

April 2023

PARENT NEWSLETTER

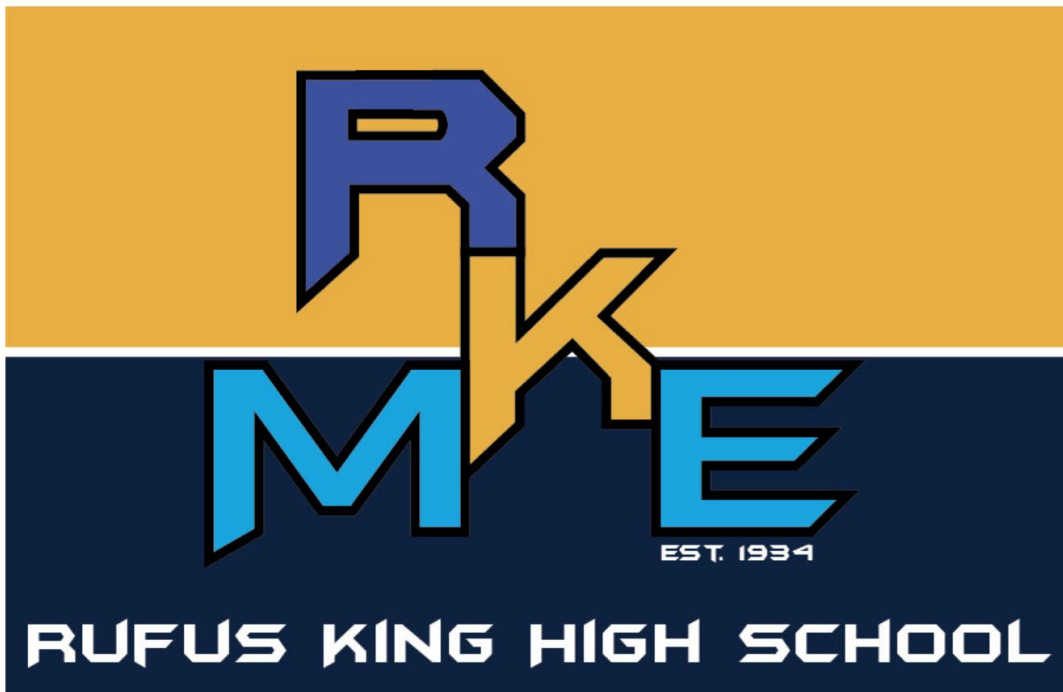
RUFUS KING INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

IB Diploma News

Athletic News

Class of 2023 News

HOME OF THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST STUDENTS!





Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2023:

Graduation this year will be on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at the UWM Panther Arena, 400 W. Kilbourn Avenue at 7:00 p.m. The following includes important information for graduating seniors and their parents.

1. There is a Graduation Fee for all graduating seniors.
 - The fee is \$95.00 if paid before March 1, 2023. On March 1, 2023, the fee increases \$10.00 to \$105.00 on March 1, 2023
 - No personal Checks accepted after April 1, 2023
 - Increases another \$15.00 on May 1, 2023.
 - 50% of your Total Fees owed need to be paid one week before Prom Tickets go on sale to be eligible to buy a Prom ticket.

The Senior fee includes:

- Yearbook (\$35.00 value).
- Senior Class Yard Sign (\$10.00).
- Senior Class Celebration/Picnic (\$15.00)
- Rental of the UWM Panther Arena for graduation (\$15.00)
- Graduation tickets and Graduation Program (\$10.00)
- Diploma covers and printing costs (\$10.00)

NOTE: Per MPS District policy **NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER** April 1, 2023. All graduating seniors are responsible for their graduation fees. Fees are to be paid in the Main office. Checks and money orders should be made out to Rufus King High School.

