

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools Newsletter

December 2023/January 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11- School Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. in the library.

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

December 22 – Half Day, Students
will have an 11:45 Dismissal.

December 25-January 2 – **NO**
SCHOOL Winter/Christmas Break

January 8 – School Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. in the library.

January 19 – **NO SCHOOL**
Professional Development Day

February 23 – **NO SCHOOL**
Professional Development Day

JV/Varsity Boys Basketball

Schedule

4 Dec. Carney-Nadeau	Home
6:15/7:45pm	
8 Dec. North Central	Home
6:15/7:45 pm	
12 Dec. Bark River	Away
6:00/7:30 pm	
14 Dec. Forest Park	Away
6:00/7:30 pm	
19 Dec. Engadine	Home
6:00/7:30 pm	
26 Dec. Mid-Pen	Away
6:00/7:30 pm	
3 Jan. Munising	Home
6:00/7:30 pm	
9 Jan. Manistique	Away
6:00/7:30 pm	
11 Jan. Big Bay (Varsity only)	Home
7:30 pm	
15 Jan. North Central	Away
6:00/7:30 pm	
18 Jan. Bark River	Home
6:00/7:30 pm	
23 Jan. Stephenson	Away
6:00/7:30 pm	
26 Jan. Superior Central	Away
6:00/7:30 pm	
30 Jan. North Dickinson	Away
6:00/7:30 pm	

Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule

5 Dec. Norway	Away
7:00 pm	
8 Dec. Superior Central	Home

	7:00 pm	
11 Dec. Mid-Pen		Away
	7:00 pm	
18 Dec. Hannahville		Home
	6:00 pm	
21 Dec. Mid-Pen		Home
	6:00 pm	
5 Jan. Superior Central		Away
	7:00 pm	
8 Jan. Stephenson		Away
	7:00 pm	
11 Jan. Big Bay		Home
	6:00 pm	
16 Jan. Carney Nadeau		Away
	7:00 pm	
19 Jan. Munising		Home
	6:00 pm	
22 Jan. Bark River		Away
	7:00 pm	
26 Jan. North Dickinson		Home
	6:00 pm	
29 Jan. Stephenson		Home
	7:00 pm	

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS 1ST QUARTER

5TH Grade – All A
Raylan Coppock
Adria Douville
5th Grade – All A-B
Michael Edwards
Dominick Nuernberg
Izak Wennesheimer
5th Grade Perfect Attendance
Amy Beauchamp
Raylan Coppock
Michael Edwards
Terrell Harris
Olivia Leadman
Olivia Luttrell
Zane Nedeau
Izak Wennesheimer

4th Grade- All A
Colton LaCrosse
Colin Denkins
4th Grade- All A-B
Tristen Leadman
Gracelynn Holzenkamp
Norah Proehl
4th Grade Perfect Attendance
Colton LaCrosse

Gracelynn Holzenkamp

Norah Proehl

Colin Denkins

1st QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6TH Grade GPA 4.0 – 3.70

James Beauchaine, Brody Denkins,
Delia Hirn, Kaleb Kuehl

6th Grade GPA 3.29 – 3.00

Jack Peterson, Temily Roberts

7th Grade GPA 4.0 – 3.70

Corey Boston-Marsh, Caden Closs,
Derek Closs, Julia Poma, Ariya

Shiverdecker, Aaliyah Steffen, Coen
Smith, Trenton Wennesheimer, Alexis

Wiideman

7th Grade GPA 3.69 – 3.30

Brendan Duerson, Joseph Goudreau,
Owen Truitt

7th Grade GPA 3.29 – 3.00

Keerstyn Eskofski, Brennen Hardwick,
Breanna Kelly

8th Grade GPA 4.0 – 3.70

Trisha Beauchamp, Victoria Coppock,
Emma Hardy, Olivia Quinn, Myah Saez

8th Grade GPA 3.69 – 3.30

Natalie Paquette, Katherine Thibault,
Ashlynn Thompson, Kaylee Tyler

8th Grade GPA 3.29 – 3.00

Kamden Chmurynski, Ashton Fletcher,
Brennen Kee, Hayden Kee, Skylar

Schmidlin, MaKayla Williams

9th Grade GPA 4.0 – 3.70

Jon Denkins, Kaden Duerson, Alivia
Frappier, Jeb Green, Kellyn Gustafson,

Kamden Holmio, Lane Olson, Jae
Poma, Samantha Quinn, Alexander

Shiverdecker, Joseph Thorbahn,

Trenton Warner, Liveah Wils

9th Grade GPA 3.69 – 3.30

Sarah Beauchaine, Saylor Carlson,
Evan Closs, Kinsley Damon, Rowen

Flath, Summer LaJoie

9th Grade GPA 3.29 – 3.00

Darien DeGrand, Maycee Kuhlman,
Madelyn Lindbert, Donna McDonald,

Christina Williams, Peyton Williams

10th Grade GPA 4.0 – 3.70

Phoebe Fletcher, Angelina Goodman,

Jared Huskey, Aubrey Olson

10th Grade GPA 3.69 – 3.30

Ella Cody, Ava Peck, Claire Reed,

Caleb Roberts, Elizabeth Swayer,
Hannah Yates

10th Grade GPA 3.29 – 3.00

Lilly Kwak, Joseph Weis

11th Grade GPA 4.0 – 3.70

Ethan Harrison, Martina Hornackova,
Mason Johnson, Madison LaCrosse,
Hailey Paquette, Perline Raphanel

