



ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY

FEBRUARY 2024

FRONT PAGE
NEWSCOORDINATOR'S
CORNER

Dear ARC Community,

In our ongoing commitment to student success, it's crucial to address the nuanced impact of student absences on learning. We understand that students may need to miss school occasionally, whether due to illness, family commitments, or other unavoidable circumstances. While acknowledging these realities, it's essential to recognize the potential academic consequences, whether the absences are excused or not.

Research consistently underscores the relationship between attendance and academic achievement. Each missed day represents lost opportunities for engagement, participation, and collaboration with peers and educators. Students who are frequently absent may find it challenging to grasp essential concepts, leading to knowledge gaps that can impede their long-term understanding of subjects.

At the Academy of Richmond County, we appreciate the delicate balance between life's demands and academic commitments. We encourage an open dialogue between parents, guardians, and educators to ensure that, when possible, strategies are in place to minimize the impact of absences on a student's learning journey. By working together, we can support students in catching up on missed material, maintaining a positive academic trajectory, and building resilience in the face of challenges.

Thank you for your continued partnership in fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment that recognizes the diverse needs of our students.

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

IMPORTANT DATES &
REMINDERS

★ SPRING PROGRESS REPORT #1

- February 15th

★ STUDENT HOLIDAY/PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING

- February 16th

★ STUDENT/TEACHER HOLIDAY

- February 19th

★ POWERUP ASYNCHRONOUS
LEARNING DAY

- February 20th

★ YEARBOOK DEADLINES

- February 2nd: last day for senior ad purchases
- You can find links on the ARC homepage under the calendar.



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



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

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

Click to view schedule

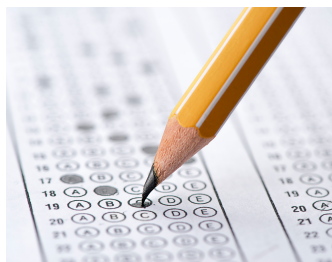


Exam	Subject	Time
Monday, May 6, 2024	United States Government and Politics	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Human Geography	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	English Literature and Composition	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 9, 2024	Chinese Language and Culture	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, May 10, 2024	Environmental Science	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 11, 2024	European History	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 12, 2024	United States History	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Monday, May 13, 2024	Art and Design	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	Computer Science A	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Psychology	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 16, 2024	Macroeconomics	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, May 17, 2024	Microeconomics	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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.

AP & IB EXAMS



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.

REMIND

REMIND IS BACK!

To get text messages from ARC IB, please text the message below (depending on class) to the number 81010. If you have any trouble with this, please let us know and we can help you!

Class of 2024 @arcib2024
Class of 2025 @arcib2025
Class of 2026 @arcib2026
Class of 2027 @arcib2027



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COURSE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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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.
For any questions, comments or concerns regarding any of the IB Projects please email Mrs. Rohde at rohdede@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us.
- **IB Biology Year 2:** Feedback was provided for IA drafts after Christmas break and students had the month of January to edit and revise before submitting their final drafts Feb. 20th. 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.
- **IB PPS Year 1:** The Language Portfolio helps students to develop in the areas of oral, written and visual linguistics. IBCP requires all CP students to be exposed to another language that will increase their understanding of another part of the world. Each student is to maintain a language portfolio via ManageBac. IB may require ARC to provide samples of the language portfolios as evidence that this component has been met. A minimum of 50 hours is required over two years. Language Portfolio Component (Year 1): Students must complete 25 hours in Duolingo in either French, German, Italian, Japanese or Korean. These hours must be completed by **April 19, 2024**. Time will be monitored weekly as this is a hard deadline. Students began this component January 16, 2024.
- **IB PPS Year 2:** Reflective Project, Final Submission of the Reflective Project is due **February 20, 2024**.

