

Junior Fall 2025 Newsletter

Text Messages



Complete the Google Form at rchseagl.es/junior-texts with your name and phone number to sign up for text messages. I highly recommend if you do not sign up for text messages, that you get your parents to sign up for them. If you do not have a phone, you can get emails sent. There are some things that I only send out via text messages or emails.

Emails



You should **ALWAYS** use your personal email when completing applications or other types of forms. Your school email is **ONLY** good for logging into programs monitored and maintained by Rhea County Schools.

Important Dates



Aug 29	Picture Day
Sept	Sign up for PSAT
Sept 1	Labor Day/ No School
Sept 2	No School
Sept 15 - Sept 19	Homecoming
Oct	Spring DE Registration Begins
Oct	Governor's School Applications Begins
Oct 3	ASVAB
Oct 6 – Oct 10	Fall Break
Oct 17	Report Cards
Oct 21	PSAT
Oct 22	Parent Teacher Conferences/No School
Nov 1	Deadline for Spring DE classes
Nov 21	Deadline for Governor's School Applications
Nov 26 – Nov 28	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 17 - 19	Semester Exams
Dec 22 - Jan 2	Christmas Break
Jan 5	No School
Jan 9	Job Shadow Meeting
Jan 9	Report Cards
Jan 27	Job Shadow A Forms Due
Jan 28	Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb 2	Job Shadow
Feb 3	Job Shadow B Forms Due
Mar	RCAC
Mar 10	Junior ACT
Mar 14	Prom
Mar 27	Report Cards
Apr 4	Fall DE & AP Registration Deadline
Apr 11	Last ACT to count for DE

ASVAB



The ASVAB is a military test designed to determine careers in the military. **HOWEVER**, we are using it for College Exploration purposes. The result sheet provides a user code that can be used on the ASVAB website. There is an interest inventory that provides possible career information, average starting pay, education required, etc. All juniors will take this on October 3.

PSAT



The PSAT is an optional test that costs around \$20. Ms. Dye will start sign ups the last week of August. Seats are limited and it is first come first serve. Students can win awards if they have high PSAT scores, high GPA, and fit another category such as being from a rural or small town. These awards look great on college and scholarship applications. **This is highly recommended for our top juniors.**

ACT



The ACT will be given March 10. You must take the ACT to graduate. Every junior will take it so start preparing now!

- Go to ACT.org if you want to sign up for additional tests not offered at RCHS.
- You can get a fee waiver from Ms. Boothe to take it for free.
- RCHS offers a class specifically to prepare for the ACT. Let me know if you are interested.
- You may want to take an ACT prep class through Chatt State or somewhere.
- Google ACT Prep tests to take a few practice tests.
- ACT Math scores will be used for senior math placement.

Ways to ensure Test Success



Come to School – You cannot learn if you are not in school.

Do your Homework – This is practice for tests.

Turn in your Homework – This provides you feedback from the teachers.

Take Notes – This is your resource when you get ready to study.

Study for Tests

Ask Questions – This is a way to clarify and receive feedback.

Job Shadow/College Visits



Job shadowing can help you decide if you like or dislike a career. Juniors will have an opportunity to job shadow on Feb 2 if they complete all required paperwork in time. There will be an informational meeting on Jan 9.

You get 2 days to visit colleges, but it will count as one of your three towards semester exams. I recommend going during breaks. Grab a friend, visit the college, grab lunch, and hang out with your friends for the rest of the day.

Rhea County Academic Champions



Juniors need a 95 Honors NGA after fall semester to be invited to RCAC. You can join RCAC your senior year, but you can also be kicked out if you do not maintain a 95 Honors NGA. NGAs are not rounded up. It must be a firm NGA.

DE (Dual Enrollment, Middle College, Early College, etc)



DE classes are college classes you take while in highschool. **You need to talk to Ms. Wood (even if you have spoken with another counselor) and your parents if you are interested in DE.** RCHS does not require the ACT, but some DE classes do. The last ACT that will count for Fall is the April ACT. You can go to rchs.rheacounty.org/de for more information.

Fall DE registration deadline is April 4, 2026. There are no exceptions. This includes CNA, EMT, and Welding students.

Advanced Placement



AP classes are advanced classes. After completing the class, you can take a test. Depending on your score, you could earn college credit. Each college has their own required score. **You need to talk to Ms. Bexell (even if you have spoken with another counselor) and your parents if you are interested in AP.** You can go to rchs.rheacounty.org/ac for more information.

Work Based Learning



WBL is when a senior works out in the community in their career field for high school credit. WBL students are determined by a student's grades, attendance, attitude, capability, and discipline record. **You need to talk to Mr. Guthrie and your parents if you are interested in WBL.**

Service Based Learning



SBL is a service/community-based project that identifies a need or some area that can be improved. Students create a proposal outlining their idea and the necessity for it, then implement their plan. SBL approval is determined by a student's grades, attendance, attitude, capability, and discipline record. **Ms. James is over SBL.**

Transcript



You are responsible for your graduation. You need to ensure you have all the credits you need. You may find Graduation Requirements on the school counseling website at rchs.rheacounty.org/schoolcounseling. I also have a checklist for every student in my office. Students are welcome to see me to discuss their graduation progress.

You can request a copy of your transcript at rchs.rheacounty.org under Request Records.

Schedule changes



Unfortunately, due to the large number of students at RCHS, we do not have the flexibility to honor teacher or class period change requests. Students have a week at the beginning of each semester to notify counselors of any MISTAKES on schedules. A parent can come in at any time and sign a waiver to get their student out of Spanish or German.

Clubs/Homeroom Schedule

A Aug 22, Sept 19, Oct 17 Nov 14, Jan 9, Feb 13 Mar 13	<u>Room #</u>	B Sept 5, Oct 3, Oct 31 Dec 5, Jan 23, Feb 27 Mar 27	<u>Room #</u>
Best Buddies - main meeting	<i>Auditorium</i>	Best Buddies - secondary meeting	<i>Auditorium</i>
History	<i>Tallent - 1304</i>	FCA	<i>Olsen Upper Gym / AM</i>
Interact	<i>JROTC</i>	FFA	<i>Shaver S. C113</i>
Whole - Hearted	<i>Canestrari - 1106</i>	Drama Club	<i>Canestrari - 1106</i>
Chess Club	<i>Arnold - 2102</i>	E-sports	<i>Hawkins/Hodge - 2310</i>
Guitar Club	<i>Maness - 2204</i>	Beta Club	<i>Holloway Cafeteria / AM</i>