



RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227

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November 6, 2020

Dear Rich Township Families,

It comes with great pleasure to announce that 78 students were inducted to Rich Township High School's National Honor Society (NHS) chapter this fall. They will be joining the current 40 members that have merged from three separate chapters into one Rich Township High School NHS chapter. Due to the pandemic, a virtual ceremony was held this week to honor our scholars' accomplishments and can be viewed by clicking the link below, or on Schoology. Congratulations!

[Click here to watch the Rich Township High School NHS induction ceremony.](#)

In addition to our student's accomplishments, District 227 recognizes the individual talent of every teacher. We are especially honored to recognize our teachers who are among an elite group of educators working diligently to obtain National Board Certification. The Illinois National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Comprehensive Support System, and District 227 offer a sincere congratulations to Monica Bell, Helene Boganski, Andrea Clark, Kelly Hasty, Susan Lundgren, Ronnett Lusby, Yvonne Oconnell-Lavin, Brent Pfeiffer, Elisa Richard, Kelly Stadter, Louise Vinluan, Julissa Viramontes, George Vlahakis, and Craig West for taking the initiative to obtain National Board Certification. Nationally Board-Certified Teachers are significant because completion of the program is obtained by demonstrating advanced teaching knowledge, skills, and practices. NBPTS certification will identify our teachers as leaders in their field. We are honored to have these amazing teachers work with our students. Again, congratulations!

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

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

Hybrid Learning

As you know, District 227 has been preparing for our return to in-person instruction beginning on **Monday, November 16**. Students will be organized for instruction in one of the following ways: bi-weekly in-person instruction, daily in-person instruction, or full remote instruction. Families were notified this week by mail and email of their *student's designation*: either *A, B, C or R*. Parents can also

see their student’s designation by logging onto Power School. The icon will be located at the top of the page.

Parents and guardians **will not** be able to switch from remote to hybrid until Semester 2. If there is an error in your designation, please contact the following campus administrators by **November 10, 2020**:

FAC: Linnea Garrett, Associate Principal - lgarrett@rich227.org, 708-679-3070

STEM: Carl Scott, Associate Principal - cscott@rich227.org, 708-679-5633

For your reference, your student’s designation is explained below.

Designation	Description	Weekly Schedule	In-Person Start Date
A	Alternating in-person & remote instruction. Fridays are full remote each week.	Week 1: In-person Week 2: Remote	Mon, November 16
B	In-person instruction each week. Fridays are full remote each week.	Week 1: Remote Week 2: In-person	Mon, November 23
C	Full remote instruction	M-Th: In-person F: Remote	Mon, November 16
R	Full remote instruction due to medical non-compliance. Appropriate documentation must be submitted to nurse by <u>Nov. 16, 2020</u> . If documentation is provided, student will be reassigned to appropriate A/B/C designation.	Mon - Fri	
AM/BM/CM			

ID Cards and Welcome Bags

All students will receive a new 2020 - 2021 student ID. The student ID will be complete with a protective sleeve and lanyard. This ID will be required for students to scan into the building and for daily class attendance. Lost ID cards must be replaced for a \$10 fee.

The swag bag will contain the following items: face mask, T-shirt, water bottle, earbuds and Chromebook cover.

- **Students in Groups A, B and C** will receive student ID and welcome bag on first day of in-person instruction.
- **Students in Groups AM, BM, and CM** will receive their student ID and welcome bag on first day of in-person instruction pending medical documentation is provided.
- **Students in Group R** will receive their student ID and welcome bag on first day of Semester 2 in-person instruction.

Students who have not taken their ID pictures will be able to take their picture during their first day of in-person instruction on **Monday, November 16 or 23**.

Transportation Request for Hybrid Students

The following links will direct you to a survey indicating whether your student will need transportation starting **Monday, November 16**. We are asking that you complete this survey as soon as possible so bus transportation can be set up for your student. Please disregard if you have already completed the survey.

Week A Transportation Survey link: <https://forms.gle/XDmfcKVyTQ45R3e37>

Week B Transportation Survey link: <https://forms.gle/TVcYpRRn6zg9mBJ79>

Group C Transportation Survey link: <https://forms.gle/vWGq7qEfPNtd2VWG7>

If this survey was not completed before **Thursday, November 5**, your student will not have transportation until their second in-person attendance week.

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.

The next scheduled date for meal distribution is **Monday, November 9**.

Please see the important information when picking up meals:

Serving Schedule for November:

Week 1 and Week 2 - Monday and Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; Monday Evenings 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Week 3 and Week 4 - Monday and Wednesday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; Monday Evenings 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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 @richtownshiphs
- Twitter: @District227 @DrJohnnieThomas @richtownshiphs
- 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