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

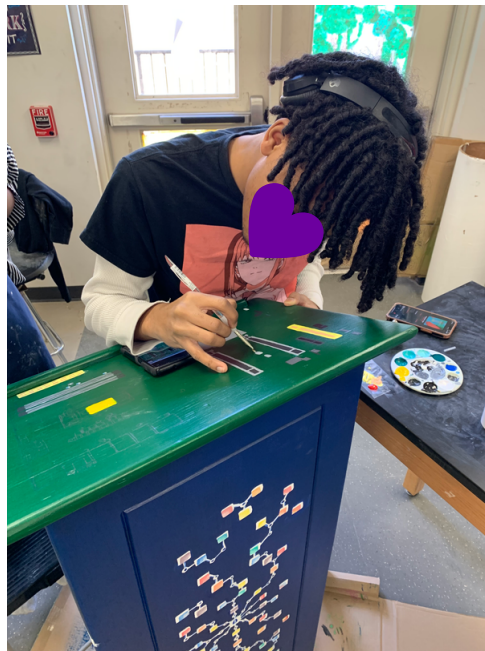
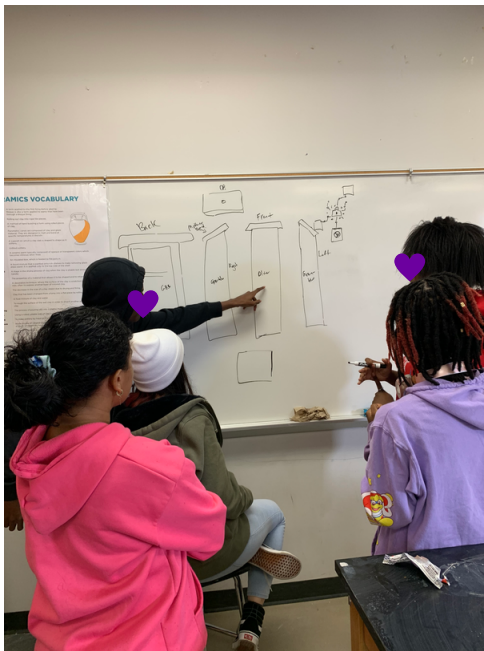


CELEBRATIONS

ART CLASS COLLABORATION

Mr. Lanier's art students embarked on an inspiring venture, taking on the challenge of renovating and restoring a podium for Miss Prince, one of our cybersecurity teachers. Collaborating closely with Miss Prince, the students meticulously planned and executed a creative vision for the podium. Demonstrating remarkable freedom in their artistic expression, they worked diligently within a set timeline to bring the project to fruition.

Miss Prince, not only a dedicated cybersecurity teacher but also a grateful beneficiary of the students' exceptional artistic capabilities, expresses deep gratitude for their efforts in transforming the podium. She is not only appreciative but also eager to continue supporting these talented individuals as they embark on additional projects. Miss Prince stands ready to be a valuable resource and ally for any future endeavors the students choose to pursue.



CONGRATULATIONS!

**ARC Star Student &
Teacher**

**Travis Wright, Jr.
&
Mr. Joiner**

ARC SPORTS

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



WRESTLING



SWIMMING



BASKETBALL



BASEBALL



TENNIS



TRACK & FIELD



SOCCER

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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

AQUINAS HS vs. ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH AT 6:30PM
GATES OPEN AT 5:30PM

TICKETS ARE \$10*
TICKETS ARE GENERAL ADMISSION | CHILDREN 3 & UNDER ARE FREE
PARKING IS \$5
AVAILABLE IN THE STADIUM DECK IN ADVANCE - BEFORE CHECKOUT
SCAN THE QR CODE FOR TICKETS

SRP PARK HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE
PRESENTED BY TuxSlayer

GREENJACKETSBASEBALL.COM

The Academy of Richmond County's Junior Class Presents

Prom

7:00 p.m. | Friday, April 19th

Julian Smith Casino

Seniors \$35 per person

Juniors & all Guests \$45 per person

*prices will increase Feb. 1st to \$45 for Seniors and \$55 for Juniors and Guests

Tickets available through MySchoolBucks or see Ms. Streets **DURING LUNCH** in the library media center.

- How do I access MySchoolBucks?**
1. Scan QR code above
 2. Download MySchoolBucks app or go to MySchoolBucks on the web
 3. Create a user profile
 4. Add yourself as a Student
 5. Purchase your tickets!



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



Academy Of Richmond County

3 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD!

Step 1 Choose your ad size and layout (advertisements are 100x100 pixels)

Step 2 Add your graphics

Step 3 Enter your text

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the guidelines for recognition ads? Advertisements are 100x100 pixels and must be submitted by the deadline. Advertisements are placed in the yearbook and on the school website. Advertisements are not placed in the yearbook if they are not submitted by the deadline. Advertisements are not placed in the yearbook if they are not submitted by the deadline.

