

**ROLAND-STORY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2022**

**TODAY'S LUNCH**

Thursday - Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, mixed fruit, milk  
Friday - Crispy chicken sandwich, broccoli normandy, pears, milk

**BREAKFAST**

Thursday - French toast sticks, sausage links, fruit, milk  
Friday - Cereal, granola bar, fruit, milk

**Lunchroom Reminders:**

1. Enter the lunchroom the same as in the past. Pick up your tray, food, and then enter your number in last.
2. There is a refrigerator in the kitchen for you to use for your sack lunches. Please bring them in before school.
3. There are two microwaves in the kitchen for you to use for warming up your lunches.

**Attention 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders** - During the school day please stay out of the 5th & 6th grade hallway.

**All Students:** You may enter the building as early as 7:45. It is expected that you either sit in the gym or at breakfast until you are dismissed by an adult. The only food being eaten happens in the Norse Cafe.

**If you ride a bike to school,** be sure to park your bike in the racks provided. Do not park bikes in the lot north of the building.

**Student Drop-Off-** Reminder to those that ride to school with parents that our drop off is on the north side of the building.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Roland Rural Bus Room** please report to Ms. Houck's room at dismissal time.

**Reminder to all students attending middle school and high school events:** Please come to watch the event. Remember to demonstrate the Norse Code (Caring - Respect - Responsibility) positively cheering for both teams.

**Attention 7th and 8th Graders:** It is time to sign up for Mock Trial. 7th graders can sign up in Mrs. Vinson's room and 8th graders can sign up in Mrs. Broich's room. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 A.M. in Mrs. Broich's room. Contact Mrs. Broich with any questions.

**The Roland Story Fine Arts Booster Club (MAST)** provides financial support to our RS fine arts programs in all three buildings. We are hosting a fundraiser to help raise funds for new high school choir robes and band uniforms in the upcoming years. Visit our online store [https://stores.inksoft.com/rs\\_mast/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/rs_mast/shop/home) and help support the fine arts at Roland Story. The fundraiser is running now till September 26th.

**Middle School Volleyball T-shirt Order:** For those interested in R-S Middle School Volleyball apparel, here is the link for the online store. The online store will close at 11:59 p.m. on September 8th. All orders will be delivered to the middle school.  
<https://rmsvb22.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

**Children's Theatre auditions:** "In the fairy tale criminal justice system, the characters from fairy tales and nursery rhymes are represented by two separate but equally ridiculous groups: the fairy tale police who investigate fairy tale crime, and the fairy tale district attorneys who prosecute the fairy tale offenders." Come try out to tell their stories! We are so excited to announce our Children's Theatre production for this winter, Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit! To audition, all our performers need to do is come ready to read some short passages from the script, no need to memorize anything beforehand! Auditions are available on Sunday, September 11th, from 3 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, September 17th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. You can join us up the stairs next to Simply Mae's and Creative Endeavors, and follow the signs to our rehearsal space! Performances will be in early December. This clever show hosts many of your favorite fairy tale characters, with our performers playing multiple parts throughout. These auditions are open for kids in Kindergarten through high school freshmen, and we look forward to seeing you there!

**Did you know that the Roland-Story Athletic Booster Club** helps support our RS athletes to be the best they can be on the field, court, track, mat, and at the course? The Booster Club provides financial

support to our RS athletic programs to help pay for uniforms, equipment, facility needs, and coaches requests to help our athletes succeed. Another BIG support for our RS athletes, paid for by the Booster Club, is our strength and conditioning program. RS athletes receive instruction and guidance from Premier Athlete Training coaches based out of Ames. Their training and experience have helped pro, college, high school, and middle school athletes excel in the sports they love. With support from the Booster Club, our athletes receive instruction AT RS schools...making it a HUGE COST SAVINGS for families. Help us continue to provide these much needed items and services for our Roland-Story athletes. Click on the link below to join the Booster Club today! GO NORSE!!  
<https://rolandstory.revtrak.net/Roland-Story-Athletic-Booster-Club/>

**RSMS Extra-Curricular Attendance Policy:** RSMS students are expected to be in attendance for the entire school day in order to participate in athletic or fine arts practices, games, or concerts. A student cannot stay home in the morning because they don't feel well, come to school during the day, and then participate after school. They would be allowed to attend practice or game, but would not be able to participate. Students with an Excused Absence will be allowed to participate. Examples of an excused absence would be: doctor or dentist appointment, funeral, etc. These types of absence should be **pre-arranged** with the middle school office. A doctor's note is required upon the student's return to school in order to participate.

