



RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227

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March 27, 2021

Dear Rich Township Families,

As a reminder, there is only one week left for our students, parents and staff to complete the [5Essentials Survey](#). The survey is completely anonymous, and your responses will never be connected to the identity of you or your child. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts on the conditions at your student's school and help guide overall improvement. We need at least 20% of our parents to respond in order to receive a report and we are counting on you for your feedback. Again, this survey is completely anonymous, and it only takes about 20 minutes or so to complete. The survey will close on **April 2**. [Click here](#) to begin the survey.

Read more to learn important information regarding Parent University, upcoming events and more. Please read the following communication in its entirety for additional updates.

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

Parent University

This district has decided to postpone Parent University originally scheduled for **Saturday, March 27**. It has been tentatively rescheduled for **Saturday, April 24**. We will be sending the new registration link to RSVP in the coming weeks.

IB Parent Meeting

For all interested students, there are 40 seats left for the 2021-2022 International Baccalaureate program! There will be another virtual parent informational meeting on **Monday, March 29 at 6:00 pm** for parents who would like to learn more about the program. The Zoom link is below and can also be accessed on the district website.

[Click here to join](#)

Meeting ID: 848 8070 8584
Passcode: 593831

Class Choice Letter

This week, campuses mailed out class choice letters to our families. This letter contains important information such as a list of tentative course requests for the

upcoming 2020-2021 school year, your assigned campus and any courses requiring travel. If you believe your student is in the wrong placement for a course or needs a change in campus, please reach out to their school counselor.

For incoming freshmen, decisions on placement into honors/AP courses were based on NWEA/PSAT scores obtained from placement exams or from the middle school. If you believe your student should be in a different placement, please be reminded that a summer placement exam will occur in early June. Also, if you believe your student's attendance boundary and/or your course electives is inaccurate, please contact the Associate Principal, Linnea Garrett at lgarrett@rich227.org or at 708-679-3070.

Future Ready

The district will hold its second Future Ready celebration virtually this year on **Wednesday, April 28** from **6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**. Registration is **required** and must be completed by **Wednesday, April 14**. Future Ready recognizes our seniors who have earned a college credit through Advanced Placement, Dual Credit or Dual Enrollment. We extend an invitation to attend this celebration for both the parent and the senior student via Zoom. Invitations will also be sent by mail and email.

[Please click here to register to participate](#)

Athletics

Spring season is here! Buses are available to pick up remote students to bring them to practices starting at 4:00 pm. There are also activity buses at 5:45 pm and 6:45 pm. All information regarding activity buses can be found on the [Athletic section](#) of our website.

All practice information can be found by contacting the program coaches:

Football

Coach Middlebrook
cmiddlebrook@rich227.org
STEM campus

Boys Soccer

Coach Grigsby
rgrigsby@rich227.org
STEM campus

Girls Volleyball

Coach Polensky
apolensky@rich227.org
STEM campus

As a reminder, there are no spectators allowed at any Southland Athletic Conference games. We will be looking to stream our games, so please stay tuned for streaming information.

Please contact your campus Athletic Director with any questions or concerns:
Fine Arts and Communications campus: Omari Garrett; ogarrett@rich227.org, (708) 679-3159
STEM campus: Keith White; kwhite@rich227.org, (708) 679-5794

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](#)

Important Pandemic Electronics Benefits (P-EBT) Information

The State of Illinois is approved to provide new Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT) benefits to all eligible Illinois students. Families in our district may qualify for P-EBT because we are a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). You do not need to complete an application to receive these benefits. Please note that citizenship status does not affect eligibility.

[Click here to learn about Pandemic EBT \(P-EBT\) SNAP Benefits Program](#)

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:

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 **Monday, March 29.**

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

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