2. All graduating seniors must wear a cap and gown to graduation. Caps and gowns **are not** included in the senior graduation fee and will add approximately \$33.00 (payable to Jostens) to the cost of graduation.
 - Order caps and gowns online at <http://www.jostens.com>

or contact the Jostens Sales Representative at: Taylor.Crandall@jostens.com

- **Orders for Caps & Gowns should already be placed, if your Senior has not done so, please take care of this ASAP**

3. Dates for distribution of items are as follows:

- Jostens will distribute caps, gowns, invitations and thank you cards (if ordered) during the lunch periods in the school cafeteria on TBD date.
- Friday, May 19th, Graduation Rehearsal will be in the school Auditorium after Exams starting at 12:45, Senior Celebration/Picnic Day on the Athletic Field after Rehearsal (1:30 -3:30) - College Announcement Day (Yearbooks, Graduation Tickets, Yard Signs, Honor Cords distributed).

4. Dates for other activities are as follows:

- Prom will be on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 6:30 – 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$70.00 per person. Location is The Pritzlaff, 333 N. Plankinton Avenue. Theme: Enchanted Garden. Dress code is formal. Students need to be in a sports coat or a formal dress/gown. In order to purchase a ticket, you must have at least half of your outstanding student fees paid. You cannot have any unexcused absences, unserved Tardy Reflections and no suspensions during the 2nd semester.
- Final Proficiency (Exams) are Friday, May 19th; Monday, May 22nd, and Tuesday, May 23rd.
- Seniors can drop off textbooks and chrome book to the Library during Exam week (11:00–3:30 p.m.)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Dupies and/or Ms. Vasquez at (414) 267-0700.

RKHS APRIL 2023 SAVE THE DATES EARLY START CALENDAR

- APRIL 3RD-7TH | NO SCHOOL | SPRING BREAK
- APRIL 10TH | NO SCHOOL | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY-(H.S.)
- MAY 23RD LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - STUDENTS
- MAY 24TH RECORD DAY | STAFF





Please join us for an Enchanted Evening...

Date: April 28th

Time: 6:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Location: The Pritzlaff | 333 N. Plankinton

Theme: Enchanted Evening

Food Served by Saz's

DJ: To be announced

Tickets: \$70 per person

Dress Code: Formal. at a minimum, students need to be in a sports coat or a formal dress/gown.

Primary Elections for Prom Court: 4/24-4/27 (if needed) – Campaigning will be allowed before and after school and during the lunch hours.

Court Elections: The night of prom

Tickets will be sold to Juniors and Seniors. An upper classman may bring an underclassman as their date.

In order to attend, a student must have at least half of their outstanding student fees paid (senior fees/IB fee/unfinished business fees). Students cannot have any unexcused absences, unserved Tardy Reflections and they may not have any suspensions during the Spring 2023 Semester.

Students may bring a pre-approved guest that is a junior or senior from a different high school with the approval of that school's principal. Guests that have graduated from high school must be 19 or younger and have the approval of King administration.

"Prom-posals" are allowed, but not during passing time or class time. They may happen in the lunch hour with the pre-approval of an administrator. Students that violate these rules cause a disruption to the school day and may receive a consequence as severe as losing their ability to attend prom.

Students suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be denied entry to prom; their parents will be called to remove them from the dance.



MR. GATEWOOD

NEWS FROM THE IB COORDINATOR

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IB EXAMINATION SCHEDULE PUBLISHED/INVIGILATORS NEEDED

Included in this newsletter is the May 2023 IB Examination schedule. Knowing this well in advance can help students plan their work schedules and other activities to accommodate the review they will be doing.

Parents are an important part of the success of our IB testing as they help “invigilate” (IB word for proctor/supervise) the IB tests. Mr. Gatewood is actively recruiting parents to help with the May 2023 invigilating. A person can volunteer for a half day or a full day or more than one day! Please check our IB testing schedule against your personal calendar to see if you can make a commitment to this year’s testing success and notify Mr. Gatewood at gatewodr@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

SCHEDULING OF COURSES IS COMPLETE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

IB Coordinator Mr. Gatewood visited sophomore English classes in January to inform students about the IB Program and options for their participation in IB classes. The IB program is a two-year program for Junior and Seniors to earn college credits while in high school. Since delivering the International Baccalaureate program is the mission of Rufus King, we expect all regular education juniors and seniors to be involved in at least one IB class each year, with the intent of taking the IB test at the end of each course. Mr. Gatewood also held parent informational meetings in January and, along with the guidance department, assisted students in their course selection in February and March.