Arbant, Emma Sundling

11th Grade 3.69 – 3.30

Ava Damon, Perry Gillmer

11th Grade 3.29 – 3.00

Isabelle Green

12th Grade GPA 4.0 – 3.70

Everett Belanger, Tucker Carlson,
Erin Dedic, Blake Lundquist, Brielle
Spriks

12th Grade GPA 3.69 – 3.30

Conner Kee, Nathan Moore, Abigail
Hardwick, Bradley Taylor

12th Grade GPA 3.29 – 3.00

Emma Bowden, Evan Horwitz, Violet
Hull, Tessa Larson, Colton Stemick,
Leondrea Vietzke

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation will begin on
Friday December 22nd at 11:45 a.m.
Classes will resume on January 3,
2024.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Elementary Program will be held
Friday, December 15th at 1:00 p.m.
in the H.S. Gym. Parents are
welcome to pick up their child in their
classroom after the program. The
public is also welcome to attend. We
hope to see you there.

Rapid River Business Association

ANGEL TREE

There is a gift tree located at the
BayBank in Rapid River and also a
gift card tree located in Jack's. There
will be tags at the Lion's Club
December 2 for Christmas in Rapid
River.

If you would like to help but don't
want to shop, there is an account set
up at BayBank for donations. If you
would like to purchase a gift card for
gas or groceries, those can be turned
in to any of the drop off locations
(Jack's Restaurant, Rapid River
Hardware, or BayBank in Rapid
River).

Thank you for your support of the
angel tree!! **DEADLINE FOR ANGEL
TREE IS DECEMBER 11.**

50th Annual Christmas in Rapid

River Saturday December 2, Shop
local businesses as well as the Lions
Club, Omni Center, & local churches
for crafts and baked goods.

Lights in the Park Sponsored by the
Rapid River Business Association are
December 2, 9, 15 & 16 from 6pm –
8pm.

RAPID RIVER SPORTS BOOSTERS

We are always looking for volunteers
for our concessions stand! Please
check out our Facebook page for the
links to sign up. The 8th Annual Soup-er
Bowl will be held January 21, 2024 in
the elementary gymnasium. Anyone is
welcome to enter a soup! Limited spots
available! Public welcome \$10 for
adults; \$5 for kids 10 & under. Call or
text Brooke at 906-280-7875 for more
information. The Basketball Blitz will be
held February 17 & 18 2024. Boys and
girls grades 3-8 are encouraged to
enter!! See our Facebook page for
more details. Thanks for a great fall
sports season! Now on to high school
basketball!

LIBRARY

Community members may use the
library's computer lab and print out
papers if necessary. You must
schedule a time to use the library. If
you do not have a scheduled time, staff
will be unable to assist you. Please
email leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us or
adoptadog18@yahoo.com to set up a
day/time. The community is also able to
check books out from our library, using
the above emails to make an
appointment.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., October 9, 2023

For complete minutes go to
our website at:
www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us

Facilities, Grounds, and
Transportation Manager Marty Collier
updated board members that our 2nd
bus arrived over the weekend, he has
1 more water test in 1 location if all
checks out good the water testing is
back to standard testing.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis
provided information on the State
proposed education bills-retiree
rehires, educator evaluations and
negotiation items (PERA), and
discussed topics for the ISD Board
dinner.

Rapid River School Board
thanked the Rapid River Memorial Day
Parade committee for a donation
(\$300) to the library, Lions Club
fundraiser (\$200), 5th Grade Clear
Lake (\$125), Reading Buddies (\$50)
Green House Project (\$100) Science
Olympiad (\$175), National Honor
Society (\$125), and Key Club (\$275).

Motions made and approved-

- Nominated Jake Denkins as
the New Vice President.
- Approve the agenda as
presented.

Regular Mtg., Nov 13, 2023

For complete minutes go to our
website at: www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us

Principal Rachal Gustafson
updated board members on student
behavior plans, high school student
grades and attendance letters and
discussed time change for graduation
ceremony. It was agreed upon that the
graduation ceremony would be at
4:00pm on Saturday of Memorial Day
Weekend.

Facilities, Grounds &
Transportation Manager Marty Collier
updated board members on water
testing, boilers, custodial staff, bus
route times, and student bus behavior
and bus driver meeting.

Rapid River School Board
thanked the American Legion Post
\$100 student donation, Rapid River
Four Township Senior Citizens \$150
for elementary classroom donation,
Horse Crazy 4H \$200 for Kitchen use,
Raylan Coppock \$33 for Clear Lake,
Delta Production Machining \$200 First
Legos, and Thomas Ventures \$201 for
First Legos.

Motions made and approved-

- to approve the 2022-2023
financial audit.
- to approve the 4th & 5th grade
robotic teams to travel to State
competition in December if they are
invited.
- to approve the hire of Matt
Spreitzer as Middle School and High
School Science Olympiad Advisor.
- to approve the third party
assignment of Joanna Thorbahn as
Freshman Class Advisor.