

Greetings, Pharaohs, and Happy Friday! Hope you all enjoy this beautiful day and have the opportunity to get some fresh air. Below you will find our updated information. Please remember that all new information is highlighted in **RED**.

Pharaoh Updates

SENIOR GRADUATION: Graduation: June 22 at 1pm located at the Diamond. All graduating seniors will receive 4 tickets, no exceptions! There will be a **MANDATORY** graduation practice June 17 at 10am at the school. More detailed information is located in the senior handbook. All scholars will receive this next week.

It's time to take your Senior Class Black and White Photo! This is a long-standing tradition at Community, and I'm so glad that you all won't miss out on it.

Date and Time: June 2nd at 1pm
 Where: Front Steps of the school
 Who: Entire Senior Class

Dress Code: YOU MUST WEAR BLACK AND/OR WHITE DRESS CLOTHES. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

YOU WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE PHOTOGRAPH IF YOU ARE WEARING KHAKIS, JEANS, T-SHIRTS, GREY, CREAM, POLKA DOTS, STRIPES, OR PRINTS OF ANY KIND.

Last day for seniors is **Friday, June 11, 2021**.

UPDATED Last Day of School – We had originally planned to celebrate Juneteenth (which falls on a Saturday this year) on the following Monday, June 21. Because we need to use June 21 for graduation ceremonies (given The Diamond's schedule), we will be moving our Juneteenth observance to Friday, June 18. **This means that RPS will be closed on Friday, June 18, and the last day of school for teachers and students will be Thursday, June 17, which will be a 2-hour early release day.** Many thanks for your grace and understanding!

June Daily Schedules

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

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| 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. | Block 1 | |
| 10:20 – 11:05 a.m. | Block 2 | |
| 11:05 – 1:05 p.m. | Lunch/Async Time | AP Lit Exam - noon |
| 1:05 – 1:50 p.m. | Block 3 | |
| 1:50 – 2:40 p.m. | Block 4 | AP Comp. Sc. A Exam - noon |

Wednesday, June 2, 2021, Early Release Schedule

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| 9:15 – 9:25 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
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| 9:25 – 10:45 a.m. | Block 1 | Seniors – Final Exam or Final Project due |
| 10:50 – 12:00 p.m. | Block 3 | Seniors – Final Exam or Final Project due |

Thursday, June 3, 2021

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| 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:30 – 10:10 a.m. | Block 1 | |
| 10:15 – 10:55 a.m. | Block 2 | |
| 10:55 – 12:45 p.m. | Lunch/Async Time | AP Government Exam - noon |
| 12:45 – 1:30 p.m. | Activity Block – Class Meetings | SENIORS – Cap/Gown Distribution at RCHS, 12:30 – 3:30** |
| 1:30 – 2:10 p.m. | Block 3 | |
| 2:15 – 2:55 p.m. | Block 4 | |

**Seniors Taking AP Gov't will pick up cap/gown the following day

Friday, June 4, 2021

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| 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. | Family | |
| 10:05 – 10:35 a.m. | Block 1 | |
| 10:40 – 11:55 p.m. | Block 2 | Senior Final Exam or Final Project Due |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch/Async Time | AP Gov't SENIORS – Cap/Gown Distribution at RCHS, 11:00 – 2:00 |
| 1:05 – 1:35 p.m. | Block 3 | |
| 1:40 – 2:50 p.m. | Block 4 | Senior Final Exam or Final Project Due |

Monday, June 7, 2021

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| 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. | Block 1 | |
| 10:20 – 11:05 a.m. | Block 2 | |
| 11:05 – 1:05 p.m. | Lunch/Async Time | AP Language Exam - noon |
| 1:05 – 1:50 p.m. | Block 3 | |
| 1:50 – 2:40 p.m. | Block 4 | AP Comp. Sc. Principles Exam – 4 pm |

Tuesday, June 8, 2021*

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| 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. | Block 1 | |
| 10:20 – 11:05 a.m. | Block 2 | |
| 11:05 – 1:05 p.m. | Lunch/Async Time | AP Human Geography Exam - noon |
| 1:05 – 1:50 p.m. | Block 3 | |
| 1:50 – 2:40 p.m. | Block 4 | |

*Grades are Due Today for Seniors

Wednesday, June 9, 2021, Early Release Schedule

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| 9:15 – 9:25 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:25 – 10:00 a.m. | Block 1 | |
| 10:05 – 10:40 a.m. | Block 2 | |
| 10:45 – 11:20 a.m. | Block 3 | AP Calculus Exam - noon |
| 11:25 – 12:00 p.m. | Block 4 | AP Physics Exam – 4 pm |

