



ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY

OCTOBER 2023

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NEWSCOORDINATOR'S
CORNER

Dear ARC Family,

I hope this message finds you well. As we end the month of October, I wanted to provide you with some important updates related to the IB program.

IMPORTANT DATES &
REMINDERS

★ SENIOR PROFILE FORMS

- Senior Profile Information Forms are due by Nov 4th.

CLICK HERE 

★ VETERAN'S DAY

- November 10th



★ ARC IB OPEN HOUSE



- November 15th
8:30am-11:00am

★ YEARBOOKS!!!

- Early Bird Pricing for both book sales and senior ad sales ends November 17th. All yearbook orders are placed through the Jostens website.

★ THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

- November 20th-24th



Failing Grades and Academic Probation:

IB courses can be demanding, and it's crucial to seek assistance if you are struggling. One of my goals is for students to feel supported. I don't want students struggling academically and feeling like they are on their own to figure it out. If you or your child is facing academic challenges, please reach out to your teachers, counselors, or myself as the IB Coordinator. We are here to help, and we can discuss options such as additional support, after school tutoring, or academic counseling to ensure a successful IB experience. I started the effort of meeting with students that were struggling at the beginning of the year. I do think students found those conversations to be beneficial, so please be sure to set up an appointment with me if you feel like you could benefit from that conversation.

Program Application Dates and Website:

For those who are considering joining the IB program or have questions about program requirements and application procedures, please visit our district's school choice website. It is updated with the most recent information about application deadlines, program details, and contact information. If you are interested in joining, make sure to complete your application within the specified timeframe.

College Admissions:

For our senior IB students, this is a crucial time as college admissions deadlines approach. Please ensure that you are staying on top of your application process, meeting deadlines, and seeking guidance from your school counselors. If you require any information or documents related to your IB program participation, do not hesitate to reach out to me for assistance. Parents, it's important to offer your support and understanding during what can be a stressful period, especially when college decisions arrive. If your child faces disappointments, remind them that college admissions are not a measure of their worth, and support them in exploring alternative paths.

Communication with Your Teachers:

Effective communication is key in the IB program. If you have questions, concerns, or need clarification on any academic matter, please make an effort to communicate with your teachers at the appropriate times. They are willing to help and provide the support you need.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the IB program. We are here to support you throughout your journey, and I encourage you to reach out whenever you need assistance or have questions. Let's work together to ensure a successful academic year.

Warm regards,

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.

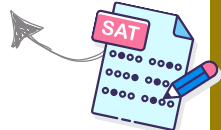
GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Upcoming Dates for SAT: (collegeboard.org)

November 4--deadline Oct. 5;
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. Jureta Thomas (ThomaJu@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us)

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

August 23rd at 10am
September 13th at 2pm
October 11th at 10am
November 8th at 2pm

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 in 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.

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

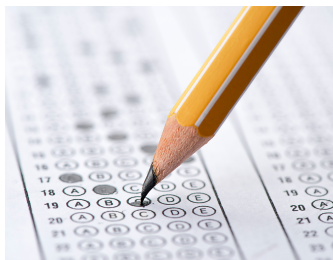
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Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 6, 2024	United States Government and Politics	Art History
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Human Geography	Chemistry
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Microeconomics	Statistics
Thursday, May 9, 2024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

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

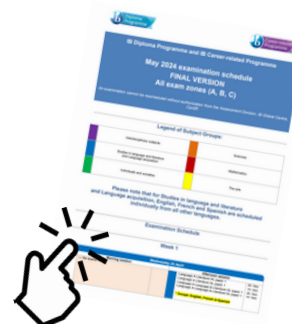
To access the IB exam scores, please refer to the email sent to the parent and student's school email address. There you will find the website, your personal code, and the PIN that you will need to get the scores.

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.

MICROSOFT TEAMS



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

lines of communication, we are using Microsoft Teams as a platform as of 10/1/23. We have added a Teams link to the Parent App. We wish to provide a more convenient way to download the Teams app. To join the Teams will be provided soon.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



FALL VIBES

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

COURSE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

IB CLASSES

IB Projects will be kicking off shortly!

Mrs. Rohde will be in classrooms very soon to kick start all of these projects. Stay tuned for more updates and information on how to join the appropriate Canvas Courses for each project.

- 9th Graders will complete a community service based project that focuses on the development of the IB Learner Profile Traits.
- 10th Graders will be working on developing new skills based on interest and development of the IB Learner Profile traits as well.
- 11th graders in the DP Program will begin selecting topics for Extended Essay soon as well as selecting supervisors.
- 11th graders in the CP Program will begin thinking through their Ethical Dilemma in their career pathway for their Reflective Projects.
- **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.

I never learned from a
man who agreed with me.
-Robert A. Heinlein

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.



SOFTBALL



FOOTBALL



VOLLEYBALL



CROSS COUNTRY



FLAG FOOTBALL

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
VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR BLACK STUDENTS

POV: Being Black in Gaming
Tuesday, November 7, 8 p.m. ET
This Tuesday, we're connecting you with Black influencers 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 taking 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 access organizations across the country. We empower Black students to own their future the way they want.

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

BigFuture

SAVE THE DATE

2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Friday, May 24th

5:00 pm | James Brown Arena | Augusta, GA





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
Jan 15	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
- 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, WGAT-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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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Coming November
10th: Veteran's Day
Holiday
20th-24th: Thanksgiving
Holiday



Noviembre
10: Día de los
Veteranos
20-24: Feriado de
Acción de Gracias

2023-2024 Sistema escolar del condado de Richmond Calendario escolar						
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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

- 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!

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)

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 does open-mindedness relate to empathy and understanding different cultures and perspectives?

How can a lack of open-mindedness hinder personal growth and the ability to adapt to changing circumstances?

IB LEARNER PROFILE

As IB Learners, we strive to be:

OPEN-MINDED

- critically appreciate many cultures, values, and traditions
- seek diverse points of view
- willing to grow

RISK-TAKERS

- explore new ideas and innovative strategies
- are resourceful and resilient in challenge and change

BALANCED

- balance the intellectual, emotional, and physical aspects of our lives
- recognize interdependence

PRINCIPLED

- act with integrity and honesty
- take responsibility for our actions

REFLECTIVE

- thoughtfully consider the world and our own experiences
- work to understand our strengths and weaknesses