

Friday, April 1, 2022

Dear Richmond Community High School Families,

Spring Break is here!!!!!! I hope you all have a wonderful spring break. I would also like to thank parents, staff, and students for remaining calm and following the Shelter in Place practices for yesterday's Tornado Warning. Below you will find important information. Please read over this information and discuss it with your scholar(s). New information is displayed in red.

Updated Information & Reminders:

**Attention Senior Parents:**

If anyone would like to order a Class of 2022 t-shirt, the link is below. Please make sure, once you are on the ordering website, that you choose the correct size. (I think the default is small.) Thank you for your support of the senior class.

Here is the link if you are interested:

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/RichmondVA/BVModules/ProductTemplates/Bvc2013/Product.aspx?productid=GB307-8>

**The deadline for ordering shirts has been extended one day. All orders must be in by Friday, April 1.**

Please encourage your scholars to apply for the scholarships listed below. We have MANY scholars that have yet to apply for any scholarships.

**Delta Sigma Theta - JCJ Scholarship (Education Majors only) -**

<https://forms.gle/H4VG9QJy1z24CdWh8>

**Delta Sigma Theta - RAC-DST General Scholarship -** <https://forms.gle/q9LLUZxk8Y5eiDd39>

**RVA Zeta Scholarship -**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbgVtE3VXWlyN8SXP6XMcqiEYm7GdSPF5HTI4bMv9J88L-w/viewform>

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarships -** <https://www.akaupsilonomega.org/links>

**Sigma Gamma Rho - Dr. Elizabeth J. Johnson Scholarship (financial assistance)**

<https://form.jotform.com/220187450497056>

**Sigma Gamma Rho - Dr. Jocelyn G Henry-Whiteside Scholarship (academic excellence)**

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**VSCA Scholarship -** <https://tinyurl.com/VSCA-Class-of-2022-Scholarship>

**Miriam Ellen Armstrong Memorial Scholarship -**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/10nXJQJynU\\_gK7M\\_kpr6Q0SlIP5F5hpdP/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10nXJQJynU_gK7M_kpr6Q0SlIP5F5hpdP/view?usp=sharing)

**Annie Henderson Wood Memorial and Margie Crichlow Smith Scholarships -**

<https://www.reoaka.org/scholarships/>

**The Cheryl Lockett Oliver Memorial and The Raymond Delaware Patterson Memorial Scholarships –**

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4651616>

*\*\*Please see/contact our School Counselor, Ms. Williams for additional scholarship opportunities.*

- **IMPORTANT MASK UPDATE:**

The Governor has signed new legislation that bans mask mandates in Virginia schools. A few important details:

- This change will begin on **March 1**. The law only applies to students. All adults – staff, partners, and visitors – must still abide by our mask mandate. A parent/caregiver must formally request that their student not wear a mask. To do so, they will need to email us at [COVIDrps@rvaschools.net](mailto:COVIDrps@rvaschools.net) and indicate the student's name and school. They do not need to provide a reason. No student will be separated, singled out, or disparaged **in any way** if their parent/caregiver elects to have them not wear a mask.

- Below is a very important message from our Safety & Security Department after evaluating our dismissal and traffic process. Please adhere to these guidelines. Parent pickup and drop-off is at the front of the building on E. Brookland Park Blvd. Students and parents should be using the crosswalks at each corner to safely cross the street. Mid-block crossing is dangerous, and visibility is limited. Drivers should follow traffic laws at all times. To avoid traffic collisions, no U-turns should be done in the middle of the street. We want all students and their families to arrive and depart safely at all times. Please avoid using Woodrow Ave if possible, as this street is used for bus arrival and dismissal. If you have to use Woodrow Ave. when buses are loading and unloading, **vehicles are to remain stopped while the stop sign is out and flashing red.** (<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/46.2-859>) There is a fine of \$250 for violations of passing a stopped school bus. The safety of our students, staff, and community is our priority. Let us all do our part!

- Main Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for students – students that arrive prior to 8:30 a.m. will have to wait outside of the school building until the doors open.
- All students must enter the building with a mask, unless their caregivers have formally requested that their child be exempt. Students that are not eating breakfast will report directly to their 1<sup>st</sup> Period class.
- Teachers are required to create and maintain seating charts for all classes. Seating charts will also be submitted to the principal and stored in the main office for contact tracing purposes. Please make your student aware that seating charts are mandatory and once the seat is assigned, students will not be permitted to change their seat.
- Students will be required to social distance in all areas of the school. In classrooms, student desks will all face in one direction, and in common areas, we will have students sit every other seat. We will also have students stagger in these areas to ensure social distancing.

Important Dates:

April 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> — School closed for Spring Break

April 13<sup>th</sup> — Grades are due

April 18<sup>th</sup> — School closed for Easter Monday

[Our new and improved website](#) has launched! If you haven't yet had a chance to check it out, I hope you will now. As you'll quickly discover, [the new homepage](#) allows us to feature edge-to-edge images of our school's community and to better communicate our stories. You'll also find many pages that provide information about who we are and what we do.

Please know that we also have a social-media footprint. You can find us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)! We hope you'll follow us and share!

In closing, let's make this school year one to remember—*Achieving Excellence Together: All In, All One, All Pharaohs!* Please feel free to contact me at (804) 780-4332 or at [Kmassenb@rvaschools.net](mailto:Kmassenb@rvaschools.net)

Your Partner in Education,

***Kenya Massenburg***

Kenya Massenburg, Principal