



Rich Township High School

Clubs and Student Activities - 2021-2022



The meeting dates, times, and locations for extra-curricular activities will be publicized through the daily school announcements, on the school website, and on monitors located throughout the school building.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB – The purpose of the African American Culture Club (AACC) is to help students of all races celebrate, embrace, and expand their knowledge of African American history and culture. Our goal is to provide social support while fostering student development and success through cultural awareness, leadership, philanthropy, and community service. The club is open to all Rich Township students who are interested in learning more about the history, traditions, and customs of African Americans.

Sponsor: LaChe Pool -- lpool@rich227.org

ART CLUB – The purpose of the Art Club is to promote a growing appreciation for art in our community and at Rich Township. The Art Club is an organization for students interested in art. We will emphasize the importance of art in our community and encourage the development of creativity.

Sponsor: Julisa Viramontes -- jviramontes@rich227.org; Lisa Langlois -- llanglois@rich227.org

ANIME CLUB – Anime Club is a place for any student who enjoys anime, drawing and games. Everyone is welcome, whether they know anything about anime or art.

Sponsor: Mark Kolkman -- mkolkman@rich227.org

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA – BPA has the ability to enhance student participation in professional, civic, service and social endeavors. BPA members participate in these activities to accomplish its goals of self-improvement, leadership development, professionalism, community service, career development, public relations, student cooperation and safety and health. BPA competes in area, state, and national competitions.

Sponsor: Cori Irvin -- cirvin@rich227.org; Michael Archbold -- marchbold@rich227.org

BROADCASTING CLUB – The Broadcasting club is a student-centered media club that covers RTHS news, sports, activities, and events. The club will involve live-streaming games, creating videos, both on-camera and tech roles are needed. All students are welcome.

Sponsor: Rashad King -- rking@rich227.org

CHESS CLUB – The Rich Township Chess Squad is an inclusive program that welcomes all students interested in chess. Students have the opportunity to develop their skills for a chance to compete in tournaments and matches. Chess season runs from October until mid-February. Players with no experience and of all abilities levels are welcome. The chess team competes in the IHSA State Tournament.

Sponsor: Phanna Chou -- pchou@rich227.org; Stephen Walker -- swalker@rich227.org

CHOIR--VOCAL MUSIC – Membership in the Rich Township Choir is open to all students with no experience necessary to join. All you have to have is a love for music and singing. Students will have the opportunity to sing a variety of styles of music and develop their individual voices. All students in the choir perform at concerts and the drama performances throughout the year.

Sponsor: DeMario Tribett -- demariotribett@yahoo.com; Sondra Davis -- sdavis@rich227.org

CLASS OFFICERS - Class officers are designed to help keep the class in order and running smoothly. Class officers are elected for a one-year term. Each class elects a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Class officers participate in various projects throughout the school year.

Freshmen Sponsor: Sandra Rehel -- sreihel@rich227.org

Sophomore Sponsor: Cina McCray -- cmccray@rich227.org

Junior Sponsor: Cori Irvin -- cirvin@rich227.org; Josephine Pulido -- jpulido@rich227.org; Jodi Johnson -- jjohnson@rich227.org

Senior Sponsor: Debra Wright -- dwright@rich227.org; Sharon Edwards -- sedwards@rich227.org; Kathy Gray kgray@rich227.org

CREATIVE WRITING – The creative writing club brings together students of all writing abilities who have an interest in creating fiction, non-fiction, scripts, or poetry. It provides a collaborative work environment to write, share ideas, and provide feedback for other's work.

Sponsor: Sara April -- sapril@rich227.org

DEBATE – Debate Club empowers students with the skills of expressing their beliefs clearly and concisely through public speaking and effective communication in a formal setting. Students learn to interact with others while learning to stay informed about current events and world affairs. Debate is serious in the nature of debates, but we never forget to have fun along the way.

Sponsor: Takema Taylor -- ttaylor1@rich227.org; Sheila McCray -- smccray@rich227.org

DECA – The DECA Club encourages the development of marketing, business, and leadership skills through academic conferences and competitions.

Sponsor: Ken Saam -- ksaam@rich227.org; Stacey McJunkins -- smcjunkins@rich227.org

DRAMA/MUSICAL THEATRE – Rich Township's Drama, Musical and Technical Theatre program offers opportunities for students who are looking for their opportunity to shine on stage and behind the scenes. The purpose of the Drama, Musical and Technical Theatre Club is to learn about acting, play production, and stage work culminating with two productions put on for Rich Township and the community.

