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Richland County High School Students and Families,

Hello, and welcome to RCHS in 2020! While we know that our situation is far from normal and less than ideal, we want to assure you that we are doing everything we can to put students first in our work and planning. To say that RCHS is facing some challenges is quite an understatement. We not only have the worldwide pandemic, but we also have a building that is under construction and not ready for occupation. With that being said we are still committed to providing our students with a high quality education and giving them every opportunity we can within the guidelines we need to follow.

This letter is intended to give you some information needed in order to get the year started. Please read through it carefully. If you have questions above and beyond what this letter answers, please do not hesitate to call the high school office or send an email to Mr. Thomann athomann@rccu1.net or Mr. Julian ajulian@rccu1.net. Please read through the rest of the information in this document to ensure that you are able to get the year started off right.

For the first week of school, in-person students will either be starting on Monday or Tuesday. Students that start on Tuesday and full remote learning students should follow this link http://rchs.rccu1.net/news/schoolology_guide_for_students__parents to get started on Monday morning.

Please remember that all students will be going through a screening process each day before entering the building. Every student that uses the Skyward self-certification process will help to speed up the process. Just go to your mobile app store and load the Skyward app. Once you have logged in it will direct you to a daily screening. All students will still be temperature checked at the door, but completing this ahead of time will move the line more quickly.

Students who indicated they do not have internet access will still be expected to participate online. There will be space available at Elm St. Church where they can come in and work as well as other spaces that have been made available throughout the county. Please let us know if you need assistance finding a workspace.

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Device Check-out for Students In Need:

Students that indicated during registration that they are in need of a device for home use will need to pick those up on Friday, August 28th at the specified time listed below. Students that are issued a device and attending in-person instruction throughout the week will be expected to bring that device with them to school. ONLY STUDENTS WHO INDICATED NEED FOR A DEVICE AT REGISTRATION WILL BE ISSUED A DEVICE AT THIS TIME. If there is further need from other students that will be addressed once school has started.

Class	Pick-up Time
Freshmen	8:00-9:00
Sophomores	9:30-10:30
Juniors	12:00-1:00
Seniors	1:30-2:30

Student In-Person Attendance Days:

Freshmen	
Monday and Wednesday	Ackman-Mashburn
Tuesday and Thursday	McDowell-Zwilling
Sophomores	
Monday and Wednesday	Adams-Klingler
Tuesday and Thursday	Kocher-Zwilling
Juniors	
Monday and Wednesday	Akers-Kerr
Tuesday and Thursday	Kessler-Zuber
Seniors	
Monday and Wednesday	Alexander-Kirby
Tuesday and Thursday	Klingler-Zuber

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Course Locations and Morning Entry Points:

Specific course locations can be found on student schedules and staff will be on hand Monday and Tuesday morning to help students find their rooms. The next four pages simply explain what building each course is located in. This page also informs students what door they need to enter each facility at the beginning of the day.

1st Block						
Elm St. Christian Church				Immanuel United Methodist Church		Public Library
Cherry School	New Elm St.	Old Elm St.	Old Elm St.			
North Door of Cherry School	South Door under canopy of new building	South Door under canopy of new building	North Door off Elm St. under canopy	North Door off parking lot	Northeast Door off of Washington St.	South door on East side of building
Spanish I	Remote Workspace	JROTC (Fr/So)	Intro to Ag	Anatomy	Comp III	Intro to Teaching
Comp II		Intro Prod Tech	Chemistry	Comp IV	JROTC	
Western Civ		Burgener	PE (Fr/So)	Web Page	Government	
Spanish II		King	Health Occ	DC US Hist	Nat Res Mngmt	
Integ Science		Duenas	MSI	US Hist		
Math Concepts			Yearbook	PE (Jr/Sr)		
Info Processing			Health			
Ceramics/Pott			Math I			

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Course Locations:

2nd Block				
Elm St. Christian Church			Immanuel Church	Public Library
Cherry School	New Elm St.	Old Elm St.		
Spanish I	Remote Workspace	Intro to Ag	Math III	Co-Op
Integ Science	Comp Conc (M/W)	Chemistry	Anatomy	
Math II	Business Tech	PE (Fr/So)	DC English	
Comp II		MSI	Res Mgmt	
Spanish II		Math Conc	DC Biology	
Western Civ		Graphic Design	US History	
Business Tech		JROTC (Fr/So)	DC US History	
Comp Conc (T/Th)		Burgener	JROTC (Jr/Sr)	
Drawing		King	Pre-Calc	
		Duenas	Spanish III	
			PE (Jr/Sr)	
			Construction	
			Welding	
			Prod Tech	