Thursday, June 10, 2021

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| 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. | Block 1 | |
| 10:20 – 11:05 a.m. | Block 2 | |
| 11:05 – 1:05 p.m. | Lunch/Async Time | AP Chemistry Exam - noon |
| 1:05 – 1:50 p.m. | Block 3 | |
| 1:50 – 2:40 p.m. | Block 4 | AP Statistics Exam – 4 pm |

Friday, June 11, 2021*

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| 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. | Family | |
| 10:00 – 10:42 a.m. | Block 1 | |
| 10:46 – 11:28 p.m. | Block 2 | |
| 11:28 – 1:22 p.m. | Lunch/Async Time | AP Biology Exam - noon |
| 1:26 – 2:04 p.m. | Block 3 | |
| 2:08 – 2:50 p.m. | Block 4 | AP Environmental Science Exam – 4 pm |

***LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR SENIORS! ☺**

Monday, June 14, 2021

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| 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. | Block 1 | Underclass Exam or Final Project Due |
| 10:50 – 11:20 a.m. | Block 2 | |
| 11:20 – 12:45 p.m. | Lunch/Async Time | |
| 12:50 – 2:05 p.m. | Block 3 | Underclass Exam or Final Project Due |
| 2:10– 2:40 p.m. | Block 4 | |

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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| 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. | Block 1 | |
| 10:05 – 11:20 a.m. | Block 2 | Underclass Exam or Final Project Due |
| 11:20 – 12:45 p.m. | Lunch/Async Time | |
| 12:50 – 1:20 p.m. | Block 3 | |
| 1:25– 2:40 p.m. | Block 4 | Underclass Exam or Final Project Due |

***All Grades are Due**

Wednesday, June 16, 2021* Early Release Schedule

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| 9:15 – 9:25 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:25 – 10:00 a.m. | Block 1 | |
| 10:05 – 10:40 a.m. | Block 2 | |
| 10:45 – 11:20 a.m. | Block 3 | |
| 11:25 – 12:00 p.m. | Block 4 | |

****This schedule may change****

Thursday, June 17, 2021* LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! Early Release Schedule

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| 9:15 – 9:25 a.m. | Morning Meeting | |
| 9:25 – 10:00 a.m. | Block 1 | |
| 10:05 – 10:40 a.m. | Block 2 | Class of 2021 Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal at RCHS – 10 a.m. |
| 10:45 – 11:20 a.m. | Block 3 | |
| 11:25 – 12:00 p.m. | Block 4 | |

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Interim grades are available via ASPEN for all scholars. Please log into your ASPEN accounts to view current grades.

Yearbooks: Our yearbook this year will be solely dedicated to our seniors. The cost of the books is \$27 and it will be available to purchase online by next week. Each senior will get a half of a page or a whole page in the yearbook that will include their senior portrait, six-word memoir, dot-dot (yearbook statement/quote), a baby/childhood picture submitted by family, and a line or two of well-wishes from parents/loved ones. It is important that we adhere to a strict timeline for submission of baby pictures and a message to your student. Please submit via email TODAY. The subject of your email should contain your student's first initial and last name. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Burt (Ms. Brooks) at abrooks@vaschools.net.

AP Exam Information:

Step 1: Download the App

Students must download and install the digital testing application on an approved device they'll use on exam day. If they'll be testing on a school-managed device, your school will complete this step for them or provide necessary instructions. All students must log in to the app with their College Board username and password to complete installation.

Step 2: Use Digital Practice

Practicing with example questions in the digital testing app is the best way to prepare for digital exams. Digital practice also confirms that students' testing computers work as expected before exam day.

Step 3: Complete Exam Setup

For **each** digital AP Exam students take, they must complete the exam setup step in the digital testing app. This step loads the exam onto the computer they're going to test with. Completing this step is required 1–3 days before each exam. Without taking this step for each exam, students won't be able to test. Here's an exam setup overview you can share with students.

Step 4: Check In to Exam

Students are required to check in to each of their digital exams **30 minutes before the start time** to complete final pre-exam checks. Make sure they know what time the exam starts in your time zone. Students can only check in on the device they used to complete exam setup.

Chromebooks: You need a school-issued Chromebook for AP and SOL testing. Please contact the school to schedule a time to pick up one.

