



SPARTAN COMMUNICATOR

RICHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH 2017

IMPORTANT INFORMATION and DATES

RHS School website: www.rhs.richfield.k12.mn.us

Important Dates:

Sunday, March 12: Daylight Saving Time begins

Friday, March 17: *St. Patrick's Day*

Monday, March 20: First day of Spring

Monday, March 20: Band Scholarship Concert with RMS – RHS Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21: No School for students, Parent Teacher Conferences – 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 27- Friday, March 31: No School - Spring Break

Saturday, April 1: *April Fools' Day*

Saturday, April 8: Wellness Expo – RHS – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Monday, April 10: *Passover begins at sundown*

Monday, April 10: Junior Parent Night – Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 14: *Good Friday*

Wednesday, April 19: ACT Test Day – Grade 11

Saturday, April 22: *Earth Day*

Tuesday, April 25: Senior Top 5% Breakfast – Guidance Conference Room – 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 27: Spring Musical; *Annie*- Auditorium – 7:00 p.m. (Student discount tonight only)

Friday, April 28: Spring Musical; *Annie* – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 29: Spring Musical; *Annie* – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 30: Spring Musical; *Annie* – Auditorium – 3:00 p.m. (Senior Citizen Matinee Discount)

Tuesday, May 2: Band and Choir Spring Concert – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 5: *Cinco de Mayo*

Monday, May 8: AP Biology Test – Morning

Tuesday, May 9: AP Calculus Test – Morning

Wednesday, May 10: AP English Language – Morning

Thursday, May 11: AP World Studies Test – Morning, AP Statistics Test – Afternoon

Friday, May 12: Senior Wisdom Retreat

Sunday, May 14: *Mother's Day*

Monday, May 15: Senior Banquet: Cedar Valley Church – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18: Senior Graduation Assembly

Saturday, May 20: Prom Grand March – Auditorium – 4:00 p.m., Prom – Minneapolis Convention Center – 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24: All Media Center Books Due

Wednesday, May 24: Music Awards – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 26: *Ramadan begins at sundown*

Monday, May 29: *Memorial Day* – No School

Thursday, June 1: Academic Awards – Auditorium – 9:06 a.m.

Friday, June 2: Yearbook Distribution

Tuesday, June 6: Finals – Periods 1, 3 & 5

Wednesday, June 7: Finals – Periods 2, 4 & 6 – **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Friday, June 9: Graduation Rehearsal and Commencement – Minneapolis Convention Center

New Attendance Intervention: During the first month of Semester 2, we began to see an increase in students arriving late or absent to school. After looking at the data, we found that 519 students were absent to 1st period during the first month of the semester. This is 47% of our student population. We know that attendance is tied to student achievement and therefore find this number unacceptable.

We have started some new attendance interventions in order to reduce the number of students arriving to class after the 1st period bell rings. It is our expectation that students arrive to school by 8:00 a.m. so that they have the time needed to get to their classroom by 8:10 a.m. As part of the intervention, breakfast now concludes and doors are locked at 8:05 am. Students who arrive after 8:05 will need to enter through the main flagpole entrance. We need your help in getting your student to school on time every day. Please plan accordingly so that your child is in the building by 8:00 a.m.

If you need to excuse your student's absence, late arrival or early dismissal please call [612-798-6115](tel:612-798-6115) by no later than 10:00 AM. As an additional intervention we will be sending automated attendance calls each evening at 7:15 PM starting later in March. If your student is marked absent from a class and the absence has not been excused you will get a phone call. Please understand that calls coming in after 10:00 may not be recorded as excused absences until the next day.

You can monitor your student's attendance by accessing ParentVUE. If you need help setting up a ParentVUE account, please send an email to tech.support@rpsmn.org. Finally, please continue to report your student's excused absences, late arrivals, or early dismissals by calling the RHS Attendance Line Voicemail, [612-798-6115](tel:612-798-6115), by 10:45 am each day.

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences: RHS is holding Spring Parent Teacher Conferences on **Tuesday, March 21st from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM**. We invite all parents and guardians to come. Please stop at the Paying and Receiving window for your student(s) progress report and a map of teacher locations when you arrive. You will want to check for any unmet obligations your student may have. These may include media books, classroom books, athletic fees as well as lunch account or classroom fees. Paying and Receiving can help you with most of these; however the Athletic department will need to take care of any Athletic payments. NHS Students are providing Daycare during conference times. Conferences are held on a 1st come basis, no appointments are necessary. Each conference lasts approximately 10 minutes in length. This is a wonderful opportunity to speak with the teacher about any issues or concerns as well as share good news. You will be receiving more information via email, phone messages and regular mail. If you have any questions about the spring conferences, please contact Julie Hayek; Julie.hayek@rpsmn.org or 612.798.6102.

