FRIENDS OF RCHS

AT A GLANCE 2021-2022

Friends of RCHS funding over $103,000 worth of projects for Richmond Community High School in 2021-2022

Projects funded:

- Establishment of the Kennedy Mindfulness Center for Mental Wellness
- Teacher continuing education
- Teacher paid tutoring program
- Brookland Park Community Garden
- Classroom supplies and equipment
- Art supplies
- Freshman Orientation
- School upgrades to auditorium
- STEM equipment and materials
- Schoolwide Field Trip
- Harvest Fest, Decision Day, Senior Prom, and other special events
- Smart Interactive Boards for Classrooms
- Safety supplies
- Outdoor classroom tables
- Teacher incentive programs
- Scholarship management
- Advisement and support for Alumni Association and PTSA
- Provided dorm supplies for students in need.
- School drama productions
- Robotics club
- Family emergency fund
- Physical education equipment
- Media Center Makeover

ON THE HORIZON

SMALL SCHOOL WITH A HUGE IMPACT

In 2022-2023 RCHS is focused on empowering students as critical thinkers, rebuilding the traditions that make RCHS so unique, and providing a top-notch advanced education. The overarching goal is for students to learn how to learn and to cultivate intrinsic motivation through both self-direction and cooperation.

Built into the curriculum of the school are activities that promote inclusion, independence, teamwork, problem-solving, local and global citizenry, and a sense of belonging. Each student is a part of a "family" group with a teacher sponsor and classmates from each grade. Family promotes communication, support, and engagement while providing students with a group of peers and mentors right from the start.

This year, after a 3-year hold due to the pandemic, mini-mesters are back. For freshmen, this means a week of camping that focuses on environmental science. The sophomores will attend a trip to visit colleges in North Carolina as they head to Atlanta to learn about this modern city and its civil rights past. Juniors will head to Philadelphia this year, visiting VA and PA campuses and learning to ask and investigate the question "What is freedom?"

For the first time in many years, there will be a student musical production in the newly upgraded auditorium - The Lightning Thief is slated to run in February.

RCHS is celebrated and recognized not just locally but nationally and was chosen by two of the top 10 Universities in the country this year as a prime student recruitment site.

WHAT MAKES RCHS SO SPECIAL?

BY THE NUMBERS

RCHS is ranked in the top 10 for Virginia High Schools

SCORECARD	97.96
Took at Least One AP® Exam	100%
Passed at Least One AP® Exam	62%
Mathematics Proficiency	94%
Reading Proficiency	100%
Science Proficiency	98%
Graduation Rate	100%

teachers

"At RCHS, teachers are treated as true professionals whose autonomy is protected, whose time is valued, and whose decisions are respected. These conditions make it possible for us to think differently and to experiment with our methods and materials."

Current Teacher V. Simone

It is all about COMMUNITY

When the school was first established as a public / private partnership in 1977 an advisory board was put in place to help the school supplement the limited public school funds available with private donations. In 2016, the nonprofit, Friends of RCHS was incorporated to further advance this mission.

Friends of RCHS not only supports the academic programming, equipment, and supplies but develops programs that support the whole student on their path to success. The nonprofit funds programs and projects well over the budgeted $18,000 that is provided for instructional funding by RPS.

We relie heavily on donations from alumni, area businesses, community members, and grants to make this possible.

From November 1, 2022 to December 31st, 2022 we are launching the LEARNING TODAY TO BE THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW CAMPAIGN.Please consider making a tax deductible donation at this time.

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