International Baccalaureate Examination Schedule **May 2023** Rufus King International School: Tuesday, May 2nd – Friday, May 19th, 2023

- ALL EXAMS WILL BE IN ROOM 327 unless otherwise noted by *
- PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES EARLY – FOR MOST EXAMS THERE IS A 5 MINUTE READING PERIOD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EXAM

Date	Morning	Time	Afternoon	Time
WEEK ONE				
Tuesday, May 2	Physics HL paper 1 Physics SL paper 1 Physics HL paper 3 Physics SL paper 3 SEHS SL paper 1 SEHS SL paper 3	8:30 – 9:30 (1h) 8:30 – 9:15 (45m) 9:45 – 11:00 (1h 15m) 9:45 – 10:45 (1h) 8:30 – 9:15 (45m) 9:45 – 10:45 (1h)	NO EXAMS	
Wednesday, May 3	Physics HL paper 2 Physics SL paper 2 SEHS SL paper 2	8:30 – 10:45 (2h 15m) 8:30 – 9:45 (1h 15m) 8:30 – 9:45 (1h 15m)	English A Literature HL paper 1* English A Lang & Lit HL paper 1* *Rms 327 & 414 as posted	12:00 – 2:15 (2 h 15m) 12:00 – 2:15 (2h 15m)
Thursday, May 4	NO EXAMS		English A Literature HL paper 2* English A Lang & Lit HL paper 2* *Rms 327 & 414 as posted	1:00 – 2:45 (1h 45m) 1:00 – 2:45 (1h 45m)
Friday, May 5	NO EXAMS		Environ Systems & Society paper 1 Computer Science HL paper 1 Computer Science SL paper 1	12:00 – 1:00 (1h) 12:00 – 2:10 (2 h 10m) 12:00 – 1:30 (1h 30m)
WEEK TWO				
Monday, May 8	Environ Systems & Society paper 2 Computer Science HL paper 2 Computer Science SL paper 2 Computer Science HL paper 3	8:30 – 10:30 (2h) 8:30 – 9:50 (1h 30m) 8:30 – 9:30 (1h) 10:00 – 11:00 (1h)	Math Apps SL paper 1* - Rm 327 Math Analysis HL paper 1*-Rm 414 Math Analysis SL paper 1*- Rm 414	1:00 – 2:30 (1h 30m) 1:00 – 3:00 (2h) 1:00 – 2:30 (1h 30m)
Tuesday, May 9	German B HL Paper 1 German B SL Paper 1 German B HL Paper 2 - Reading German B SL Paper 2 - Reading	8:30 – 9:50 (1h 30m) 8:30 – 9:45 (1h 15m) 10:00 – 11:00 (1h) 10:00 – 11:00 (1h)	Math Apps SL paper 2* - Rm 327 Math Analysis HL paper 2*-Rm 414 Math Analysis SL paper 2*- Rm 414 Math Analysis HL paper 3* - Rm 414	12:00 – 1:30 (1h 30m) 12:00 – 2:00 (2h) 12:00 – 1:30 (1h 30m) 2:10 – 3:10 (1h)
Wednesday, May 10	German B HL Paper 2 - Listening German B SL Paper 2 - Listening	9:30 – 10:30 (1h) 8:30 – 9:15 (45m)	History HL paper 1 History HL paper 2	12:00 – 1:00 (1h) 1:10 – 2:40 (1h 30m)
Thursday, May 11	History HL paper 3	8:30 – 11:00 (2h 30m)	Chemistry SL paper 1 Chemistry SL paper 3	12:00 – 12:45 (45m) 1:00 – 2:30(1h 15m)
Friday, May 12	French B HL Paper 2 - Listening French B SL Paper 2 - Listening	9:30 – 10:30 (1h) 8:30 – 9:15 (45m)	Chemistry SL paper 2	12:00 – 1:15 (1h 15m)
WEEK THREE				
Monday, May 15	French B HL paper 1 French B SL paper 1 French B HL paper 2 – Reading French B SL paper 2 - Reading	8:30 – 9:50 (1h 30m) 8:30 – 9:45 (1h 15m) 10:00 – 11:00 (1h) 10:00 – 11:00 (1h)	Economics HL paper 1 Economics SL paper 1 Economics HL paper 3	12:00 – 1:15 (1h 15m) 12:00 – 1:15 (1h 15m) 1:30 – 3:15 (1h 45m)
Tuesday, May 16	Spanish B HL paper 1 Spanish B SL paper 1 Spanish B HL paper 2 - Reading Spanish B SL paper 2 - Reading	8:30 – 9:50 (1h 30m) 8:30 – 9:45 (1h 15m) 10:00 – 11:00 (1h) 10:00 – 11:00 (1h)	Economics HL paper 2 Economics SL paper 2	1:00 – 2:45 (1h 45m) 1:00 – 2:45 (1h 45m)
Wednesday, May 17	Spanish B HL Paper 2 - Listening Spanish B SL Paper 2 - Listening	10:00 – 11:00 (1h) 9:00 – 9:45 (45m)	Biology HL paper 1 Biology SL paper 1 Biology HL paper 3 Biology SL paper 3	12:00 – 1:00 (1h) 12:00 – 12:45 (45m) 1:15 – 2:30 (1h 15m) 1:15 – 2:00 (1h)
Thursday, May 18	Biology HL paper 2 Biology SL paper 2	8:30 – 10:45 (2h 15m) 8:30 – 9:45 (1h 15m)	Psychology SL paper 1 Psychology HL paper 1	12:00 – 2:00 (2h) 12:00 – 2:00 (2h)
Friday, May 19	Psychology HL paper 2 Psychology SL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 3	8:30 – 10:30 (2h) 8:30 – 9:30 (1h) 10:45 – 11:45 (1h)		



