



Tribe Talk

RJ Baskett Middle School Newsletter, November 2021 Issue

Upcoming Events

Nov.1	School Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	Virtual Veterans Day Program
Nov. 15	School Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 15-19	Tentative Date Non-Perishable Food Drive
Nov. 24,25,26	Thanksgiving Break

Looking Ahead

Dec. 20	School Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	End of grading Period eLearning Day No School
Dec. 23-Jan. 5	Christmas Break

Planning on attending a sporting event?

All athletic events will be complying with regulations and guidelines from the Governor's Office, IHSA, and the Grant County Board of Health for attendance at our events.

Principals Message

Dear RJB family,

We are only three months into the new school year and we have much to be proud of. For the second year in a row, R.J. Baskett Middle School has been recognized as a PLTW (*Project Lead The Way*) Distinguished School. We were able to achieve this status because of the plethora of PLTW course offerings that are available at RJB. Danielle Richards was recognized as an "Outstanding PLTW Teacher of the Year". Mrs. Richards is one of only seventy-nine teachers throughout the U.S. to receive this award. Ten of our students were selected as members of the "All Region Honor Band". Directors from twenty surrounding schools were asked to nominate top students to be considered. We are excited to announce the launch of our "RJB Connect Program", in partnership with Project Leadership. All of our 8th grade students will participate in a college and career readiness course. This Fall, our Girls Cross Country team was crowned Grant Four champions. Our 7th and 8th grade Volleyball teams and 8th Grade Football team finished atop the CIC conference standings. Keep up the great work RJB!

Andy Roesch

Notice to Parents on Two-Hour Delay


When school is operating on a 2-hour delay, the building will be open at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the delay. You must be pre-registered with the office to use this service. The cost is \$2 per child, per delay. Students should enter door 1. Please have a plan in place in case your student is at school during the delay and school becomes "closed" for the day. In this situation, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to arrange for transportation from the school.

Blackboard Connect

To receive notifications pertaining to school delays, closings, early dismissals, and emergency notifications, please sign up for Blackboard Connect. You may list up to four phone numbers to receive this notification. To sign up, contact your student's school or the administration office. If your number changes during the school year, please update this with the administration office.

Learning Commons

We offer free Math tutoring through our Math Learning Lab from 2:30 PM-3:25 PM each evening Monday-Friday. For more information, please contact Sophie Clark at learningcommons@olemiss.k12.in.us



Weather & School

For information concerning school delays or closings, please access any of the following or sign up for our Global Connect Program.

- WBAT 1440 AM
- WXXC 105.9 FM
- WMRI 860 AM
- WCJC 99.3 FM
- Channel 6 TV
- Channel 11 TV
- Channel 13 TV
- www.olemiss.k12.in.us

Please do not call the school or administration office.

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records and is available on our website.

Free Homework Help

Math and Science tutors are Rose-Hulman students who are trained to help with your student's homework.

Chat or email with a tutor at www.askrose.org or call 877-Ask-Rose. Help is available from 7-10 PM Sunday through Thursday.

Counselor's Corner

We are continuing our Social Emotional Learning activities in our Indian Success Hour. During this block, students will work on personal responsibility by checking their grades weekly. They will conference with their teachers over what success they are having as well as developing a plan to help them better succeed in a class they may be struggling in. Students will also engage in classroom discussions and activities regarding their social and emotional wellbeing. Lessons range from how to be successful in the classroom to having a growth mindset to making friends to bullying.

I would like to remind you about a wonderful opportunity provided to our 7th and 8th grade students. Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program offers Indiana students up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university after they graduate from high school. Scholars are connected to programs and resources to help them stay on track for college and career success. 7th and 8th grade Indiana students whose families meet income eligibility guidelines can apply to become a 21st Century Scholar. Applications must be received by June 30th of the student's 8th grade year.

Contact Mrs. Johns or Mrs. Mannix in the office for an application. Applications are also available at www.scholars.in.gov/rnroll.

Attention all Mississinewa parents/guardians and community members!

Attention Parents/ Guardians, if your student has not applied for reduced meals/textbook assistance and you think you may qualify apply at www.lunchapp.com, otherwise you will be responsible account. We look forward to serving free breakfast and free lunch this school year.

If you have any questions please call our Director of Child Nutrition, Amanda Worrick.

Amanda Worrick
Food Services Director

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Mississinewa DECA is proud to introduce an all-new line of merchandise ranging from t-shirts to hooded sweatshirts.

Visit our website to see the new items and place an order:
www.rookiesink.com/olemiss