



RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227

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Dear Rich Township Families,

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Each year, we encourage our students, parents and staff to take the [5Essentials Survey](#) to identify strengths and areas of opportunity at the district and campus level. Now is the time to take the survey, and we need your input to help us figure out what we need to work on to improve the district as a whole and ultimately deliver the highest quality of education to our students. The survey is completely anonymous and should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us, and it will help us make Rich Township a better place for all of us. In order for your feedback to be generated into a report, we need at least 20% of our parents to respond; however, I have faith that almost all of our stakeholders will respond and give us this important feedback. If you haven't already, please [click here](#) and select the appropriate survey to participate in the 5Essentials Survey. The survey will remain open through **Friday, April 2**.

Read more to learn important information regarding parent-teacher conferences, summer school and more. Please read the following communication in its entirety for additional updates.

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences

As we did in the fall, the district will host *virtual* parent-teacher conferences on **Thursday, March 18**, and **Friday, March 19**. The link to sign up for your appointment time will be available starting the week of **March 8**.

Summer School

The summer school registration link is now available!

Summer school fees have been waived for in-district students for the Summer 2021 Credit Recovery program **only**. Students will still have to pay for Driver's Education courses. Students must meet with their counselors to determine what courses they should sign up for, and the counselors must approve summer school course requests before the process is completed.

[Click here to register for summer school courses](#)

Summer school begins **Monday, June 7**. For more information, please visit the district website.

Summer Internship Opportunities

Juniors and Seniors: This summer, the district will enter Phase II of our rebranding project. There will be many opportunities for you to get a first-hand account of the construction trades from several career perspectives. If you are interested in a career in construction and would like to be considered for a summer internship opportunity at Rich Township High School, please complete the form. Space is limited, so make sure you register early!

[Click here to sign up](#)

The internship will run from **June 7 to July 16**. For more information, please visit the district website.

Transportation

Information regarding the bus routes is posted on our website. Please refer to the link below for regular updates.

[Click here to view transportation information](#)

Beginning **March 8**, there will be a change in AM pick up and PM drop off times for the following routes:

Consolidated routes:
FAC8, FAC9, & FAC10

Consolidated routes:
STEM3 & STEM4
STEM9 & STEM18

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Koperski at the Fine Arts and Communications campus at (708) 679-3195 or Ms. Lindholm at the STEM campus at (708) 679-5815.

Food Service

The Food Service Department is currently providing **seven days of FREE breakfast and lunch for any child up to the age of 18 years. Families do not have to live in the community or attend the district schools.** There are no forms to fill out and no income requirements. This program is provided to **ALL** families regardless of their financial situation.

Due to our status as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) district, **ALL STUDENTS now qualify for FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH DAILY** at school. If your student has selected the Hybrid Learning Model and is attending school in-person, please encourage them to take advantage of the free meals offered to them on these days. We also want to remind parents that meals for alternate days of remote learning can be picked up at the Curbside Meals Distribution Program on a weekly basis. Please see the information below for the scheduled distribution days and times.

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.

Please note that the location of drive through pick-up station at the STEM campus has been moved to the back of the school building. Vehicles should still line up in the front circle drive on distribution days, and security will direct the traffic, allowing only a few cars at a time to proceed to the back of the school.

Distribution Days and Hours in March:

Tuesday, March 2 - 10 am – 1 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm

Thursday, March 4 - 10 am – 1 pm

Monday, March 8 - 10 am – 1 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm

Wednesday, March 10 - 10 am – 1 pm

Monday, March 15 - 10 am – 1 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm

Wednesday, March 17 - 10 am – 1 pm

Monday, March 22 - 10 am – 1 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm

Wednesday, March 24 - 10 am – 1 pm

Monday, March 29 - 10 am – 1 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm

Wednesday, March 31 - 10 am – 1 pm

The next scheduled date for meal distribution is **Tuesday, March 2.**

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, call 708-679-5728, or email bwilliams@rich227.org

WHY PICK UP FREE MEALS FOR YOUR CHILDREN?

- **Healthy meals help fuel student learning.**
- **It is safe and convenient - curbside grab and go!**
- **Meals are varied and provide healthy daily nutrition.**
- **Save time and money on grocery shopping and preparing meals.**

- **Any child up to 18 years of age are eligible for free meals all school year.**
- **Your participation helps support and strengthen the school nutrition program for all children.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

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