

REBEL NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCT 13 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
- OCT 15 Fall Picture Retakes/Sports Pictures
- OCT 17 End of 1st Quarter
- OCT 22-23 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- OCT 24 NO SCHOOL
- OCT 27 Track-or-Treat (STUCO Hosted) 5-7pm
PFK Meeting 5:30 pm (CLS)
Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Hearing & Vision Screening

STUDENT-LED PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Oct 22 & 23 (3:30-7:00pm)

Teachers have already started scheduling. If you have not already scheduled yours, please contact your child's teacher(s).

IMPORTANT!

yay!
3 DAY
WEEKEND!!

CROSS COUNTRY IS HEADED TO SECTIONALS!!

Good Luck to all of our runners Fri, 10/10 4:00pm

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: OCT 13-21ST

- TUES 3:15 pm Homework Help (Grades 3-8)
- WED 4:30 pm Girls Basketball HOME Game vs Hollis School
- THURS 3:15 pm Homework Help (Grades 3-8)
- SAT TBD XC STATE

Visit our website for full calendar details.

MISC NEWS

PICTURE DAY

Fall Picture Retakes are coming up on Oct 15th. Student Pictures will be taken in the morning.

Fall Sports Pictures for Girls' Basketball & Cheer will be in the afternoon.

STUCO

PINK OUT GAME- Wed, Oct 15, 4:30pm

Items can be purchased before the game.
Pom-Poms: \$5 Boom Sticks: \$1
Headbands: \$5 Necklaces: \$1

Proceeds from items sold will go to Susan G Komen Association.

Let's fill the stands with PINK!!

Scholastic Book Fair



It's that time again! Families can set up an eWallet for an easy way for kids to pay! Visit our school Book Fair Homepage to get started:

[BOOK FAIR HOMEPAGE](#)

10/20 -10/23
Open during
school day
& Conferences

PARENTS FOR KIDS GROUP

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER NOV 8, 5-7 PM

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS ARE NEEDED.

CONTACT US TO SEE HOW YOU CAN

GET INVOLVED: PFK@RANKIN98.ORG

NEXT MEETING: MON, OCT 27TH 5:30PM

Click Here
Nick Beard, Principal
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School Website: www.rankin98.org
Join us on Facebook!

Teacher Ease-Parent Portal

Visit our parent portal to view your students' grades, assignments, attendance, and fees.

Fees can be paid online through [Illinois e-Pay](#) or in the office with cash or a check.

K-8 Meal Prices

- Breakfast: Student \$2.00 / Adult \$2.30
- Lunch: Student \$3.00 / Adult \$3.55
- Additional items: \$0.50-\$2.00 (extra drinks and snacks available for purchase, 3rd- 8th grade only)

If you are interested in applying for the **FREE/REDUCED MEAL PROGRAM**, apply through TeacherEase, under the Miscellaneous tab. Applications are accepted all year. If you have already applied, please know we are working through all of the applications as fast as we can, and you will be contacted shortly.

BOYS BASKETBALL- Season Starting

TRYOUTS: 10/20 3:00-5:00 pm

Students **MUST** have a current Sports Physical on file to participate.

NURSE NOTES

October starts
Influenza season.

Protect your family from illness by getting your flu vaccine by Halloween!



If your student is absent, please be sure to contact our attendance line: 309-346-3182, option 2
Dr Notes are encouraged with any visit.

Nicole Washkowiak, Nurse
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REBEL PIT STOP

We serve delicious options for Breakfast and Lunch! Check out what's on the Menu!!

Click Here
OCT MENU

Energize Your Day!
Eat School Breakfast

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Notification of Vision/Hearing Screening

Children do not really know how they are supposed to see or hear. Therefore, they may not complain about poor vision or hearing. Each year your school provides screening to ensure children are seeing and hearing optimally for their growth and learning. This is done in accordance with the IL Rules and Regulations of the Child Vision and Hearing Test Act. ***In the event you are unable to participate in this free service provided, it will be your responsibility to ensure your child does not have vision and/or hearing deficits.***

The screening dates for 2025/2026 school year will be:
October 28th, 2025 with a rescreen date of November 11th, 2025

Those who have been referred for hearing by School Sight & Sound, Inc. at previous screens will receive yearly hearing monitoring as needed. Students who are new to the district, attend any special education classes, or are referred by a teacher will be screened for both vision and hearing along with the following grades:

Hearing Screens:

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

Vision Screens:

Kindergarten (If student has not had an eye exam for Kindergarten entrance requirement)

2nd Grade

8th Grade

"Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months." (Section 27-8.1 of the School Code)

Lori Leskovisek and Deanna Frye, administrators of School Sight & Sound, Inc. are certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) as vision and hearing screening technicians. They are, for this purpose, considered "school officials" as they conduct a program that has "legitimate educational interest". Under the State codes 99.31 and 99.7, as *school officials*, they are authorized to share screening results with the school office since these results have *legitimate educational interest*. School Sight & Sound, Inc. will notify parents/guardians if a child is recommended for further testing.

This service has proven to be very valuable in discovering those children who may be struggling academically due to vision and hearing needs. Although this service is meant to benefit your child, it is your right to refuse it for religious purposes. According to the Child Vision and Hearing Test Act, a written statement of objection must be submitted by any parent/guardian who chooses to not have their child tested. (410 ILCS 205/6)

Sincerely,