



## **RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227**

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August 27, 2021

Dear Rich Township Families,

We have officially concluded our two weeks of transitioning back to in-person learning, and we are ready to start full days of instruction next **Monday, August 30** when all freshmen through seniors report to school. Please make note that next **Wednesday, September 1**, will be our first Late Start Wednesday and all classes will start with Mod 6. Students must remember to bring their Scholarchip IDs and charged device to school daily. There are a limited number of loaners available for students who forget their device.

Read more to learn important information regarding Coffee Chat, open house and more. Please read the following communication in its entirety for additional updates.

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

### **Coffee Chat**

The Rich Township High School Board of Education will host a *virtual* Coffee Chat on **Saturday, August 28 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am on Zoom**. This is a great opportunity for community members to learn more about district initiatives from the Board and administration team. This Coffee Chat will be hosted by Board Secretary Tiffany Taylor and Board Member Randy Alexander.

### **10-Day Drop**

Returning students who have not completed the online registration process, have not attended school and/or incoming freshmen who have not completed the registration process will be dropped on **Monday, August 30**. If a student is dropped, they will lose their schedule and will have to complete the entire enrollment and registration process again.

### **Freshman Induction/Open House**

We will welcome the Raptor Class of 2025 at our First Annual Freshman Induction Ceremony on **Thursday, September 2, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Fine Arts and Communication Campus**. Attendance is limited to the student and two guests.

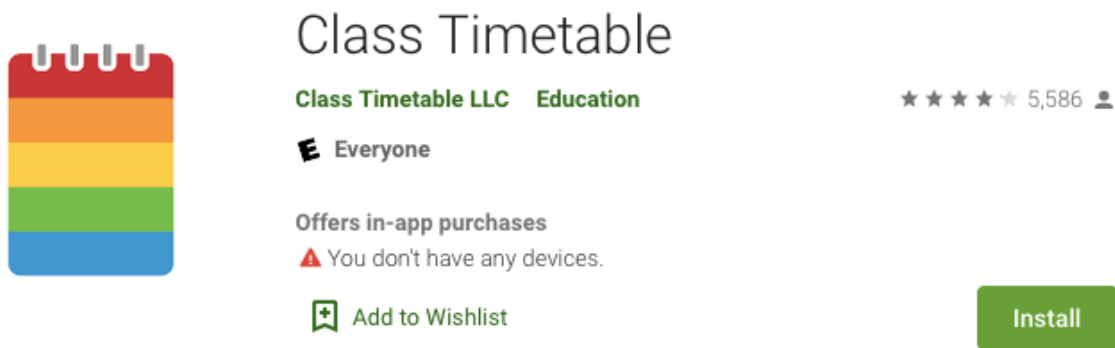
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Open House is also scheduled for that evening as well. Open House provides parents the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher, learn about the expectations for their courses, and sets the stage for a successful school year. We look forward to seeing our families for both events.

### **Flex Schedule**

We realize that the flex schedule is new for all of our students. Students are encouraged to download the **Class Timetable** app to their phone or device so they can keep track of their flex mod schedule and receive notifications when it is time for class. The app allows you to color code your courses as well.



A parent presentation that explains the flex mod schedule can be found [HERE](#).

### **Vote for the New Raptors Costume!**

We are working on securing a mascot costume for our home events and we need your input! [CLICK HERE](#) to vote for the look of our new mascot!

### **Brick Fundraiser**

Construction is underway on our new football stadium and track at the Fine Arts and Communications campus. To finalize the project, we are offering a chance for families, both old and new, an opportunity to purchase a Legacy Brick to lay in the entry way of the stadium.

[Click here to purchase a Legacy brick](#)

You will need to register for an account through the online platform. Once you have purchased a brick you will need to access the Google form link to submit your text that will go on your brick. You will receive a confirmation email with a sample brick image.

Please use the “Contact Us” link on the website if you have any questions.

**The deadline to purchase a Legacy Brick is next Monday, August 30 at 7 pm.**

### **Athletics**

Registration is now open for fall sports and activities! Please click on the following link to get signed up for any athletic and/or activities you are interested in joining for the upcoming school year.

[Click here to register](#)

### **Transportation**

The 2021 - 2022 bus routing information is posted on the transportation section of the website. Some changes have been made and we are continually working through changes. Please look for updates throughout the week.

[Click here to view transportation information](#)

### **Food Service**

The Food Service Department is excited to welcome all our students back to the 2021-22 school year! We want to remind you that our school district is now a *Community Eligibility Provision* District, which means **ALL** our students receive a **FREE** breakfast and **FREE** lunch daily when at school. And now that our students are eating their meals free, we wanted to do something new and different in the cafeterias. As you return to the school cafeteria, you will be able to experience our new *Cafe 227 Food Court*.

Every day can be a new culinary adventure or a chance to dine on your favorite meals consistently. Start your day out right with breakfast from the Waffle Bar, the Yogurt Bar, or the Rise and Dine Cafe in the morning. At lunchtime, visit the *Taste of Italy, South of the Border, Hot Off the Grill, Wings and Things, Souper Fresh and Green, or the Marketplace* and enjoy an abundance of choices that are sure to feature all your favorites culinary delights. So let us be your favorite school subject! Come dine with us daily! All you need to bring with you is your appetite!

Food Service is no longer accepting meal applications. Parents requesting a fee waiver for school fees must fill out a Waiver Application available on the district's website at [www.rich227.org](http://www.rich227.org). Return as directed on the form for approval by the Business Office.

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