



RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227

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August 7, 2021

Dear Rich Township Families,

The new school year is upon us, and we are excited about returning to full in-person instruction next week. All staff will return on **Monday, August 9**, for Institute Day, which will be held at the Fine Arts and Communications Campus. Our theme this year is *"Building a Stronger Foundation."* Institute Day will start at 7 am with registration and a welcome back breakfast. We are even more excited about the first day of school for our students, which is **Wednesday, August 11**, which will bring the return of a sense of normalcy to our students and families.

Read more to learn important information regarding our return to school, student schedules and more. Please read the following communication in its entirety for additional updates.

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

Return to School

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 11**. On **August 11 through August 13**, orientation will occur for all students who attend the Fine Arts and Communications and STEM campuses. Freshmen and sophomores will attend orientation from **8 am - 11 am**, and juniors and seniors will attend orientation from **noon - 3 pm**. Students in the ALPHA program, BELIEVE program and students who attend the Transition Center will attend school daily on **August 11 through August 30** from **8 am – 1 pm**.

FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORE

9 th /10 th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 8/11-13/21			8-11AM: 9TH/10TH GRADE ORIENTATION		
Week 2 8/16-20/21	ALL FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORES REMOTE				
Week 3 8/23-27/21	ALL FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORES IN-PERSON				

JUNIOR/SENIOR

11 th /12 th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 8/11-13/21			12-3PM: 11TH/12TH ORIENTATION		
Week 2 8/16-20/21	ALL JUNIORS/SENIORS IN-PERSON				
Week 3 8/23-27/21	ALL JUNIORS/SENIORS REMOTE				

Student Schedules

Students will be able to view their schedule in PowerSchool starting **Wednesday, August 11**. As a reminder, courses on a student schedule meet graduation requirement and are based on last year's meetings during course selection. Schedule changes can only occur for the following reasons: uptrack requests, passing of a summer school course, missing course from course selection or a duplicate course is on a student schedule.

Please reach out to your counselor below if you are requesting a schedule change based on one of these needs. Counselors are assigned by Academy and Alpha Slice. In order to find out who your counselor is, see the chart below:

PLEASE NOTE: Some classes may move after August 11 and some schedules may be affected.

FAC Campus	STEM Campus
Freshmen/Sophomore Academy	Freshmen/Sophomore Academy
A-He: Sherita Sabbat ssabbat@rich227.org	A-Gh: Paul Jurges pjurges@rich227.org
Hf-Sh: Dana Cudjoe dcudjoe@rich227.org	Gi-M: Stacye Hopkins shopkins@rich227.org
Si-Z: Lashanna Clark lclark@rich227.org	N-Z: Daniel Lawrence dlawrence@rich227.org
Business & Communications Academy	Health, Family & Consumer Sciences Academy
A-M: Kina Thomas kthomas@rich227.org	A-McK: Christine Drabick cdrabick@rich227.org
N-Z: Lashanna Clark lclark@rich227.org	McL-Z: Julia Robertson jrobertson@rich227.org
Fine Arts & IB Academy	Technology & Engineering Academy
A-Z: Josephine Pulido jpulido@rich227.org	A-M: Debra Wright dwright@rich227.org
	N-Z: Julia Robertson jrobertson@rich227.org
STAR Academy	
A-Z: Angela Rich arich@rich227.org	

Late Registration

If you have not completed the registration process, you must make an appointment for late registration with the campus registrars. Late registration will occur at both campuses on **August 17 from 10 am - 3 pm, August 18 from 12 - 7 pm and August 19 from 12 - 6 pm.**

STEM Campus Registrar: Ms. Greta Allen - gallen@rich227.org

Fine Arts Campus Registrar: Ms. Paula Kuzeja - pkuzeja@rich227.org

Face Masks

In alignment with guidance from health agencies, we are requiring that all students and staff wear a face mask the first ten weeks of school on the bus and on campuses. The district will regularly monitor local COVID-19 cases and other data to evaluate prevention practices in alignment with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and other health agencies' recommendations.

COVID-19 Testing Consent Form

Families should complete the COVID-19 Voluntary Testing Consent & Acknowledgment Form. This allows the district to test students for COVID-19. These forms will be emailed, and there is also a link on the website. The forms can be submitted to the nurse and there will be drop boxes at both campuses.

[Click here to learn more](#)

[Click here to download the consent form](#)

Vaccinations

We want to thank all of our educational partners who donated incentives to be raffled off for our students and staff to get vaccinated at the event held on July 29. Students and staff will have another opportunity to get vaccinated and enter the raffle at our second vaccination event on **Thursday, August 19**, where we will announce our grand prize winner.

Our sponsors and educational partners include **CT3, Get Fresh Produce Company, Gordon Food Services, Grace Productions Academy, Krystal Dairy, Mr. David Scott, NOLA Education, Pepsi Beverage Company and ThinkCERCA.**

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.

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 will be posted next week on the transportation section of the website.

[Click here to view transportation information](#)

Food Service

The Rich Township High School District 227 Food Distribution Program has come to an end. Any families who are interested in finding alternate sites that will be serving food this summer for all children up to 18 years of age can **call 800-359-2163 or text "FoodIL" to 877877** to get further information. We thank all the families that participated in curbside pickup over the past school year for your support!

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:

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- 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