



# RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227

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Dear Rich Township Families,

As we continue to prepare for our transition to a hybrid learning model, we remain committed to keeping our students, families, and staff informed with important information as it relates to student expectations and responsibilities that come with returning to in-person instruction. This correspondence is to communicate important information regarding Star Testing, athletics and more. Please read the following communication in its entirety for additional updates.

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

## **Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Star Testing**

As we stated last week, District 227 uses the Star Assessments to help teachers understand what students know and are ready to learn. Students take Star tests once in the fall, winter, and spring and teachers typically give this test while students are in school. Because we are currently unable to be at school, students will be taking the Star test while at home. Testing began this week and will continue through **September 18**.

The Star Test will be administered during Physical Education (PE) class. If your student is not enrolled in PE, and instead is enrolled in National Navy Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) or band, a special testing session will be offered to our young adults. Students have been scheduled during their flex time to complete their testing. All scheduled times have been communicated to families via email.

Please be sure to check out this guide for families to learn more about how you can support your child as they take the Star test:

[https://p.widencdn.net/gq8g45/Family\\_Administering-Star-Remotely\\_R63030\\_200529](https://p.widencdn.net/gq8g45/Family_Administering-Star-Remotely_R63030_200529)

## **Study Hall**

Students and families will notice that they may have had a study hall added to their class schedule this week. This study hall is time where students can work on class assignments, visit an academic lab, or meet with teachers or their counselor.

While we are in remote learning, a student will not have to check in to their study hall. In preparation for the gradual return to in-person instruction, these study halls may become assigned academic labs for students in MTSS and other classes. Students will be able to sign out of study to visit an academic lab or accomplish any of the other tasks previously listed.

## **After School Boot Camps**

All students will have the opportunity to participate in an AP Boot Camp or SAT Boot Camp after school beginning the end of September. These camps are designed to provide the skills and mindset necessary to improve performance in the classroom and on The College Board's suite of assessments. More information about dates and times will be communicated next week.

## **Fall Testing**

All school standardized testing for the Fall semester will occur during the month of October. Freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9, sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT, and current seniors must take the SAT as a graduation requirement. Students will be expected to be on campus to take the assessment, and transportation will be provided, if necessary. More information about your child's specific testing date and time will be communicated in the coming weeks. The table below shows the testing dates for each exam:

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	SAT	10/14/2020	10/27/2020
<b>Sophomores/Juniors</b>	PSAT/NMSQT	10/14/2020	10/29/2020
<b>Freshmen</b>	PSAT 8/9	10/20/2020	10/22/2020

## **Tech Support**

Students who are experiencing any of the following technology issues should email technical support at [technology@rich227.org](mailto:technology@rich227.org):

- Student email password issues
- Logging in Issues with Chromebook or Schoology
- Resetting/Retrieving PowerSchool Password

Please be as detailed as possible and include screenshots.

## **Athletics**

The Fall 2020 season has started for Girls Tennis, Boys/Girls Cross Country, and Boys/Girls Golf! Get registered on 8to18 at [il.8to18.com/RichTownship](http://il.8to18.com/RichTownship)

Please contact the coach for more details.

Girls Tennis: Dave Stein; [dstein@rich227.org](mailto:dstein@rich227.org)

Boys Cross Country: Dave Stanko; [dstanko@rich227.org](mailto:dstanko@rich227.org)

Girls Cross Country: Brent Pfeiffer; [bpfeiffer@rich227.org](mailto:bpfeiffer@rich227.org)

Boys Golf: Scot Ritter; [sritter@rich227.org](mailto:sritter@rich227.org)

Twitter: @RTHS\_Athletics  
Athletics Website: [il.8to18.com/RichTownship](http://il.8to18.com/RichTownship)  
District Website: [www.rich227.org](http://www.rich227.org)

*Fall Contact Days* - \*All dates are subject to change.

Cheerleading: September 14th– October 29th  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
STEM campus – Door 5  
Alexus Garrett – [agarrett@rich227.org](mailto:agarrett@rich227.org)

Football: September 14th – October 29th  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
STEM campus – Door 5  
Cornell Middlebrook - [cmiddlebrook@rich227.org](mailto:cmiddlebrook@rich227.org)

Boys Soccer: September 14th – October 29th  
Wednesdays and Thursdays  
3:45 pm – 5:45 pm  
STEM campus – Soccer Field  
Coach Grigsby – [rgrigsby@rich227.org](mailto:rgrigsby@rich227.org)

Boys Basketball: September 28th - October 29th  
Monday - Thursday  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
STEM campus – Door 5  
Coach Crossley – [ccrossley@rich227.org](mailto:ccrossley@rich227.org)

Girls Basketball: September 28th – October 29th  
Monday - Thursday  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Fine Arts campus – Door C5  
Coach Bass – [jbass@rich227.org](mailto:jbass@rich227.org)  
Coach Mays – [bmays@dist159.com](mailto:bmays@dist159.com)

For any questions or concerns, please contact Matthew Shank, Director of Athletics, Activities, and Transportation; (708) 679-5727; [mshank@rich227.org](mailto:mshank@rich227.org)

### **Food Service**

The United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) allows school districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program to return to the Summer Food Service Program. **As a result**

**of this decision Rich Township District 227 is now providing meals for ALL CHILDREN up to age 18 no matter where you live or attend school.**

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. Five days of breakfast and lunch meals will be provided per child.

The next scheduled date for meal distribution is **Monday, September 14.**

Please see the important information when picking up meals:

***Serving Schedule for the Rest of September:***

*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](http://www.rich227.org), call 708-679-5728, or email [bwilliams@rich227.org](mailto: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