How are the ads placed determined and what is the deadline? Ads are placed in the yearbook and on the school website. The deadline for ads is 11/15/2023.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device? Yes, you can create your ad on your mobile device. However, you must have a stable internet connection and a compatible device.

2023 YEARBOOK
jostensyearbooks.com

LAST CHANCE TO GUARANTEE YOUR COPY

Preorder Deadline: Jan 26th
jostensyearbooks.com

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 10	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	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.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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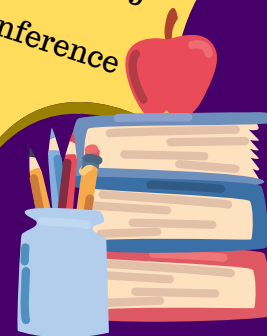
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Coming February

- 15: Spring Semester Progress Report #1
- 16: Student Holiday/Professional Learning Day
- 19: Student/Teacher Holiday
- 20: PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
- 20-Mar. 8: Spring Parent Conference Window



febrero

- 15 de febrero: informe de progreso para el semestre de primavera
- 16 de febrero: Feriado de los estruidentes y profesores
- 20 de febrero: Jornada de aprendizaje asincronico de PowerUp
- 20 de febrero-o8 de marzo: Ventanilla para la conferencia de padres de primavera



2023-2024 Sistema escolar del condado de Richmond Calendario escolar

Aprobado por el Consejo 17/05/22

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04 de julio	Día de la Independencia
27 de julio - 2 de agosto	Días de planificación previa
01 de agosto	Jornada de Puertas Abiertas en primaria y K-8 (mediodía - 18:00)
02 de agosto	Jornada de Puertas Abiertas en escuela media y secundaria (mediodía - 18:00)
03 de agosto	Primer día de clase de primaria
07 de agosto	Primer día de colegio para K-8, escuelas medias y secundarias
04 de septiembre	Fiesta del Día del Trabajador
05 de septiembre	Jornada de aprendizaje asincronico de PowerUp
15 de septiembre	1.º informe de progreso para el semestre de primavera
18 de septiembre - 06 de octubre	Ventanilla para la Conferencia de Padres de Otoño
06 de octubre	Feriado de los estudiantes/Día de aprendizaje profesional
9-10 de octubre	Jornada de aprendizaje asincronico de PowerUp
10 de octubre	Vacaciones de otoño de alumnos/profesor
20 de octubre	2.º informe de progreso para el semestre de otoño
10 de noviembre	Día de los Veteranos
20-24 de noviembre	Feriado de Acción de Gracias
14-19 de diciembre	Exámenes semestrales
19 de diciembre	Fin del 1er Semestre/Inicio temprano (todos los grados)
20 de diciembre - 01 de enero	Feriados de Navidad/Invierno
04 de enero	Feriado de los estudiantes/Día de aprendizaje profesional
09 de enero	Inicio del segundo semestre
15 de enero	Boletines de notas
15 de febrero	Feriado de Martin Luther King, Jr.
16 de febrero	1.º informe de progreso para el semestre de primavera
19 de febrero	Feriado de los estudiantes/Día de aprendizaje profesional
20 de febrero	Vacaciones de estudiantes y profesores
20 de febrero - 08 de marzo	Jornada de aprendizaje asincronico de PowerUp
08 de marzo	Ventanilla para la conferencia de padres de primavera
28 de marzo	Jornada de aprendizaje asincronico de PowerUp
29 de marzo	2.º informe de progreso para el semestre de primavera
06-15 de abril	Vacaciones de estudiantes y profesores
17-22 de mayo	Exámenes semestrales
23-24 de mayo	Último día de clase/Inicio temprano (todos los cursos)
22-24 de mayo	Días posteriores a la planificación
27 de mayo	Graduación
28 de mayo	Día de los Calidos
28 de mayo	Boletines de notas
03-28 de junio	Escuela de verano (5 días a la semana)
19 de junio	Día de la Emancipación

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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 approach a problem or challenge to ensure you are thinking critically?

What strategies do you use to ask thoughtful and probing questions when faced with a new concept or problem?

