



The Reporter



Rosewood's Bi-Weekly Newsletter

NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Upcoming Events

November 22, 23, & 24

NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Break

November 28

Choir Practice

3:45pm - Music Room

November 29

Honors Choir Practice

3:15pm - Junior High

November 30

Honors Choir Performance

7:00pm - JCA

December 2

Santa's Secret Shop & Craft/Vendor Fair

9am - 1pm

December 5, 12

Choir Practice

3:45pm - Music Room

December 5

Parent Club Meeting

6:30pm - Media Center

December 6

5th Grade Orchestra Concert

7:00pm - JCA

December 13

Holiday Concert (grades 3-5 & choir)

7:00pm - JCA

December 20, 21, & 22

1/2 Day

11:50am dismissal

Rosewood Families,

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year when we take time to think about all the things we are grateful for. We have so much to be grateful for here at Rosewood.

I am grateful for each and every one of your children who show up every day to be safe, respectful, and responsible students who live out the Wildcat Way.

I am grateful for our teachers and staff members. They show up daily with a smile on their faces to teach and love on our children. They put in long hours and work so hard!

I am grateful for your parental support and the partnership we have built to make the best decisions for our children and to be positive examples of the Wildcat Way.

Research shows that when we count three blessings a day, we get a measurable boost in happiness that uplifts & energizes us. I encourage you and your family to think of three things you are thankful for every day.

We have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone back on November 27.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Luke Verbeek

Calling In An Absence

When your child will be absent from school, please call the attendance line (616.667.3550) prior to 9:00am. In your voicemail message, please include the following items:

- Student's name - with the spelling of their last name
- Student's grade & teacher
- Reason for your student's absence. If your child is absent due to illness, please include their symptoms.
- Your relation to the student.
- If your student is coming in late, please indicate their lunch choice. (white, blue, or cold)



After School Arrangements

In the morning before your children come to school, please let them know where they will be going after school, who will be picking them up, or if they need to ride the bus. It is very disruptive to classroom learning when the office has to call down to the classrooms to let children know their after school plans. Children can also become very anxious when they don't know their plans and have to try and call parents for this information. Thank you for your cooperation!



