

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Blue Devils

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QUARTER 2



**THE BIGGER
THE
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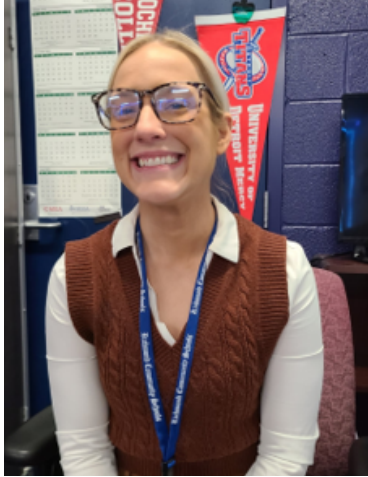
PRINCIPAL SPOTLIGHT

Quarter 2 of the 2022-2023 school year brought about challenging times for our school community, but with every challenge, comes the opportunity for growth.

Throughout the past ten weeks, our staff have adapted and accommodated and our students have been flexible and understanding. During all of this, it continues to be a rewarding experience as an educator when you see students engaged in the learning process in the classroom, cheering on their peers at an athletic or fine arts competition or laughing in the halls and during lunch with their friends. As a building, we will use the change in semester to welcome new staff into our building, reflect on the first half of the year, revisit expectations both in the building and the classroom and continue to provide a variety of supports for our students and families. Earlier this year the staff established a building vision statement which acts as a guide and motivator when challenges are encountered. As a collective group, we are committed to "building a community of diverse learners who thrive in an ever-changing world." Our focus on the implementation of Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures and building a positive classroom environment through the establishment of relationships will continue to lead the work around our vision statement.

Welcome Ms. Tammy Kramer

Ms. Kramer graduated from Texas Woman's University with her Bachelor of Science degree in education and M.Ed. in Special Education. Previously, she worked as a special education teacher in Center Line in the Early Childhood program and the high school CI program. Additionally, she was the Intake Coordinator who transitions the students from the ISD into the school district. When she is not teaching, she loves to travel, rollerblade, and enjoys watching her two sons play sports.



Welcome Ms. Colleen Zito

Ms. Zito is a counseling intern supervised by Ms. Sheila Lepak. Ms. Zito is expected to graduate from Oakland University in April 2023 with her degree in Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling. Ms. Zito has experience counseling adults, adolescents, and children at Oakland University's counseling center. Colleen loves spending time with her family and friends, reading, and coaching basketball Oakland University's Autism Outreach Services.

Welcome Mrs. Nicole Schafer

Ms. Schafer is originally from Northern Michigan and has resided in Richmond since 2016. She is a 1993 graduate from Kalkaska High School and obtained her cosmetology license in 1994. She married her husband Ryan in 2006. When she is not being an Uber for my 4 kids, Elizabeth, Lily, Piper and Hank, she enjoys reading, cooking/baking, yoga, gardening, bonfires, watching movies and college football (GO IRISH!). She also LOVES the dad jokes, lol! She also keeps busy with their two dogs, raising chickens, pigs, goats and an occasional cow or two. She is so excited to be part of the staff here at Richmond! (Her dad is a graduate from Richmond and thinks it is kinda cool to be in the halls he once walked!)



Welcome Mr. Jim Barnes

Mr. Barnes is a longtime Richmond employee (20 years) as a teacher and basketball coach. He is certified in Physical Education and Health K-12. He earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan, Master's degree from Marygrove College and did post-graduate work at Drake University. He enjoys spending time with his family. When he is not teaching or spending time with family, he enjoys working with teams and coaches.



Welcome Mrs. Corinne Christensen

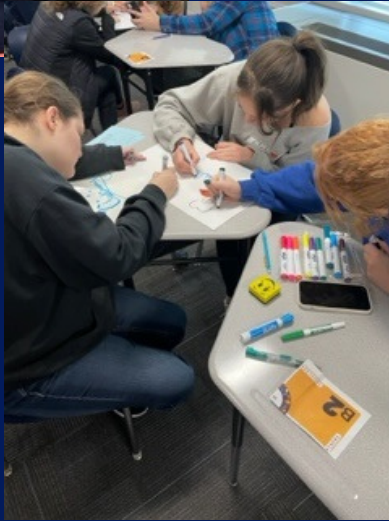
Mrs. Christensen comes to Richmond with 20 years teaching experience in higher education at Macomb Community College and Madonna University. She has also taught the last year and half at Eastpointe High School in their CTE Marketing program and still currently teaches at Macomb at nights. She resides in New Baltimore with her husband and two sons. She has a true passion for the CTE program and loves teaching business classes to the future generation. In her spare time, she loves to travel the world and meet new people. If not traveling, she spend many summer days on Lake St. Clair with her family and friends.

