



ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY

DECEMBER 2023

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NEWSIMPORTANT DATES &
REMINDERS

CHRISTMAS BREAK

- December 20th-
January 4th



STUDENT HOLIDAY

- January 2nd-3rd

REPORT CARDS

- January 9th



MLK HOLIDAY

- January 15th



YEARBOOK DEADLINES

- January 26th : last day to order yearbook
- February 2nd: last day for senior ad purchases
- You can find links for both on the ARC homepage under the calendar.

COORDINATOR'S
CORNER

Dear ARC Community,

As we gear up for the second semester, let's take a moment to reflect on the goals we'd like to set for ourselves. With a fresh start and a clean slate, now is the perfect time to actively reset our academic aspirations.

It's important to note that the end of the semester is not the appropriate time to approach teachers with requests for assistance with your academic goals. Instead, let's focus on personal responsibility and proactive goal-setting.

Remember, achieving our goals requires effort and commitment. Let's not shy away from putting in the necessary work. Effective goal management and taking ownership of our tasks are essential. It's unrealistic to expect support from our teachers if the groundwork hasn't been built throughout the semester.

As members of this community, we strive to embody the values of principled learners. Acting with integrity and taking responsibility for our actions and their consequences are fundamental to our commitment to academic excellence.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season and a successful and productive second semester!

Krystal Samuel
IB Coordinator
Academy of Richmond County
samuekr@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us



ATTENDANCE

Parents,
Please stay in tune with your child's attendance which can be tracked via your Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

In accordance with the RCSS Code of Conduct, ARC will only be accepting 5 parent notes for the school year. The school is able to accept unlimited doctor's notes. You can email your excuses to musketeerattendance@gmail.com. Any notes submitted in person should be turned in to the front office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Guidance Counselors:

Last Names Starting With A-G: Dr. Patrice Gude (GudePa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us)
 Last Names Starting With H-O: Ms. Sonya Weaver (WeaveSo@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us)
 Last Names Starting With P-Z: Ms. Juretta Thomas (ThomaJu@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us)



Infinite Campus

Parent Portal

For assistance with setting up Infinite Campus, please contact our school Social Worker, Ms. Danielle Hawkins.
HawkiCa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us



SENIORS

The Senior Remind group text has grown so much that we have to start another group. No, this does not mean you need to add another Remind group text

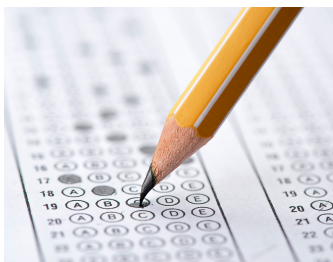
to your list BUT if you know someone who isn't already in the group (NEW members), they will have to use code @sr2024arc to join in an effort to keep abreast of important senior information and updates. Yes, the same information will go out to both groups.

2024 AP EXAM SCHEDULE

May 6th-17th

Click to view schedule

Exam	Monday, May 6, 2024	Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Thursday, May 9, 2024	Friday, May 10, 2024
United States Government and Politics	Human Geography	Microeconomics	English Literature and Composition	Chinese Language and Culture	Environmental Science
Art History	Statistics	Comparative Government and Politics	Computer Science A	Psychology	Macroeconomics
Chemistry	European History	Computer Science B	Psychology	Macroeconomics	Environmental Science
Physics	United States History	Psychology	Macroeconomics	Environmental Science	Environmental Science

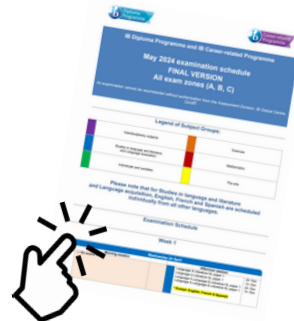


To access the AP exam scores, log in to your MyAP account or use [this link](#).

To access the IB exam scores, please refer to the email sent to the parent and student's school email address. There you will find the website, your personal code, and the PIN that you will need to get the scores.

2024 IB EXAM SCHEDULE

April 24th - May 17th



CANVAS



To access Canvas, get the pairing code from your child(ren). Have them login, go to Account, and then Settings. On the right side, there will be a button that says, "Pair with an Observer." Use this code to pair.

