



RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227

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July 11, 2020

Dear Rich Township Families,

We at Rich Township High School send our sincerest wishes to your entire family. We are aware of the tremendous strain that the worldwide pandemic has placed upon us. Despite these serious issues, we hope that you are enjoying your summer!

At Rich Township High School, our staff is currently planning for the transition from three individual schools to one school with two campuses – STEM (formerly Rich Central) and Fine Arts and Communications (formerly Rich South). Our athletic spaces, classrooms, bathrooms and other common areas are transforming day-by-day as construction teams work to upgrade our facilities to 21st century standards. In addition to the changes being made to our facilities, I would like to share information about our plans for enrollment, which is explained in greater detail in the video below.

[Click here to watch the July 10 video message.](#)

This correspondence is to communicate important information regarding summer school graduation, enrollment and more. Please read the following communication in its entirety for additional updates.

Class of 2020 Summer School Graduation

Congratulations to our summer graduates! District 227 will be conducting graduation for the Class of 2020 Summer School students on **Tuesday, July 28, at 5:00 pm** at District Office. Parents must confirm their student's intention to participate in the Summer School graduation in order to receive a time slot to walk the stage. Please RSVP with Debra Wright, Summer School Director at dwright@rich227.org or Lashanna Clark, STAR Academy counselor at lclark@rich227.org.

AP Summer Work

If your student is enrolled in an AP course, he or she may be expected to complete summer assignments prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year. Please work with your student to ensure all assignments are completed before the beginning of the school year.

[Click here to view a complete list of summer AP assignments](#)

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Enrollment Information

For new students, including freshmen and transfer students, enrollment will be in-person by appointment only beginning **Monday, July 20** through **Thursday, July 30**, at the STEM Campus. All incoming freshmen and new students must complete online registration before scheduling their in-person enrollment appointment. Once the online registration process is completed, parents will be immediately directed to the link to schedule their in-person enrollment appointment.

All returning sophomore, junior and senior students must complete registration online. Next week, we will email you the secure portal link, unique code and detailed instructions on how to complete online registration.

Physicals: Incoming freshmen and rising senior students are required to have current physicals and immunizations as part of the enrollment process. Families are encouraged to make doctor appointments prior to starting the enrollment process.

[Click here for additional registration information for new and returning students.](#)

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

We want to assist our families during these trying times. District 227 has partnered with the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile to ensure our students have access to free medical services before returning to school. Simply complete the application to receive physicals and immunizations free of charge. Parents do not have to be present.

Mobile days are scheduled for **July 29, August 13, August 27** and **September 10**. Remember to fill out your application form 10 days prior to attending.

[Click here to complete consent forms](#)

Dental Assistant Program

For students entering their junior year, there is a great opportunity to earn a dental assisting license through Prairie State Community College while you are still in high school! You will have the opportunity to earn 41 college credit hours while still enrolled in high school. The average starting pay is up to \$38,450.00 a year! Prairie State has opened 25 spots in their fall program for District 227 students.

[Click here to apply](#)

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Prairie State College is compliant with all IDPH, CDC and CC health department requirements for Phase 4 and will offer a hybrid model of instruction.

CNA Program

In partnership with Prairie State College, the District will be offering the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program to rising senior students in Fall 2020. Students who are selected will have the opportunity to receive the CNA industry credential and 7 credit hours towards a nursing degree. Students will take classes at Prairie State College and will participate in a clinical experience.

[Click here to apply](#)

Food Service

As a precautionary measure, **meal distribution will be suspended on Monday, July 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Rich East High School**, due to two staff members exposure to COVID-19. Meal distribution is scheduled to resume on Monday, July 20.

[Click here for additional food service resources.](#)

Summer Camps

In accordance with the guidance set forth by IHSA and the Illinois Department of Public Health, we began our Return to Play (RTP) sports programs this week at Rich East. Due to this week's excessive heat, and to ensure the safety of our students and staff, we have rescheduled outdoor sessions to early in the morning and late in the evening.

[Click here for the revised summer athletic camp schedule](#)

All grade levels are encouraged and eligible to participate. In order to participate, students must register at il.8to18.com/richtownship. It is important to note that all athletes will have their temperature taken upon arrival. Any student with a temperature of 100.4 or above and/or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, will not be allowed to stay for their session.

Please call (708) 679-6171 or email Keith White, STEM Campus Athletic Director, at kwhite@rich227.org, or Omari Garrett, Fine Arts and Communications Campus Athletic Director, at ogarrett@rich227.org for more information.



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[Click here for Summer Athletic Campus Student Guidelines](#)

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As we begin to settle into summer vacation, I would like to remind you that we are planning for a number of scenarios under which schools can reopen in the fall. While there is much uncertainty at this time as far as how that will look, I would like to assure you that we are working to deliver our students the high-quality learning experience they deserve while maintaining the health and safety of our students and staff.

We will be working to keep you updated in the coming weeks regarding enrollment and information as it relates to 2020-21 school year.

You may also follow us on social media:

- Facebook: @District227 @richtownshiphs
- Twitter: @District227 @DrJohnnieThomas @richtownshiphs
- Instagram: @district227_ @richtownshiphs
- Superintendent's Message on our district website:
<http://www.rich227.org/SuperintendentsMessage.aspx>
- Illinois State Board of Education: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/covid19.aspx>

Please stay safe, strong and healthy. As always, thank you for your patience, support, understanding, compassion and commitment to our students.

Respectfully,

Dr. Johnnie Thomas
Superintendent