

[Friday, September 5, 2025](#)

## Richmond Community High School

Happy Friday, Pharaohs!

Below are weekly reminders for your scholar:

- Bring their Chromebooks to school daily
- Arrive on time for morning meetings
- Follow the updated school dress code
- Power off and properly store all electronic devices before entering the building

All new updates are highlighted in **RED**.

In this update, you will find:

- RCHS Arrival and Dismissal
- Transportation
- RCHS Procedures
- Clear Backpack Protocol
- District Calendar
- Important Dates
- Back-to-School Night
- PTSA Information

Feel free to bookmark this link ( <https://rchs.rvaschools.net/about-us/principals-newsletter>) for access to all weekly updates (From our home page go to the About Us tab then Principal's Newsletter). Also, please check out our school's website at ( <https://rchs.rvaschools.net/> ). 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 (@rchspharaohs and @principalmassenburg) accounts that we will use to send updates and quick announcements as we go throughout the school year.

### 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**

Here is the link of all bus routes: <https://www.rvaschools.net/fs/resource-manager/view/a3b20a66-c370-476c-8fc9-032b95d5cb7b>

### **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 have breakfast.
- Lunch times will vary based on the bell schedule of the day. We have a total of four bell schedules (Regular, Activity, Family, & Picnic).
- 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 also have incorporated restroom passes.
- 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 forms; 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. We also have a new updated dress code policy. No scholars are permitted to wear cropped tops.
- The Honor Code must be followed by all scholars.
- All cell phones and other electronic devices must be powered off and stored away in a bag not in pockets on individuals.

### **Clear Backpack Protocol**

As a part of Richmond Public Schools' (RPS) ongoing efforts to enhance safety for students and staff members, clear backpack is required.

A clear backpack is:

- **COMPLETELY CLEAR ON ALL SIDES EXCEPT THE BOTTOM**
- **BACKPACK-SIZED OR SIMILAR: SMALLER BAGS ARE PERMITTED, BUT LARGER ONES ARE NOT**

- STILL SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY THE CARE AND SAFETY TEAM
1. CLEAR BACKPACK REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO ALL STUDENTS.
  2. LUNCH BAGS/BOXES DO NOT HAVE TO BE CLEAR, BUT ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.
  3. STUDENTS MAY CARRY A POUCH NO LARGER THAN 5.5" X 8.5 TO HOLD PERSONAL BELONGINGS (PLEASE REFER TO PICTURE/EXAMPLE LOCATED ON DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AS WELL AS A FAQ)

The only exceptions permitted are:

- A small non-transparent pouch for personal hygiene items.
- School-approved sport-specific carrying case for athletic equipment.
- School-approved instrument-specific carrying case for band equipment.
- School-approved cases for medical equipment.

### **District Calendars**

- District Calendar: <https://www.rvaschools.net/news/district-calendar>

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- September 8<sup>th</sup> : Senior Picture Day
- September 11<sup>th</sup> : Back To School Night 6pm
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> : Yom Kippur (RPS Closed)
- October 13<sup>th</sup> : Division wide Professional Development (Student Holiday)
- October 20<sup>th</sup> : Diwali (RPS Closed)
- October 24<sup>th</sup> : End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine weeks

\*SAVE THE DATE: **Back-to-School Night** (Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm)

Please use the link below to RSVP: <https://forms.gle/11vuYkDEy5Mujo9n9>

### **RCHS PTSA**

First open meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> during our Back-to-School Night. This is the perfect opportunity to join and learn about what's next for us!

Looking forward to a successful school year! Please feel free to contact me at (804) 780-4332 or at [Kmassenb@rvaschools.net](mailto:Kmassenb@rvaschools.net). Thank you in advance for your continued support. With your partnership, we will plan, navigate, and execute with confidence!

***Excellence. Unity. Legacy. All In, All One, All Pharaohs!***

Your Partner in Education,

*Kenya E. Massenburg*

Kenya E. Massenburg, Principal

