



# Rock Island High School

## *Newsletter and Tip Sheet*



July 2018

## Lady Rocks State Softball Champions!



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**Congratulations to our Rock Island High School Lady Rocks Softball Team - IHSA Class 4A State Champions!** The entire spring season was an amazing journey for a program that had not won a regional in 14 years and had never won a sectional championship. A welcome home celebration was held on Sunday, June 10 to commemorate the team's successful season and to share in the glory of the State Championship trophy. Even though it was raining, the team lit up the entire stadium with their enthusiasm. During the celebration ceremony, Lady Rocks Softball Head Coach Chris Allison attributed the season's success to the hard work and dedication of each girl on the team! **Congratulations Lady Rocks Softball #thisHouseROCKS !**

## Welcome Jeff Whitaker!

**Rock Island High School will have a new principal at the helm for the 2018-2019 school year!** Quad City native Jeff Whitaker was hired on May 31 to fill the interim position and will be starting on July 1.

Whitaker, who has 16 years of experience as an educator, spent the last 6 years serving as Assistant Principal at Marine Leadership Academy in the Chicago Public School system. He has a B.A. in education from Illinois State University and a Masters in Educational Leadership and Curriculum and Instruction from the American College of Education.

Whitaker hit the ground running in June and has been meeting with Rock Island High School staff and teachers over the last couple of weeks. *"I'm happy to be a part of Rocky and look forward to focusing my leadership and commitment to the students and families in this community!"*



Jeff Whitaker

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## Mark Your Calendars!

- **July 18, 19 & 20** - School Registration (see below).
- **July 26** - Freshman Orientation, 5-8 p.m. @ RIHS Auditorium.  
- RIHS Band Parent Preview Night, 7:00 p.m. @ Rocky Stadium.
- **July 29** - Ready to ROCK the School Year back-to-school celebration @ Schwiebert Riverfront Park, 2-4 p.m.
- **August 2** - First Day of School! See New Daily Schedule (right)!  
- \$5 Sports Physicals, 6:00 p.m.
- **August 3** - Rally at the Rock Annual Celebration, East Lawn, 3:45 p.m.
- **August 11** - Sports Team Photo Day.

### New Daily

### Schedule @ Rocky!

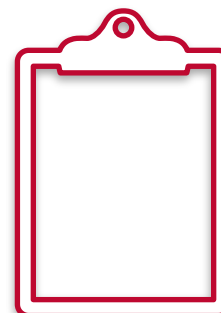
Classes begin at  
8:00 a.m. and end  
at 3:18 p.m.



## School Registration July 18, 19 & 20

**School registration will be held at the high school on July 18, 19 & 20.** Returning students must bring proof of address, such as utility bill or water bill (address must be printed on the bill). Cell phone bills are unacceptable.

**Vaccinations:** Upon entering grades 9, student must show proof of having received 2 doses of varicella vaccine (or confirmed past history of chicken pox disease). Law also requires 2 doses containing meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) for 12th grade entrance. If the first dose was administered after age 16, then only one dose would be required for 12th grade. For health vaccination questions, call the Pupil Personnel Services office at the RIMSD #41 Administration Center, 309-793-5900 x222.



#### REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES:

July 18 - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

July 19 - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

July 20 - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### FEES:

Registration: \$70

Driver's Ed: \$100

Sports: \$30 per sport



**New for the 2018-2019 school year, Rock Island High School is implementing a classroom backpack/purse policy.** Students are allowed to bring backpacks and purses to Rock Island High School, but they must be kept in the locker during the school day. Students will not be allowed to carry backpacks or purses to classrooms. Personal belongings can be carried in a pencil case.

The decision to limit the use of backpacks and purses to only before or after school came about in part due to concerns regarding the size of backpacks and purses and the amount of space they take up in the classroom. Also factoring into the decision were concerns that students could carry inappropriate or illegal items in purses throughout the school day.

ROCK ISLAND-MILAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #41

**READY TO**

**ROCK**

**THE SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019**

**Don't miss the fun at Schwiebert  
Riverfront Park  
Sunday, July 29, 2-4 p.m.!**

There will be food, fun, entertainment and goody bags for the first 2,000 students! The Booster Club will also be providing free hot dogs, chips and water!