

JRG Events At A Glance



March

11-15: Please have your student check the Lost and Found if they have misplaced any items recently. Our Lost and Found will be open for retrieval until the end of this week, March 15, 2024. After this period, all unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Thank you.

15: Uncle Mike's Kringle Pickup—3:00-5:00 PM in the commons

19-21: Forward Exam—**All students will need plug in headphones/earbuds**

22: End of Quarter 3

22: ROCKS Dance and Dodgeball—3:15-5:30 (see page 7)

25: Boys and Girls Track Begins—3:10-4:30 (see page 9 to sign up)

29: No School

April

1-5: No School

9: Spring Tennis Begins—3:10-4:00

Informational Meeting in room 215 with Ms. Nji (see page 10 to sign up)

16-17: Forward Exam—**All students will need plug in headphones/earbuds**

30: ROCKS Timber Rattler Game—4:15-9:00 PM (see page 8)

May

2: New Student Orientation—6:00-7:15 PM

10: Early Release—11:20

14: Band Concert

6:30—7th grade

7:30—8th grade

20: Choir Concert—7:00 PM at KHS

27: No School

June

4: 8th Grade Recognition—6:00-8:00 PM

6: Class Trips/Last Day of School

7th Grade—Bay Beach (during school hours)

8th Grade—Great America



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING STUDENT SERVICES FUNDRAISER

**Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe
KRINGLE**

**REMINDER:
KRINGLE PICK UP
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024
3:00-5:00 PM**

Pick up in Commons



J.R. Gerritts Middle School

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Dear J.R. Gerritts Parent or Guardian:

JR Gerritts students will be participating in the Wisconsin State Forward Exam this Spring. All students will take the Language Arts and Math assessments. 8th grade students also take the Science and Social Studies Exams.

The JRG Forward Exam Schedule for the 2023-2024 School Year will be as follows:

- March 19th: 8th Grade Social Studies
- March 20th: 7th and 8th Grade Language Arts
- March 21st: 7th and 8th Grade Language Arts
- April 16th: 7th and 8th Grade Math
- April 17th: 8th Grade Science

NEW FOR 2023-24

All students will have access to a Text-to-Speech feature on this year's Forward Exam. Students will need to bring in a pair of **plug-in** headphones or earbuds for the Forward Exam this year. This was a required school supply for the year, so please be sure your child has a pair for testing.

The results from state testing, along with local measures such as report cards, classroom assessments and teacher feedback, provide meaningful information about students' academic achievement to parents, students, teachers and the school district.

Additional information about the Forward Exam can be found in the accompanying resource. If you have questions about the Forward Exam, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Rob DeLain - JRG Principal



Forward Exam

2023-24 Information for Families

What is the Wisconsin Forward Exam?

The Wisconsin Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year for students in:

- grades 3-8 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics,
- grades 4 and 8 in science, and
- grades 4, 8, and 10 in social studies.

Accommodations and supports for students with disabilities and English learners are built into the system so that the progress of students can be accurately measured.



What does this mean for my child?

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that gauges your child's achievement in the content areas tested in relation to grade-level standards. It provides a broad measure of achievement that should be used along with

local measures such as report cards, school-wide assessments, and other information about your child's progress in school.

When does the Forward Exam take place?

The Forward Exam will be given in schools between March 18 and April 26, 2024. Schools are permitted to select their own testing dates within this window.



The estimated time for test administration in each grade is approximately:

- 115 minutes for ELA,
- 90-115 minutes for mathematics,
- 105 minutes for science, and
- 70 minutes for social studies.

These estimated times are for the purpose of scheduling, as the Forward Exam is not a timed test. It is important to note that students may take more time or less time to complete the test based on effort and ability levels.

What type of scores will be provided?

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that provides information about what students know and can do in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Students receive a score for each content area in which they are tested. These scores will be associated with one of four performance levels that defines the student's understanding and ability to apply grade-level knowledge and skills.



Where can I find sample or practice test questions?

The Forward Exam Practice Test provides student, families, and educators, with a sample of the type of content and questions students will encounter on the Forward Exam. It also allows students to familiarize themselves with the question formats and online testing platform including the tools available to them



during testing. The Practice Test is not scored and does not cover the full range of content on the exam. The Practice Test is approximately two-thirds the length of the actual Forward Exam and is intended to provide all students with the opportunity to become comfortable with the Forward Exam platform prior to testing.

The Forward Exam Practice Test is available for student use online, in the classroom or at home at

<http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sample-items>.

For more information about the Forward Exam contact the Office of Educational Accountability at osamail@dpi.wi.gov or visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward>.

YRBS Opt Out Form

Our school is taking part in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction. The survey will ask about health behaviors that keep young people healthy, as well as behaviors that result in unintentional and intentional injuries, tobacco use, and alcohol and other drug use. It will also ask about bullying, sexual risk behaviors (mostly for high school students), online risk behaviors, stress and anxiety, self-harm, dietary behavior and physical activity. It also focuses on positive things like strong connections to the school and to other people.

Students will be asked to fill out an anonymous, online questionnaire that takes about 25-35 minutes to complete. They will take the survey during regular class time.

