

RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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to obtain school-related information and updates.
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December 4, 2020

FRISCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Both the boys and girls' basketball teams will play for the Frisco League Championship tomorrow with the girls starting at 6:00pm and the boys at 7:30pm. Both games will be at Laquey High School. GOOD LUCK!!

December 3, 2020

PICTURE DAY

Reminder that Friday, December 4th is picture day. Lifetouch will be on campus throughout the morning for student pictures. Picture retakes will be announced at a later date.

November 18, 2020

SENIOR CITIZENS/VETERANS DAY LUNCH

A reminder that the annual Senior Citizens/Veterans Day Luncheon has been postponed to the Spring. As soon as a date is chosen, we will let you know.

October 29, 2020

ART CLUB

Art Club will begin next Thursday, 3:30-5:00pm in the art room and will meet each week. Please make sure to sign up with Mrs. Blackburn. A signed activities handbook will be required before you may join the club. These are available at the front office.

MEET THE BEAR NIGHT

Meet the Bear Night will be held on Friday, November 13th. Please join us as we recognize the boys and girls basketball teams for the 2020-2021 season.

VETERAN'S AND SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

This fall's Richland High School Veteran's and Senior Citizens Luncheon has been postponed until spring. The date for the luncheon will be announced as soon as it is selected.

FAFSA FRENZY



Seniors/Senior parents: Please join us for a FAFSA Frenzy on October 27th from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the high school library. A Drury University representative will be on-hand to answer questions and students who attend are eligible to apply for a \$500 book scholarship.

GO CAPS IN ACTION



Richland High School students participating in the GO CAPS career preparatory program as part of college and career readiness.

October 14, 2020

FREE VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR



Find Your Dream College Virtually

Chat live with admission counselors from universities and colleges throughout the US and around the world. Ask questions, download information, and seek out the best opportunities for you! This virtual fair will be held on October 21st and 22nd from 5:00pm to 9:00pm cst. Students must register, but it is free.

This fair can be found at: <https://usa.educationconnectlive.com/>

ASVAB Test

The ASVAB Test will be administered to all juniors and interested seniors on Friday, November 20th at 8:30am. Results will be made available when they are returned to the school.

October 5, 2020

PICTURE DAY POSTPONED

Picture Day for the junior/senior high school originally scheduled for Friday, October 9th, has been postponed. We will post the rescheduled date as soon as it is confirmed.

October 2, 2020

NATIONAL CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY



I would like to take a moment to thank all our maintenance and custodial staff for all their hard work in maintaining our schools, cleaning and disinfecting the buildings during this pandemic and keeping our staff and students safe. We sincerely appreciate all your efforts.

September 24, 2020

REFILLABLE WATER STATIONS

Last week, our Head of Maintenance, Mr. Case replaced four traditional water fountains and replaced them with refillable water stations. Students will now have access to water bottle refilling stations throughout the entire school.

OCTOBER ACT

Tomorrow, Friday, September 25th, is the last day to register for all October ACT Tests. There is no late registration for these dates. The next ACT test date is December 12th (Deadline is November 6th). Please visit the ACT website for more information.

Sites include:

Camdenton High School - October 24 (Center Code 177450)

Conway High School - October 10 (Center Code 154497), October 24 (Center Code 154490)

Laquey High School - October 24 (Center Code 216240)

Lebanon High School - October 24 (Center Code 192210)

Waynesville High School - October 24 (Center Code 198230)



PICTURE DAY

Richland Jr./Sr. High School picture day is Friday, October 9th. Picture information will be sent home tomorrow, Friday, September 25th. Picture packets will be sent home October 2nd. Payment may be made by cash, money order or check payable to Lifetouch. You may also order online at mylifetouch.com. Please use the ID code listed on your child's packet.

September 21, 2020

TEACHER RECOGNITION

Eight staff members were recognized for their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to teaching and the education field. It was an honor to recognize the following staff:

Five Years of Service: Shane Kardosz

Ten Years of Service: Shirley Zeigenbein, Robert Northcutt

Fifteen Years of Service: Kim Latham, Rebecca Proctor, James Schwartz

Twenty Years of Service: Debbie Bailey

Twenty Five Years of Service: Karen Mackney

KIDSIGHT

Kidsight will be coming to the high school on October 15th for vision screening for all junior high and high school students. Opt out forms are available in the office for anyone that doesn't want their child screened.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION/SENIOR INFORMATION NIGHT