Sponsor: Kathy Gray -- kgray@rich227.org; Cindy O'Dea -- codea@rich227.org

FUTURE LEADERS OF THE WORLD -- FLOW is a social enterprise focused on developing leaders within organizations and communities, bringing positive change and helping them achieve goals and ambitions. The world deserves leadership which is trusted, human-centered, responsible and responsive to the needs of others and our world. All people have influence, everyone leads, all students are welcome to be a part of the future leaders club.

Sponsor: Mark Kolkman -- mkolkman@rich227.org

GAMERS – All are welcome! Come join us and have a great time playing board games. In this club, we learn how to play many different types of board games from simple family and party style games all the way to very strategic games. We have a gaming library of over 100 games that have been donated by various companies and it is always growing. We meet once a week and always have a great time. Card games such as *Yu-Gi-Oh!* are only welcome on special days.

Sponsor: Phil Jenicek -- pjenicek@rich227.org; Mike Wilson -- mwilson@rich227.org

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) -- HOSA focuses on preparing students for careers in the Health Science areas. Members are empowered to become leaders in the global health community through education, collaboration, and experience.

Sponsor: Mark Kolkman -- mkolkman@rich227.org

HUMAN RELATIONS CLUB -- The Human Relations Club goal is to develop and implement activities to reduce prejudice and discrimination as well as increase cultural, religious, racial, and ethnic awareness in our local communities.

Sponsor: Mark Kolkman -- mkolkman@rich227.org

INDUSTRIAL TECH CLUB – All are welcome! Come join us to take your ideas and make them come to life. In this club, we learn how to design, build, program, and manufacture projects. We use laser cutters, 3D printers, CNC machines, power tools, high powered computers with top of the line design software and many more tools. We create items to sell for our own fundraising as well as compete in competitions around the region.

Sponsor: Michael Wilson -- mwilson@rich227.org

KEY CLUB – The purpose of Key Club is to learn how to lead and stand for what's right through service and volunteerism. In partnership with the local Kiwanis club, Rich Township students make positive changes as they serve Rich Township and the community.

Sponsor: Jennifer Bjork -- jbjork@rich227.org; Asia Norwood -- anorwood@rich227.org

LGBTQ – The purpose of LGBTQ is to work towards a more accepting environment for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity through education, support, social action, and advocacy. LGBTQ promotes tolerance and acceptance throughout the school community and provides a safe, non-judgmental space as a support network for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Straight youth who share a common vision of social equality.

Sponsor: Rebecca Glaser-Losey -- rglaserlosey@rich227.org

MARCHING BAND – Marching band is a group of instrumental musicians who perform while marching, often for games, school spirit, entertainment, parades and competition. Marching band performs many songs, traditions, and pageantry with flair.

Directors: Phil Crews -- pcrews@rich227.org

MATHLETES – Mathletes' purpose is to recognize mathematical ability, encourage independent study, stimulate interest in mathematics, and provide an opportunity to meet other students who enjoy mathematics. Mathletes is intended for students who have a strong interest and ability in mathematics. Mathletes competes against conference schools and in the Regional Competition; if students qualify, they compete at the State Competition held in early May.

Sponsor: Sharon Edwards -- sedwards@rich227.org; Phanna Chou -- pchou@rich227.org; Sara Georgetti -- sgeorgetti@rich227.org

MENTORING (FEMALE) – Rich Township's mentoring program is designed to create sustained, supportive mentor relationships for students in our school community. Female Mentoring is for our female students. This program assists in developing better self-esteem, creating healthy relationships, and making positive life choices.

Sponsor: Stacye Hopkins -- shopkins@rich227.org; Alexandria Wilks -- awilks@rich227.org; Candis Johnson -- cjohnson3@rich227.org

MENTORING (MALE) – Rich Township's mentoring program is designed to create sustained and supportive mentor relationships for students in our school community. Male Mentoring is for our male students. This program assists in developing better self-esteem, creating healthy relationships, and making positive life choices.

Sponsor: Corey Stallings -- cstallings@rich227.org; Ron Lynch -- rlynch@rich227.org

MOCK TRAIL - Mock Trial is a competitive club in which students simulate real trial scenarios. Teams consist of students in the roles of attorney and witnesses. All students are welcome.

Sponsor: Takema Taylor -- ttaylor1@rich227.org; Rob Grigsby -- rgrigsby@rich227.org

MULTICULTURAL LANGUAGE CLUB -- Club members work toward tolerance and understanding of all cultures, and promote events and themes that foster cultural awareness. They explore international ways of life and language, as well as issues and topics related to heritage.