Completing this anonymous survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey and it does not ask for student IDs or any other individual identifiers. The classroom setting will be set up like a test so that students' answers remain private. The school will only not have access to individual students' answers and no class or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. Your child will get no benefit right away from taking part in the survey. However, the results of this survey do help students by providing schools and the community with information that is used to improve health and safety programs. We would like all selected students to take part in the survey, but the survey is voluntary. No action will be taken against you, or your child, if your child does not take part. Students can skip any question that they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty. If you have questions about the survey, you may ask your child's teacher or school counselor. If they cannot answer your questions, they can direct you to the proper person at the Department of Public Instruction.

Please read the section below. If you **do not** want your child to take part in the survey, check the box, sign and date the form and return the form to the school no later than Thursday, March 28. Signing and returning this form will dismiss your child from taking the survey. If you have no objection to your child taking part in the survey, you should do nothing with this form. Thank you.

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

I have read this form and know what the survey is about.

[☐] I do not want my child to participate in the YRBS Survey

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

SOS-ROCKS-STUDENT COUNCIL

DODGEBALL AND DANCE AGAIN

Sign up for the free event on the Google Form linked below.

Monday, 2/26 through Friday, 3/15.

Dodgeball sign-up is due by Friday, 3/15.

Pick up and turn the dodgeball team sign-up forms in Student Services



- There will be “Just Dance” in the small gym. The Dodgeball tournament will be in the large gym and a movie will run in the auditorium.
- Student Council will be selling concessions.
- Students are expected to stay at JRG for the entire event. If a student has to leave or chooses to leave, they may NOT return to the event.

WHEN:
FRIDAY, 3/22/24
3:15-5:30
AT JRG
COST: FREE

ALL STUDENTS MUST
REGISTER ON THE
GOOGLE FORM
LINKED BELOW AND
BE A ROCKS
MEMBER

ONCE YOU REGISTER AND
SUBMIT THE GOOGLE
FORM, PICK UP A
DODGEBALL
REGISTRATION PAPER
FROM STUDENT SERVICES

PLEASE REGISTER ON THIS GOOGLE FORM

April ROCKS Event



JRG WI Timber Rattlers Night Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Where: Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium; 2400 N Casaloma Dr, Appleton, WI 54913

When: Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Time: Students will meet in the JRG Commons at 4:15 pm. Buses will depart JRG South Parking Lot at 4:30 pm SHARP and return to JRG around 9:00 pm (maybe earlier depending on the game).

JRG's own Soundscape Choir will be performing the National Anthem

The cost is **\$25.00** for busing, an all-you-can-eat dinner at the stadium, and a ticket to the game.

If desired, students can bring extra money to purchase concessions.

**** Students do not need to bring or print the Eventbrite "ticket."**

****If the cost of the event is a barrier for your child, please reach out to Krista Zacher (kzacher@kimberly.k12.wi.us) so we can support with our Project Starfish Finds.**

Please Register at [Eventbrite](#) link

Ticket sales run from Monday, March 18 at 7:30 am until Monday, April 15 at 11:59 pm or are sold out.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2324-rocks-wi-timber-rattlers-tickets-856030539387>

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Wild, Mrs. Hermus, or Mrs. Kramer.

**** Note:** For safety and planning purposes, no late registrations will be accepted for any reason. No exceptions. Additionally, you must be in school and be in good disciplinary standing on the day of the event to attend. Any requests for exemption must be addressed before the event to be considered for approval by the administration. If your student is registered for this event but does not show up, we will not issue a refund.



2024 JRG Track Sign-up

SCAN ME



**Use the QR Code above to
sign-up for Track at JRG.
See Mr. Chalupny with any
questions.**



2024 JRG Tennis Sign-up



Use the QR Code above to sign-up for Tennis at JRG. See Ms. Nji with any questions.



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2 DESIGNS



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2 DESIGNS



Ivy League Funnal Neck

2 DESIGNS



Alpha Hoodie - 1370425
Under Armour Ladies Storm Armour
Starting At \$68.00



2 DESIGNS



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Sport-Tek® Ladies 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt
\$42.00



Clubs and Activities

*Sporting Events can be found on the Athletic page of this newsletter and on the [Athletic](#) calendar on the JRG website.
All other clubs and activities can be found here and will be posted on the [School Events](#) calendar*

Alliance Club—3:05-3:45 **Contact: Ms. Barlow, Student Services, or Ms. Startup, rm 231**
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Art Club—3:05-4:00 **Contact: Ms. Dagesse, rm 436**
April: 15, 22, 29 May: 6, 13

Computer Science Club—3:05-4:00 **Contact: Ms. Knaus, rm 101**
April: 15, 22, 29 May: 6, 13, 20

Dungeons and Dragons/Chess Club—3:05-4:00 **Contact: Mr. Korten Hof, rm. 126**
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

Gator Strength—3:05-4:10 **Contact: Mr. Chalupny**
8th Grade Boys: Mondays and Wednesdays
8th Grade Girls: Tuesdays and Thursdays

School Store—during lunch hours **Contact: Ms. Schultz, rm 235, or Ms. Benzinger, rm 120**
Will be open Wednesdays during lunch and recess

Please see the
[Athletic Calendar](#) on
our website for event
addresses

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