

Friday, April 22, 2022

Dear Richmond Community High School Families,

Below you will find important information. New information is displayed in red.

Updated Information & Reminders:

Attention Senior Parents:

The Senior Graduation Packet was distributed with details of our exam schedule, awards ceremony, last day of school, graduation practice, and graduation information. Please review and contact Mrs. H. Crone with questions.

Also, the Prom is scheduled for May 20th at 6:30pm. Juniors and Seniors are invited this year. All students attending must provide a negative COVID test the day of the prom. And all prom dresses must be approved at least a week before the event. More details are included in the senior packet. You can also visit our website for updates.

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

Tau Gamma Delta Scholarship

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSB8i9K8oMHHNEjVQkz6aCmY2OOHY0BeWW4p83M0zenR2-bQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

GRASP Scholarships

<https://grasp4va.org/scholarships>

RPS Education Foundation Scholarships

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/RPSSCHOLARSHIPS2022>

RPS Bright Promise Scholarship

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/BRIGHTPROMISE2022>

Peter Francisco Memorial Scholarship

www.peterfrancisco.org

Joel Bieber Scholarship

<http://www.joelbieber.com/>

CF Foster Scholarship

www.astoriabeneficialclub.org

2022 Richmond Road Runners Club Scholarship

<https://www.rrrc.org/college-scholarship>

KBS Memorial Scholarship

www.upsilonnu.org/foundation100.html

Alpha Kappa Alpha-Upsilon Omega Scholarships

<https://www.akaupsilonomega.org/links>

Annie Henderson Wood Memorial and Margie Critchlow Smith Scholarships

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

Pathway to College Scholarship

<https://go.parchment.com/NTc1LVRCVY0xOTkAAAGDnybJgXFmFQZaBTKY3UwcFqPEAOUWOMFUDoi2qH69Pd2wLa7ssOwdhfgH6v5MrND7l2xPGQ=>

Student2Scholar Scholarships

<https://student2scholar.org/>

SigEp Scholarships

<https://sigep.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dfc523e90e58bf38f53f12de2&id=f1203a872c&e=376f738a8e>

Miriam Ellen Armstrong Memorial Scholarship

https://drive.google.com/file/d/10nXJQJynU_gK7M_kpr6Q0Slp5F5hpdP/view?usp=sharing

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 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 1st Period class.
- 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 18th — School closed for Easter Monday

April 21st — Class Meetings

April 29th — Decision Day (Seniors)

May 2nd — AP Testing begins

May 3rd — School closed for Eid al-Fitr

AP Testing Information:

All morning AP exams are scheduled for 8:30am. We are asking that all students scheduled for an AM exam to report to school by 8:15am to prepare. Please contact the main office if you have questions. The test time is mandated by College Board.

May 2nd — AP Govt (8:30am) & AP Chemistry (12pm)

May 4th — AP Literature (8:30am)

May 5th — AP Seminar (12pm) & AP Statistics (12pm)

May 6th — AP U.S. History (8:30am) & AP Art (12pm)

May 9th — AP Calculus (8:30am) & AP Computer Science (12pm)

May 10th — AP Language (8:30am)

May 11th — AP Spanish (8:30am) & AP Biology (12pm)

May 12th — AP Physics (12pm)

May 17th — AP Environmental Science (8:30am)

SOL Testing Information:

May 24th- May 27th

Retakes June 1st- 3rd

[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

Your Partner in Education,

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