

BEAR BULLETIN



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY DAREL E. HANSEN

Hello Poly Families. I hope this update finds you safe, healthy and doing well during these difficult times. We are currently in week 4 of the school year and I have to say, everyday is truly a new day and unlike any other I have experienced in my 28 years of education. However, I am so proud of my staff. From my administration team, counselors, teachers, and all classified staff members, I can't thank them enough. My team never says no, when I ask them to stand in the parking lot to collect books, stand around the pool (in the heat) for textbook distribution, or turn the gym into a temporary library, everyone has pitched in and I am so proud to be a Poly Bear!

Back to School Night: The Riverside Poly High School Back to School Night will take place Thursday September 10, starting at 5:30. Because of the online classroom setting, this event will be done asynchronously, meaning that everything will be pre-recorded. So if you are unable to watch on the 10th, all recordings will be available ongoing in the Google classrooms. Please make sure you take the time to check things out and get to know your teachers, classroom procedures, requirements and plenty more information.

Click Here for [African American Parent Advisory Council Meeting Dates](#)

Welcome to Bear Country!



Construction: The modernization of Riverside Poly High School continues to move along. Walking around, you can start to see it all coming together. The lower 800 quad stairs and seating areas have been poured and this quad is getting close to completion. The gymnasium shade structure has started to go up, the seating area and planters have been framed and it's looking great. Lastly, construction on the new "POLYWOOD BOWL" Amphitheater as well as the Central avenue entryway has now begun. We hope that completion of this phase of construction will be in late March.





ATTENDANCE & ENROLLMENT

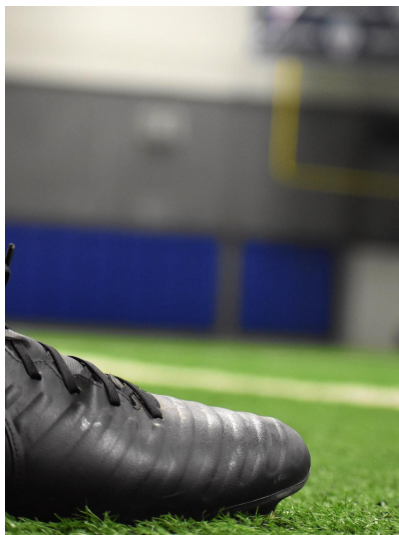
BY LISA KELLS
AP ATTENDANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

Clearing Absences: To clear your student's absence, please email polyattendance@riversideunified.org or call (951) 788-7203 Ext. 64240 within 5 days of absence. The email or phone call must include the following information: Student Name, Student ID, Reason for absence, Parent Name, Date of Absence, and Date of Note. Email must be written from the email address on file within Aeries Parent Portal. **Data Confirmation:** Emails and phone calls went out last week to students who have not completed their Data Confirmation process. Please check your email.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

BY LAURA NELSON
AP STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Friday, September 4, 2020 will be our last scheduled **textbook pick-up and Chromebook** checkout. Therefore, if you need assistance with textbooks please email mmartus@riversideunified.org to set up an appointment and for device check out assistance ctheuer@riversideunified.org to schedule an appointment. To learn more about our online classroom discipline rules and policies, please participate in our **Poly HS Back To School Night** video presentations. As we will continue to follow our progressive discipline and restorative practices, teachers will share their classroom rules and regulations during this time.



ATHLETICS

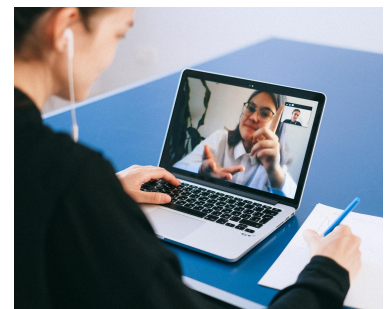
BY JIM VAUGHAN
AP ATHLETICS & FACILITIES

Athletic Clearance online registration for Athletics and Performing Arts - RUSD will be using Athletic Clearance.com to process Athletic Clearance Packets starting in the 2021-2022 school year. This year we will accept both hard copies and submissions through Athletic Clearance.com. Since online clearance is the preferred method we encourage parents/guardians to create an account now and go through Athletic Clearance.com for the 2020-2021 school year. You can access the most updated athletic clearance packet Athletic through our athletics website under the "MORE" tab under FORMS and click on Athletic Clearance Packet. There is a training video that is very helpful to begin the registration process. To download the most updated Athletic Clearance Packet click here [https://s3-us-west-2amazonaws.com/sportshub2-uploads-prod/files/sites/584/2020/07/10155503/2020-Athletic-Clearance-Packet-RV-7-10-2020-PDF.pdf](https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/sportshub2-uploads-prod/files/sites/584/2020/07/10155503/2020-Athletic-Clearance-Packet-RV-7-10-2020-PDF.pdf). For the latest news regarding Riverside Poly Athletics, please visit our Athletics Website at www.polyathletics.com. You can also check our Instagram Page [@rivpolyathletics](https://www.instagram.com/rivpolyathletics) or the social media sites listed below. GO BEARS!

GUIDANCE & CURRICULUM

BY THERESA BUTLER
AP GUIDANCE & CURRICULUM

Program Change Requests: During the week of August 31st, all families that submitted a Program Change Request prior to the district's Aug 24th deadline were contacted to confirm the request for change. The school compiled a list of all families wanting to make a program and reviewed each request. Based on seats available, the school will make a decision on the request. All families will be notified by September 16th if their request change has been granted. **Student Class Schedules:** The counseling team has finalized the scheduling process for the semester. Further requests of change, such as change of electives, will be reviewed for consideration at the end of 1st semester. **School Counselor:** Contact your school counselor for Academic, College/Career Planning or Social-Emotional support. Poly's counseling team website is <https://sites.google.com/view/polyhscounseling/home> and is a great resource that can be accessed at any time by parents or students. To schedule a virtual appointment with your school counselor, email Ms. Alyssa Arroyo at aarroyo@riversideunified.org.





ALL MEANS ALL

BY DAREL E. HANSEN

CLUB RUSH

BY NICOLE BERNIE
ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

Club Rush: One of our greatest challenges in the online setting is, connecting our students to school. The staff at Poly recognizes this and is working daily to try and find ways to reach students. Coming up on September 18 will host our first virtual club rush. At this event students will get to hear and see the different clubs available for them to join. Meetings right now will be virtual and will move to in person when we return. Don't miss this chance to connect to Poly High School.

SCHOOL PICTURES

BY NICOLE BERNIE
ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

School Pictures: Earlier this month families received information regarding senior and underclassmen school pictures. We did hear from a number of families that they were unable to complete the process that was provided. Please know that the problem was identified and everything should now work for you. If you need any further information you can contact our school or the photography company we are working with, Cherished Memories.

Riverside Transit Agency: Thanks to a grant from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program, all students 18 years and younger can ride the RTA bus for free from August 1, 2020 to June 30 2021. During this time students get unlimited rides not only to campus, but anywhere RTA buses go, anytime they operate.



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All Means All: Over the next few weeks I will be meeting with a number of community groups connected to Poly to discuss our school goals. This year's goals continue the work we started last year to ensure "All Means All" in regards to the overall Poly student experience. This year we have spent time looking at our goals through an equity lens, focussing on how we are meeting the needs of all students, increasing greater student / teacher connectedness and increasing student voice on our campus. Thank you once again for trusting us with your child's education. Poly High School has a rich tradition of excellence dating back to 1887, and we are so excited that you are all part of our family. I look forward to seeing you all (hopefully) very soon cheering on our students, and never forget, we all live in BEAR COUNTRY!