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Course Locations:

3rd Block			
Elm St. Christian Church			Immanuel Church
Cherry School	New Elm St.	Old Elm St.	
Integ Science	Remote Workspace	Intro to Ag	Comp III
Parenting	PE (Fr/So)	Comp I	DC English
World Cultures		Math I	Res Mgmt
Spanish II		Biology I	Math IV
Info Processing		MSI	US History
Music Theory		Comp Conc	College/Careers
Math II		Comp II	JROTC (Fr/So)
Art Explorations		JROTC (Fr/So)	Physics
		Burgener	Spanish III
		King	PE (Jr/Sr)
		Duenas	Construction
			Welding
			Trans Tech

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Course Locations:

4th Block			
Elm St. Christian Church			Immanuel Church
Cherry School	New Elm St.	Old Elm St.	
Creative Writing	Remote Workspace	Foods I	Math III
Comp II	PE (Fr/So)	Chemistry	DC Speech
Biology I		Fashion	Adv Math Conc
Intro to Ag		MSI	US History
Western Civ		Film Editing	Comp III
Math I		Driver's Ed	PE (Jr/Sr)
Art Exploration		Comp I	Trans Tech
		Burgener	
		King	
		Duenas	

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Parking, Parent Drop Off/Pickup and Bus Info:

Elm St. Christian Church	
Parking	All parking for students and visitors will be in the gravel parking lot behind Cherry School which can be accessed via Mill St.
Parent Drop Off/Pickup	Parents dropping off and/or picking up students should do so on Mill St. behind the church or on Elm St. to the North. Drop off point should be determined by the student's entry point for 1st Block.
Bus Info	Students riding to and from school on a bus will be dropped off and picked up on Mill St. to the west of the church.
Immanuel UMC	
Parking	All parking for students and visitors will be in the main parking lot to the north of the church.
Parent Drop Off/Pickup	Parents dropping off and/or picking up students should do so in the main parking lot to the north of the church.
Bus Info	Students riding to and from school on a bus will be dropped off and picked up on Washington St. to the east of the church.

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Daily Schedule:

7:45-8:05	Arrival
8:10-9:18	1st Block
9:28-10:36	2nd Block
10:46-11:54	3rd Block
12:04-1:10	4th Block
1:10-1:35	Dismissal/Optional Lunch
1:35	Bus Pickup

Lunch/Snack/Drinks:

Students will be released at 1:10 for lunch. Those that wish to leave campus to eat may do so. Students that wish to stay on campus will be given space to sit and eat. School lunch will be provided in the form of a sack lunch.

Given the fact that students do not eat until 1:10, there will be pre-packaged snacks set out in a common area at each site that students can grab for free. Students are only asked to limit themselves to one per day and be respectful by placing trash in proper receptacles.

Students that would like to have a drink throughout the day are encouraged to bring water in clear bottles. While at the alternate sites and upon moving into the new buildings, students will be restricted to water in clear bottles. At the new building, there will be bottle fillers on the new water fountains.

Traveling Between Sites:

Most students will not need to travel between sites, but some will. A school bus will be parked at each site at the conclusion of each block to transport students to the other site if needed. Students with a valid driver's license will be allowed to transport themselves to the other site. Students should not be transporting other students from site to site unless approved by administration.

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Other Notes:

Students are reminded that we will be borrowing space for classes from very generous members of our community. All members of our school community will need to treat those spaces with respect by helping to maintain the property and keep it clean. We do not at this time know how long we will need to use the alternate sites, so it is very important that we maintain a positive relationship with the caretakers of these facilities.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding in this difficult time. As stated before, we will work diligently to provide our students with every opportunity we can. We fully understand that any frustrations we may have probably pale in comparison to what our students are feeling and we will keep that in mind as we make decisions for our school and community. If there is anything you need please do not hesitate to call or email with questions.

Sincerely,

Andy Thomann
RCHS Principal