

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Blue Devils

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PRINCIPAL SPOTLIGHT

The idea of having a growth mindset has been popular when discussing education, psychology and social trends and is often seen in images and graphics when scrolling through social media. However, understanding that having a growth mindset means you thrive on a challenge and do not see failure as an option has been around for many years. It is through these ideas that we as individuals grow, develop and become better versions of ourselves. It is through difficult times, challenges and when facing adversity that we as individuals develop the skills necessary to succeed in the future. As educators, we strive to have our students develop a growth mindset in the classroom. We want to see students problem solve and think critically through new and challenging concepts and ideas, but do we as adults do the same? Developing a growth mindset is not something we want only our students to develop, it is something that benefits the entire school community when all stakeholders problem solve and critically think as challenges present themselves. It is through these experiences that we become better. Having a fixed mindset is easy. Learning to embrace uncertainty and try new things is hard, but is a critical component in the growth of an organization.



Everything is hard
before it's easy

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Welcome Ms. Kayla Rodriguez

Ms. Rodriguez graduated from Marysville High School before starting her journey at Central Michigan University. She always knew she wanted to teach and decided to pursue Early Childhood Education. After graduating, she moved to Colorado and earned her Master's in Education and Human Development. She worked for four years at an evidence-based preschool while also mentoring graduate students working to become teachers. Outside of teaching, Ms. Rodriguez enjoys the outdoors, crafting and being with friends and family. She loves going camping and taking her paddleboard out on the lake.



Welcome Ms. Ghada Amer

Ms. Amer has been teaching science for 15 years and has a Master's in Education in Bilingual Bicultural Education, a bachelor's degree in Chemistry and has completed graduate studies in Integrated Science and Secondary Education. She is an alumna of both Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University. Ms. Amer has worked on two different U.S. military operation contracts in Cairo, Egypt for the Air Force and Army, has worked as an engineer, training supervisor and logistics tech and was also a business development manager for 15 years. She is married with three kids and is excited to be joining the Richmond community.



Welcome Ms. Aariah Harrison

Ms. Harrison is currently a graduate student at Oakland University pursuing a career in school social work and will be graduating this May. Prior to coming to Richmond, Ms. Harrison worked as a social work intern and behavior interventionist at Center Line Public Schools for almost two year. She enjoys working with staff, students and families to ensure positive relationships and students success during their educational career.



Welcome Mr. Jason Campbell

Mr. Jason Campbell graduated from Saginaw Valley State University. He has teaching experience both in North Carolina and Michigan prior to taking some time off from teaching to care for his son. Mr. Campbell is excited to be back in the classroom and working with the students in Richmond.



**WELCOME
TO THE TEAM!**

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY THEMES

A NOTE FROM MS. BORWICK

Communication is the theme for the months of March and April and we have been working with our students on the importance of effective and appropriate communication. Obtaining this skill will help our students be successful in and out of the classroom. Helping our students communicate appropriately whether it be through writing, verbally, electronically and or using appropriate body language are important skills to assist our students with every day.

Some other areas of communication we have been helping our students with are conflict resolution, active listening and maintaining emotional control. Communication is a skill that can be taught and with the support of all stakeholders we can help our students be successful.



COUNSELING CORNER

- There are several scholarship opportunities available for the Class of 2023. The state deadline for FAFSA completion is May 1, the federal deadline is June 30, and individual college deadlines may vary. You can find additional information on local and regional scholarships and the FAFSA by visiting Richmond High School's website and following the Counseling link to Financial Aid and Scholarship information.
- Class of 2023 students who have applied to Oakland University will be meeting with a representative on April 21 at 9:00am to learn about their next steps as they transition into their post-secondary institution.
- Dual Enrollment: Students who have completed the pre-registration form will be meeting with MCC and SC4 in the coming weeks to begin the enrollment process for next fall. Look for more information to be shared via email.

SPRING TESTING - A NOTE FROM MS. BORWICK

During the spring, students will be participating in state assessments (SAT, PSAT10, PSAT9 and MSTEP), the final cycle of NWEA testing and also Advanced Placement testing in various courses. We wanted to take time to thank all our students and families for making education a priority at Richmond High School. Richmond is an outstanding learning community and with the help of our students, parents, teachers, and support staff we know our students can accomplish great things!

*Healthy
Habits for
Test
Taking*

Keep a positive attitude.

Eat a healthy breakfast.

Focus your attention entirely on your work.

Make sure you get enough sleep, especially on the night before the test.

Be on time so you are not rushed.

HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?

Check out what our students have been up to!

CTE Business Classes Visit Ford Field



Students from the CTE business classes - Marketing, Business Management and Accounting - visited Ford Field to learn about vendor relationships and business aspects of the organization. They toured the stadium, the press box, executive seating, the club level and even were able to spend time in the locker room!



Collaborative Poetry

Students in Ms. Yaek's English 10 course worked collaboratively to create meaning through creative syntax and spacing of lines. They created "found poems" from random lines in the story "Flowers for Algernon."



Stop-Motion Animations in Art

Photography students worked collaboratively to create stop-motion animations after learning about Eadweard Muybridge.

The class discussed the impact he had on "moving picture." Students developed storyboards, scripts, props and then edited their images together, including title, transitions and credits.



Band Accolades

Student-musicians performed at Rochester High School for the MSBOA District 16 Solo and Ensemble. Students worked extremely hard learning their music and working together in ensembles. We are very proud of the way the Richmond High School student-musicians performed!