Tutoring "Boot Camps": Please see below our teachers' availability outside of the normal school day, and please encourage your scholars to take advantage of this opportunity. These tutoring sessions will focus on upcoming AP and SOL assessments.

| SOL & AP Tutoring Schedule | | | | | | | |
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| Teacher | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| Ella Ilie | 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm | 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm | | 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm | | | |
| Heather Crone | 8:30 am to 9:15 am | 8:30 am to 9:15 am | 8:30 am to 9:15 am | 8:30 am to 9:15 am | 8:30 am to 9:15 am | 9:00 am to 12:00 noon | |
| Jida Dahal | 8:15 am to 9:15 am | 8:15 am to 9:15 am | 8:15 am to 9:15 am | 8:15 am to 9:15 am | 8:15 am to 9:15 am | 8:00 am to 10:00 am | 8:00 am to 10:00 am |
| | AP Physics | AP Physics | AP Physics | AP Statistics | AP Statistics | 1 hour for each | 1 hour for each |
| Nabila Haddadine | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm | | 9:00 am to 12:00 noon | |
| Vincent Simone | 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm | 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm | 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm | 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm | 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm | | |

UPDATED SOL DATES BELOW:

RPS EOC SOL TESTING SPRING 2021

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| MAY 1 | 11 EOC Writing |
| | 11 EOC Reading |
| MAY 8 | |
| MAY 15 | Biology, Chemistry*, Earth Science* |
| | Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2* |
| MAY 22 | |
| JUNE 5 | History Make-up Testing / Expedited Retakes |
| | Make-up Testing / Expedited Retakes |
| JUNE 12 | |

Testing begins at 8:30am. Transportation is provided. All students MUST register through the testing survey. Walk-ins are NOT permitted. For more information, contact your school counselor. *Available ONLY to students who need to earn a verified credit for graduation.

SENIORS:

It is time to order your Class of 2021 t-shirt! Exciting news--you can now pay online using this link: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/RichmondVA/>

(You may still come to the school with cash if you prefer.)

Ordering will close TODAY.

*Mrs. Crone has your t-shirt size. Contact her with any questions.

Monday, May 24 (6pm): PTSA

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86162510752?pwd=UkNGZFZDbHhZOVVoUE9mbWVlaC9tQT09>

Meeting ID: 861 6251 0752

Passcode: dp2fSC

***RCHS is ranked #11 for US News & World Reporting Ranking for High Schools ----- YAY!!!!

Senior Scholarship Information:

Ms. Williams has sent out multiple scholarships to all seniors. You can find a list of all scholarships on our school's website: <https://www.rvaschools.net/Page/2585>

Please encourage your scholars to apply and to reach out to Ms. Williams for strategies to make this process easier for them.

The Richmond Community High School Alumni Association is thrilled to launch our NEW Mentorship Connect Program!

May 27 (7pm)

Through this program, we look forward in 2021 (and beyond) to officially connect the resources and expertise of past students with the Best and Brightest in the “building” in a meaningful and uplifting way.

Ongoing Alumni / Student / Student Parent Support - Year-Round Support
(Open to Alumni, Students + Student Parents via [Telegram Group])(<https://telegram.org/>)

Students who wish to participate, click the link below to be tapped in:

<https://tinyurl.com/29an7fta>

Use the link below to drop any program questions and/or concerns you make have:

<https://tinyurl.com/rj8cu44a>

Pharaoh's General Information

- When completing assessments, we are asking that all scholars have their cameras on, if possible. If they are unable to honor this request, please reach out to the teacher to make them aware.
- As scholars become comfortable using Google Classroom, emailing teachers, logging in on time, and creating and organizing files on their Chromebooks, please remind them of our expectations. They should communicate with their teachers if they are reporting late to class or leaving a class early. We have to document this information, and we want to ensure that all scholars receive their missed assignments.
- All scholars are required to attend Family on Fridays. Every Friday we are using the Family bell schedule that can be found on our school's website. Family is a good time for scholars to engage with their peers and family head about various topics. We use this time to build rapport with one another and provide supports for each other. Family is not optional; it's a requirement for all RCHS scholars.

- Scholars with broken devices, here is the information on how to get it fixed: phone number (804) 780-6195 option 1. You can also report to the following locations for assistance:

1. Mondays: MLK (7:30-10:30am)
2. Tuesdays: Fairfield Elementary (2:30-5:00pm)
3. Wednesdays: Chimborazo Elementary (7:30-10:30am)
4. Thursdays: George Wythe (2:30-5:30pm)
5. Fridays: Boushall Middle (7:30-10:30am)

- **Attendance:** We are tracking attendance. It's important that all scholars report to all classes. We are making phone calls from our attendance team for all scholars who have missed three days. Once a scholar reaches five days, we will proceed with an attendance letter; anything over five, we will notify the family liaison and school's social worker. Please be sure to make the main office aware of absences by calling (804) 780-4332 or emailing Ms. Spruell at sspruell@rvaschools.net

As always, thanks for your partnership in education. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the main office (804) 780-4332. I can also be reached by email at kmassenb@rvaschools.net. Please remember: we are Pharaohs, leading the way while Standing Firm in Our Excellence.....ALL IN, ALL ONE, ALL PHARAOHS!

Mrs. Kenya Massenburg

RCHS Principal