

RJHS Board Update

January 15, 2025

Upcoming Events:

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

01/20	MLK, Jr. Day - No School
01/31	Midterm Qtr. 3
02/14	SIP Day (11:15 Student Dismissal)
02/14	RJHS Dance
02/17	Presidents' Day - No School

Current Enrollment for 2024-2025

7th Grade - 148

8th Grade - 145

Student Leadership

On the last day before winter break, our RJHS students and staff planned a winter themed "Fun Friday" and a "Rocket Rally". Mrs. Rezba and her Leader in Me students were responsible for the planning of the "Fun Friday" activities from planning activities, securing supplies, and ensuring that all students had chosen their stations. Mrs. Jett and the student council were tasked with planning and running our "Rocket Rally". When we first discussed holding these types of events, I (Mrs. Poole) had some reservations about giving up instructional time. However, the pay-off in student-teacher relationships, the growth of our student leadership, and the engagement we have seen from our students and staff, have made it evident that it is an excellent use of our time. On this day, we had only 31 students absent on the last day before break. That's just a little over 10% of our student body. While it's more students that we would like to see on a typical day, it's a relatively small number for the last day, which is a half day for students, before a break. For the most part, our students like coming to school. Below is a link to a highlight reel (Thanks Mrs. Batten) from our day.

 Christmas RJHS 2024.mp4

Our Rocket Crew started the semester off by planning our next day of Rocket Crew Activities. We will run our "Rocket Crew" Schedule on Thursday, January 16. We will also be looking to add some 7th graders as Rocket Crew members bringing our crew up to a group of students from 7th grade - 10th grade. Our long-term goal is to make this a campus-wide program.

Mr. Johnson's Announcement crew is up and running! Mr. Johnson and his crew are also looking ahead to bring in some 7th graders this semester to start training and working with the Announcement Crew so they will be ready to take the helm next year. You can see their work on our YouTube Channel @RocketsMedia3a.

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Lyons have been working on a number of activities with the Foundations of Leadership class. They help promote belongingness at RJHS by decorating lockers to recognize student achievement, organizing a door decorating competition for all Learning Labs, and more!

Our RJHS student council is working on plans for a winter dance and a fundraiser to help offset the expenses.

Our Rocket Shop is up and going but differently than we imagined. This group made shirts for the RJHS staff from the PTO for Christmas and for the RJHS Student Council Fundraiser.

Leader in Me/Lighthouse Team

Our Lighthouse Team will meet with Jenifer Hearn on Friday, January 17. One of their major discussion points will be the timing of the Lighthouse Review for RJHS. They are weighing the pros and cons of moving forward this spring or possibly putting this process on hold until the Fall of 2025.

Professional Development

- Teachers and staff ended the semester with a reflection of what went well during first semester, and what they are looking forward to during second semester. We did some SEL activities and enjoyed some treats from the district office prior to leaving for winter break. Due to our winter weather, we did some virtual Professional Development on January 6. Staff members were given a menu of items to work on. Mrs. Poole and Mr. Lauber appreciate how engaged the staff members were and how much they accomplished despite the last minute changes.

Athletics & Activities

Boys Basketball Their season is at the tail end and Coach Heberling is doing a great job of helping the boys improve over time. The 7th grade took 4th place and the 8th grade took 5th place at the County Tournament. The boys are gearing up for postseason play.

Volleyball - Volleyball games have begun and we look forward to our athletes competing in volleyball this season. Coach Wacaser and Coach Hawkins are excited for the start of the upcoming season.

Wrestling - Our wrestlers are off to a great start. Coach Ramsey has stated that he has high hopes for our wrestlers this year. We host matches at RJHS on 1/24, 2/6 (8th grade night) and 2/13. Please come out and support our junior high grapplers.

Miscellaneous

- We are hosting the 7th grade boys basketball sectional game on February 3 at 6:30 in the RJHS gym. This is a great way to show off our school and community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim & Matt