Sponsor: Mark Kolkman -- mkolkman@rich227.org

NEWSPAPER – The school newspaper club provides a platform for students to express their ideas and creativity. Students develop their critical thinking and journalism skills. Participants build peer-to-peer relationships, shape their perspectives, opinion and identity in reporting school events, student interests, local and world news related topics. Everyone is welcome to join.

Sponsor: Kelly Gochenour -- kgochenour@rich227.org; Andrea Clark -- aclark@rich227.org

PEP CLUB – The Raptor Rowdies pep club spreads school spirit and shows support for all of our athletics, clubs, activities, students and staff events. Students celebrate all the wonderful things RTHS has to offer by attending events, decorating halls, sharing messages on social media, etc. Every student is welcome!

Sponsor: Mark Kolkman -- mkolkman@rich227.org

PEER MEDIATION – Peer Mediation is a student-led program that provides a safe and confidential space for students who are in conflict to talk through their issue.

Sponsor: Daniel Lawrence -- dlawrence@rich227.org

SCHOLASTIC BOWL – Scholastic Bowl is an academic, competitive activity where teams of students face off against other area schools and answer questions from school related subjects. We compete in a conference and regional tournament as well. This activity is open to all students. Rich Township has a junior varsity team for freshmen and sophomores and a varsity team for juniors and seniors. Each level has different question sets tailored for the students in that academic group. Come join our team and show off your academic skills!

Sponsor: Sean Coughlin -- scoughlin@rich227.org; Eric Sala -- esala@rich227.org; Elisa Paris -- eparis@rich227.org

SECME – Science, Engineering, Communication, and Math Enrichment club provides opportunities to foster interest and improve student performance in STEM related activities in preparation for related careers. The club is also committed to engaging and preparing more minorities and girls for college and careers in STEM.

Sponsor: Mark Kolkman -- mkolkman@rich227.org

SCIENCE CLUB – The purpose of the Science Club is to promote an interest in the sciences, to allow members to experience the sciences above and beyond the classroom setting, to provide science career information, and enhance the involvement of science students.

Sponsor: Yvonne Lavin -- ylavin@rich227.org

SNOWBALL – Snowball is a three-day retreat planned by teens that gives you a chance to learn about yourself, your peers, and a wide variety of topics. Snowball is a way to boost your self-esteem by being accepted for who you are, not what others want you to be, and to have a lot of fun doing it. Snowball I is open to students who have not attended a retreat. Snowball II is open to students who have attended Snowball I.

Sponsor: Kelly Stadter -- kstadter@rich227.org; Katie Stadt kstadt@rich227.org; Camille Hicks chicks@rich227.org

SPEECH TEAM – Speech team is an activity in which students perform individually or with a partner in various speaking, reading, interpretive and acting events. The purpose of the speech team is to give students experience in a variety of performance formats that are meant to develop public speaking and acting skills. The value of this activity lies in the chance for students to develop speaking skills they can use in the classroom as well as in the workplace.

Sponsor: Jeannine Seyfried – jseyfried@rich227.org; Robert Grigsby -- rgrigsby@rich227.org

STUDENT COUNCIL – This student government group develops school spirit, traditions and morale to serve the needs of the student body. They participate in community outreach initiatives, provide monetary scholarship opportunities, host school dances and other social events while providing leadership to the students. Activities include Homecoming and Turnabout assemblies and dances, winter food drive, spring blood drive, senior teacher day, and college fair tables.

Sponsor: Amy Kessler -- akessler@rich227.org; Cindy O’Dea -- codea@rich227.org; Stacy Dunn -- sdunn@rich227.org; Rashad King -- rking@rich227.org

TECHNICAL THEATRE CLUB (CREW) – Work with the team that designs, builds and paints the stage sets for our wonderful drama and musical theatre productions. Learn to operate the stage lighting and sound equipment.

Sponsor: Adam Ekhoﬀ – aekhoﬀ@rich227.org

TECHNOLOGY CLUB – The purpose of the Technology Club is to provide an atmosphere in which students who are interested in computers and computer gaming can share their ideas, knowledge and proficiency with other like-minded students.

Sponsor: Mrs. Thomas – dthomas@rich227.org

YEARBOOK – The yearbook records the events and activities of Rich Township High School through pictures and well-written comments and stories. Yearbook members are responsible for taking pictures, writing stories, interviewing students and staff, and writing captions for pictures.

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