



ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY

NOVEMBER 2023

FRONT PAGE NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

EXAMS

- December 14th-19th

EARLY RELEASE

- December 19th

CHRISTMAS BREAK

- December 20th-January 4th



Sweater Weather



COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Dear ARC Family,

Exciting developments are underway to enhance ARC's IB program. We are reimagining our shadowing process to further enrich our school experience for our current students as well as our prospective students. Starting January 2024, all shadowing experiences will be exclusively offered during our Open House events. To safeguard instructional time, uphold safety within our premises, and minimize disruptions to the learning environment, prospective students are encouraged to participate in these Open House events. Attendance at the Open House does not necessitate prior registration, although students will be provided with an excuse letter for the time missed during the school day. Our Open House events will encompass informative sessions for parents and observational opportunities for prospective students to gain insight into our instructional practices. We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their parents to our Open House events as we embark on this exciting journey of educational enrichment together.

Warm regards,

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



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.

ATTENDANCE

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Upcoming Dates for SAT: (collegeboard.org)

December 2--deadline Nov. 2

Upcoming Dates for ACT: (actstudent.org)

December 9--deadline to register Nov. 3

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)

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

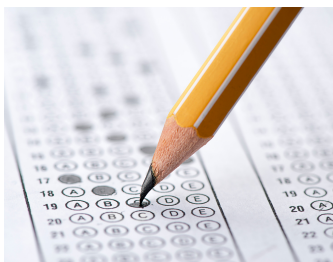
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Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 6, 2024	United States Government and Politics	Art History
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Human Geography	Chemistry
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Microeconomics	Statistics
Thursday, May 9, 2024	English Literature and Composition	Comparative Government and Politics
Friday, May 10, 2024	Computer Science A	Psychology
Saturday, May 11, 2024	Chinese Language and Culture	Macroeconomics
Sunday, May 12, 2024	Environmental Science	European History
Monday, May 13, 2024	United States History	Art and Design: Portfolio

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

AP & IB EXAMS



2024 IB EXAM SCHEDULE

April 24th - May 17th



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.

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

- **PPS Year 2 Reflective Project:** Revised Draft due December 12, 2023.
- **IB Biology Year 2** students are currently collecting and analyzing data for their Internal Assessments. Internal Assessment drafts are due Dec. 8th. Drafts should be completed in their entirety to include the design, data collection & analysis, conclusion and evaluation for feedback. Students can only receive feedback on one draft. The final IA document will be due in early February for I.B. grading.

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

CELEBRATIONS

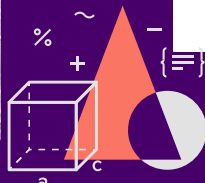
ARC BAND

The Purple Pride Marching Band scored an overall Excellent rating in the 2023 Richmond County Battle of the Bands that took place on Sunday, November 5 at Butler High School Stadium.



MATH

Ms. Fredenberg had her honors geometry students making video games using translations, rotations and reflections by creating codes. They had to create their story with the game, write a user manual, create a gaming logo/ apply transformations and create an original game using code. Nice work Ms. Fredenberg and all of her Honors Geometry students!!!



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

LOVE TO READ?
JOIN
CLUB TOME

**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!

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

TOME Student Literacy Society Application

REAL TALK TIME TO GET REAL!
VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR BLACK STUDENTS

OCTOBER
HBCUs, PWIs, & You
Tuesday, October 3, 8 p.m. ET
You may be wondering, should I go to an HBCU (Historically Black College and University), a PWI (Predominately White Institution), or a two-year college? Join us for #RealTalkTuesday and hear from HBCU and PWI reps and get help selecting the best college home for you!

THE Real Tea on HBCUs & PWIs
Tuesday, October 10, 8 p.m. ET
This week, we're pouring the real tea on HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) and PWIs (Predominately White Institutions) from Black students who currently attend these institutions. Figure out what's the best move for you after high school.

STORYTIME: How I Won a \$40,000 BigFuture Scholarship!
Tuesday, December 5, 8 p.m. ET
Don't let the cost of attending college scare you. Your Real Talk family is here, and we got you! Hear from \$40,000 BigFuture Scholarship winners - students just like you - about how they qualified for this award and how starting this week, you too can qualify for monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships!

Let's Talk \$\$\$: Filling Out the FAFSA
Tuesday, December 12, 8 p.m. ET
Real Talk Fam, the new FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is here! Don't sleep on filling it out. Join our trusted financial aid and scholarship experts as we break down step by step how to fill out the new FAFSA and how you can minimize college debt.

