



RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227

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Dear Rich Township Families,

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I hope that you are continuing to stay safe and healthy during these difficult times. We have previously communicated that our hybrid learning model will begin next **Monday, November 16**, for all students who selected it as their method of instruction. However, due to a concerning increase in COVID-19 cases in the state, **we have decided to postpone our hybrid learning model until January 19, 2021**. We are committed to the health, safety, and wellness of our families and staff, and we appreciate your patience and understanding. Also, if you have not already, please make sure your student has their required physicals and immunizations prior to returning to in person instruction.

This correspondence is to communicate important information regarding hybrid learning, the HUMANeX survey, and more. Please read the following communication in its entirety for additional updates.

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

HUMANeX Survey

In our continual efforts to ensure families know their opinions are valued and feel welcome in our schools, we invite you to complete a 5-minute survey to let us know your thoughts. The survey will be used to better understand perceptions regarding the school, teachers, principal(s), and superintendent.

The survey will be available to complete online beginning **November 9** and will close on **December 4**.

[Please click here for instructions on how to access the survey.](#)

Academic Labs

We want to remind our families of very important resources that will help our students be more successful during remote learning. Academic labs are academic centers that support students outside of class. The district provides content specific academic centers for English, math, science and social studies staffed by teachers in those content areas. Teachers are available to help students during remote learning and students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of academic labs during their Raptor time.

The academic labs schedules are posted on Schoology, on teachers' Schoology pages, and on the district website. They can also be accessed below:

<http://www.rich227.org/2020-2021AcademicLabs.aspx>

Afterschool Boot Camps

Boot camps are virtual and still running after school. There are also boot camps for students dually enrolled in Prairie State College courses and for the SAT. The following courses have after school boot camps for students in AP courses:

- AP Language
- AP Art

If you do not see a boot camp for your AP course, please reach out to your associate principal.

Athletics

Due to the increase in COVID-19 mitigation restrictions put in place by Governor Pritzker and the rise in positive cases in the area, all winter sports will be postponed until **November 30**. Please contact the program coach or campus Athletic Director for any updates and further information.

Boys Basketball

Coach Crossley

ccrossley@rich227.org

STEM Campus

Competitive Cheerleading

Coach Garrett

agarrett@rich227.org

STEM Campus

Girls Basketball

Coach Mays

bmays@dist159.com

Fine Arts and Communications Campus

Competitive Dance

Coach Lusby

rlusby@rich227.org

Fine Arts and Communications Campus

Girls Bowling

Coach Wolf

swolf@rich227.org

Bowling Alley: TBA

Boys Bowling

Coach Larsen

clarsen@rich227.org

Bowling Alley: TBA

Please contact your campus Athletic Director with any questions or concerns:

Fine Arts Campus: Omari Garrett; ogarrett@rich227.org, (708) 679-3159

STEM Campus: Keith White; kwhite@rich227.org, (708) 679-5794

Food Service

The Food Service Department is currently providing **five 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.

During the month of November, the distribution days and times have changed due to several holidays and the school day schedule. Please see the distribution schedule for pick up below.

Serving Schedule for the Rest of November:

Week of November 16th – Monday and Wednesday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm; Monday Evening 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Week of November 23rd – Monday ONLY due to the Thanksgiving Holiday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Week of November 30th – Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm; Tuesday Evening 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

The next scheduled date for meal distribution is **Monday, November 16.**

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