# REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

# Rapid River Public Schools Newsletter October 2023/November 2023

**October 2023/November 2023**

**VETERANS DAY November 11th**

Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. A big THANK YOU for your service, dedication and sacrifices.



***UPCOMING EVENTS***

**October 9 –** School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the library

**October 13-** Professional Development Day ***NO SCHOOL***

**October 27 –** End of Marking Period

**October 31 –** Rapid River Trick - or - Treating 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**November 2** – 11:45 Dismissal

Parent Teacher Conferences from 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Lunches will be served.

**November 3** – Professional Development Day **NO SCHOOL**

**November 13-** School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the library.

**November 15 –** DEER DAY **NO SCHOOL**

**November 22, 23, 24 –** Thanksgiving Break **NO SCHOOL**

**December 15 –** Elementary Christmas Program 1 p.m. in the High School Gym.



**Varsity Football Schedule**

29 Sep. Cedarville *Away*

06 Oct. Newberry Home

13 Oct. Brimley Home

20 Oct. Mid Pen Home

\*\*all games start 7 P.M.

**HOMECOMING**

Homecoming 2023 will be Friday October 6th, 2023 & Saturday October 7th, 2023. The Homecoming Game is Friday at 7:00 p.m. against Newberry. The King and Queen will be announced during the halftime program of the game.

Homecoming dance will be October 7th from 7-10 at the High School; this years theme is “Hollywood through the Decades”

Homecoming week activities for grades 6 – 12 include:

**Monday 10/2** – Anything but a backpack

**Tuesday 10/3** – Adam Sandler Day

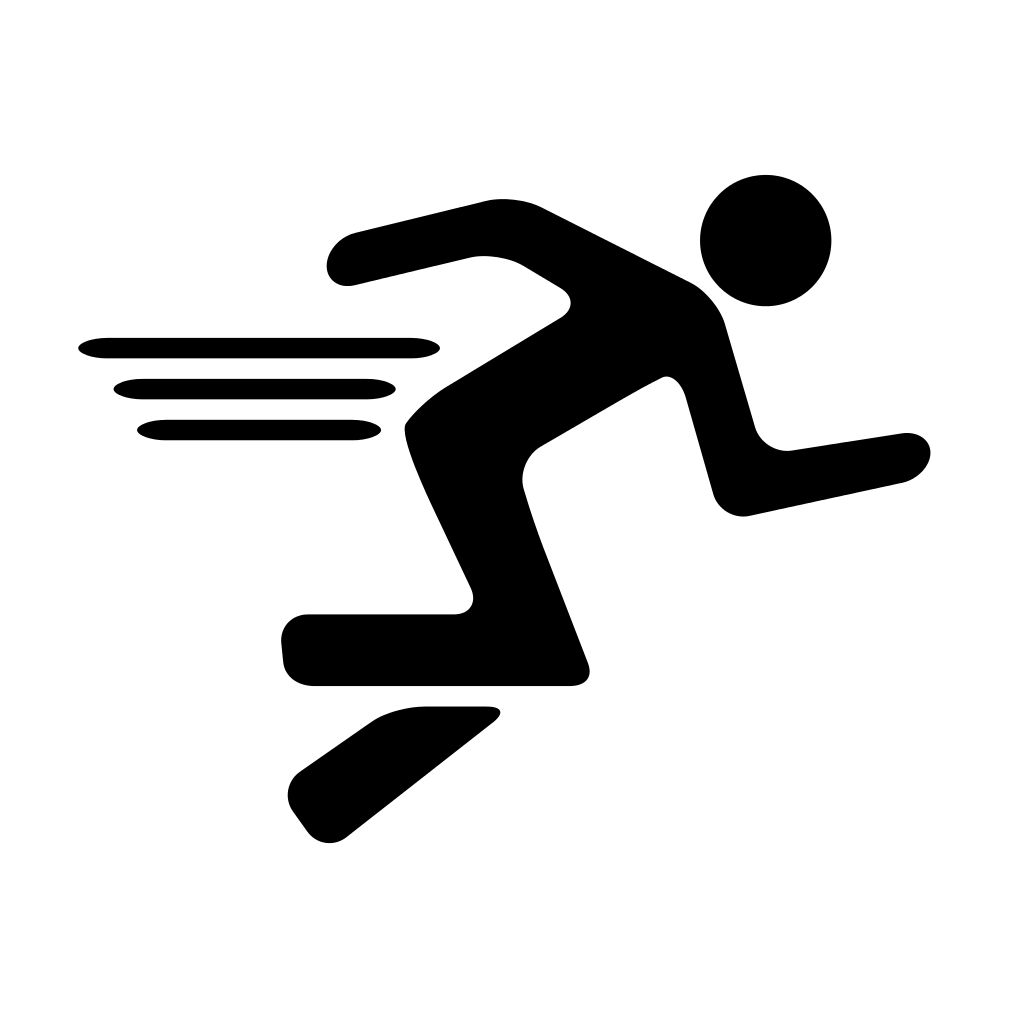
**Wednesday 10/4** – Dress as your “Class” (Seniors : senior citizens, juniors: middle age adults, sophomores: kids, freshman: babies, MS: Teens)

**Thursday 10/5** – Color Day (Seniors: Black, Juniors: White, Sophomores: Pink, Freshman: Orange, MS: Blue)

**Friday 10/6** – Spirit Day – Purple & Gold

Hallways will be decorated by each class. The public is welcome to come in and see them October 6, 2023 before the Football game between 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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**Cross Country**

4 Oct. Skyline Conference Home

3:30 p.m.

