



RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227

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November 20, 2020

Dear Rich Township Families,

As we approach this holiday season, it is my greatest hope that everyone is able to stay safe and healthy. This time of year is about reflection and togetherness. We hope that everyone is able to have pride in how they have handled these difficult times and feel a sense of unity within our Rich Township family.

This correspondence is to communicate important information regarding mid-quarter grades, transportation, and more. Please read the following communication in its entirety for additional updates.

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

Mid-Quarter Grades

The district is implementing a cumulative grade for the first semester in order to allow our students to complete assignments they may have missed from the first quarter. Mid-quarter grades will be mailed on **Monday, November 23**, that reflects work completed up to **November 18**. Parents have PowerSchool access as well and can always monitor their student's course performance using PowerSchool.

8th Grade Placement Testing

A third placement testing day for our incoming freshmen (current 8th grade students) was originally scheduled for **Saturday, December 5**. Due to the rising concerns of COVID-19 and in an effort to keep our families and staff safe, we have decided to postpone the final testing day until it is safer to do so.

The new test date will be Saturday, January 23, 2021.

The placement test scores are just one of several metrics the district uses to place students. Other metrics include grades, NWEA scores, and teacher recommendations. The deadline to sign up for the 8th grade testing is **Monday, November 30**.

[Click here to register for testing](#)

Transportation

REMINDER: All transportation information can be found on the website.

[Click here to view transportation information](#)

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. Please see the distribution schedule for pick up below.

Serving Schedule for the Rest of November:

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 23.**

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