Welcome

"COMMON DENOMINATOR" A NOTE FROM STUDENT ADVOCATE MS. RETMAN

As Richmond's Student Advocate, I am able to interact with students in all three buildings. Those interactions can be individual, or they may extend to small or whole group discussions. Recently, I had the opportunity to present an activity to all the English classes at the high school. Each presentation began with identifying three necessary skills that all students should possess by the time they graduate high school. These skills included communication, collaboration, and critical thinking. What does a good communicator, collaborator, and critical thinker look like in a classroom? The questions were presented and discussed to prepare students for their team-building activity.

During the activity, students were randomly grouped and asked to discover something meaningful that each of the students had in common. It could be about anything; their likes, dislikes, places they have been, people they know, etc. After finding their "common denominator," they used their critical thinking skills to create a unique logo to represent their group commonality. Students were engaged and made new connections with their classmates!



COLLEGE CORNER



The Counseling Center has identified several scholarship opportunities for Class of 2023 students. Check out the available local and regional scholarships on the school's website. In addition, the state deadline for FASFA is May 1, the federal deadline is June 30, and individual college deadlines may vary. Email or visit the Counseling Center if you have any questions. You can find the applications for scholarship opportunities and the FASFA by visiting Richmond High School's website and following the Counseling link to Financial Aid and Scholarships.

A NOTE FROM MS. BORWICK

At RHS we are continuing to work on cultivating a learning environment for all students, in which every student feels a part of our school community. We have recently introduced a new program entitled, WE Notice, to support this initiative at the high school. Our staff is making a conscious effort to embed these skills into their instruction and to also recognize our students when they exhibit the following attributes: teamwork, collaboration, leadership, communication and problem-solving. We look forward to celebrating all the great things our students accomplish this school year.



HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?

Check out what our students have been up to!

Hour of Code

Richmond Community Schools participated in an "Hour of Code" this past December. Every year millions of students from around the world celebrate Computer Science Education Week. During this time, students learn the basics of computer coding through interactive games and websites.

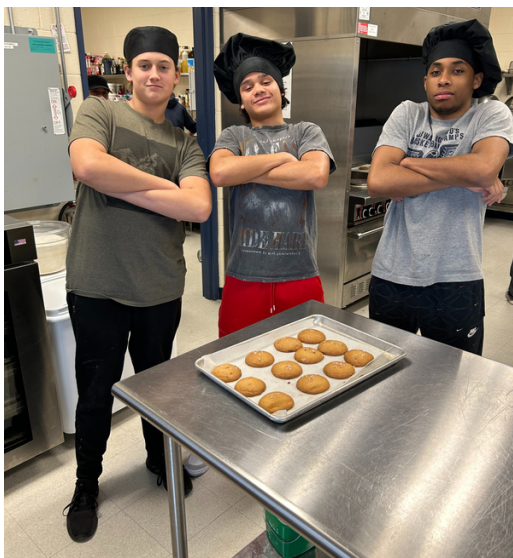


Socratic Circles

Students in Ms. Yaek's English 10 course participated in their first Socratic Circle. A Socratic Circle is an instructional strategy where students positioned in the inner circle add to the discussion/conversation surrounding a specific topic they are learning about. The students positioned in the outer circle are tasked with taking notes and preparing questions seeking clarification from their inner circle peers. While the first few times the process can be uncomfortable or "different" for students, it is a great instructional practice to have students engaged in the learning process.

Cookin' with Culinary Arts

Students in the CTE Culinary Arts program continued to perfect their skills in the kitchen this semester. One of the focuses was on three "quickbread methods" where students used the creaming method to make chocolate chip cookies, the biscuit method for biscuits and gravy and strawberry cheesecake scones and the muffin method for blueberry muffins. Additionally, they continued to perfect their knife skills for their semester performance exam. The students will be sitting for their ServSafe exam in March.



Band & Choir Take On Cedar Point

Students from both the Richmond Band and Choir classes spent a Saturday at Cedar Point for their Halloweekends experience this fall. This was the first trip the groups have been able to make in the past couple of years and it was a fun class bonding experience. These students have been working hard in the classroom preparing for not only their concerts, but the competitions they recently participated in. Congratulations!