The Richmond High School Concert Band earned a First Division rating at the MSBOA District 16 Band Festival. They earned an impressive 18 out of 20 possible A's.

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Scheduling Season

Student representatives from a variety of elective, core and CTE programs were available to answer questions for their peers and discuss the unique parts of these classes at the Carousel of Courses. It was a great leadership opportunity where students communicated what they have been studying and learning to their peers.



Culinary Arts Welcomes Richmond Rotary Club

The Culinary Arts class hosted the Richmond Rotary Club for a soft-opening St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Blue Devil Cafe. RHS students who attended the MISD Diversity Summit also joined the meeting and were able to discuss their experience at the county-wide event with our guests.



Sing Your Heart Out

Under the direction of Mrs. Stacy Clore, students in the Richmond High School Choirs participated in the MSVMA State Solo Ensemble Festival at Eastern Michigan University. Students were judged in the categories of tone, pitch, rhythm, interpretation, presentation and sight-reading.

Chorale
First Division Rating

Concert Choir
Second Division Rating

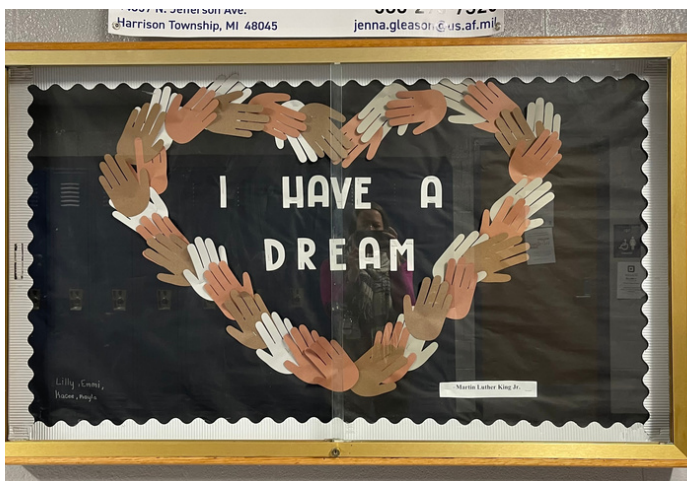
Festival Select Ensemble
First Division Rating

Samantha McCarty/Eden Tabor
First Division Rating



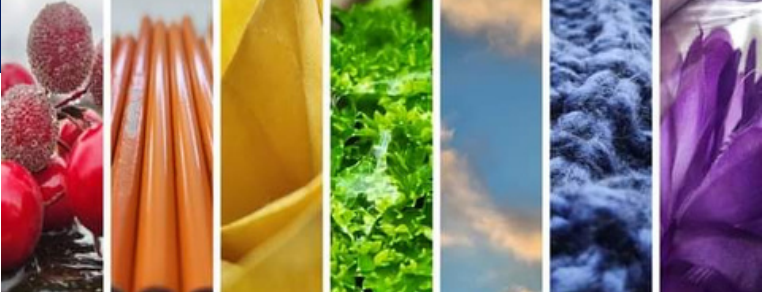
Celebrating Black History Month

Students in the CTE Education General class created bulletin boards throughout the building to recognize Black History Month this past February. Students worked collaboratively to develop their ideas and are now working on transitioning the bulletin boards to spring themes!



HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?

Check out what our students have been up to!



Visual Artists Recognized

Various works of art were selected to be included in the Macomb County artist competition and exhibition that was held at the Anton Art Center in Mt. Clemens. The portfolio of Senior Mae Peters and a work of art created by Junior Aiden Kowalski were award winners at the exhibition which included artwork from students from around the county.



Computer Programming/ Video Game Development

In their inaugural year, students in the CTE Computer Programming/Video Game Development course have developed an Esports team that has already made a name for itself. Students virtually compete after school in a variety of games with students from other area schools. Additionally, students in the class were able to participate in the Oakland University Esports Convection this winter where they listened to keynote speakers, learned about Esports at the post-secondary level and were able to network with their peers.



Richmond Robotics 4130

The Richmond Robotics 4130 team had a successful season. They received the Industrial Design Award at the FIM Kettering University competition which celebrated the team that demonstrates industrial design principles, striking a balance between form, function, and aesthetics. Lots of work and many hours were put in to make this a successful season for the team.



HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?

Check out what our student athletes have been up to!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Varsity Girls Basketball never gave up this season and finished 3-18 overall and 1-12 in the BWAC. Kosette Bartels was named 1st Team All-BWAC while Liz Kocher and Lauren Teltow were named Honorable Mention.



COMPETITIVE CHEER



Competitive Cheer finished the season by qualifying for the State Finals where they finished 3rd in the state. Several members of the team were awarded BWAC honors and Coach Kelli Matthes was named BWAC Coach of the Year.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Varsity Boys Basketball team earned a District Championship and made it to the Regional Semifinals this year, ending the season with a 23-3 record overall. Multiple student athletes were awarded BWAC honors after finishing with a 13-1 conference record.



GIRLS AND BOYS BOWLING

Varsity Bowling had a great season! Boys Bowling finished 4-8-1 in league play, finishing 5th overall. The Girls Bowling team compiled a 8-6 league record, finished 4th overall.



WRESTLING

Five wrestlers qualified for the Individual State Finals at Ford Field; Eddie Olson, Brady St. John, Wyatt Peters, Noah Harris, and Matthew Misch. Misch placed 6th in the state and Harris finished as State Runner-Up. The entire time put forth a lot of effort this season which earned them a second-place finish in the Regional Finals.

