Dear ARC Family,

It is with much excitement and anticipation that I extend a warm welcome to all of you as the newly appointed International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinator at the Academy of Richmond County. As we embark on this educational journey together, I am honored to be a part of this vibrant community and contribute to the growth and development of our young scholars.

I believe in the transformative power of the IB Programme to nurture well-rounded individuals who are not only academically accomplished but also compassionate, open-minded, and proactive global citizens. Our goal is to empower our students with the skills, knowledge, and values they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

As the IB Coordinator, my primary focus will be to foster an enriching learning environment where inquiry, critical thinking, and creativity are at the core of our educational philosophy. I am dedicated to supporting our educators in their professional growth and ensuring that they are equipped to deliver the IB curriculum with excellence and innovation.

Equally important is the partnership between school and home. I am committed to maintaining open communication with all of you, ensuring that we work hand in hand to provide the best possible educational experience for our students. Together, we will celebrate their successes, navigate challenges, and create a supportive community that inspires a passion for lifelong learning and growth.

Here’s to a remarkable and fulfilling academic year ahead!

Warm regards,

Krystal Samuel
IB Coordinator
Academy of Richmond County
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**Open House**
August 2, 2023
12:00pm-6:00pm
- drop-in
- student schedules
- meet your teacher
- syllabus & supplies

**Freshman Orientation**
August 2, 2023
1:00pm-2:00pm 4:00pm-5:00pm
- choose the time that works best for you
- in the gym

**Senior Orientation**
August 2, 2023
5:00pm-6:00pm
- in the gym

**Picture Day**
- Underclassmen & Staff Picture Day: August 23rd
- Underclassmen & Staff Make up Picture Day: September 18th
- Final Senior Portrait Make Up Day: October 2nd

**Yearbooks!!!**
- Early Bird Pricing for both book sales and senior ad sales are now available. All yearbook orders are placed through the Jostens website.

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**Schedule Changes**

Students should be able to access their courses in Infinite Campus. In order to request a schedule change students must complete the drop/add link provided on the mail school page.

*The drop/add window is open between August 9th - August 18th.

Please be reminded that schedule changes are based on course priority and availability. Submitting a request DOES NOT GUARANTEE a change in your schedule. After submitting a request, students should continue to follow their schedule as it appears in Infinite Campus. Also, if you request a change, you must be willing to accept the new schedule and be aware that this leaves you open to multiple changes.

Requests will be addressed based on priority/need and in the order they are received. As we work to accommodate requests, all schedules are tentative and subject to change.

*Only counselors have access to change schedules.*

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**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.
**Counselor's Corner**

Ms. Denise Jenkins (JacksDe@BOE.Richmond.k12.ga.us) is our guidance secretary and can direct all of your questions to the right place.

Ms. Dorothy Johnson (johnsdo@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us) is our registrar. She can assist with registration (including updating anything in Infinite Campus e.g. new cell numbers, new email, new address).

**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)

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**Volunteer Training**

Anyone who wishes to mentor, tutor students, chaperone a field trip, work in the school must have a background check and complete the volunteer training!

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer at ARC for this school year, please plan to participate a training session on one of the dates listed.

You must RSVP to attend the session to Ms. Hawkins at hawkica@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us or by phone at (706) 737-7152 ext. 1562. There is a prior online workshop that must be completed prior to attending the workshop. Please visit the ARC website for additional information.

**2024 AP Exam Schedule**

May 6th-17th

Click to view schedule

To access the AP exam scores, log in to your MyAP account or use this link.

**2024 IB Exam Schedule**

Coming September 2023

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. 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**

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
August 7th
First Day of School

7 de agosto
Primer día de clases
REMINDER: ALL SUMMER WORK IS DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

Summer work is reserved for incoming IB Seniors.

- **IB Math A & I Year 2**: complete the packet received at the end of last school year.
- **TOK Year 2**: Link to assignments
- **IB History Year 2**: Summer work for IB History, Year II students remains available at www.rcboe.org/arc on Mr. Ryan's teacher page, under the Summer Work/IB 20th Century History. All parts of the assignment must be completed by August 7th.
  - The completed IA Planning Sheet is due the first day of class in August for a major grade.
- **IB BIO Year 2**: Year 2 IB Biology students should be prepared to submit their two Internal Assessment Design write ups on Canvas by the 1st day of class. Please be reminded that you should not be performing the investigation, just writing out the design to complete the planning phase. If you have lost your task sheet or design template document, please email Ms. West for the files.

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

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**ARC SPORTS**

**2023 Softball Tryouts**

- **Date**: Aug 8-11
- **Time**: 3:30-5:30pm
- **Location**: Details to be announced

Follow us on Instagram: @athleticsrcboe
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)

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

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!