Go to the parent site. Create an account. Once you are logged in, if you have multiple kids, go to Account, then down to Observing. In the box, add the pairing code from your other child and click "+Student."

TIP: Switch browsers if you have difficulty logging out of your child's account.

If you can't find us in the Parent App, log in as a parent. Go to Account. Scroll down to QR Code for Mobile Login.

MICROSOFT TEAMS



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We regret to inform you that we no longer have full access to Remind as a district. To maintain open



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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COURSE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

IB CLASSES

- **All IB Projects (9th Grade Capstone, 10th Grade Capstone, Extended Essays and Reflective Projects)** are started and running. These projects are intended to be worked on individually, but may have graded components in certain classes such as PPS, TOK, AP World History or Scientific Research. This is what students should be working on to move towards the completion of these projects.
 - **9th Grade IB Students-** 9th Grade students should use the break as an opportunity to start their primary research into the community and start working on their Community Outreach Proposal. Students are expected to reach out to community members to gather data to support their projects. For example, if a student is planning to organize a toy drive to benefit the Children's Hospital of Georgia they should reach out to the Children's Hospital of Georgia or see if they can get in contact with former patients to collect information on their experiences. There is information on the Community Outreach Proposal on the 9th Grade IB Students Page that students can reference as they prepare this assignment.
 - **10th Grade IB Students-** 10th grade students should be working on completing their Learning Plan Proposals. Students are to be researching how to best learn their chosen skill and developing a plan for learning that skill. In January students will meet with their assigned supervisors (coming soon) to discuss these plan and adjust if needed. Students will be expected to present their proposals to their supervisors professionally---we are utilizing this as an opportunity to practice public speaking skills.
 - **Reflective Projects (11th Graders)-** Students may begin working on collecting research for their Reflective Projects. By the end of February they will have 10 sources collected into an Annotated Works Cited Page. Students will be finding sources on Galileo, reading through them and writing summaries of these sources for their Annotated Works Cited Page's. It would be a great idea for students to begin searching Galileo for their sources and start reading and annotating these sources.
 - **Extended Essay (11th graders)-** Students are working on developing a quality research question for their Extended Essay. All students should have a supervisor at this point they can consult with as they are developing their research question. Students will draft their first attempt at a research question when return from break then meet with their supervisors for feedback midway through January. Final research questions will be submitted to Canvas by the end of January. If students finish drafting their research questions it is highly encouraged for them to start collecting research on Galileo. The researching process can be extensive---it is encouraged for students to start as early as possible.
 - **Reflective Projects (12th Graders)-** Revised Rough Drafts of the Reflective Projects are due before students leave for break. Students will submit their final drafts of their Reflective Projects on February 20th, then meet with their supervisors a final time before February 27th to complete their Viva Voce reflection.
 - **Extended Essay (12th Graders)-** Final Drafts of the Extended Essay are due before we leave for break. Students will meet with their supervisors one final time in January to complete their Viva Voce reflection after Supervisors have graded Extended Essays and provided feedback. In January all 12th grade Extended Essay students must have their final draft of their Extended Essay complete as well as all three reflections in Managebac.

For any questions, comments or concerns regarding any of the IB Projects please email Mrs. Rohde at rohdede@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us.

- **IB Literature Year 2 HL:** Essay due January 12th.
- **IB Biology Year 2:** IB Biology students had a 100% submission rate by the deadline for their IA drafts. Feedback will be provided after Christmas break and students will have the month of January to edit and revise before submitting their final drafts Feb. 16th. The IA will be graded & moderated by IB examiners and then factored into the final IB Score for Biology, along with the May Exams. Please encourage your senior to take their feedback and apply it to their revisions as they prepare to submit the final draft of their Internal Assessments. We will be working on Group 4 Projects 2nd Semester, which is a cumulative interdisciplinary project. More info to come as we move into Group 4 work.

Please reach out to your teachers if you have any questions.

ARC SPORTS

Click on each sport's icon to view the schedule.

If anyone is interested in playing baseball in the spring, please see Coach Blum to get the necessary paperwork, and let him know that you are interested. Also, please add yourself to the Remind group by clicking the baseball.



Click the soccer ball for more information on soccer tryouts.