MS. LEWANDOWSKI

LIBRARY AND MYP NEWS

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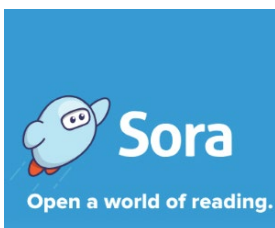
Ms. Lewandowski, librarian

Phone: 267-0736 Email: stewarle@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

Library Information: Join the Library Resources Classroom! (code: 4pfsifx)

LIBRARY BOOKS: All scholars may check out books from our library with their MPS ID. The loan period is 30 school days (weekends/no school days do not count.) There are no late fees; scholars are only charged if the book is lost or damaged. If a book is overdue, an email is automatically sent to their MPS email (s1234567@mymps.org;) they access this from the Gmail app in their MPS Google account.

Encourage your scholar(s) to join the Library Resources Google Classroom for access to online library resources and guides. For example...



Download the Sora app on any device to read eBooks! These directions (available in the Library Resources Classroom) will help your scholar link the Sora app to MPS OverDrive, Milwaukee Public Library OverDrive, and SYNC audiobooks: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1bGomZ1xKUynZstegxpkma2j2BRbn-MSKhb1heEjDrl/edit?usp=sharing> (scholars must be logged in with their MPS Google account to access.)



Ms. Lewandowski, MYP Coordinator
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Phone: 414-267-0736

9th grade MYP Resources Classroom code: **7eki5th**
10th grade MYP Resources Classroom code: **zqw434m**

IB PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY (<https://forms.gle/PpyiBjknxutCAfAD8>)

Every 5 years, we undergo a review of our program with the IB. As part of that, we need your feedback. Students have been given the opportunity to share their thoughts; this survey is about your experience as the parent/guardian of a King student. Your answers will be kept confidential; please feel comfortable being honest. **The survey will be open until APRIL 30, 2023.** Contact Mr. Gatewood (gatewodr@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) or Ms. Lewandowski (stewarle@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) with any questions!

