



RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227

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October 10, 2020

Dear Rich Township Families,

The link to indicate your student's preference for hybrid or remote instruction will close this week. If you have not done so already, you need to select your student's preference by completing [this survey](#) today for each student that attends Rich Township High School. **If you have not opted for hybrid, your default preference will be remote instruction.** As a reminder, we are scheduled to begin our hybrid learning model on **November 16**.

This correspondence is to communicate important information regarding the hybrid learning plan, bus routes and more. Please read the following communication in its entirety for additional updates.

[Click here to watch the weekly video message.](#)

Hybrid Learning Plan

All families will receive a communication indicating their instruction group, A, B, C or R over the next few weeks. This information will also be available on the parent portal in Power School.

Group A (A Week)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will alternate attending in-person instruction beginning November 16, 2020.Students will alternate participation in remote learning beginning November 23, 2020.
Group B (B Week)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will alternate participation in remote learning beginning November 16, 2020.Students will alternate attending in-person instruction beginning November 23, 2020.
C Week (Priority Groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will attend in-person instruction beginning November 16, 2020 every week.They will only participate in remote learning on Fridays.

Group R (Remote Instruction)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will engage in full-time remote instruction Monday- Friday.
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Families will not be able to switch their preference until the start of the second semester which begins on **January 5, 2021**.

Fall Testing

Testing begins next week for sophomore through senior students and our incoming freshmen (current 8th graders). Please see the schedule below for specific testing assignments:

Test Date	Grade Level	Make-Ups/Accommodations
October 14 SAT	Seniors Last Name A-L	Seniors Accommodations Last Name A-Z.
October 14 PSAT NMSQT	Juniors Last Name A-M	Sophomores Accommodations Last Name A-Z Juniors Accommodations Last Name A-Z
October 17 PSAT 8/9	8th Grade	

Additionally, **October 14, 20, 22, 27, and 29** will be the make up days for any missing work. Students who are not scheduled to test on these dates can make up any missing assignments from the first quarter. This is an opportunity for students to improve their grade. Students should check PowerSchool and with their teachers to find out any assignments they may be missing.

8th Grade Placement Testing

All 8th grade placement testing will take place on **Saturday, October 17** from **8:30 am to 12:00 pm** at the **STEM Campus - 3600 West 203rd Street, Olympia Fields, IL**. Students who have registered will receive their testing date confirmations this week, along with bus route information if transportation was requested. Additional testing protocols can be found below, on the website and they will also be emailed to families.

[Click here to view testing protocols.](#)

SAT Boot Camps

The district will offer its final *virtual* SAT Prep sessions for all seniors on **Saturday, October 10**. Students are encouraged to attend this session. This session will cover creative approaches to solving math problems and solving nonlinear equations.

- **Saturday, October 10** - SAT Math Bootcamp: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

[Click here to join the October 10 session](#)

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The district will host *virtual* parent-teacher conferences on **Thursday, October 15**, and **Friday, October 16**. Sign up information was sent out earlier this week. If you have not already completed signing up, [click here for instructions](#) on how to schedule a conference with your student's teacher. There is also an optional "how to" video. '

After you have read the instructions, [click here to schedule your appointment](#).

Research shows that students learn more, have higher grades, and have better school attendance when **parents** are involved in their child's education. That's why attending **parent-teacher conferences** is so **important**: it's a great way for **parents** to become involved and stay involved throughout the school year!

Raptor's Got Talent Competition

The Rich Township High School District 227 Performing Arts Collective (PAC) is proud to announce its inaugural: **Raptor's Got Talent Competition**.

The following are the steps for participation:

- 1) Student must submit 3-5-minute audition video (singing, dancing, spoken word, musicians, miming, magic) to PAC Group on Schoology by **October 16**
- 2) Top 16 contestants will be selected to go to Semi-Finals on **October 23**
- 3) Semi-finalists will rehearse with performance coach on **October 26 - November 12**
- 4) Semi-finalist will submit new video or live performance on **November 13**
- 5) Top 8 Finalists will perform live or be taped live on **December 4 or 11**
- 6) Winners (Top 3) will be selected by "District" Celebrity Judges following live performances

Bus Routes

The new district bus routes per campus have been posted to our website. These pick-up times are for the October testing dates. There will be regular pick up times posted next week for when we begin to our hybrid learning on **November 16**.

[Click here to view the district bus routes.](#)

As a reminder, all students are required to show that they have self-certified and wear a mask before they will be allowed to board the bus in the morning.

Below are links that will provide instructions to downloading the app to an IOS or Android phone.

iOS: <https://www.training.rschooldtoday.com/page/2661/custom/5451>

Android: <https://www.training.rschooldtoday.com/page/2661/custom/5496>

Students and parents should use their school-issued email address when completing the self-certification. We are asking that all families download and test this app no later than **October 2**.

If you have any questions or problems downloading the app, please contact our Director of Athletics, Activities, and Transportation, Matthew Shank mshank@rich227.org or (708) 679-5727.

Food Service

The Food Service Department is currently providing **five days of FREE breakfast and lunch for any child up to the age of 18 years. Families do not have to live in the community or attend the district schools.** There are no forms to fill out and no income requirements. This program is provided to **ALL** families regardless of their financial situation.

Parents may pick up meals without children being present. Meals are distributed through contactless drive through curbside distribution at both the **STEM and Fine Arts and Communications** campuses.

PLEASE NOTE:

Next week, there will be ONLY ONE DAY of food distribution due to the Columbus Day holiday and student testing.

Distribution will take place on Tuesday, October 13th from 9 am – 1 pm and 5 pm – 7 pm.

We will return to regular distribution days and hours on October 19.

Please see the important information when picking up meals:

Serving Schedule for the Rest of October:

Every Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Monday Evenings 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Locations:

Fine Arts and Communications– 5000 Sauk Trail– Richton Park, IL

STEM Campus– 3600 W. 203rd—Olympia Fields, IL

For more information, visit www.rich227.org, call 708-679-5728, or email bwilliams@rich227.org

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information. Feel free to reach out to the appropriate person if you have additional questions.

You may also follow us on social media:

- Facebook: @District227 @richtownships
- Twitter: @District227 @DrJohnnieThomas @richtownships
- Instagram: @district227_ @richtownships
- Superintendent's Message on our district website: <http://www.rich227.org/SuperintendentsMessage.aspx>

Your continued support of Rich Township High School District 227 is appreciated and vital to ensure student success.

Respectfully,

Dr. Johnnie Thomas
Superintendent