

Jackson Charter Newsletter

February 2024



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Jackson Charter School Parents and Guardians,

As we embark on a new trimester here at Jackson Charter School, I want to extend my warmest greetings and take a moment to reflect on our incredible journey together. This school year has been marked by significant growth, enriched learning experiences, and a flourishing sense of community. Our dedicated staff has been working tirelessly to provide your children with the best education possible, and I am immensely proud of their unwavering dedication.

In the past few weeks, and in the upcoming month, we have some exciting events and activities planned for our students and families. I am delighted to share that we recently celebrated our annual "Literacy Night" in January, where we came together to celebrate the joy of reading and learning as a community. Looking ahead to February, we have an array of fantastic Black History Month activities in store, where we will honor and explore the remarkable history and contributions of Black Americans.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your children. Together, we will continue to create a nurturing and enriching environment where every child can thrive.

Warm regards,

Emily Wallen

Executive Director

IMPORTANT DATES

- 9th NED Show Comes to Jackson!
- 12th 100th Day of School! YAY!
- 16th Deadline – Rockford Rescue Mission Donations
- 19th President's Day
No School
- 23rd Professional Development
No School

January Leaders of the Week



Brandy Lasher

January 8, 2024



Marquista Hunter

January 22, 2024



Dee Wilson

January 29, 2024

Congratulations to All of Our Amazing Leaders!

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Rockford Rescue Mission Donations

For the month of February, we're collecting food to be donated to the Rockford Rescue Mission. The deadline for donations is February 16th and we're asking each grade level to bring something different.

- **K - spaghetti noodles**
- **1st - salad dressing**
- **2nd - rice**
- **3rd - canned fruit and veggies**
- **4th - spaghetti sauce**
- **5th - bottled water**



Changes to Our Merch Store

You gave feedback and we listened! We've now removed shipping from the online Jackson Charter Gear store! We will be collecting orders throughout the month and have items bulk delivered to the school a couple times each month. We did this to lower prices across the entire store and benefit everyone.

You can see all the gear that's available by visiting JacksonCharterGear.com



Steve Shannon Coming March 1st

As part of our "Visiting Leaders" series, Steve Shannon from 97ZOK is coming to speak to our students and staff on Friday, March 1st! This series of guest speakers is meant to educate and inspire our students with stories of leadership in action. Steve Shannon, Rockford's award-winning musician and storyteller, has been hosting the morning show on 97ZOK for nearly 30 years. Nobody can find the small joys in everyday life and share them in a compelling story quite like he can. If he's not at one of his children's sporting events, you'll find him behind his drums, on the golf course with his wife, or reading another biography about someone he admires. We're so excited to have Steve visit our school and we can't wait to hear him speak!



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Parent Resources

Employment Resources

Name	Website	Phone	Address
Illinois Department of Employment Security	IllinoisJobLink.com	877-342-7533	
Workforce Connection	theworkforceconnection.org	815-847-7574	303 N Main Street, Rockford

Government Resources

Name	Website	Phone	Address
Illinois Department of Children & Family Services	dcfs.illinois.gov	815-987-7640	175 Executive Pkwy Suite 113, Rockford
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services	hfs.illinois.gov		
Illinois Department of Human Services	abe.illinois.gov	815-987-7620	171 Executive Pkwy, Suite 101, Rockford
Winnebago County Health Department	wchd.org	815-720-4000	555 N Court St, Rockford

Community Resources

Name	Website	Phone	Address
Children's Home & Aid	brightpoint.org	815-962-1043	424 7th St, Rockford
MENTality Unchained – Mental Health Services	mentalityunchained.com	815-566-7138	
New Zion Legal Clinic	administerjustice.org	855-818-4554	4747 W. Riverside Blvd., Rockford
Youth Services Network	ysnkids.com	815-986-1947	107 N 3rd St, Rockford
YWCA Child Care Solutions		815-484-9442	4990 East State Street, Rockford

Educational Resources

Name	Website	Phone	Address
YWCA Literacy Council	ywcanwil.org/litcouncil	815-968-9681	982 N Main St, Rockford
Rockford Public Library	rockfordpubliclibrary.org/digital-resources-for-kids/	815-965-7606	214 N. Church Street, Rockford