SERVICE AS ACTION

The MYP Service as Action program is designed to empower scholars to make choices about how they can take thoughtful and positive action in the world. In addition, 20 hours of community service are required as part of the State of Wisconsin's high school graduation requirement. At King, we encourage our scholars to take care of this during 9th & 10th grade. Scholars enter their service activities in ManageBac. Information about service hours and ManageBac directions are in the 9th & 10th grade Google Classrooms, including suggested ways to be of service and the documentation required. Please contact Ms. Lewandowski with any questions!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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Counseling Caseloads

✦ Last Names A-C	Ms. Mikell - Mikellbr@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
✦ Last Names D-K	Ms. Little - littletn@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
✦ Last Names L-Q	Ms. Behling - behlincs@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
✦ Last Names R-Z	Mr. Wilson - wilsons1@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
✦ Academic and/or Mental Health Support	Mr. Wolff - wolffm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

All Grade Levels

Summer Academy Registration is now open

If your student needs to recover a class that he/she previously did not pass OR earned a "D" in, you can now register to the MPS Summer Academy credit recovery program. There are also credit acceleration options and specialty programs available. Registration can be found [here](#)

Tutoring Available!

The Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) Department will be offering Virtual Tutoring Opportunities to all MPS students for the 2022-2023 year. More information about this opportunity can be found [here](#).

Alverno Summer Camp (Free)

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a FREE Summer Camp for female high school students interested in science at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Participants will work directly with Alverno students and faculty to learn science techniques used in biology, chemistry, urban agriculture, and more while exploring science-related pathways and careers. There are 20 spots available; we ask that you share the attached flier and encourage students to apply for this great opportunity! Applications are now open [here](#)

ACT Test

UWM offers an ACT Prep Class. More information [here](#) Students also have access to Chalk Talk, which is a great online ACT Prep tool. They can access it through Clever.

UW Madison Summer Programs- See all available programs [here](#)

Real Estate Program

The 2023 REEX JumpStart Program is still open to high school sophomores and juniors to apply. The **REEX JumpStart** is a 2-week on-campus program focusing on **Commercial Real Estate** and developing a pipeline of high-achieving, diverse students.

2023 REEX JumpStart high school sophomores will have the opportunity to learn about:

- Entrepreneurship & Commercial Real Estate Fundamentals in “Masterclass” Modules as well as Small Group Cohorts
- Access to University Partners & their College Faculty/Admission Officers
- Experiential Learning through engaged instruction, virtual site visits, case studies, etc. with other diverse students nationwide
- Engage with CEOs, Founders & Executives in Business & Commercial Real Estate
- Participate in Team University Competitions culminating in a National Competition

Here's what you need to Know:

- New applicants must register online at www.leadprogram.org/apply.
- The Application fee is \$50 for all applicants.
- Scholarships are still available for applicants that submit their applications by April 1st!
- Review the February 16th information session for updates and exciting news for you to share. Click [here](#) to view the latest information session!

To learn more about REEX JumpStart visit www.leadprogram.org/reex **Click Here To Apply!**

Grade 9

Academic and Career Planning Conferences

All of the ninth graders have been engaging in [Academic and Career Planning](#) activities through Xello and class meetings. As a culmination of their experiences, each student will create a presentation and lead an Academic and Career Planning Conference with their counselor. Parents and guardians are invited to attend the conferences. The directions for the presentation can be found in your student's Xello assignments.

[Life After High School: Taking Control of Your Future!](#) videos and [Life After High School Conversation Starters](#) are helpful resources to spark a conversation with your ninth grader about their academic and career plans prior to the conference.

Boys and Girls Club Graduation Plus Program

[The Graduation Plus College Access & Success Services at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee](#) is now accepting 9th grade applications.

Does your student:

- Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or above?
- Have 90% attendance or above?

9th grade applicants may apply now that they have their first semester grades. Apply [here](#)

Graduation Plus provides students with academic support services, tutoring, ACT Prep, college tours, college scholarships, career readiness & exploration training, academic advising, financial literacy training, assistance with college applications, leadership lessons and personal development.