WRESTLING



SWIMMING



BASKETBALL

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



**Tome Student Literacy Society
ARC Chapter**

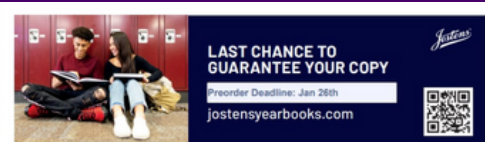
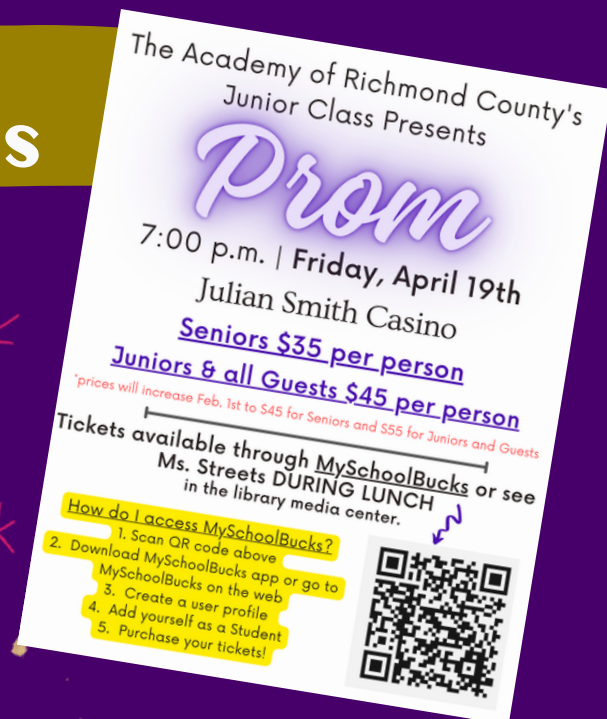
What do we do?

We talk to authors (video-chat), compete in Reading Bowls against other GA schools (optional), participate in creative book club activities and more!

TOME Student Literacy Society Application



Most importantly WE READ
really good books for pleasure!
Interested? JOIN TODAY!



Jostens Deadline Info

Links for ordering can be found on the ARC website under the Calendar!

Last Date to Preorder your book to guarantee your copy: Jan 26th

Senior Ad Deadlines:

Dec 15th last chance to order and save \$10 for each Ad
Feb 2nd - Absolute Final Deadline for any Ad Purchases this year



2023-2024 Richmond County School System School Calendar

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Jul 04	Independence Day Holiday
Jul 27-Aug 2	Preplanning Days
Aug 01	Elementary and K-8 Open House (noon-6:00pm)
Aug 02	Middle and High Open House (noon-6:00pm)
Aug 03	First Day of School for Elementary
Aug 07	First Day of School for K-8, Middle, and High Schools
Sep 04	Labor Day Holiday
Sep 05	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Sep 15	Fall Semester Progress Report #1
Sep 18-Oct 06	Fall Parent Conference Window
Oct 05	Student Holiday/Professional Learning Day
Oct 06	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Oct 09-10	Student/Teacher Fall Break
Oct 27	Fall Semester Progress Report #2
Nov 15	Veterans Day Holiday
Nov 20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 14-19	Semester Exams
Dec 19	End of 1st Semester/Early Release (all grades)
Dec 20-Jan 01	Christmas/Winter Break
Jan 02-03	Student Holiday/Professional Learning Day
Jan 04	Beginning of Second Semester
Jan 09	Report Cards
Jan 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Feb 15	Spring Semester Progress Report #1
Feb 16	Student Holiday/Professional Learning Day
Feb 19	Student/Teacher Holiday
Feb 20	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Feb 20-Mar 08	Spring Parent Conference Window
Mar 08	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Mar 28	Spring Semester Progress Report #2
Mar 29	Student/Teacher Holiday
Apr 08-15	Spring Break
May 17-22	Semester Exams
May 22	Last Day of School/Early Release (all grades)
May 23-24	Post Planning Days
May 22-24	Graduation
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday
May 28	Report Cards
Jun 03-28	Summer School (5 days a week)
Jun 19	Juneteenth Holiday

- Teacher Planning Days
- Holidays
- First Day of School
- Report Cards
- Early Release
- PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
- Progress Reports

Weather-Related School Closings
For inclement weather, please tune to WJBF-TV, WAGT-TV, WRDQ-TV, or WGAC Radio for up-to-date information on school closings. Also, you can view the school system's website at www.rcss.org. In the event of inclement weather or school closure, the school system will use PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Days.

