

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Blue Devils

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PRINCIPAL SPOTLIGHT

Quarter 1 of the 2022-2023 school year brought about change, but excitement for what the future holds at Richmond High School. This year, Richmond High School welcomed back many veteran teachers, but also opened their arms to new staff members who are joining us at various points within their career. These individuals will be highlighted on the subsequent pages and have brought an added value to the already respected staff at the high school. This year, our building will be focusing on two building-wide goals that will drive not only our professional development for teachers, but the practices in our classroom. As a building, we look to create a positive learning environment for all students and an instructional environment with high levels of student engagement. Through the implementation of Kagan Cooperative Learning strategies, a clear focus on developing our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and focusing on positive relationships, behaviors and attendance in the building, we look to increase the academic successes of all students in our learning community while upholding the Blue Devils traditions.



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Welcome Ms. Emily Ervin

Ms. Ervin graduated in 2021 from Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, MI. She is certified to teach 6-12 social studies. This is her second year of teaching. Last year, she taught 7th and 8th grade social studies at Michigan Math and Science Academy in Warren.

She said she learned a lot through her experience and time at MMSA. When she is not teaching, she loves spending time with her dog, Lucy. She also loves to be outside hiking and exploring.



Welcome Mr. Eric Nash

Mr. Nash originally graduated from University of Michigan - Flint in 2011 and then completed the accelerated teaching certification for math at Saginaw Valley State University last year. He worked as a substitute teacher for several years, which included taking over three different math classes, each one lasting the majority of the school year. Mr. Nash has taught and tutored multiple levels of mathematics over the course of these years. Outside of school, most of his time is spent going on adventures with his girlfriend and their puppy.

Welcome Ms. EmmaLee Peretto

Ms. Peretto graduated from Eastern Michigan University in April 2022. She received her bachelor's degree in Special Education K-12 with an endorsement in Learning Disabilities as well as Elementary Education K-5. Last year, she student taught in Chippewa Valley Schools. She also taught summer school and Pre-K for nearly two years. Ms. Peretto is marrying her high school sweetheart this November. In her spare time she likes to spend time with her friends and family, cooking, traveling, and walking her dogs.

Ms. Peretto said "I am very excited to be at Richmond High School!"



Welcome Mrs. Christina Petz

Mrs. Petz graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Science Education. She earned her master's degree in secondary science education from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Mrs. Petz started her career in Lakeshore Public Schools teaching science in their alternative education high school program. She has spent the last six years teaching Earth Science and Physics at Fraser High School. In her free time, she enjoys scrapbooking and spending time with her husband, daughter, and son. Mrs. Petz said "I'm excited to be a Blue Devil and am looking forward to a great second quarter and second semester!"

Welcome Ms. Courtney Smith

Ms. Smith is new to Richmond but says she is "loving teaching 9th and 10th grade English here!" She graduated from Oakland University with a degree in English and secondary education, and this is the third English teaching position she has had. She has taught 9th through 12th grade English, but enjoys 10th grade the most because she loves teaching American literature. Outside of school, she enjoys reading murder mysteries and spending time with 3 cats and her beagle!



Welcome

ADDITIONAL WELCOMES TO . . .

- SHELLY AKERLEY, CULINARY ARTS PARAPROFESSIONAL
- MR. DAVID FROST, AUTOMOTIVE TECH TEACHER
- JULIE ROBBINS, CI/ASD TEACHER
- MR. ZACH YOST, SOCIAL STUDIES/SPANISH TEACHER

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - A NOTE FROM MS. BORWICK

We are working collaboratively with staff, students, and parents to focus on attendance and punctuality for our students at Richmond High School. We understand there is a distinct correlation between student attendance and its relationship to achievement and engagement. Since the first week of school, our staff has been working on creating positive relationships and a positive school culture, so students are motivated to come to school and eager to learn. During the month of October, we focused on students who were punctual to class each day and wanted them to know that "We Noticed". As a staff, celebrating students who understand the importance of their attendance and the impact it can have on the learning process is extremely important for us to recognize. It allows us to promote a sense of belonging and connection that all students benefit greatly from. We will continue to strive to find ways to promote student attendance and punctuality; which in turn will have a tremendous impact on the learning environment.

How families can support their child's attendance....

- Establish a routine at home that supports the learning process.
- Make school attendance a priority and talk with your child about the importance of getting to class on time.
- Learn which classes are engaging your child's interest and promote discussions at home to create a connection between school and home.
- Encourage your child to get connected at school and try participating in new clubs and activities.
- Be proactive and communicate with school staff if you need support.



HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?

Check out what our students have been up to!

Kagan Cooperative Structures

During the August professional development, teachers at RHS were trained in Kagan Cooperative structures. These structures allow students to work cooperatively and increase their engagement through a variety of structures such as a Round Robin, Quiz Quiz Trade and through discussions with their shoulder or face partner.



What's Cookin' in the Kitchen

Students in the CTE Culinary Arts program have been hard at work both in the classroom and in the kitchen. Students have been focused on becoming ServSafe certified during their time in the classroom. While in the kitchen, they have been cooking up churros, cookies, practicing their knife skills and learning about food safety. Recently, a chef and admissions officer from the Culinary Institute of Michigan came to present to the class and discuss post-secondary opportunities.

Teacher Cadet Debut

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Introduction to Education class is in full swing! In its' inaugural year, the Teacher Cadet students have had a variety of experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. The students have been trained in CPR, FERPA and Bloodborne Pathogens, just as teachers are each year. Additionally, they participated in the Leaders Influencing Future Teachers (LIFT) conference at Saginaw Valley State University. They currently are preparing to begin their classroom placements at Lee Elementary and Richmond Middle School. These students are eager to begin working with the younger students in the district!

