



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

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Dear Rich Township Families,

**Dr. Johnnie Thomas**  
Superintendent  
[jthomas@rich227.org](mailto:jthomas@rich227.org)

There are less than two weeks left in the semester, and we are excited to honor the Class of 2021 at graduation on **Sunday, May 23**. We are planning to have an outdoor ceremony at the STEM Campus; however, in the event of inclement weather, graduation will be held indoors. We will be contacting families on Sunday morning to notify them of this change and remind them to bring the two **red** tickets to the ceremony.

**Dr. Alicia Evans**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Of Business and  
Operations  
[aevans@rich227.org](mailto:aevans@rich227.org)

Additionally, **Thursday, May 20**, was the last day of synchronous in-person instruction. I want to share with our families what instruction will look like for the next few weeks of school. Next week will be the last week of asynchronous instruction. The week of June 1 will be the end of the semester enrichment week and will be used for enrichment and make-up work only. During this time, students will be able to redo, revise, and resubmit assignments to improve their grade. Students with B's or better can continue to improve their mastery by taking advantage of the differentiated instruction teachers will be providing and are encouraged to attend class for extra-credit or work on Khan Academy. All other students are required to attend in order to enhance their mastery. No semester exams will be given, and instruction will be asynchronous during enrichment week.

**Dr. Stephen Bournés**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Of Educational Services  
[sbournes@rich227.org](mailto:sbournes@rich227.org)

**Dr. Kim Echols**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Of Human Resources  
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Read more to learn important information regarding our registration, food service and more. Please read the following communication in its entirety for additional updates.

**Mr. Larry Varn**  
Principal  
[lvarn@rich227.org](mailto:lvarn@rich227.org)

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

### **Senior Yard Signs**

The district ordered souvenir yard signs for all of our graduating seniors. The yard signs will decorate the STEM Campus as another way to honor the accomplishments of the Class of 2021. Seniors may take their yard sign home starting **Monday, May 24**. On **Friday, May 28**, we will remove all remaining yard signs.

**We are reminding our students and families not to take your yard sign on graduation day. We want our students and our community to see all of our graduating seniors.**

## **Registration**

We are excited to announce that Infosnap, our online registration portal, is now open through **Friday, June 4.**

All incoming freshmen must complete the online registration process using the unique 'SnapCode' that was mailed home. Once the online registration process is completed, parents will have access to schedule their in-person enrollment appointment. Parents will receive an email confirmation of their appointment. Completed physicals will be required for the in-person enrollment appointment along with immunization records. **If your student has not had their physical, you must present an appointment card or letter at enrollment.**

[Click here for the Incoming Freshmen Registration Instructions](#)

All returning sophomores, juniors and seniors will have to complete the online registration. The district has mailed home SnapCodes and directions for completing the online registration.

Incoming freshmen and rising seniors must complete registration in-person to verify residency and submit medical documents.

[Click here for the Returning Student Registration Instructions](#)

## **Staggered Start and End Times**

In an effort to maximize the advantages of our flexible modular schedule, the district will be modifying the 2021-2022 schedule to include staggered starting and dismissal times.

The school day will begin for some students at either 7:30, 8:00 or 8:30 am; the school day will end for those students, respectively, at either 3:30, 4:00 and 4:30 pm. **All freshmen will start at 8:30 am, the latest starting time. All sophomores through seniors will start at either 7:30 or 8:00 am.**

## **Student Book Return**

All lost or missing textbooks will be added to student accounts; therefore, students must return textbooks. This year, textbooks will be returned curbside only at the STEM campus at Door 5. All freshmen through juniors must return their books from **June 1 to June 3.**

## **Chromebooks**

### *Graduating Seniors*

**Seniors will be allowed to keep their District-issued Chromebook.**

We are asking seniors to fill out [this form](#) to complete the transfer process from District 227 to the student. The deadline to complete this form is **Monday, May 31.** The link to this form is also located in the Class of 2021 group in Schoology.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are attending Summer School, you will **NOT** be able to complete this process. Your device will need to be associated with District 227 to complete courses/credits.

### Returning Students

**All returning freshmen through junior students issued a Chromebook during the 2020-2021 school year will be able to keep the device through summer break.**

Students will be responsible for following the terms and conditions listed in the signed Student/Parent Technology Use Agreement, including the District 227 Acceptable Use Policy. Proper use and care are expected over the summer months so that all devices will be ready for use for the 2021-2022 school year. Any inappropriate use of the district-issued device will be notified via GoGuardian and reported to administration.

### Meal Account Refunds

As we approach the end of the current school year, we want to notify you of the procedures regarding student meal account refunds. All graduating seniors will automatically receive a refund of the balance on their food service meal accounts at the end of the school year. For all other students, money in their meal accounts will carry over into the next school year and can be used for future purchases, as needed. Parents preferring a refund of any balance over \$1.00 can make a request by sending an email to [bwilliams@rich227.org](mailto:bwilliams@rich227.org). Please include the student's name, parent name and current mailing address in the request.

### Food Service

**The Curbside Meal Distribution Program will end on Wednesday, May 26.**

Daytime meal distribution will take place at both campus locations on both **Monday, May 24**, and **Wednesday, May 26**. The final night meal distribution will be on **Monday, May 24** at the Fine Arts and Communications campus **ONLY**. The Food Service Department will be providing **nine 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.

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 May:*

*Monday, May 24 - 10 am – 1 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm (Night distribution at Fine Arts and Communications campus ONLY!)*

*Wednesday, May 26 - 10 am – 1 pm*

The next scheduled date for meal distribution is **Monday, May 24.**

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO FOOD DISTRIBUTION DURING THE SUMMER. PLEASE CHECK OTHER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO FIND PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE PROVIDING FREE MEALS TO CHILDREN DURING JUNE AND JULY.**

*Locations:*

*Fine Arts and Communications – 5000 Sauk Trail – Richton Park, IL*

*STEM Campus – 3600 W. 203<sup>rd</sup> - Olympia Fields, IL*

For more information, visit [www.rich227.org](http://www.rich227.org), call 708-679-5728, or email [bwilliams@rich227.org](mailto: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