum, an elective credit. Some colleges that are four-year transfer partners with NTC are: UW Eau Claire, UW Green Bay, Lakeland College, UW LaCrosse, UW Madison, Michigan Tech University, UW Marathon County, UW Oshkosh, and UW Platteville

Why is the grading scale different for Dual Credit Courses? Since Dual Credit is a college-level course, the high school instructor must adhere to the NTC grading scale and policies for the course. Your student will earn a high school-level grade on their high school transcript and a college-level grade on his/her NTC transcript, which may be different from the high school grade.

**Does my student have to accept the credit if he/she receives an unfavorable grade?** Students can choose to either accept the college credit they complete at the end of each semester or deny the credit so it does not appear on their official college transcript. High school instructors will confirm your student's grade at the end of the class, prior to submitting the final grade to NTC.

Business • Accounting 1 (4) • Introduction to Business (3) • Marketing Principles (3) Business IT • Web Design 1 (3)

General Education • Body, Structure & Function (3) • College Algebra with Applications (3) • Trigonometry with Applications (3) • Written Communication (3)

Manufacturing • Fundamentals of Furniture Manufacturing (2) • Introduction to Welding (2)