

Greetings Pharaoh Parents & Scholars,

We extend a warm “Welcome Back” to all of our returning pharaohs. School begins on September 3, 2019 and I am super excited to welcome everyone back for the new school year. It’s my first official year as the Principal of Richmond Community High School and I expect it will be nothing less than amazing for us all! I’m truly looking forward to working with each of you, taking flight and not looking back. Our theme for this year is: *Committed to Excellence*. This theme expresses our dedication to the long-term course of action of always looking at where we are as a school community and how we can strive to be a little better.

As the scholars return to our classrooms and hallways, enthusiastic to learn, some of the ways we will deliver on the theme are always thinking and planning ahead, listening and taking action, over communicating, focusing on our goals, displaying grit, and always maintaining a positive attitude. Also, in line with our theme, we will continue to uphold our rich traditions of challenging our scholars through a rigorous curriculum, productive partnerships with parents and the community, and collaborative conversations. I am fully committed to working tirelessly with all stakeholders to provide our students with an educational experience that will shape them into global citizens ready to embrace opportunities for continuous growth and leadership.

Below is important information for the school year. Please read carefully. By working together and communicating regularly, we can make your scholar’s transition and/or return smooth and exciting. Should you have any questions, please contact the main office (804) 780-4332. If you need to reach me directly, I can be contacted on my cell phone at (804) 837-5998 or by email [Kmassenb@rvaschools.net](mailto:Kmassenb@rvaschools.net)

I look forward to serving you all as Principal of Richmond Community High – Home of the Pharaohs!! Together we are ONE, one family, one Community, *Committed to Excellence!*

Your Partner in Education,

***Kenya E. Massenburg***

Mrs. Kenya E. Massenburg, Principal

## **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY**

### **REGISTRATION FORMS**

All forms should be completed and returned the first week of school. Forms will be distributed during the FAMILY block for all scholars and should be returned to their assigned FAMILY head. Fees should also be paid during FAMILY.

*\*Please make sure that all information is up to date. Especially email address, contact numbers, and mailing address for all communication purposes.*

### **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

This information will be posted on our school's website once it's finalized with the transportation department.

### **SCORE**

We will follow S.C.O.R.E. in support of Richmond Public Schools. However, scholars of RCHS are expected to never display inappropriate/negative behaviors. As a community, we pledge to uphold all expectations and standards of being a PHARAOH at all times!

### **SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

Schedules will be finalized this month and available on the first day of school. Scholars will report to FAMILY to retrieve final schedules.

All schedule changes must be completed by the second week of school **September 13<sup>th</sup>**. If a schedule change is needed, please complete the appropriate form (located in the main office and/or school counseling department). Forms must be complete prior to scholar's appointment with Ms. Williams (Bernita Williams- [Bwilliam@rvaschools.net](mailto:Bwilliam@rvaschools.net)).

If you have requested to be enrolled in an AP course. Please visit the College Board website as you prepare for the school year:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>

## **ACADEMICS**

All scholars will be required to read for 10-15 minutes (Independent Reading) daily through English classes (self-selected book).

All scholars will receive a syllabus for every class. Please read each syllabus carefully as teacher expectations and course expectations will be listed. Supplies needed will also be listed.

All scholars are expected to be complete all assignments for all classes within the time frame allotted.

All scholar grades will be updated in ASPEN every two weeks (on Fridays) starting the second week of school.

### **\*Important Changes\***

For SY19-20, we are continuing our commitment to prepare all of our students for college and career, and delivering on the theme of Committed to Excellence, by integrating AP Seminar and AP Research into our course plan for all students.

- Over the next few years, we will shift to an expectation that 10<sup>th</sup> graders take AP Seminar and 11<sup>th</sup> graders take AP Research. We will phase this approach in starting this year with all 10<sup>th</sup> graders taking AP Seminar, any student who has taken AP Seminar will take AP Research, and all students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade who haven't taken AP Seminar yet will also be expected to take the course.
- Adding AP Seminar and AP Research helps us continue our strong tradition of senior thesis, but with added benefits of including more rigorous AP coursework on our students' college transcripts, college credit and potential for an AP Capstone Diploma.
- Both AP Seminar and AP Research encourage student engagement by allowing students to choose their topic of focus. This topic choice is an opportunity for continuous growth and leadership for all our students.
- Topic choice will also allow students to potentially align their Seminar or Research classwork with other classes they are in to connect and enrich their experience.

German will no longer be offered at RCHS

## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PROCEDURES**

All scholars will report directly to the cafeteria for breakfast. After breakfast, all students will transition to the auditorium for morning meeting. At the conclusion of morning meeting, all scholars will then transition to their FAMILY (homeroom) to retrieve schedules.

FAMILY assignments will be posted on every hallway on every floor for scholars to determine where they should report after morning meeting.

Our Bell Schedule will be posted on the website by the end of this month. We are making slight changes to adapt the RTC bell schedule for this school year.

Bus Hubs and Bus numbers will also be posted for scholars to check before dismissal.

Lockers will be distributed by the second week of school during FAMILY. All students will be assigned a locker for the school year.

**Back to School Night- September 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm- 7:30pm**

**AND FINALLY.....**

Once again, we always welcome the opportunity to speak with you. If you have any questions, please let us know. We look forward to working with you and your scholar and are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to start this journey with our scholars. Have a safe and happy end of the summer. Thank you for entrusting your scholar to the teachers and staff at Richmond Community High School.