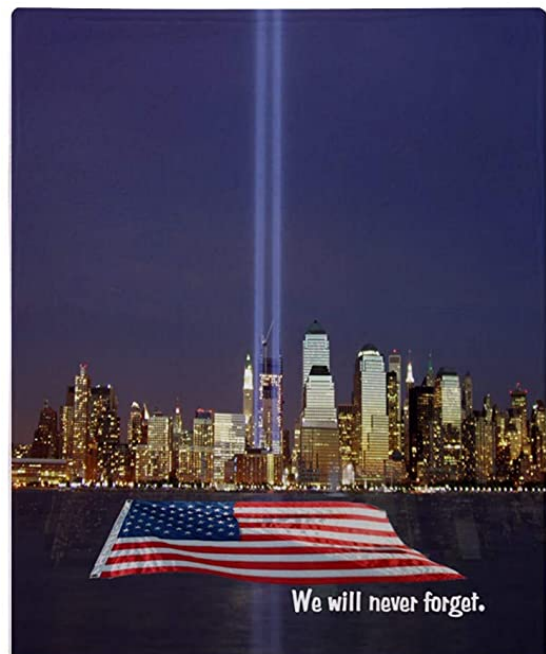


Richland High School would like to invite parents and guardians to Freshman Orientation and Senior Information Night. These two events will be held this Wednesday, September 23rd with Freshman Orientation from 5:00-5:45pm and Senior Information Night from 6:00-6:45pm. Both will take place in the gym. Please contact Mrs. Smith, bsmith@richlandbears.us, if you have any questions. We hope to see you then.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

I Stare in Total Disbelief

I stare in total disbelief,
heart torn with instant grief.
Plumes of black smoke fill the air,
marking a building no longer there.
I close my eyes, I want to pray,
but my mind doesn't know what to say.
Much like Pearl harbor, so many years ago,
so many gone with one fatal blow.
There are no words to explain,
there are no words to ease the pain.
To those who gave their lives,
Mothers, Fathers, Husbands and Wives,
to all who's lives today did cease,
may your soul find instant peace.
We will honor you and the life you gave,
as a Patriot of "The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."



Author Unknown

September 10, 2020



WCC STUDENTS

A reminder that students who attend WCC are required to wear a mask on their campus at all times and must be worn over both the mouth and nose. If they receive a referral, they will have one warning issued. A second referral will result in removal from the WCC program. Please respect their requirements and wear your mask correctly.

The WCC day-time health science program will be back starting next week for those students previously enrolled who would still like to participate. **In addition, they will offer an evening CNA program option for students who were previously enrolled in the health sciences program and would not be interested in returning for the daytime program.** The program will be offered free of charge for previously enrolled students. Classes will run from September 29, 2020–February 2, 2021 at the Waynesville Career Center. Classes will be held two nights per week on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:00-8:00 pm. Students must complete a minimum of 91 hours of instruction and cannot miss more than 4 classes. There will be four make-up classes offered on February 4, 9, 11, & 16.

RICHLAND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP)

The Richland Assistance Program will begin next week, Tuesday, September 15th, and will be held each week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 7:10am-7:50am in the library. RAP is also available in the afternoon from 3:30pm-4:10pm in Mrs. Evans' classroom in the junior high wing. If you would like extra assistance with your classwork, please feel free to stop by. There is no need to sign-up, just show up.

Virtual RAP - we are currently working on creating Virtual RAP sessions for those students learning from home. Virtual RAP will occur at the same time and days as regular RAP sessions. As soon as it is ready, we will post it.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS POSTED

The breakfast and lunch menus are posted on our district website. You can find them by clicking on 'Menu', then the orange box at the top titled, 'Dining'. The menus are posted each month. With the Seamless Summer Option extension underway allowing secondary students to eat breakfast and lunch free, until further notice, it's a great chance to see what is available ahead of time.



TEACHEREASE APP

Parents, the TeacherEase App is now available for both iPhone and Android. If you are interested, please click on the link below that applies to your phone:

iPhone

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/teacherease/id1232341133>

Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.teacherease.mobile.android>

September 3, 2020

VIRTUAL STUDENTS

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, is the last day of the two week grace period to decide if you will remain in virtual school or return to the seated classroom. If you choose to remain virtual, you may return to school the first day after the first quarter ends which is Monday, October 26th. Those who remain virtual after the 26th may not return to the seated classroom until the first day of third quarter, Monday, January 5th.

SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION EXTENSION

Beginning tomorrow, September 4th, and until further notice, all junior high and high school students will have free breakfast and lunch. This will not change things for the students in the elementary, as they were already eating free. This program is scheduled to last through December, or until funding runs out - whichever comes SOONER. This change will not eliminate any previous outstanding balances due by students. Those balances will still need to be paid.



TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENTS

All students must have their technology agreements turned in by tomorrow, Friday, September 4th, or log-in credentials will be removed. Credentials will be restored once late forms are submitted. Please return forms to the high school front office as soon as possible.

LOCKERS

Now that school is underway, students have a better understanding of the safety measures we are trying to implement and how different the school day is from the 'normal'. The next step is to assign lockers. Over the next couple/few days, we will be assigning lockers to students, beginning today with the junior high. One of the recommendations of the CDC is that students do not share school supplies, including lockers. Because of that, we ask you to remind your child not to share their locker with anyone. The school does not issue locks for lockers so please bring a lock to keep your items safe.

September 1, 2020

HEADPHONES FOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Over the next couple of weeks, our students will be taking state approved achievement tests that will help us recognize where gaps in learning occurred due to last spring's school closing. The English portion contains listening items in which students will need headphones. Although we have some at the school, we would like to encourage students to bring their own headphones to school this Thursday, September 3rd and Friday, September 4th. This will help ensure that not only will we have enough for testing, it will reduce the amount of headphone



sharing between students. If the sharing of school headphones is necessary, those will be cleaned and sanitized for the next use.

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STUDENT PARKING

Students who wish to park on campus must have a parking permit turned in to the high school office immediately. Please see the front office if you need a parking permit form.

August 28, 2020

WCC Students

All Richland WCC students will return to the Waynesville campus on Monday. Arrival time is between 8:30-8:45. Classes start at 8:45am and will dismiss at 11:15am. They will be doing a staggered dismissal with 11:15 being the last dismissal time.

WCC does have a mask policy in place. Gaitors, bandanas, and masked with vents are not approved. They will work with students if they need a mask or come with one that is not approved.

LAUNCH STUDENTS



Please read the following information sent out by Springfield Launch earlier today:

*We are hearing from many partner districts about their students waiting on enrollment reports. Please note and communicate with families that, due to Launch's fall semester enrollment volume, it may take as many as 5 days for student enrollments to be processed and for students to be placed in classes. Also, please ensure families that all Launch teachers have been communicated with and are being super flexible. **Students will not be penalized!** If you have specific questions regarding elementary teachers: Please communicate that all K-5 teachers have now been placed, and all students will be hearing from their teachers with activities to complete this coming Monday, August 31.*

We ask for your patience as Launch is doing what they can to get all our students enrolled in their classes.

August 27, 2020

SCHOOL-RELATED PAPERWORK/DOCUMENTATION

Please make sure you are turning in all first day of school paperwork and documentation as quickly as possible. It is important we have this on file and that your contact information is available and accurate in the event we need to get a hold of a parent/guardian.

STUDENT DRIVERS

As a reminder, students parking on campus is a privilege, not a right. Student drivers are expected to drive with courtesy and respect. There are a lot of different things going on during arrival and dismissal times. Student drivers are expected to yield to busses and they pull in and exit the school. It is important that students yield to busses as they make wide turns which can cause safety concerns. Please focus on safety while driving on campus.



GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST CART

A Grab-n-Go Breakfast Cart is now available in the mornings starting at 7:40am. Students now have the option of a hot breakfast with two options to choose from or the Grab-n-Go Cart which has a variety of options in which they can take to the gym.

CAR RIDER PICK-UP

All car riders will be picked up at the junior high school doors. Students are released from the gym as cars pull forward. Students will not be sent out of the gym to meet elsewhere.

August 25, 2020

TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

All students must have a technology agreement on file in order to use district computers and student emails. Please get this agreement signed and returned as soon as possible. Technology access will be turned off beginning September 8th for those who do not have an agreement on file.

WCC STUDENTS

As long as WCC remains virtual, all Richland WCC students needing a place to login to their school may come to the high school library to connect with their classes. Please arrive by 8:45 to give yourself plenty of time to get settled in. You may stay in the library until the end of the regular school day, 3:18pm, to work on classwork, homework, etc. if you need to.

FROM WCC UPDATE ON 8/25

Please read the following information per a WCC update. Thank you.



