Weekly Update - January 23, 2023

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Richmond High School Vision:

Building a community of diverse learners who thrive in an ever-changing world.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

January 25, 26, 27 - Semester 1 Exams (full student days)**

** Week of January 23 exam schedule attached.

PRESTIGE PORTRAITS

Due to some families not receiving the information sent prior to Winter Break and due to the closure of school the week before the portrait sittings, we have arranged for one more opportunity (at the building) for Class of 2023 students to have their picture take through Prestige Portraits. Prestige will be here in the building on **February**7. Students must book an appointment with Mrs. Ferranti in the front office beginning on January 19 to be photographed. There is a \$20 session fee collected at the time of the photograph - cash or check only.

Senior Composite: This is done through Prestige. Any student who wishes to be in the class composite must have a picture done through Prestige (either through sessions offered at the school or you can make an appointment). This is the official school composite.

Questions? Please reach out to Mrs. Nader at jnader@richmond.k12.mi.us for more information.

SENIOR YEARBOOK/PICTURE INFORMATION

Senior Composite: This is done through Prestige. Any student who wishes to be in the class composite must have a picture done through Prestige (either through sessions offered at the school or you can make an appointment). This is

the official school composite.

Senior Yearbook Picture: Students may choose the picture they would like in the yearbook. This can be a picture from any photographer, or they can choose to use the one done with Prestige. If you choose one from another photographer, email your picture to rhsyearbook@richmond.k12.mi.us

Picture requirement: size: 1.5" wide by 2" tall

Quality: at least 300 dpi (high resolution)

Format: digital jpeg

We recommend head-shots or pictures from the waist up; if a student chooses a picture from further away, it is hard to see their face.

Senior Yearbook Recognition Ads: If you would like to create an ad (with a message, extra pictures etc.) for your senior in the yearbook, you do this online through the Jostens link below

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/ybAdDesigner/1063489/-/2022071412152275065/CATALOG_SHOP/

FAQ's and Other Important Notes

- What is the difference between the Yearbook Picture vs. Class Composite?
 - Yearbook pictures that you choose to submit can be done through any photographer. However, to be included on the class composite and to receive a copy of the class composite, you will have to go through Prestige.
- Why are we using two different companies?
 - Jostens is the company we use to create the yearbook (not to take senior pictures). Prestige Portraits is the company that takes and creates the senior composites.
- Can I just send Prestige a photo that we took or that another photographer took?
 - Prestige does not accept pictures for the composite that are not done through them.

Contact information for Prestige:

Website: Grad Photography in Shelby Twp, MI | Prestige Portraits https://local.prestigeportraits.com/mi/shelby-twp/46855-hayes-rd-.html

Phone: (586) 532-9300

SAT WORKSHOP

The MISD is pleased to announce the return of the Student SAT Prep Workshop! Each year we receive positive feedback from both students and parents regarding how helpful this workshop is!

The Student SAT Prep Workshop is designed for juniors who are getting ready to take the spring SAT exam. The workshop will be held in-person at the MISD, and there are multiple dates offered to accommodate busy schedules.

Workshop dates to choose from:

- February 4, 2023
- March 11, 2023
- March 18, 2023

Registration includes a copy of the College Board SAT Study Guide and lunch.

Registration is online at events.misd.net (type "Student SAT" in the search bar). Contact Ms. Szabo (aszabo@richmond.k12.mi.us) or Ms. Lepak (slepak@richmond.k12.mi.us) for more information.

UPDATED ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Considering the recent school closures and staff changeover, the administrative team has decided to suspend the district's weekly eligibility standard. The district will be following the MHSAA eligibility standard. Per the MHSAA, students must be passing 66% of their courses in order to be eligible for contests and scrimmages. In a 6-period day, this would mean passing 4 out of 6 courses.

This suspension of the district standard for eligibility will run through the end of the semester, at which time eligibility will be based on the student-athlete passing all of their courses, per the district policy.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TUTORING

National Honor Society is offering tutoring services to students in need. Parents/students may complete a tutoring request by clicking on the following link - **bit.ly/nhstutoringrequest** Questions? Contact NHS Advisor Mrs. Kari Shagena at kshagena@richmond.k12.mi.us

SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE NUMBER - 988

The new nationwide 988 three-digit dialing code will route callers to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, previously known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL). Michigan residents in crisis or distress can connect via phone, text, or chat with suicide prevention, mental health, and substance misuse support specialists using a nationwide, easier-to-dial phone number – 988. Calls to 988 are routed to Michigan 988 Centers. Like 911 and other national 3-digit phone numbers, 988 was created to be easier to remember and make crisis care easier to access. Starting in 2023, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is asking schools to begin the transition of shifting away from using the former NSPL number on the back of school identifications (IDs), replacing the 800 number with 988. For questions or additional information, please email MPCIP-support@mphi.org or visit the website 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and Michigan Crisis & Access Line.

POWERSCHOOL

If you are experiencing issues with your PowerSchool login information, please contact Ms. Ferranti at (586) 727-3225 x3008

ATHLETE ATTENDANCE

Per the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct, student athletes must be in class all six hours to practice or participate in a game. Regularly verified absences will not be held against a student. Reports will be run during 6th hour each day by the Athletic Department. Questions? Contact Mr. Treend at ptreend@richmond.k12.mi.us

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

Free and reduced lunch forms are available in the front office and the cafeteria. If you need more information regarding the process and/or completing the form, please contact the office for assistance. The cost of breakfast is \$2 and the cost of lunch is \$3.25.

BACKPACKS

Backpacks are only permitted when entering and exiting the building and must be left in the student's locker throughout the school day. Please see Student-Parent Handbook for further information regarding appropriate bag use for laptop computers and other personal belongings.

Guaranteed Learning for All Students!

Richmond Community Schools would like to continue connecting with you via email. If you prefer to be removed from our list, please contact Richmond Community Schools directly. To stop receiving all email messages distributed through our SchoolMessenger service, follow this link and confirm: <u>Unsubscribe</u>
SchoolMessenger is a notification service used by the nation's leading school systems to connect with parents, students and staff through voice, SMS text, email, and social media.