**Bertha Bartlett Public Library:** Just a reminder that the highschool and middle school will be combined for programming at the library and we will meet the first and third Wednesday of the month. This month's programs:  
Sept 21: Constellations in a Jar @ 2:15pm

**PTO Meeting:** The first PTO meeting is Thursday September 8th at 7:30 at the Middle School Library.

**R-S PTO would like to share the following with you:**

Amazon Wish Lists:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X-YYd0KHAVNQom0EGWXIU8NDQeF5B6tASjmfM4MB7w/mobilebasic>

Fall Apparel:

[https://stores.inksoft.com/rs\\_pto/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/rs_pto/shop/home)

**R-S PTO Presents: School Staff Monthly Recognition Program** - Let's recognize teachers, staff and administrators who demonstrate dedication, professionalism, excellence and FUN in the classroom! Anyone can nominate anyone – a student can nominate a teacher, a teacher can nominate a bus driver, a parent can nominate a member of the lunch staff, etc. There are NO SMALL gestures that shouldn't go noticed. Each month, a winner will be drawn from each school to receive a gift card to a local place of their choosing provided by the RS PTO. Nominations are due by the end of each month for that month's drawing. Please see the linked form for more information and to submit your nomination! **NOMINATION FORM**

### **RSMS to offer "Skip the Trip" Iowa DOT instruction permit knowledge tests**

Do you have a student who is ready to take the operator knowledge test to get an Iowa instruction permit to drive? RSMS is now offering the test right here at school as part of the Iowa Department of Transportation's "Skip the Trip" program. In partnering with the Iowa DOT, RSMS can save families time, cost, and the hassle of making a trip to a driver's license service center for testing. Students will be able to take the web-based test in a more familiar environment that works to reduce test anxiety and increase success rates. Tests are overseen by trained school staff to assure the integrity of test results.

To be eligible to take the remote knowledge test, your student must be age 14 or older and not currently hold an Iowa instruction permit. Students that have turned 14 prior to the testing date must sign up in the office and have permission given from their parent by either email or phone. Please email Mrs. Kowalke at [akowalke@roland-story.k12.ia.us](mailto:akowalke@roland-story.k12.ia.us) with any questions.

Students will have the opportunity to test on the second Tuesday of each month. "Skip the Trip" allows students to take their initial test at school as the first step in getting your student to be a confident driver. Once a student has successfully passed the test, the student will receive an email verifying a successful test. The student brings a copy of the email to the driver's license service center along with the other required documentation that will prove their identity to be issued their instruction permit. Service center staff will verify passing test result emails with Iowa DOT records. Visit

[www.iowadot.gov/mvd/realid/success.asp](http://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/realid/success.asp) to determine what documentation to bring with you to receive your student's permit. To prepare for a successful knowledge test, students should study the Iowa Driver's Manual and online practice test, both available at:

<https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/manuals-and-practice-tests>.

**R-S MS PRACTICE / SHUTTLE SCHEDULE**

**CROSS COUNTRY, FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL  
SEPTEMBER 5-9**

**CROSS COUNTRY & VOLLEYBALL -- SHUTTLE @ 5:15 P.M.  
FOOTBALL -- SHUTTLE @ 5:35 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**Cross Country 3:45 – 5:00**

**Football 8th vs. Nevada (A) 4:30 / 7th (A) 6:00**

**Dismiss 8th @ 3:10 / Bus @ 3:20**

**Dismiss 7th at regular time/ Bus @ 3:35**

**Volleyball 8th vs. West Marshall 4:30 (H) / 7th @ West Marshall**

**7th Dismiss @ 3:15 / Bus @ 3:25**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

**Cross Country 3:45 – 5:00**

**Football 3:45 – 5:20**

**Volleyball 3:45 – 5:05**