TV & Broadcasting - Behind The Scenes

The TV & Broadcasting I and II students have recently transitioned from the high school classroom over to the Richmond TV Studio at City Hall. These students have spent Quarter 1 learning how to use the equipment, as well as what goes into making a quality TV broadcast. Currently, the students are focusing their work on news broadcasts both in front of and behind the camera. The TV & Broadcasting class is a CTE program within the building and provides work-based learning opportunities for the students.



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Hypnotist Experience

Students in the Psychology and Sociology courses had the opportunity to participate in a hypnosis experience. Not only were they able to see hypnosis at work on their peers, they were able to discuss the ways in which it is used to treat addictions and phobias, a link to both of the courses. .



Scientific Studies

Physics students have had the opportunity to test out the scientific method as they created devices that were used to ultimately drop eggs off of the football stadium bleachers. Earlier this year, students created themed rollercoasters that were used to calculate velocity and kinetic energy. Always looking for ways to make learning FUN!

Musically Inclined

The Music Department has been busy this fall! Both groups recently went to Cedar Point to celebrate the end of a busy musical season before they begin to gear up for the holidays (which are also very busy for them!)

The Richmond Marching Band put on quite a performance for the community at our Friday Night Lights football games, showcased their skills at various parades and continued to perfect their craft for the MSBOA Festival. This year they scored a First Division Rating - great job!

The Choir students hosted a spooktacular concert for the community and showcased their talents with pride. With both group and solo performances, the community was able to see the talents of our students. Look for more information on where you can see them perform this holiday season!

Planning for the Future

Students in English 12 classes have been working to explore their post-secondary options once they graduate this spring. With the guidance of Ms. Lepak, students learned about FAFSA and the college application process, as well as what steps need to be taken if they wish to explore a trade school or enter directly into the workforce.

Each student documented what their current plans were for the bulletin board that hangs in the "Senior Hallway." This group definitely has a bright future ahead of them!



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Check out what our students have been up to after the school day has ended!

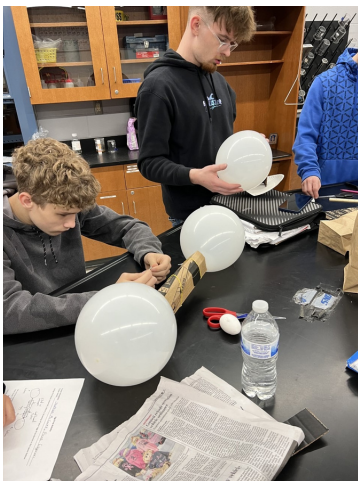
National Honor Society

Students who are members of the Richmond High School National Honor Society have been busy this year. In support of College Application Week, students created signs for Senior student lockers and decorated the halls for the Michigan/MSU game. They also are working towards meeting their community service requirement, all while keeping up with their grades!



Giving Back

With a goal of 500, the Interact Club shined this October by collecting a total of 637 pairs of new socks for those in need. There was a competition by 1st Hour class and Mr. Delore's group of students snuck in on the last day donating 295 pairs just themselves! Look for more opportunities and ways to donate to other organizations through this group!



Student Government

The school year was off to an exciting start thanks in part to the Richmond High School Student Government group under the leadership of Mrs. Smallwood and Dr. Ladd. With an early Homecoming, the students kicked off the year with Spirit Days around the Western theme.

The group planned a second Spirit Week and a Costume Contest at the end of October to celebrate Halloween and fall. It was great to see the students in their fall accessories, denim and flannel and dressed like candy colors to represent their grade.

Recently, these students held a Red Cross Blood Drive which resulted in 30 units of blood being donated to the organization. Members of the community, as well as RHS students donated to this good cause.

Standing Room Only at SADD!

The Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) group has had quite the turn out this year . . . their meetings have been standing room only! This group focuses on spreading information to the student body about the impact that negative decisions can have on their lives. The group provided candy treats to students as they left the Homecoming Dance with a message of making positive choices and have plans to share other messages against destructive decisions with the student body in the coming months.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Boys Cross Country

4th in the BWAC

Kaleb Manska was named All-BWAC with Brendan Yera being named to the BWAC Honorable Mention Team.

Girls Cross Country

4th in the BWAC

Brianna Albers was named All-BWAC and Pauline Chapman was named to the BWAC Honorable Mention Team.

Brianna finished 4th at the MHSAA Regional race and qualified for the Division II State Meet where she finished 134th out of over 250 runners.



VOLLEYBALL

Girls' Volleyball team advanced to the District finals where they unfortunately lost to Marysville. Final statistics and All-League awards will be published at a later date.

TENNIS

Girls' Tennis finished in 6th place at the League Tournament. All Conference selections will be published at a later date.

CHEERLEADING

Thank you for supporting the athletes and students this fall season, your spirit was appreciated!



Athletics information available at time of publication.

SOCCER

OVERALL RECORD: 9-3-1
2ND IN LEAGUE

Drew Matyunas was voted BWAC MVP and 1st team All-State. Jacksen Gil and Ryan Kukuk were also All-Conference, with Gavin Yelencich and John Gibbons earning All-League Honorable Mention.

FOOTBALL

OVERALL RECORD: 3-6

Noah Harris, Trey Graham, and Kyle Bartolomucci were named to the All-Conference team. Conner Bergeon and Cole Murphy earned BWAC Honorable Mention. Drew Matyunas, Trey Graham, and Noah Harris were named First Team All-Macomb County, Blake Esselink was named to the 2nd Team, and Joey Simmons was Honorable Mention All-County.