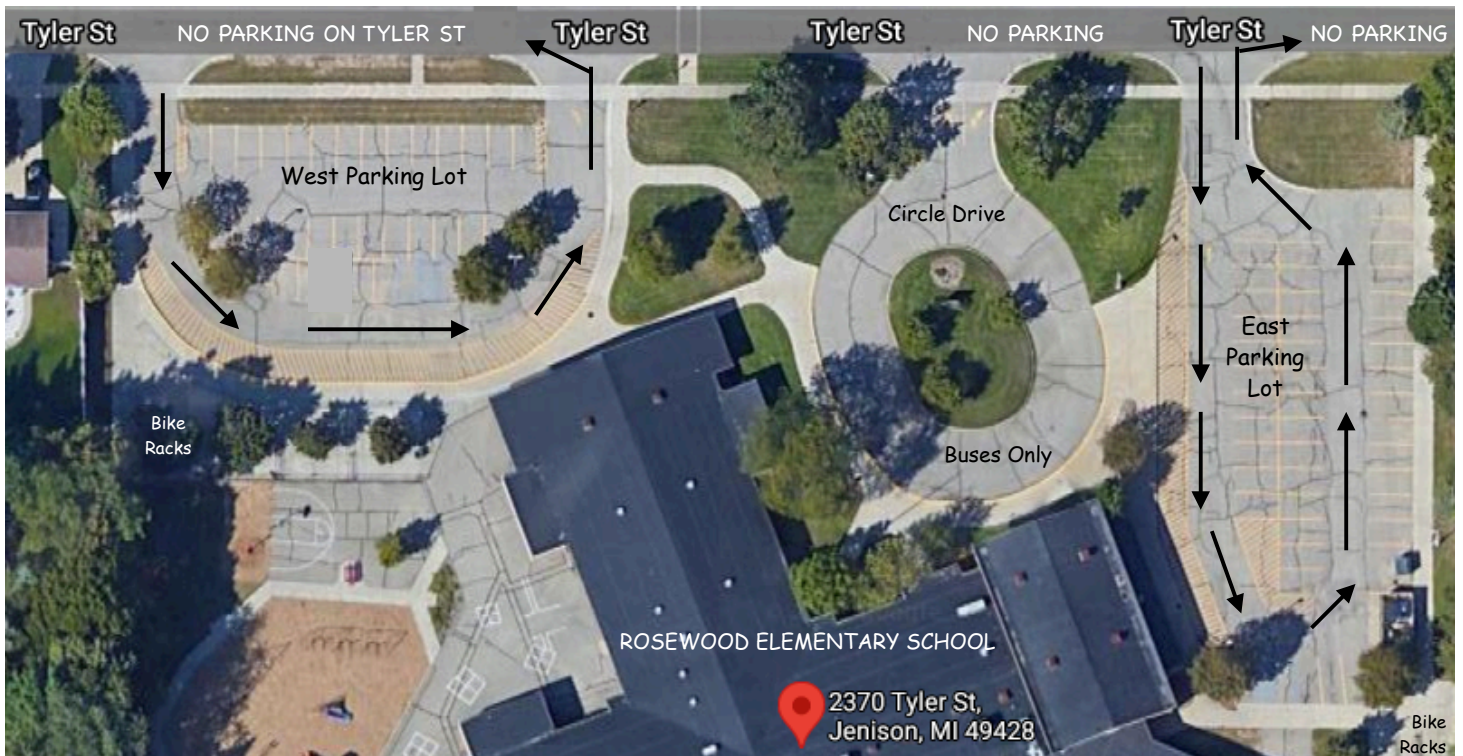
Parking Lot Guidelines

When dropping off or picking up your child from school, please be sure you follow our parking lot guidelines. If you come into the school to get your child, please park your car in one of the parking spaces. Please do not park in the drop-off and pick-up lanes or in the circle drive. When exiting the parking lots, please follow the signs regarding which way to turn out of the lot. If you make a turn that is prohibited by a sign, the Ottawa County Sheriff Department has informed us that it is a \$120.00 fine and possible points on your license. It helps keep all of our children safe if we all follow the parking lot rules. Please see the traffic flow map below. **Also, always please be respectful of our Rosewood neighbors by NOT parking on their lawns or blocking their driveways!** Thank you!

Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off

We encourage parents to use the pick-up lanes in both parking lots to pick their child(ren) up at the end of the school day. Please follow the guidelines below so that the line of cars moves quickly and everyone can get in and out safely.

1. When using the pick-up lane stay inside your vehicle and pull as far forward as possible to pick-up your child(ren) along the curb.
2. Communicate with your child(ren) which lot you will be waiting at and encourage them to be out looking for you as soon as they can.
3. Please use a designated parking space if you need to get out of your car for any reason so you don't block other cars in the pick-up lane.
4. Please do not ask your child(ren) to walk across the parking lot on their own. All children walking in the parking lot need to be accompanied by an adult.
5. Do not use the circle drive for pick-up until after 4:00pm.
6. Traffic flows better if those coming from the east use the east parking lot and those coming from the west use the west lot.
7. PLEASE BE CAREFUL! DO NOT HURRY!

