Director of Communications and Grants Update

November 2026

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

• The Tiger volleyball squad's push toward the Section 7AA Championship and State Tournament has been thrilling, and we've been doing our best to capture and share that excitement with video, photos, and stories in our social media posts and newsletters. *(Strategic Plan: Strengthen community relationships, Educational excellence).*
• Speaking of volleyball, it was wonderful to see the *County News Review* newspaper feature an excellent photo from one of our student photographers, Ava Vandecamp! *(SP: Career and life readiness, Strengthen communion relationships)*
• Currently working on moving forward with our Title I grant process. *(SP: Educational excellence, Finance and management)*.

COMMUNICATIONS

• Published Community Edition newsletters on Oct. 30, Nov. 6 (bonus), and Nov. 13. *(SP: Strengthen community relationships, Educational excellence).*
• Published Family Edition newsletters on Oct. 23 and Nov. 6. *(SP: Strengthen community relationships, Educational excellence).*
• Published Staff Edition newsletters on Oct. 23 and Nov. 6. *(SP: Educational excellence, Foster a positive and safe environment).*
• Made 20+ posts to Facebook and Instagram this month. We will continue to emphasize our theme for the year: **Listen. Reflect. Transform.** *(SP: Strengthen community relationships, Educational excellence).*

GRANTWRITING

• Worked with staff to make sure grant deadlines are being met; wrote and edited grant reporting documents for completed grants. *(SP: Finance and management)*.
• Working with CEJ and RCHS staff to research grant opportunities and discuss potential grant-funded projects. *(SP: Educational excellence, Finance and management)*.
• *Adding it up, we've received **5 grants totalling $37,475** since 8/1/26.*

COMING UP

• Looking forward to telling more fantastic stories from teachers and staff in the weeks ahead!
• Continuing to work with the Rush City Education Foundation to support their efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our students and schools! - Mike Gainor

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Rush City returns to state volleyball tournament

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Rush City High School celebrates its advancement to the Minnesota State High School League girls volleyball tournament after defeating Esko in the Section 7AA championship on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

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