

RJHS Board Update October 16, 2024

Upcoming Events:

[RJHS Week at a Glance](#) - please reach out to Kim if you'd like to have this emailed to you weekly

- 10/16** Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 8:30
- 11/01** SIP Day (11:15 Student Dismissal); Fall Day of Service
- 11/04** Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 am - 6:00 pm (NO student attendance)
- 11/05** Election Day - No School
- 11/15** Midterm Qtr. 2
- 11/27 - 11/29** Thanksgiving Break

Current Enrollment for 2024-2025

7th Grade - 145
8th Grade - 143

COMMENDABLE - The preliminary summative designations for schools were released on Wednesday, October 3. For the third consecutive year, RJHS was moved up to the "Commendable" category and we continue to show gains across the board. Our math growth score almost doubled and we maxed out our scores in both ELA proficiency and Science proficiency which means that our number of students who met or exceeded standards met the target. Thanks to all of our teachers and staff, students and families for their hard work in achieving this goal. We still have work to do, but we are excited to see continued positive results from our efforts over the last few years.

Testing - We have completed the Fall Benchmarking for MAP

- 7th and 8th grade students took the MAP tests in Math and ELA classes on Sept. 3 - 6.
- Our work on climate and culture and inclusion has resulted in an environment where students and staff are invested in the results of high stakes testing. That hard work and our work in curriculum and instruction has resulted in an increase in effort and achievement. Here's a highlight of our preliminary IAR data. Please note the graphs show data beginning the first year post-covid through 2024.

Class of 2029 (Currently 8th graders)

Grade when tested	4	5	6	7	4	5	6	7
	ELA 2021	ELA 2022	ELA 2023	ELA 2024	Math 2021	Math 2022	Math 2023	Math 2024
Did not Meet	14	19.7	16.8	5.9	20.7	8.8	10.5	1.5
Approached	27.3	24.8	24.5	19.1	26.4	25.7	30.1	26.5
Partially Met	38.8	42.3	38.5	42.6	32.2	40.4	35	43.3
Met	19.8	13.1	19.6	31.6	20.7	24.3	23.1	26.5
Exceeded	0	0	0.7	0.7	0	0.7	1.4	2.2
M + E	19.8	13.1	20.3	32.3	20.7	25	24.5	28.7

Class of 2028 (Currently 9th graders)

Grade when tested	5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
	ELA 2021	ELA 2022	ELA 2023	ELA 2024	Math 2021	Math 2022	Math 2023	Math 2024
Did not Meet	15.7	10.8	11.6	7.2	11.8	13.3	14.8	17.8
Approached	35.9	39.9	21.3	11.8	43.1	32.3	32.9	29.6
Partially Met	30.1	36.1	29	21.7	23.5	35.4	35.5	30.9
Met	18.3	13.3	31.6	55.3	21.6	17.1	15.5	21.7
Exceeded	0	0	6.5	3.9	0	1.9	1.3	0
M + E	18.3	13.3	38.1	59.2	21.6	19	16.8	21.7

Science Assessment Trend Data (Given in Grade 8 only)

Grad	2021	2022	2023	2024
Emerging	17.1	11.7	19.6	8.6
Developing	42.9	31	29.6	31.8
Proficient	28.8	37.4	34.1	45
Exemplary	11.2	19.9	16.8	14.6
P + E	40	57.3	50.9	59.6

Student Leadership

Our students continue to step up and lead in multiple arenas. Last year we added a “Day of Service” to our schedule at RJHS on the last half day of school. This year, our first Day of Service will be on Friday, November 1. Mrs. Rezba's Leader in Me Class is planning activities for our Day of Service. They are reaching out to community members to organize activities for our students on that day.

Our Rocket Crew led all of our students in Rocket Crew Activities on Thursday, September 19.

Our first “Fun Friday” and “Rocket Rally” was held on Friday, September 20. Mrs. Rezba's students are planning the Fun Friday and our Rocket Crew Leaders will plan and execute our Rocket Rally. In addition, they are taking on a number of other activities for the good of the school.

Mr. Johnson's Announcement crew is up and running! Students are adding a weekly food review as well as keeping students abreast of all the things happening at RJHS via video announcements.

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Lyons have been working on a number of activities with the Foundations of Leadership class. They are joining with Mrs. Newton to promote reading across the junior high with the Rockets Read initiative and having students join teachers in displaying the books they are currently reading on their lockers.

Our RJHS student council is getting started with a meeting with Mrs. Jett this weekend. Preliminary planning for our school dance has begun. Student council members will also be instrumental in planning the 8th Grade Night in the Spring.

Leader in Me/Lighthouse Team

Our Lighthouse Team met with Jenifer Hearn from Franklin Covey on the morning of October 9. During this meeting they worked on our WIG and discussed and planned for the next steps in obtaining our Lighthouse Accreditation.

Mrs. Poole, Mr. Lauber, and Mrs. Tweryon along with student leaders Kelsey Amerson (9th grade) and Tyler Jewell (8th grade) presented to our regional principals at the IL Principals Association regional monthly meeting on September 26. We are also present at the county wide Teachers Institute Day organized by the ROE on October 11. In addition, several RJHS teachers are presenting and/or leading roundtable discussions in their areas of expertise.

Homecoming Week

We celebrated Homecoming Week (and a BIG birthday for Mr. Lauber) September 30 - October 4 at RJHS with spirit days, a number of our students participated in the parade, and RJHS students attended and participated in the RHS Pep Rally, where our students once again, dominated the class challenge game!

Professional Development

- Teachers and staff are excited for the opportunity to attend the county-wide Teachers Institute Fall Forum on Friday, October 11. A number of staff members will be presenting and facilitating groups. This opportunity to network with other educators across the ROE is always beneficial and appreciated.

Athletics & Activities

Girls Basketball season is underway. The girls have worked hard and are improving with each practice or game. They have the County Tournament coming up at the end of October and look to improve on last years finish.

Cross Country's has has a very good season and we have had many P.R.'s throughout the season. Sectionals were on Friday, October 18th and the goal is to qualify both boys and girls teams for the State Cross Country meet. As of today, we sat in 2nd place with our times and this would qualify us for the State meet.

Boys Basketball begins on October 21st. We are looking forward to a great year of JH boys basketball season. With input from our various coaches of each sport, we have challenged our student-athletes with a tougher schedule that gets them ready for the rigors of the CS8 when they get to high school. We hope the challenging schedule will pay off long term for all of our sports.

Miscellaneous

- The RJHS play High School Musical Jr. took place on October 12th and 13th. Our students and students from RIS and RHS got a sneak peek at the play on Thursday, October 10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim & Matt