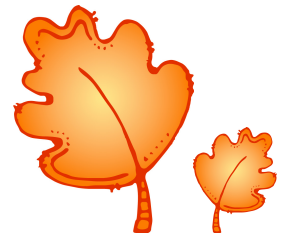
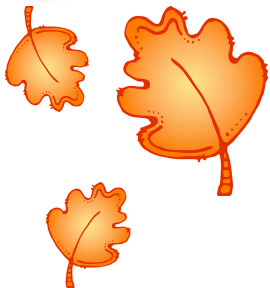




Dress for the Cold Weather

Please remember to have your children prepare for the winter weather. Winter is here and our students need to dress for outdoor weather. Outdoor clothing such as coats, mittens or gloves, boots, hats, and snow pants are a necessity for our outdoor recess times. It is also a good idea to pack extra clothing during winter. Dry socks and mittens can come in handy. **And don't forget to label all of the clothing that you are sending to school.** Please keep in mind that we go outside unless the wind chill is -10 degrees or colder (safeties are on post unless the wind chill is -25 degrees or colder). Thank you for your help!

We ask that you please label everything that is sent to school with your child (lunch boxes, backpacks, coats, boots, mittens, etc.). If you are missing an item, please stop by before or after school to check out the growing number of items hanging from the clothing rack outside of the office. **Items not claimed by Tuesday, November 21 will be donated.**



SOCKTOBER

Thank you to everyone who donated to Socktober!

Your help and support is amazing!

Thank you for helping us bless families in need!

Santa's Secret Shop 2023

A Rosewood Holiday Tradition!

Join us on **Saturday, December 2, 9:00am - 1:00pm,**
for a fun and festive holiday event!

Santa's Secret Shop: In the media center, kids can shop for their families and wrap (in secret) with the help of volunteers. Great gift items are available for kids through adults, and all gifts are \$5 and under! Send your child with a list of who to shop for and money in a zipper bag or envelope labeled with their first and last name. Come early for the best selection!

Craft and Vendor Fair: While you're waiting for your kids to complete their shopping and wrapping, you can do your own shopping at the craft and vendor fair. Find great, unique gift items for the people on your own list all while supporting our local crafters and vendors.

The Cafe: Visit the cafe in the gym for coffee, hot cocoa and sweet holiday treats!



Santa's Secret Shop Volunteers

If you are able to help with this fun event, please sign up on this [link](#) or use the live link on the Facebook page.

JOIN JENISON AGE GROUP SWIMMING!

Team Name → JAWS (Green Group):

Jenison Area Wildcat Swimming

Team Website → www.jenisonaquatics.org

Click on “JAWS Age Group Swim” for info!

Season → Mid-November to mid-February

Practices → 1 - 3 nights per week, 45-60 min,
Most often M, T, Th, or F, between 6 & 8pm

Competitions → Dec 28 (\$), Jan 13, 20, 27, &

Feb 16 or 17 (Additional meets for additional fees are available/optional)

Cost → Three payments of \$60 **AND three volunteer/work shifts**

NEW SWIMMERS → Must attend one of our FREE trial days mid-November. Link to sign up for the free trial day (Sign up Genius) can be found on our website → Click on “JAWS Age Group Swim”

JAWS/team Questions → Email Jennifer at jcoffey@jpsonline.org



No registration required for trial days! A guardian must stay on site.

NEW SWIMMERS are required to attend a free trial day to meet the coaches, swim some laps, and determine whether they want to continue as a JENISON AGE GROUP SWIMMER! New swimmers should have completed through Level 3 of our JPS Swim Lessons OR be able to swim one lap (25 yards) of both modified backstroke AND modified freestyle. Swimmers will need a suit, goggles, and towel. Swimmers with long hair should wear a swim cap or have their hair tied up. Parents must stay for the trial practice and are welcome to view all practices from the pool balcony (stairwell to the balcony is in the lobby near the main entrance).

Athletes must be registered and paid to attend practices after the FREE trial days.



After successfully completing a trial day swimmers may register on our team website: www.jenisonaquatics.org.

Click on the green tab that says “JAWS Registration 2023-2024” and follow the prompts.

When you register you will click on Option 1/JAWS Green Group.

****Please make sure all your questions are answered before registering. There are no refunds for the Jenison Age Group Swim Team/JAWS.**