9 Oct Norway Raceway *Away*

4 p.m.

16 Oct North Central HS *Away*

4 p.m.

21 Oct UP Finals Gladstone *Away*

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**Girls JV/Varsity Volleyball**

*All games start @ 6pmVarsity 7:30*3 Oct. North Dickinson *Away*

5 Oct. Superior Central Home

12 Oct. Forest Park Home

**\*\*JV6:30p.m. Varsity 8p.m.**

17 Oct. Munising Home

19 Oct. Mid Pen Home

24 Oct. Superior Central *Away*

26 Oct. North Central Home

**\*\*JV 6:15p.m. Varsity 7:45p.m.**

**RAPID RIVER SPORTS BOOSTERS**

The year is off to a busy start!! We have Jr. High & Varsity Football going on, as well as HS Volleyball AND Middle School Girls’ Basketball. Currently we are looking for help in our concession stand. We have links for helpers to sign up on our Facebook page or you can text Brooke @ 906-280-7875 for the links. Rocket apparel is available at all of our home football games near the concession stand. Homecoming is Friday, October 6!! Watch for some special goodies =) SLUSHIES are now available in the outside concessions for football games and will be moved inside after football is done. LET’S GO ROCKETS!!!



**HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES**

**HAUNTED TRAIL**

**Where**: Rapid River HS Track   
**When**: Saturday, October 28th

8-9 PM for the younger crowd

9-11 PM Extra Scary for the not so faint of heart

**Cost:** $5 for ALL

**\*\*Glow sticks and finger lights will be available for purchase at the start of the trail beginning by the entrance to the school track.**

**KEY CLUB – Elementary Halloween Carnival**

**Saturday October 28, 2023** Key Club is holding the Halloween Carnival from 5:30-7:30p.m. Use the Athletic door entrance. Carnival will be free admission but you will have to purchase tickets to play games. Sports Boosters will have concessions available.

**RAPID RIVER TRICK-OR-TREATING**

**IS Tuesday October 31.**

**ROCKET RACK**

The Rocket Rack containing “gently” used clothing has been a huge success. There is no cost to our students for the items they may find useful. The room is located close to the HS office. We are seeking volunteers Thursdays during the Jr. High and High School lunches 11:15 – 12:45. The room can be opened before and after school on a prearranged basis for Elementary too.

Please contact Christa Sherman (school nurse) or Rachal Gustafson with any questions you may have. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful donations.

**RAPID RIVER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**

The objective of the Foundation is to provide resources that might otherwise be unavailable because of budget constraints public schools often face.

You can impact the educational experience of our next generation.

….contribute to the enhancement of our fine school system….and lend a helping hand to the long-term process of student education. Your contributions, both large and small, enable the Foundation to foster the district’s educational efforts. Once again, we are asking for your support.

Contributions can be made payable to the Rapid River Schools Foundation. Mail your gift to: **Rapid River Schools Foundation,** 10070 US Highway 2, Rapid River, MI 49878.

Thank you to the ones that have made a donation to the foundation. The foundation is 501© (3) – tax exempt.

**INDIAN EDUCATION**

Please email Program Director Mr. Mike Pilon @ [mpilon@rapidriver.k12.mi.us](mailto:mpilon@rapidriver.k12.mi.us) if you have any questions on the Indian Education Program. 506 forms are available on the school’s website. Miigwetch!

**GOLDEN ROCKET AWARD**

The Rapid River School Board continues to recognize individuals in our community that go above and beyond, volunteering their services and time, benefiting the school, students and/or staff.

If you would like to nominate someone you can get a form in the office or go to our school website and click on the golden rocket icon.

**LIBRARY**

Please know that the RR Community is welcome to check out books from our library during school hrs. Call 474-6411 and ask for the library, or email [leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us](mailto:leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us) for more information.

**SCHOOL BOARD**

Rapid River School Board Meeting will be October 9th, 2023 at 6:00p.m. Also November 13, 2023 at 6:00p.m. Meeting will be in person: NO Streaming.

**SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

**Regular Mtg., August 2023**

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Marty Collier updated board members on summer cleaning, custodial staffing and bus driver staffing. Principal Rachal Gustafson discussed teacher staffing, teacher supplies and noted the help that Christie Greene has been providing her.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis commented on the tentative agreements with the RREA and RRESP and provided an update on teacher shortages in the district, ISD and nationally.

**Motion made and approved:**

Motion to approve the RREA Agreement.

Motion to approve the RRESP Agreement.

**Regular Mtg., September 2023**

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Marty Collier provided an update on new hires and commented that he is fully staffed. Principal Rachal Gustafson discussed current school year, resource officer Kyle VanDrese, and cell phone problems with students.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis discussed school startup, the GSRP program, school legislature, teacher evaluation state review and bus radios.

The school board thanked the Gladstone-Rapid River Kiwanis for a $100 donation for defibrillator pads.

**Motion made and approved:**

Motion made to approve the hire of Sam Orth, Michelle Anderson, Debbie Pajnich, Eli Orth, Kayla Elliott, and Paige Malnor as direct employees.

Motion made to approve the bond (sale of) resolution.

**PTC**

The Rapid River PTC is looking for members! We meet the first Monday of each month in the elementary teacher’s lounge. We are a group of parents and teachers that meet to discuss the K-5 Students/Teacher’s needs.

**PARKING REMINDER**  
The Circle Drive is for *drop-off/pick-up only*. Please use other parking areas if you are here for an extended period of time.  
Thank you! 