

Friday, September 22, 2023

Richmond Community High School

Happy Friday, Pharaoh Families!

Please enjoy your extended weekend! It was so good seeing everyone last night at our Back To School Night event. Thank you for your continued support and partnership! All new information is highlighted in RED.

In this update, you will find:

- **Cyber Bullying (Social Media & Group Chats)**
- RCHS Arrival and Dismissal
- Transportation
- RCHS Procedures
- **RCHS Events Calendar & Bell Schedules**
- **Important Dates**
- **PTSA Information**

Feel free to bookmark this link (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. 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. 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. Please review our updated Student Code of Responsible Ethics (SCORE). Please click on the link for viewing:

- [The Student Code of Responsible Ethics \(SCORE\)](#)

PLEASE READ:

Cyberbullying is bullying with the use of digital technologies. It can take place on social media, messaging platforms, gaming platforms and mobile phones. It is repeated behavior, aimed at scaring, angering, or shaming those who are targeted. Examples include:

- spreading lies about, or posting embarrassing photos or videos of, someone on social media
- sending hurtful, abusive, or threatening messages, images, or videos via messaging platforms
- impersonating someone and sending mean messages to others on their behalf or through fake accounts.

We will focus on cyberbullying and will speak with all students regarding this. Our campaign is to STOP this behavior! Please support our efforts to create a school culture that promotes and encourages our students to give kindness, to respect others, and to follow all school rules. Please address this with our scholars.

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>

*****All student drivers MUST have an application on file in the main office. Not completing this step will result in driving privileges being revoked.**

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 1st 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 24th.
- 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 8th. 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
- District Calendar: <https://www.rvaschools.net/news/district-calendar>

Important Dates

Friday, Sept. 22 — Interim grade updated and posted in ASPEN after 4:30pm

Monday, Sept. 25th – Yom Kippur (RPS closed)

Tuesday, Sept. 26th- After school activities buses start

Wednesday, Oct. 11th – PSAT Digital Testing (Grade 10 & 11) ** THIS IS A CHANGE

Wednesday, Oct. 25th – End of First Marking Period

Tuesday, Nov. 7th – Caregiver/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, Nov. 13th – Diwali (RPS closed)

Tuesday, Nov. 21st – Harvest Fest

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd – Friday, Nov. 24th - Thanksgiving Break

On Wednesday, October 11, all grade 10 and 11 students will take the PSAT-NMSQT. The new PSAT, which is now digital, is shorter, takes less time, and allows more time for students to complete questions. Students will use their assigned Chromebooks to complete testing. Most importantly, the PSAT-NMSQT can qualify grade 11 students for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other scholarship opportunities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Williams, School Counselor.

RCHS 2023-2024 Bell Schedules

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

RCHS PTSA

Thank you for joining us last night. We really appreciate all those that signed up to make this year great. Thanks in advance for your assistance and commitment to our scholars! More details coming soon for our next meeting!

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