NOVEMBER
POV: Being Black in Gaming
Tuesday, November 7, 8 p.m. ET
This Tuesday, we're connecting you with Black trailblazers from the gaming industry! Tap in and learn how to prepare during high school and college for a career in the world of video games.

POV: Being Black in Pro Sports
Tuesday, November 14, 8 p.m. ET
There are infinite career opportunities in sports. This week, we're linking you directly with Black professionals in the industry to hear how they transformed their passion for sports into a full-time career.

What is Real Talk?
Real Talk is a career and college exploration initiative designed to connect Black students and families with Black professionals and representatives from colleges and across organizations across the country. We empower Black students to own their future their way.

Start Planning for Your Future
Real Talk is a safe space for you to learn and engage, while also getting answers to your most pressing questions about life after high school. No matter where you are on your journey, we're here for you. Family members and educators are also encouraged to participate!

Join us! Register here, bigfuture.org/RealTalk

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SAVE THE DATE
2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY
Friday, May 24th
5:00 pm | James Brown Arena | Augusta, GA



SCHOOL CALENDAR



2023-2024 Richmond County School System School Calendar

July '23

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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 11	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
Jan 16	Spring Semester Progress Report #1
Feb 15	Student Holiday/Professional Learning Day
Feb 16	Student/Teacher Holiday
Feb 19	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Feb 20	Spring Parent Conference Window
Feb 20-Mar 08	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Mar 08	Spring Semester Progress Report #2
Mar 28	Student/Teacher Holiday
Mar 29	Spring Break
Apr 08-15	Semester Exams
May 17-22	Last Day of School/Early Release (all grades)
May 22	Post Planning Days
May 23-24	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	Early Release
Holidays	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
First Day of School	Progress Reports
Report Cards	

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.rcsde.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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April '24

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Coming December
14th-19th: Exams
19th: Early Release
20th-Jan. 3rd:
Christmas/Winter Break



Diciembre

14-19 de diciembre: Exámenes
semestrales
19 de diciembre: Fin del 1er
Semestre/retiro temprano
(todos los grados)
20 de diciembre -01 de enero:
Feriados de Navidad/Invierno

Richmond County School System
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 09 de octubre 10 de octubre 14-19 de octubre 19 de octubre 20 de octubre 20-24 de noviembre 14-19 de noviembre 19 de noviembre 20 de noviembre - 01 de enero 02-03 de enero 04 de enero 09 de enero 15 de enero 17-22 de febrero 15 de febrero 16 de febrero 19 de febrero 20 de febrero 20 de febrero - 08 de marzo 08 de marzo 28 de marzo 29 de marzo 08-15 de abril 17-22 de mayo 22 de mayo 23-24 de mayo 27 de mayo 28 de mayo 03-28 de junio 19 de junio	04 de julio 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 Vacaciones de otoño de alumnos/profesores 2.º informe de progreso para el semestre de otoño Día de los Veteranos Feriado de Acción de Gracias Exámenes semestrales Fin del 1er Semestre/retiro temprano (todos los grados) Feriados de Navidad/Invierno Feriado de los estudiantes/Día de aprendizaje profesional Inicio del segundo semestre Boletines de notas Feriado de Martín Luther King, Jr. 1.º informe de progreso para el semestre de primavera Feriado de los estudiantes/Día de aprendizaje profesional Vacaciones de estudiantes y profesores Jornada de aprendizaje asincrónico de PowerUp Ventanilla para la conferencia de padres de primavera Jornada de aprendizaje asincrónico de PowerUp 2.º informe de progreso para el semestre de primavera Vacaciones de estudiantes y profesores Vacaciones de primavera Exámenes semestrales Último día de clase/retiro temprano (todos los cursos) Días posteriores a la planificación Graduación Día de los Calidos Boletines de notas Escuela de verano (5 días a la semana) Día de la Emancipación	Enero '24 Febrero '24 Marzo '24 Abril '24 Mayo '24 Junio '24
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Legend:
Jornadas de planificación docente
Vacaciones
Primer día de clase
Boletines de notas
Cierre de escuelas por causas meteorológicas
En caso de mal tiempo, monitoree WJBF-TV, WAGT-TV, WRDQ-TV o WGAC Radio para obtener información actualizada sobre el cierre de las escuelas. También puede consultar el sitio web del sistema escolar en www.rcsde.org. En caso de inclemencias meteorológicas o cierre de la escuela, el sistema escolar utilizará los Días de Aprendizaje Asincrónico de PowerUp.
Note: El sistema escolar del condado de Richmond funcionará 5 días a la semana durante todo el verano.

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 has your knowledge in a specific subject area influenced your approach to solving real-world problems?

Can you share an experience where your curiosity led to a deeper understanding of a complex issue or topic?