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- All students will need to be online for the entire two hours with their teachers, they may be doing independent work but will be supervised by their instructor. If you are at your school doing independent work they will need your cameras on.
 - You will get one 15 minute break or two small breaks within the two hours.
 - Attendance will not count against you for the first few days, but try and login as soon as possible.
 - If you need someone to walk you through how to get login, have them call the WCC office and someone will help them.
 - If you are logged into Google through your home school email it will not let you into Canvas. You will have to log out and re-login under your WCC Google account to get access to email and Canvas.

WATER BOTTLES

Students are encouraged to bring water bottles to school. However, they must be clear/see-through and no open container may be brought in the building (ex. Casey's drinks, coffee cups, etc.). Please finish these types of drinks before entering school.

August 20, 2020

Four days until we are back!!

VIRTUAL STUDENTS

Students enrolled in the virtual option may pick up textbooks from the high school beginning tomorrow, Friday, August 21st. Your teacher will contact you IF a textbook is being checked out to you. Please do not come to the school just to see if you have one.



August 19, 2020

Five days until we are back!!

MASK UPDATE

Because our busses cannot be adequately socially distanced, students will have to wear a mask when riding a bus. Students will also have to wear a mask coming and going from the high school as well as in the common areas of the school (hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria (until seated to eat), and anywhere else we cannot completely socially distance.

VISITORS

We are trying to cut down on individuals in the building to the bare minimum and ask that visitors wear masks while on campus. If you need to drop off something for your student or to get them a message, please contact the high school office and we will be more than happy to help accommodate you.

TEMPERATURES AND FEVERS

As a great safety measure and a huge help in keeping everyone at the school safe, please take a quick temperature reading of your child before sending them to school. If there is a reading of 100.4 or higher (and/or other symptoms are present), please keep them home. This is a vital move that can keep everyone as safe as possible.

August 18, 2020



Hello,

I cannot believe that we are six days away from coming back to school and actually being in the building. It has been a long time and I am really looking forward to seeing everyone again.

I have included some back-to-school information and some of the changes we are making this year in order to be as safe as possible. Please keep in mind that this is an on-going process and information is subject to change.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will take place on Thursday, August 20 from 4:30-7:30pm. At this time, we are asking all 7th grade students, freshman and seniors to plan to visit between 4:30-5:30, 8th grade students and sophomores between 5:30-6:30, and juniors between 6:30-7:30. The Junior High and High School will be open throughout the evening, but masks are strongly recommended and we ask that no more than two people per student visit their teachers. While waiting to speak to a teacher, please practice safe social distancing in the hallways as much as possible.

If you do not feel comfortable coming to the building for Open House, each teacher will have a virtual Open House video or slideshow for you to view on their Google Classroom site. If you would like to contact your child's teacher, email addresses may be found on the district website, www.richlandbears.us, by clicking on 'Menu', then 'Staff'.

LOCKERS/BACKPACKS

In order to work with social distancing guidelines and increase the efficiency of movement in the hallways, students will not be issued lockers this year. Instead, students will need to carry all school supplies in their backpacks throughout the day. Students who have locker needs will be handled on a case-by-case basis and approval by the Principal.

MASKS

In an effort to be as safe as possible, we strongly recommend students wear masks throughout the school day. Teachers will be required to wear masks in all common areas of the school. We request and encourage all visitors to the building to also wear masks.



CLASSROOM SOCIAL DISTANCING

Each teacher will organize their classroom to comply with the 6 foot social distancing recommendation as best as possible. In cases where that is not feasible, students will be asked to wear masks. We hope to have a spot in each classroom for students to go to to have a mask break if needed.

FREE DUAL CREDIT: MSU AND CMU

Qualifying students have the opportunity to earn 6 hours of college credit for free through Missouri State University or Central Methodist University. This does apply to students who take dual credit here at Richland. It is not "in addition to" the regular school caseload. Please contact Ms. Smith, bsmith@richlandbears.us for more information.

Additional information can be found at:

MSU - dualcredit.missouristate.edu

CMU - please contact: Peggy O'Connel, moconnel@centralmethodist.edu

PULASKI CO. HEALTH CENTER

The Pulaski County Health Center will be at the high school Open House on August 20th from 4:30pm-7:30pm to give immunizations. Students under 18 will need a parent present.

LUNCH

At this time, students will not have use of the microwave or refrigerator in the cafeteria. I know this will be a big disappointment to many students, but we are trying to reduce as much crossover touching as possible and abide by CDC guidelines.

