



THE RAPTOR REPORT



The Co-Principals' Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience. This Newsletter has been a long time coming and we are super excited to be able to share the first edition of The Raptor Report with you. Just four months ago, the Superintendent of Rich Township High School asked me to join the leadership team as the first co-principal of RTHS and lead the work alongside Principal Varn with the goal of stabilizing the activities at the STEM Campus. I come to you with many years in educational leadership and a previous professional relationship with Principal Varn that makes this partnership destined for greatness. It is my pleasure to serve as the Interim Co-Principal and we look forward to meeting and growing with you for many years to come.

Principal Janice Wells



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Course Selection:

All 9th, 10th, and 11th graders are completing course selection for the 2022-2023 school year. Counselors will be meeting with students to review students' progress toward graduation requirements, share teachers' recommendations for course levels, and discuss elective course offerings. Information collected during these conferences will be used to build class schedules for next year. Please talk to your children about the courses that they have selected. If they wish to make any changes, they should make an appointment to see their counselor.

Parent Teacher Student Organization:

The Parent Teacher Student Organization will meet on Wednesday, February 23rd at the STEM Campus at 6:00 PM. This is a volunteer organization made up of parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, and students who are all dedicated to the successful education of our children. The PTSO works hard to help make the school year both enjoyable and exciting for students, teachers, and parents. The PTSO is here to help students and staff by providing support for educational and recreational needs; to promote open communication between administration, teachers, and parents/guardians and to encourage school spirit and pride. Families are invited to attend this meeting.

Middle Years Programme

PARENT LUNCHEON

Fine Arts Campus Cafeteria

5000 Sauk Trail, Richton Park, IL
Enter via door D20.

Saturday, February 26th

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP

RSVP

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF ALL THINGS IB.

- Staff Meet and Greet
- Student Celebrations
- Program Updates
- Summer Opportunities
- Parent Meetings/Group
- Diploma Program Presentation

WE ARE IB!

Rich Township High School is an International Baccalaureate Candidate School for the Middle Years and Diploma Programmes.

Contact Dr. Applewhite if you are the parent of an IB student and interested in serving on the authorization committee.

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9th & 10th Grade Parents



- DATES TO REMEMBER:**
- [Click here for Black History Month Events](#)
 - FEB 10:** NEIU College Visit 10AM
 - FEB 15:** ASVAB Testing FAC 8:30AM
 - FEB 17:** FASFA Workshop (FAC) 6-7PM
 - FEB 19:** Semester 2 Progress Reports Mailed
 - FEB 21:** Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL
 - FEB 23:** Award Letter Workshop (FAC) 6PM
 - FEB 28:** Early Dismissal
 - FEB 28:** Black History Program (FAC) 6PM
 - MARCH 3:** Award Letter Workshop (STEM) 6PM

CULTURE AND CLIMATE



AVOID BEING SWEEPED. ARRIVE TO CLASS ON TIME.

Time management is a valuable life skill that we are promoting at Rich Township High School. As our students transition into young adults, the concept of promptness will serve them well in their postsecondary endeavors. One of the ways that we are seeking to train students on the value of timeliness is by teaching them the importance of getting to **class on time**.

All students have four minutes to transition from one space to another in the building. Whenever the mod ends, students should promptly move to their next location. This includes getting to their next class, entering the cafeteria, and finding a flex space. Once this four-minute transition time is over, students are considered tardy and put themselves at risk of getting caught in a hall sweep.

Hall sweeps will be conducted at least twice per week and may be initiated at any time throughout the school day. During a hall sweep, teachers close their doors promptly at the end of the transition time. Any student still in the hall will be escorted to the tardy room where their tardy will be logged, the importance of being on time will be reiterated, tardy passes will be issued, and students will be sent to class. Consequences for multiple tardies will include progressive discipline beginning with a warning and parent contact, then after school detentions, followed by mandatory parent meetings and attendance contracts.

We encourage parents to talk to their children about getting to class on time. Parents can also keep track of their child's tardies through the PowerSchool App.



Fire Alarm

Evacuations caused by vaping, smoking or pulling without cause, will result in automatic expulsion and fine up to \$2K.

Over 100 Long sleeve shirts and sweaters were donated for students who need one. See school deans for details.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2022
at RTHS
FAC and STEM CAMPUSES

WELCOME TO A SAFE RETURN!



Forgot your ID?
No problem,
buy a temp \$1
and wear it for
the day.



PLEASE WEAR FACE MASK
NO SKI MASKS ALLOWED

FACE MASKS
MUST BE WORN
AT ALL TIMES

ID MUST BE OUT
AND WORN ON
LANYARD
AROUND NECK

NO HOODIES
ALLOWED AFTER
9AM Students MUST
put Hoodies in
locker/bookbag upon
entering building.

NO EXCEPTIONS!



Check your mail for monthly student fee bills. Student must wear ID or be charged \$1 for temp and \$10 for replacement.

Monthly Incentive

FEBRUARY R.O.A.R. INCENTIVE



Student Criteria

- 90% Attendance (Jan. 17-Feb. 11)
- No Infractions/Discipline referrals
- Passing all classes with 75% or better

POST-SECONDARY CORNER

FAFSA Workshop: If you have not already completed a FAFSA application for the 2022-2023 school year, the College, Career & Military Liaison's will be hosting a **FAFSA Workshop on Thursday, February 17th from 6-7:30 pm in the FAC Campus Media Center**. There, you can receive one-on-one assistance in completing your FAFSA application and have questions answered. Please make sure to get your FAFSA application completed and submitted as this is a graduation requirement.

Contact us at: mscott@rich227.org, dwillingham@rich227.org, and draetz@rich227.org.