Grade 10

Project SEED Summer Chemistry Program

Paid 8-week mentored research experiences for high school students. Students learn about careers in chemistry and receive mentoring in college preparation and professional development. The research projects are all related to chemistry but can be interdisciplinary. Apply [here](#)

Carleton Liberal Arts Experience Summer Program

- When? July 15-22 2023
- What? **Free** week-long summer academic program
- Why? Get the college experience and learn what it's like to attend a liberal arts college and what college courses are like!
- Where: Carleton Liberal Arts College - Stay in Campus Dorms (& Explore the Twin Cities!)

Apply [here](#) to this awesome program online by **APRIL 14th!!**

Grade 11

2023/24 Common Application Essay Topics

- Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
- Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

ACT Prep - Students can practice ACT lessons and tests through Clever on a program called Chalktalk.

Questbridge

High school juniors: The application is now open for the QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program! Awards include full scholarships to college summer programs, essay feedback, \$1,000 awards, and more. Visit questbridge.org to learn more. [College Prep Scholars Program](#)

Grade 12

Graduation Date/time:

Class of 2023 graduation will be taking place on Tuesday, May 30th at 7pm in the UW Panther Arena downtown!

Final Senior Letters

Senior letters should be mailed out by March 31st. If you have any questions or concerns about your Senior's graduation status, please feel free to contact your Counselor.

FAFSA opened October 1st

COMPLETING THE FAFSA IS NOW AN MPS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT. PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR COUNSELOR IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE.

If you were not able to attend the Virtual FAFSA info session the recording from the meeting can be found in the Class of 2023 Google classroom.

All confirmations must be uploaded in Xello.

- [With the FAFSA® Complete, Get Ready for Your Next Financial Aid Steps](#): What comes next after completing the FAFSA? Share this article to help your families prepare for the next phase of the college financial aid process.
- [A Breakdown of the Student Aid Report](#): Share this simple, downloadable resource with your students and their parents to help them understand the SAR and know what information to review.

Available Scholarships

Our Scholarship Spreadsheet is updated daily with new available scholarships! To view the list, see [here](#)

College acceptances and Scholarships Awarded

We want to know about all of your college acceptances AND any scholarships you have received from colleges/institutions. Please take a moment to complete this google form [here](#) to let us know about all acceptances/scholarships you received, even if you do not plan on attending that particular college.

