

Friday, February 3, 2023

Pharaoh Families,

Happy Friday! Here is the link (rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/principals-newsletter) to access our weekly updates.

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 2nd 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
- 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

RCHS Events Calendar

rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/community-high-school-events-calendar

Report Cards will be mailed home Wednesday, February 8th.

Richmond Community High School presents: The Lightning Thief – The Percy Jackson Musical. Please join us on February 9th & 10th at 6pm (doors open at 5:45pm). Admission: \$5 or donation
You'll find more details on our homepage under "Happening at Community." You can also follow [this link](#).

School-wide field trip the National Museum of African American History and Culture in D.C. (Friday, February 24th) All students should have received a permission slip. Please sign and return as soon as possible. QR Code located on the back of the permission slip to submit payment.

Professional Learning & Caregiver/Teacher Conference Day – March 10th (more info coming soon)

EOC (End-of-Course) Writing Assessment — Tuesday & Wednesday, March 14th & 15th

SAT School Day – Wednesday, March 22nd

End of 3rd Quarter – Friday, March 31st

***Partnership for the Future will meet with our 9th graders **on February 21** to share information about their high school college prep and workforce development program. For more information about PFF, please visit:

<https://www.partnershipforthefuture.org/>

***The Community Foundation Scholarship program is open and accepting applications **until March 7 at 5pm**. Parent, please encourage your scholar to apply for at least one (or more) of the many scholarships available through the Community Foundation. In addition, you can visit the Community Foundation [website](#) to access the criteria and applications for all available scholarships.

For additional scholarship opportunities, please visit the school counseling page on our school website.

**After-school activity buses: We currently do not have any students that have used the Churchill after-school bus this school year. We will no longer offer this bus unless a student/parent requests it. Please contact the main office to do so if necessary. Thanks

Senior Parents:

2023 is here! Yay!

Please submit a full or partial payment for senior dues as soon as possible. Details for how to pay can be found on the school website and in the Class of 2023 Google Classroom (of which every senior is a member).

Also, be on the lookout for cap/gown order information coming next week.

Please email Mrs. Crone (hkistler@vaschools.net) or Ms. Henderson (dhender2@vaschools.net) with any questions or concerns.

Minimester Information:

Dates: May 15th – 19th 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 "Programs & Activities" > "Minimesters" (<https://rchs.vaschools.net/programs-activities/minimesters>).

**JUNIORS ONLY (Message from Mrs. Baber)

Junior Class Families,

I'm writing on behalf of the Junior Class Team to share some information about minimester. This year, the junior class will travel to Lancaster & Philadelphia, PA from May 15-19. We are planning to visit

many historical & cultural sites, tour colleges, participate in some team-building activities, and have fun coming together as a class. Minimester is a unique Community experience and we are so excited to bring it back. We should have received an informational letter with details.

****Sophomore minimester.**

This year, we are excited to take our sophomores to Atlanta, Georgia, to explore civil and human rights. The city of Atlanta is rich with cultural and historical attractions that will lend to the development of our mission. Atlanta played an essential role in the Civil War and the Civil Rights movement. While there, our sophomore students will examine the Holocaust and other examples of genocide in the twentieth century and synthesize evidence from artifacts and primary and secondary sources to obtain information about events and life in world history.

Attractions like the Michael C. Carlos Museum, Center for Civil and Human Rights, Apex Museum, Museum of History and Holocaust Education, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site will all serve to inform our students of the rich history of the state of Georgia and how that history has impacted our lives today.

In addition to the cultural aspects of the trip, students will tour the campuses of several area colleges. This will allow them to speak directly with admission officers and get a feel for campus life.

Please use [this online portal](#) to pay the non-refundable deposit of \$125, **due by Friday, January 27, 2023.**

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

PTSA Information

Please be sure to visit our new PT Board site to join the PTSA:
richmondcommunityhigh.ptboard.com/

Follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram for updates:
www.facebook.com/rchspharaohsptsa
www.instagram.com/rchspharaohsptsa/

Please feel free to contact me at (804) 780-4332 or at 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.

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

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