*Richmond Choir
MSVMA District Solo and
Ensemble
Division 1 Rating*

*Richmond Marching Band
MSBOA District 16 Festival
Division 1 Rating*

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Check out what our students have been up to!

Your Vote Counts!

Students in Ms. Ervin's Government class participated in an Electoral College simulation where each student had the opportunity to be a presidential candidate and had to work on getting 270 votes to win the presidency. This is the type of learning that students remember - engaging, memorable and fun!



Scientific Studies

Anatomy & Physiology students had the opportunity to dissect a deer heart in class after the first of the year. Through this hands-on activity, students studied the external and internal structures of the heart and traced the flow of blood through the organ.



Artistically Inclined

Under the direction of Mrs. Guzek, students from our visual arts program have been creating works of art that are not only aesthetically pleasing, but turning heads at a recent art competition. This past quarter, the works of art created by our students were displayed in the auditorium foyer for the district showcase. Members of the community were invited to view pieces created by our up and coming artists. Additionally, students had the opportunity to submit to the annual Scholastic art competition. Congratulations to Riley Bartolone, Priscilla Mullen-Rutledge and Emma Peters who all received Gold Keys and will be moving on to the national competition!

Teacher Cadet Action

Quarter 2 was an exciting time for our CTE Education General program that is in its inaugural year. Our students began their placements at both Lee Elementary School and Richmond Middle School. Our cadets are assigned a mentor teacher and class that they work with for three hours each week. During their time in the classes, the cadets are working to support individual student needs, running small group lessons and will even be teaching their own class lesson this upcoming spring!



HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?

Check out what our students have been up to!

Bringing Hamlet to Life

English 11 students participated in a murder mystery party as an introduction to their Hamlet unit. Students dressed up and were given character roles with clues and secrets to try and determine who murdered King Hamlet.



Show Us Your Spirit

Student Government has had a busy second half of Semester 1 as the students planned a spirited week of holiday celebrations complete with a door decorating contest and spirit days. The planning for Snowcoming is in full swing with the week of February 6 identified as Spirit Week, basketball games scheduled for Friday, February 10 and the dance on Saturday, February 11.

Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures

Back in August, the staff at the high school was trained in Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures. Through their two-day training, teachers were exposed to ways in which they can increase student engagement in the classroom. With the implementation of the strategies, we should see increased student achievement and positive social skill development.

As displayed above, students in English 9 with Mrs. Nadar completed a "Quiz-Quiz-Trade" activity where students had a review question that they asked one another, and after answering, traded while moving on to the next. This was an excellent way to not only review course content, but to have students up and moving in the classroom!



Richmond High School Theatre Debut!

Under the direction of Bryan Braun, the Richmond High School Theatre program is back! Students this fall performed "Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic" for a packed house. This was a great first performance for our students as it was not only comical, but had a plot line that any Harry Potter fan would have loved. Stay tuned for The Little Mermaid which will be performed this spring!



HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?

Check out what our student athletes have been up to!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Varsity Girls Basketball scored their first home win of the season in a 32-31 thriller over Algonac! The action was back and forth until the very last buzzer. The girls are 3-10 on the season as league action heats up.



COMPETITIVE CHEER



Competitive Cheer has been bringing home the hardware. The girls were champions at the Richmond Invitational, Cougar Spirit Invitational, and Rochester Adams Invitational. In league competition, they earned the top score in the BWAC on the January 11 meet.



BOYS BASKETBALL

Varsity Boys Basketball has scored a few statement wins already this year. The boys avenged their Regional Semifinal loss last season, downing Notre Dame Prep 58-53. The Devils took control of the BWAC by defeating Cros-Lex 53-44 at home, and Armada 66-54.



GIRLS AND BOYS BOWLING

Varsity Bowling is off to a strong start. The Girls and Boys teams placed 10th and 13th, respectively, at the Macomb County Tournament. The girls defeated Dakota and Chippewa Valley during the tourney. At the BWAC Individual Tournament, Marissa Germain took home the girl's singles crown.



WRESTLING

Wrestling has taken on some of the best teams in the state across all divisions in preparation for the postseason. Although their overall record may not be stellar, heading into the final BWAC Dual, the Blue Devils are 6-0 in league play. This includes avenging last year's Regional Final loss to Imlay City. Individually, senior Noah Harris hit a major milestone, recording his 100th win against Lowell.

Athletics information available at time of publication.