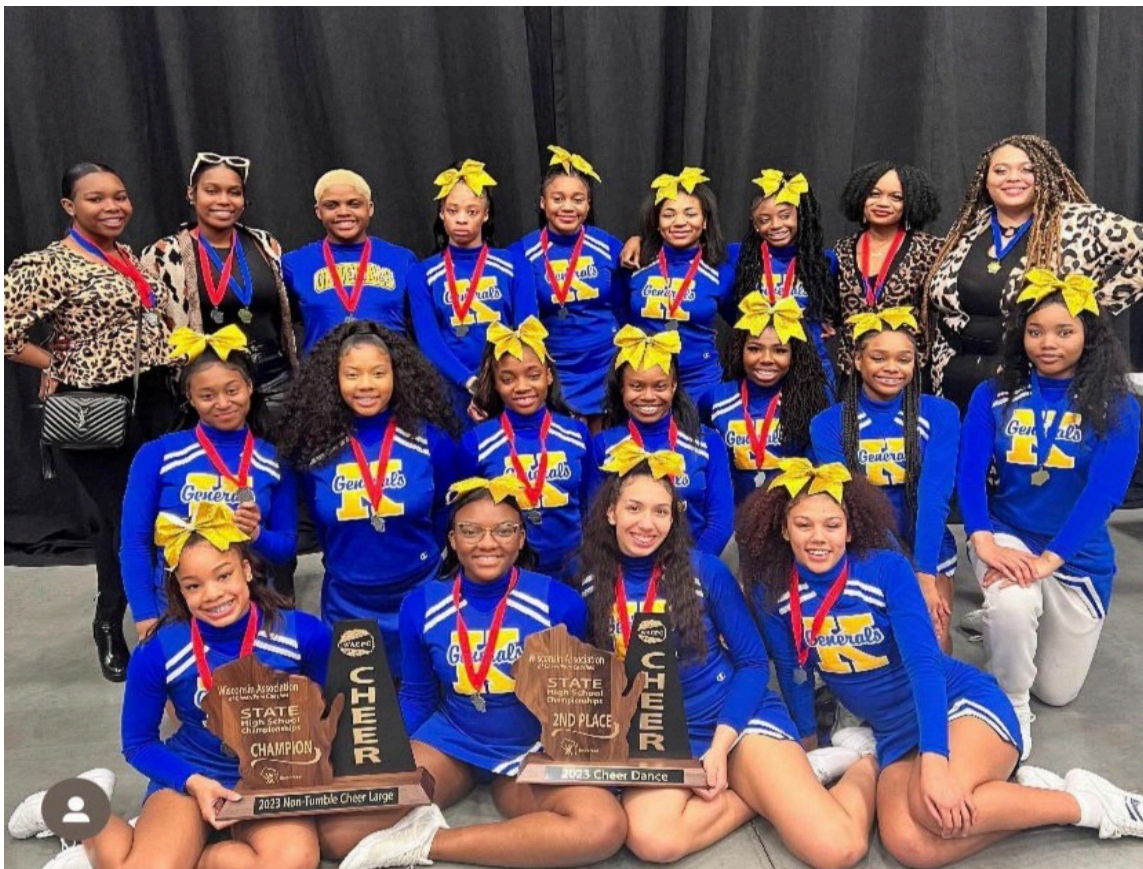
Wisconsin Tuition Promise Program

New information has recently been added to the Wisconsin Tuition Promise [website](#). Please refer to the website to learn more about this new initiative taking effect Fall 2023. New information will be added to this webpage as it becomes available.

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Ms. V. Ward

CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Rufus King International High School Varsity Cheer Team for winning State in Non-Tumble and 2nd place in Cheer Dance! The team brought home two trophies. Kudos to the awesome coaches, who have worked tirelessly to get the Cheer Team competition ready. This was a Cheer Team with brand new coaches and 99% rookies. And, YES, they made history! #rkhsproud



RUFUS KING INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Join us! SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL 2022-2023

School Engagement Council: A forum for parents, teachers, community members, scholars, and principals to work together in providing continued analysis and improvement of public school policies, educational goals, and overall student well being.

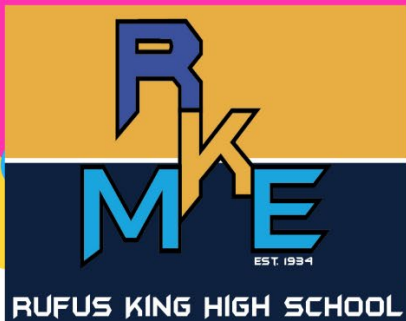
Upcoming Dates:

February 22nd 5:00 PM-6:00 PM (Virtual)
March 22nd 5:00 PM-6:00 PM (Virtual)
April 26th 5:00 PM-6:00 PM (In Person)

[HTTPS://MEET.GOOGLE.COM/IWK-XWAP-WWD](https://meet.google.com/iwk-xwap-wwd)

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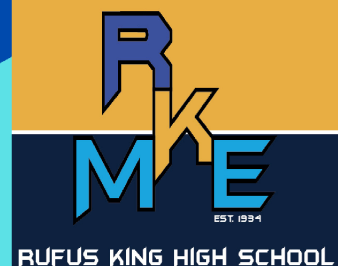
SAVE THE DATES FOR THE UPCOMING PTSO MEETINGS!

- Wednesday, September 14, 2022 | Virtual
 - Wednesday, October 12, 2022 | Virtual
 - Wednesday, November 9, 2022 | Virtual
 - Wednesday, December 14, 2022 | Virtual
 - Wednesday, January 11, 2023 | Virtual
 - Wednesday, February 8, 2023 | Virtual
 - Wednesday, March 8, 2023 | TBA
 - Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | TBA
 - Wednesday, May 10, 2023 | TBA
- 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

TBA: Location "To Be Announced"

Google Meet Link:

[HTTPS://MEET.GOOGLE.COM/IWK-XWAP-WWD](https://meet.google.com/iwk-xwap-wwd)



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