



REBEL NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCT 23 NO SCHOOL
 OCT 26-30 Spirit Week
 OCT 26 PFK Meeting 5:30 pm (CLS)
 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
 OCT 29 Track-or-Treat (STUCO Hosted)
 OCT 30 11:30 am Dismissal
 NOV 03 Hearing & Vision Screening (**Info pg.3**)
 NOV 07 Annual Chili Supper! (PFK Hosted)
 NOV 11 Veterans Day Assembly
 NOV 16 Hearing & Vision Rescreen
 Fall/Winter Sports & Club Pictures
 NOV 20 Dental Sealants & More
 NOV 25-27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Nick Beard, Principal / nbeard@rankin98.org
 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.

REQUEST FOR PRE-APPROVAL OF STUDENT ABSENCE FORM :

Please remember to complete a request form when you know ahead of time that your student will be absent!

REMINDER

NO SCHOOL-FRIDAY, OCT 23RD
 11:30 DISMISSAL - OCT 30TH



Athletic Schedules

Visit our website
 for full calendar details.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: OCT 26TH-30TH

- MON** 3:00 pm Boys Basketball Practice
 3:15 pm Girls Basketball Practice
 4:15 pm Cheer Practice
TUES 3:00 pm Boys Basketball Practice
 3:05 pm JH Homework Help
 5:00 pm Girls Basketball Game AWAY at Illini Central
WED 7:00 am 5th Gr Band Practice (Woodwind)
 3:00 pm Boys Basketball Practice
 5:00 pm Girls Basketball Game AWAY at Christ Lutheran
THURS 7:00 am 5th Gr Band Practice (Brass)
 3:00 pm Boys Basketball Practice
 3:05 pm JH Homework Help
 Girls Basketball Practice
 Science Club
FRI 6:30 am Boys Basketball Practice
 6:50 am Girls Basketball Practice
 4:15 pm Cheer Practice - Optional Stunting



Cold Weather Reminder!

The temperatures are cooling down, and our kids LOVE being outside! Please be sure to send your student(s) with appropriate cold-weather gear to stay warm while playing outdoors.

If your family needs assistance obtaining a coat for your student, please contact the school office. Thank you for helping us keep our students warm and comfortable!

NURSE NOTES

October starts Influenza season.

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



REPORT STUDENT ABSENCE

If your student is absent, please be sure to contact our attendance line: 309-346-3182, opt 2

Rx Dr Notes are encouraged with any visit.

Nicole Washkowiak, Nurse
 nwashkowiak@rankin98.org

TRACK OR TREAT Thurs, Oct 29th 6-7:30 pm

Bring the family for a fun & safe evening of trick-or-treating around the Rankin track. STUCO Costumes encouraged!



SPIRIT WEEK Oct 26-30

- MON:** GHOULISH PAJAMAS (HALLOWEEN PAJAMAS)
TUES: MAD SCIENTIST HAIR (CRAZY HAIR OR HALLOWEEN HATS)
WED: WITCHES OR WIZARDS (WITCHES: PURPLE / WIZARDS: BLUE)
THUR: TWINSIE THURSDAY (DRESS THE SAME AS 1 OR MORE PEOPLE)
FRI: COSTUMES

SCHOOL DRESS CODE STILL APPLIES



MISC NEWS

PARENTS FOR KIDS GROUP

UPCOMING EVENT: ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER NOV 7, 5-7 PM
 SEE FLYER BELOW. VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS ARE NEEDED.
 CONTACT US TO SEE HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:
 PFK@RANKIN98.ORG
 NEXT MEETING: MON, OCT 26TH 5:30PM

Join US!

CONTACT THE OFFICE: ☎ 309-346-3182 ✉ rankinoffice@rankin98.org

REBEL PIT STOP

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

OCTOBER MENU

Energize Your Day!
 Eat School Breakfast





Save
the
Date

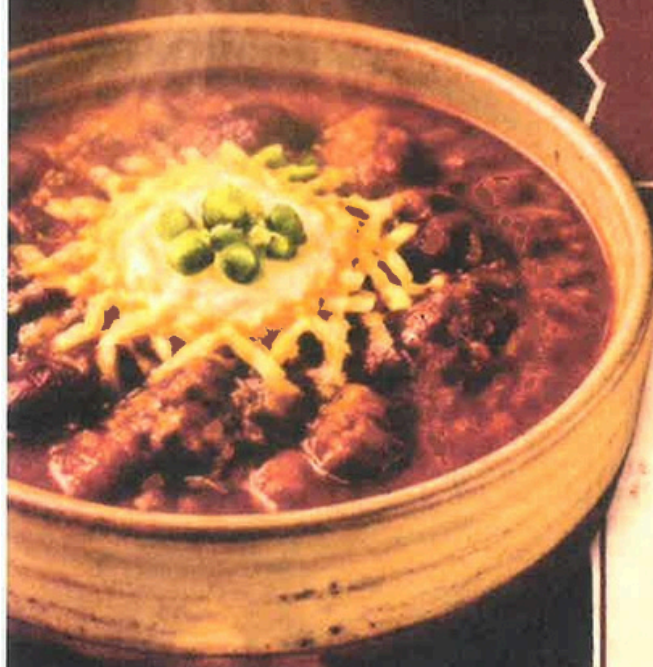
RANKIN PFK CHILI SUPPER



Saturday, November 7th



5:00pm - 7:00pm



Get ready for a night of food,
fun, and raffles!

The PFK is collecting donations
for the raffle. We need gift cards,
themed baskets, or individual items.



If you have items to donate,
please bring them to the office
or contact PFK@Rankin98.org



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Notification of Vision/Hearing Screening

Children do not 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 to 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 2026/ 2027 school year will be:
November 3rd, 2026 with a rescreen date of November 16th, 2026

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:

Vision Screens:

Kindergarten (if they don't have an exam on file to meet entrance requirements)

2nd Grade

8th Grade

Hearing Screens:

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd 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,