

## [Richmond Community High School](#)

Hi, Pharaoh Families! WOW! The start of the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Let's gear up for an awesome school year! Feel free to bookmark this link ([rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/principals-newsletter](https://rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/principals-newsletter)) for access to all weekly updates. Also, please check out our school's website at [www.rvaschools.net/RCHS](https://www.rvaschools.net/RCHS). Here you will find all important school information, including our school's calendar of events and activities: [rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/community-high-school-events-calendar](https://rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/community-high-school-events-calendar). Additionally, we have both Facebook (RCHSPharaohs) and Instagram (@rchsparaohs and @principalmassenburg) accounts that we will use to send updates and quick announcements as we go throughout the school year. The Richmond Public Schools Office of Student Engagement has created an RPS Back-to-School Toolkit with important information for families, as well as the updated Student Code of Responsible Ethics (SCORE). Please click on these links for viewing:

- [2023-24 Back-to-School Toolkit](#)
- [The Student Code of Responsible Ethics \(SCORE\)](#)

Monday, August 21 is the first day of school. We are excited to welcome our scholars back to the building. Our rich legacy will continue with them leading the way. This year we will continue with our theme [We are Stronger Together: All In, All One, All Pharaohs](#) as we navigate toward our goals of academic and interpersonal excellence. I challenge each of you to be a [piece](#) to our puzzle as we work together to problem solve, create new experiences, and strategize the best ways to support our scholars and their successes. Our focus remains on relationship building, maintaining a positive culture, rigorous instruction, and student engagement that leads to *"leaders of their own learning."* With your partnership, we will continue our legacy of greatness!

Please have a discussion with your scholars about behavior and academic expectations for specialty schools. It has come to our attention that social media pages are being created and shared that include scholar names. We do not condone this behavior. We have a no-tolerance policy on bullying and negatively targeting individuals. Please help us build positive connections by having these conversations before school starts. Our school must maintain the level excellence on which we were founded. We would like each scholar to have a pleasant experience while attending RCHS. Unfortunately, there is a lot of social-media bullying and harassment of teenagers taking place across the country, and we certainly do not want to have our scholars taking part. We would like to address this now so that we can all start the year with a fresh mind and open heart. Your assistance and partnership with this are greatly appreciated.

In this update, you will find:

- RCHS Arrival and Dismissal
- Transportation
- RCHS Procedures
- RCHS Events Calendar
- Important Dates
- Bell Schedules
- Back-to-School Night
- PTSA Information
- Chromebook Distribution

## RCHS 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 pick-up 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. Link is also provided below;

<https://www.rvaschools.net/fs/resource-manager/view/a1da18cb-2c0a-4e73-b1b3-86c01b43b6d6>

**\*\*Please continue to check this link for updates as transportation will make changes**

## RCHS Procedures

- Main Doors open at 8:40am for scholars. Those who arrive early will have to wait outside of the school building until opening time indicated. Students who are not eating breakfast will report directly to the auditorium for our daily Morning Meeting. Scholars who are eating breakfast will report to the cafeteria and will transition to our Morning Meeting at the sound of the bell.
- Breakfast will close daily at 9:00am. Scholars who are late due to RPS transportation will have the opportunity to eat breakfast. Car riders and drivers who arrive late will not be permitted to breakfast.
- At the conclusion of our daily Morning Meeting, scholars will transition to their 1<sup>st</sup> period classes except during the first week of school, when scholars will transition to Family for important information.
- Lunch times will vary based on the bell schedule of the day. We have a total of four bell schedules (Regular, Activity, and Family).
- Please sign and return all RCHS forms and have your students return them by Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Scholars who request a schedule change will be directed to complete a schedule change request form via QR code that will be located around the school building starting the first day of school. The last day to make a schedule change is Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. No changes will happen after this date.
- All scholars must use the sign-in/sign-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.
- All scholars who drive must complete the driving form; driving privileges will be revoked if proper steps are not followed. Privileges can also be revoked at the discretion of the principal for disciplinary reasons.
- The SCORE (Student Code of Responsible Ethics) must be followed by all scholars daily.
- The Honor Code must be followed by all scholars.

### **School & District Calendars**

- RCHS Events Calendar: [rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/community-high-school-events-calendar](https://rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/community-high-school-events-calendar)
- District Calendar: <https://www.rvaschools.net/news/district-calendar>

### **RCHS 2023-2024 Bell Schedules**

- <https://rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/bell-schedule>

### **The First Day of School Bell Schedule**

8:40-9:00am — Scholar arrival & Breakfast  
 9:00-9:25am — Morning meeting  
 9:30-10:00am — Family  
 10:05-11:20am — Period One  
 11:25-12:35pm — Period Two  
 12:40-1:10pm — Lunch  
 1:15-2:25pm — Period Three  
 2:30-4:00pm — Period Four & Dismissal

\*RTC students for 1<sup>st</sup> period will not attend the first two days of school.

\*SAVE THE DATE: **Back-to-School Night (Thursday, September 21st at 6:00pm)**

### **RCHS PTSA**

First open meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30pm before Back-to-School Night. This is the perfect opportunity to join and learn about what's next for us!

## **Chromebook Distribution**

It is our goal to distribute Chromebooks during the first week of school.

I am honored to serve as the principal of Richmond Community High School. It's truly a privilege to be a part of a community where all stakeholders work together to achieve one common goal: the success of our scholars. I am eager to hit the ground running. With all your pieces to this puzzle, I am sure we will have a successful school year. Please feel free to contact me at (804) 780-4332 or at [Kmassenb@rvaschools.net](mailto:Kmassenb@rvaschools.net) "Life is a puzzle; you can only see the picture when you put all the pieces together!" **CHEERS** to "Putting it all together, one piece at a time."

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

Your Partner in Education,  
***Kenya E. Massenburg***  
Kenya E. Massenburg, Principal