

Friday, November 18, 2022

Happy Friday, Pharaoh Families!

Here is the link ([rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/principals-newsletter](https://rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/principals-newsletter)) to access our weekly updates. Remember that all new information will be highlighted in **RED**.

### **RCHS Procedures**

- Main Doors open at 8:30am for students – Students that arrive early will have to wait outside of the school building until opening time indicated. All students must enter the building with a mask. Students that are not eating breakfast will report directly to the auditorium for our daily morning meeting. Students that are eating breakfast will report to the cafeteria.
- RPS has been at the medium or low CDC community level since the beginning of September. Therefore, the updated guidance for COVID-19 makes masks optional for all students and staff both indoors and outdoors.
- All students will eat lunch together this year. Lunch will take place after 2<sup>nd</sup> period classes. Lunch times will vary based on the bell schedule of the day. We have three primary bell schedules (Regular, Activity, and Family/Club), which you can find on our website: [rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/bell-schedule](https://rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/bell-schedule)
- All students must use the sign in/out system when leaving their classroom after receiving permission from their teacher. This is standard practice for our school culture.
- We will implement our 10/10 rule, which indicates no movement in the building during the first ten minutes and last ten minutes of class, unless it's an emergency.

### **Important Dates**

District Calendar

[www.rvaschools.net/news/district-calendar](https://www.rvaschools.net/news/district-calendar)

RCHS Events Calendar

[rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/community-high-school-events-calendar](https://rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/community-high-school-events-calendar)

College Visits — This is HAPPENING NOW....WE HAVE WEEKLY VISITS (please encourage your scholars to sign up to attend) You'll find the college-visits calendar on the "Counseling" page of our website: [rchs.rvaschools.net/academics/counseling](https://rchs.rvaschools.net/academics/counseling)

Senior Parents- This is the busy season for applying to colleges. Please remind your scholar to stay on top of college application deadlines as well as recommendation requests.

RCHS Food Drive- The Key Club has organized a food drive to support families in need this holiday season. Please join us in donating food. We are collecting items until November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Student SOL Celebration — Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

Harvest Fest — Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thanksgiving Break (RPS closed) — Wednesday-Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

Spirit Week — Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

PTSA Meeting — Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm (board members only)

Make-up Pictures — Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> (only for students that missed the original date)

Homecoming Dance — Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> (7 to 10pm) Tickets are now on sale

Winter Concert — Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Winter Break — December 19<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Winter Concert Information:**

#### **Our First Performance of the School Year!**

##### **Date:**

*Wednesday, December 14th, at 6pm in the RCHS Auditorium.*

The concert will be a combination of Large Ensemble and Small Ensemble Works- a combination of Pop Hits, Holiday Classics, and other music we've explored thus far.

##### **Concert Length:**

6pm to 7pm!

##### **Mini-mester Information:**

Dates: May 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> students will receive specific information for their respective grade levels. Please also visit our school's website for more information on grade level tabs under mini-mester.

### **GRASP- FAFSA Information**

GRASP (Great Aspirations Scholarship Program, Inc.) provides FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) completion assistance FREE of charge through its GRASP Advisors working at more than 110 schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://grasp4va.org/grasp-schools>). The FAFSA is the application for undergraduate and graduate students seeking federal student aid (i.e., grants, work-study, loans). The application for the 2023-2024 academic year opens on October 1, 2022.

Contact the school counseling office or email the school's GRASP Advisor to make an appointment (see link above). GRASP also offers evening virtual appointments on Wednesday nights and Saturdays; call 804-923-0059 to make a virtual appointment. Email advising inquiries to [advising@grasp4va.org](mailto:advising@grasp4va.org).

## Arrival/Dismissal

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!**

## Transportation

Please visit the link below for the most recent bus stop information. I strongly encourage you to look at this again over the weekend to ensure you are viewing updates. Once you click on the link, please click the high school tab and you will see all bus routes for RCHS.

[www.rvaschools.net/operating-office/transportation/bus-stops/high-school](http://www.rvaschools.net/operating-office/transportation/bus-stops/high-school)

## PTSA Information

Please be sure to visit our new PT Board site to join the PTSA:

[richmondcommunityhigh.ptboard.com/](http://richmondcommunityhigh.ptboard.com/)

Follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram for updates:

[www.facebook.com/rchspharaohsptsa](http://www.facebook.com/rchspharaohsptsa)

[www.instagram.com/rchspharaohsptsa/](http://www.instagram.com/rchspharaohsptsa/)

Please feel free to contact me at (804) 780-4332 or at [Kmassenb@rvaschools.net](mailto:Kmassenb@rvaschools.net) Additionally, we have both Facebook (RCHSPharaohs) and Instagram (@rchspharaohs and @principalmassenburg) accounts that we will use to send updates and quick announcements as we go throughout the school year. Our school's website is: [www.rvaschools.net/RCHS](http://www.rvaschools.net/RCHS).

*We are Stronger Together: All In, All One, All Pharaohs!*

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