Junior Fall 2026 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.

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 few days 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, French, or German. These changes will be made at the end of the semester.

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 6 .

You get 1 day each semester to visit colleges. 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 fall 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 high school. **<u>You need to talk to Ms. Wood (even if you have spoken with another counselor) and your parents if you are interested in DE.</u>** 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. rchs.rheacounty.org/de

<u>Fall DE registration deadline is April 4, 2027. There are no exceptions. This includes CNA, EMT, Electrical and Welding students.</u>

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 September 29.

ACT

ACT® The ACT will be given March 23. You must take the ACT to graduate. Every junior will take it so start preparing now! rchs.rheacounty.org/act

- Go to ACT.org if you want to sign up for additional tests not offered at RCHS.
- **You can get a fee voucher from Ms. Boothe to take it for free. (Limit 2)**
- 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.

PSAT



The PSAT is an optional test that costs around $20. Ms. Dye will start sign ups the last week of September. 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**.

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. **<u>You need to talk to Ms. Bexell (even if you have spoken with another counselor) and your parents if you are interested in AP.</u>** You can go to rchs.rheacounty.org/ac for more information.

Work Based Learning

WBL is when a senior who has completed three CTE classes 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 for students who are not CTE elective focus. It 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. **You need to speak with Ms. James and your parents if you are interested in 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.

Ways to ensure 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.

Important Dates



Aug 28	**Picture Day**
Sept	**Sign up for PSAT**
Sept 4	**No School**
Sept 7	**Labor Day/ No School**
Sept 23	**Half Day**
Sept 29	**ASVAB**
Oct	**Spring DE Registration Begins**
Oct	**Governor's School Applications Begins**
Oct 6 - Oct 10	**Fall Break**
Oct 12 - Oct 16	**Homecoming**
Oct 14	**PSAT**
Oct 16	**Report Cards**
Oct 21	**Parent Teacher Conferences/No School**
Nov 1	**Deadline for Spring DE classes**
Nov 11	**Half Day**
Nov 18	**Deadline for Governor's School Applications**

Nov 23 – Nov 27	**Thanksgiving Break**
Nov 30 - Dec 17	**Fall EOCs**
Dec 17 - 18	**Semester Exams**
Dec 21 - Jan 1	**Christmas Break**
Jan 4	**No School**
Jan 6	**Job Shadow Meeting**
Jan 8	**Report Cards**
Jan 27	**Job Shadow A Forms Due**
Jan 27	**Parent Teacher Conferences**
Feb 2	**Job Shadow**
Feb 3	**Job Shadow B Forms Due**
Mar	**RCAC**
Mar 8 - Mar 12	**Spring Break**
Mar 19	**Report Cards**
Mar 23	**Junior ACT**
Mar 26 - Mar 29	**Easter Break**
Apr 3	**Prom**
Apr 4	**Fall DE & AP Registration Deadline**
Apr 10	**Last ACT to count for DE**

Clubs Schedule

First Friday: 9/11, 10/2, 11/6, 12/14, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/9		
Best Buddies	Auditorium	Kirkman
Debate Club	1108	Germany
Chess Club	2102	Arnold
Second Friday: 9/18, 10/16, 11/13, 12/15, 1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16		
Beta Club	Auditorium	Thompson
Interact	C106	Johnston
Student Council	2110*	Kiper
Third Friday: 9/25, 10/23, 11/20, 12/16, 1/22, 2/26, 4/2		
FCA	Auditorium	Ruehling
FFA	C113	Shaver
History Club	1304	Tallent