RHS Spring Musical: The name of the musical is **Annie**. The performances are scheduled for **Thursday, April 27th – Saturday, April 29th at 7:00 PM with a matinée on Sunday, April 30th at 3:00 PM**. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The price is \$8.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for students for Thursday's performance only. Tickets for Sunday's performance for Senior Citizens will be \$5.00. We hope you will be able to attend one of the performances,

Spartan Food Shelf: Did you know that Richfield High School has it's very own Food Shelf? The Spartan Food Shelf carries adolescent-friendly food, hygiene supplies, household items, winter gear, and school supplies. Students are able to access the food shelf on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:40-3:00 pm or

by private appointment. The Spartan Food Shelf is also available to parents of RHS students! If you would like to access the food shelf, please contact RHS' School Social Worker at [612-798-6126](tel:612-798-6126) or marisa.zimmerman@rpsmn.org to schedule an appointment.

Unmet Obligations:

It's important to continue to check with your student about any unmet obligations they may have. Please have them check with Paying and Receiving occasionally. Areas to keep in mind are with Media center, Athletics and Paying and Receiving? When students want to go to a dance these must be taken care of before they can purchase tickets.

Athletics: Shannon.lindberg@rpsmn.org or [612-798-6132](tel:612-798-6132)

Media books: Melissa.glavas@rpsmn.org or [612-798-6319](tel:612-798-6319)

Other: Cathy.Theisen@rpsmn.org or [612-798-6105](tel:612-798-6105)

Yearbooks: Yearbooks can still be ordered by visiting Josten's website, Jostens.com. Make sure you get your order in before we run out. For students to receive their yearbook, their outstanding unmet obligation must have been addressed before they are able to pick up their yearbook on June 2nd.

Parking Lot: You may have noticed that the parking lot is numbered. This is for reserved parking for our staff and students. When visiting the school, please park in the Visitor parking spaces. If the Visitor front row is full you may use spaces 26-35 which are additional spaces for visitors.

Student Drop Off/Pickup: This is a reminder that you should **NOT PARK OR STOP ON HARRIET AVE OR 70TH STREET TO DROP YOUR CHILD OFF BEFORE SCHOOL.** When dropping off or picking up your student, please use the high school parking lot to do so. Both Harriet Avenue and 70th Street are very busy streets which are No parking areas that are used for the busses. Further, busses and other passing traffic are finding it increasingly difficult to get through these streets due to the cars parked illegally.

Student Parking Permits: There are 75 spaces for student parking. Each permit will be issued a specific parking space to park in. Parking permits are sold for each quarter. They are purchased at the Paying and Receiving window. The cost of a quarterly permit is \$50.00 (\$25.00 for students with only 1-3 classes at RHS). Daily permits are available for \$3.00 which must be purchased prior to the first hour of class that day. Daily permits are available at the front check in desk. Students parking in the lot without a permit will be issued a parking citation which costs \$25.00.

Activity Bus: The Activity bus runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students must have a signed pass from the staff member they were with. The bus picks up on 70th and Pleasant (Railroad tracks) between 4:10-4:15 PM. There are a limited number of stops available

Metro Transit Student Passes: Through Metro Transit Richfield High School is making available Student Passes. Student Passes are valid for unlimited rides on hundreds of bus routes and the Blue and Green light-rail lines. These may be purchased in the Attendance Office. If you have specific questions, please contact Terry Youngblom at Terry.youngblom@rpsmn.org. For more information please see the Quick Link for "Metro Transit Student Pass Application and Information" at rhs.richfield.k12.mn.us.

Drivers Education Information: Richfield Community Education offers 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel instruction. **Students must be 15 years old by the last class date. The classroom instruction is held at Central Education Center, 7145 Harriet Ave. So., in room 102.**

Registration forms are available in the high school main office as well as online:
br.thatscommunityed.com. The phone number for Community Education is: 612.243.3000

2017 Graduation: This year's graduation ceremony will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on **Friday, June 9th at 4:00 PM**. We will be collecting a \$25.00 graduation fee which helps to cover the cost of the graduation expenses. Before graduation all senior students must complete 15 hours of community service and have all school obligations taken care of. School obligations may include classroom books, athletic fees, classroom fees, a negative lunch balance and media books. Most students have ordered their cap and gown already during the December assembly. **Please check with your student to make sure they placed their order for their cap, gown and diploma. If you have questions, feel free to contact Julie Hayek at 612.798.6102 or Julie.hayek@rpsmn.org**