Note: The Richmond County School System will operate 5 days a week throughout the year.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Coming January
02-03: Student
Holiday/Professional Learning
Day
04: Beginning of Second Semester
09: Report Cards
15: Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday



Enero

02-03 de enero: Feriado de los
estudiantes/Día de aprendizaje
profesional
04 de enero: Inicio del segundo
semestre
09 de enero: Boletines de notas
15 de enero: Feriado de Martin Luther
King, Jr.



2023-2024 Sistema escolar del condado de Richmond Calendario escolar

Aprobado por el Consejo 17/05/22

Julio '23	04 de julio 27 de julio - 2 de agosto 01 de agosto 02 de agosto 03 de agosto 07 de agosto 04 de septiembre 05 de septiembre 15 de septiembre 18 de septiembre 06 de octubre 06 de octubre 9-10 de octubre 27 de octubre 10 de noviembre 20-24 de noviembre 14-19 de noviembre 19 de diciembre 20 de diciembre 01 de enero	Día de la Independencia Días de planificación previa Jornada de Puertas Abiertas en primaria y K-8 (mediodía - 18:00) Jornada de Puertas Abiertas en escuela media y secundaria (mediodía - 18:00) Primer día de clase de primaria Primer día de colegio para K-8, escuelas medias y secundarias Fiesta del Día del Trabajador Jornada de aprendizaje asincrónico de PowerUp 1.º informe de progreso para el semestre de otoño Ventanilla para la Conferencia de Padres de Otoño Feriado de los estudiantes/Día de aprendizaje profesional Jornada de aprendizaje asincrónico de PowerUp Vacaciones de otoño de alumnos/profesor 2.º informe de progreso para el semestre de otoño Feriado de los Veteranos Feriado de Acción de Gracias Exámenes semestrales Fin del 1er Semestre/Inicio temprano (todos los grados) Feriados de Navidad/invierno	Enero '24
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NOTEBOOK

IB SPOTLIGHT

DP DIPLOMA

24 Points!

- Completed assessments: CAS (Community, Action, Service), Extended Essay, and TOK.
- Each student takes at least three (but not more than four) subjects at higher level (HL), and the remaining at standard level (SL).

How do you earn points?

- IB classes are graded on a 1-7 scale (4-7 is considered an acceptable score)
- Each class grade is generated from two types of assessment components
 - Internal Assessments (IA) – graded by the teacher with samples sent to IB for moderation, occurs during the school year
 - External Assessments (EA) – graded by IB examiners, essays and exams, occurs in May

An Example with IB English Lit HL...

IA: Individual Oral Commentary (IOC): 15%

Individual Oral Presentation (IOP): 15%

EA: Written Assignment: 25%

Paper 1: 20%

Paper 2: 25%

- Each component is scored separately
- Total number of points earned is converted to the 1-7 scale

Please note:

- No grade of N or E (non-submittal or failing)
- No grade of 1
- No more than two grades of 2
- No more than three grades of 3

CP DIPLOMA

To earn a diploma in the CP, a student must

- Earn a score of 3 or higher in at least 2 IB classes
- Pass the Reflective Project
- Complete Language development
- Complete Service Learning
- Take the third-party assessment for the pathway (e.g. ServSafe for culinary, CompTIA Security+ for cybersecurity)

- At least 12 total points earned in HL classes
- At least 9 total points earned in SL classes
- No penalty for academic misconduct from IB Final Award Committee
- Students have three (3) examination sessions in which to satisfy the requirements – students CAN retest!

IB Learner Profile

QUESTIONS

These questions can be used to encourage students to think about and articulate how they embody the IB learner profiles in their actions, decisions, and interactions. These questions would make great conversation starters around the dinner table, on road trips, the ride to school in the morning, or even a text conversation.

How do you integrate the value of compassion into your daily interactions with classmates, teachers, and friends?

How do you actively contribute to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for those around you?

