



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

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Dear Rich Township Families,

As we prepare to welcome all our students back this fall, I have quite a few updates for you. We will be reopening in just a few weeks, and it's vital we get feedback from our students, families, and staff to ensure we are addressing your concerns to make our community feel safe and supported. I'm asking you to participate in a Thought Exchange to answer the following question: "What priorities and needs would you like us to consider as we return to in-person learning and support students?" There are three ways to participate in this exchange:

1. [Click here!](#)
2. Text the 9-digit code **406-117-806** to the phone number **728-55** to get a link to participate in this Exchange
3. Go to [tejoin.com](http://tejoin.com) and enter the following 9-digit code: 406-117-806

As a reminder, 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**.

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

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

### **Student IDs and Chromebook Pick-up**

All students will be required to take a new ID picture. Students will take their picture at their home campus from **8 am – 3 pm** according to the following schedule:

- Freshmen - **Monday, August 2**
- Sophomores - **Tuesday, August 3**
- Juniors - **Wednesday, August 4**
- Seniors - **Thursday, August 5**

Students at the STEM campus will enter at Door 1/Main Entrance. Students at the Fines Arts campus will enter at Door D20/Cafeteria. Students will receive their new ID during Orientation Week (August 11-13).

All incoming freshmen will also pick up their Chromebook on **Monday, August 2**.

### **Registration**

The registration for transfer students will be on **Tuesday, July 27**, and **Wednesday, July 28**, from **8 am – 3 pm** at the District Office. Parent should be prepared to provide their proof of residency documents as well as the required medical documents.

### **Summer School Graduation**

The Class of 2021 Summer School Graduation will be held on **Wednesday, July 28 at District Office**. There will be two ceremonies:

1. Students whose last name begins with A- M will participate in the 5:30 – 6:30 pm ceremony.
2. Students whose last name begins with N-Z will participate in the 7 – 8 pm ceremony.

Each graduate will be allowed to have two guests. Graduates should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony to line up for the processional.

If you have any questions regarding Summer School Graduation, please email Ms. Wright at [dwright@rich227.org](mailto:dwright@rich227.org).

### **Other Class of 2021 Information**

For graduates who did not pick up their diplomas, they will be available for pick up from the campus registrars starting next week and into the fall semester.

STEM campus: Ms. Greta Allen

Fine Arts and Communications campus: Ms. Paula Kuzeja

### **Vaccination**

Southland College Prep Charter High School will host a free vaccination clinic to prevent COVID-19 on **Wednesday, July 28** from **10 am – 1 pm** at the school, located at 4601 Sauk Trail, Richton Park, Illinois.

Anyone age 12 or older is eligible to receive a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at no cost during the event. You do not need to have a relationship with Matteson District 162 or Southland College Prep Charter High School. The clinic will be conducted by the staff of Emerge Med Staffing.

## **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](http://www.rich227.org), call 708-679-5728, or email [bwilliams@rich227.org](mailto:bwilliams@rich227.org)

## **Summer P-EBT**

News came from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) that they are awaiting confirmation from USDA regarding the Summer P-EBT program and whether the State of Illinois will be

authorized to make these payments. We will be watching for more information from ISBE and will continue to post all updates in future communications.

### **Scheduled Network Service Interruptions – July 26 thru July 30, 2021**

Please be advised that service interruptions are scheduled for next week. These interruptions are the result of our network infrastructure upgrades. The old network switches will be removed, additional ports will be added, and new switches will be installed. When the upgrades are completed, you will notice our systems will connect faster and have fewer outages. The new switches are also needed to support the voice over IP phone upgrade, access control upgrades, and security upgrade project.

The network switch replacement/interruption will occur according to the following schedule:

- **Monday, July 26:**
  - Start in the morning - Replace main hubs at **STEM Campus** and then begin replacing switches
- **Tuesday, July 27:**
  - Start in the morning - Replace remaining switches at **STEM Campus**
  - After business hours - Replace switches at the Admin Center
- **Wednesday, July 28:**
  - Start in the morning - Replace main hubs at **FAC Campus** and then begin replacing switches
- **Thursday, July 29:**
  - Start in the morning - Replace remaining switches at **FAC Campus** (If needed)
- **Friday, July 30:**
  - Troubleshooting and additional testing, if needed

Note that the District Office goes to STEM for internet connectivity, access will not be available on Monday for the District Office.

Staff are required to work during the interruption and work on projects that do not require network access. This interruption will impact the following systems: PowerSchool, internet access, IVisions, copiers, network printers, Wi-Fi, and access control.

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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- Instagram: @district227\_ @richtownshiphs

· 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