



RICHMOND-BURTON CHSD 157

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

As we head into the final month of the 2021-22 school year, there is much to be excited about at RB. After beginning the year with so much uncertainty, we now end the year with a renewed sense of school spirit. Our school day has returned to normal and students are once again participating in the many clubs and extracurricular activities that add so much value to a student's high school experience.



In addition to the return of all the extracurricular activities and clubs, Richmond-Burton was once again named a top high school in Illinois and in the nation by US News and World Report. This is a testimony to the resilience and determination of our students, staff and families to ensure our students continue to move forward regardless of obstacles the last two years have brought. It is also important to mention that Nippersink Middle School was also named for the first time a top performing middle school in the state of Illinois by US News and World Report. We are proud of the work being done by our teachers and support staff throughout both districts' schools to see that all our students are successful.

Richmond-Burton CHSD 157 has also been working on the development of a long-term facility plan in conjunction with World Architectural Engineers. RB is now 22 years old and the Board has proactively developed a maintenance and replacement schedule for many of the mechanicals, HVAC equipment and roofs. In addition, the Board of Education has made modernizing and improving areas of the campus used most by students a priority.

This part of the long-term facility plan will include the addition of field turf on our main stadium competition field this coming summer. This will allow more access and usage of this space by our students and community. Construction will begin in late May and finish in early August. We are currently working with Wold Engineers to also completely renovate the library

space and add on to it. This space will become the learning resource center and will have a new print center, modern conference rooms, additional STEM space, several areas designated for small group collaboration and student presentations. An outside classroom space will also be created by our garden and will be designed for students or classes to work or enjoy lunch on a large patio. Connected to the learning resource center will be a cafe designed to support our student run bakery that is a collaboration between our business and culinary arts programs. When not being used as a cafe it will remain open for students looking for a relaxing non-traditional place to study or collaborate with other students. This project is in the final steps of design and will go to bid this fall and construction will begin in the summer of 2022-23. The Board of Education is committed to improving our fine arts space. The theater will be renovated with new sound equipment, state of the art lighting systems, updated rigging and new technology to make sure our students have the best experience they can have while performing. This will also go to bid in the fall and renovations will begin during the summer of 2022-23. The field turf project, learning resource center, student run cafe and theater upgrades have been designed with students being the focus. Each one of these projects will touch each and every student in a positive way.

Finally, all funding for these projects will come from current fund balances and the D157 Board of Education will not need to borrow any money to complete these upgrades. The long-term facility plan and associated cost were carefully planned by the Board of Education to ensure no borrowing would be needed. I want to thank all our students, staff and families for their continued support in making RB a great place for students. Good things are happening every day in our schools!

Dr. Tom Lind, Superintendent of Schools

RICHMOND-BURTON CHSD RANKED TOP HIGH SCHOOL FOR 10TH YEAR

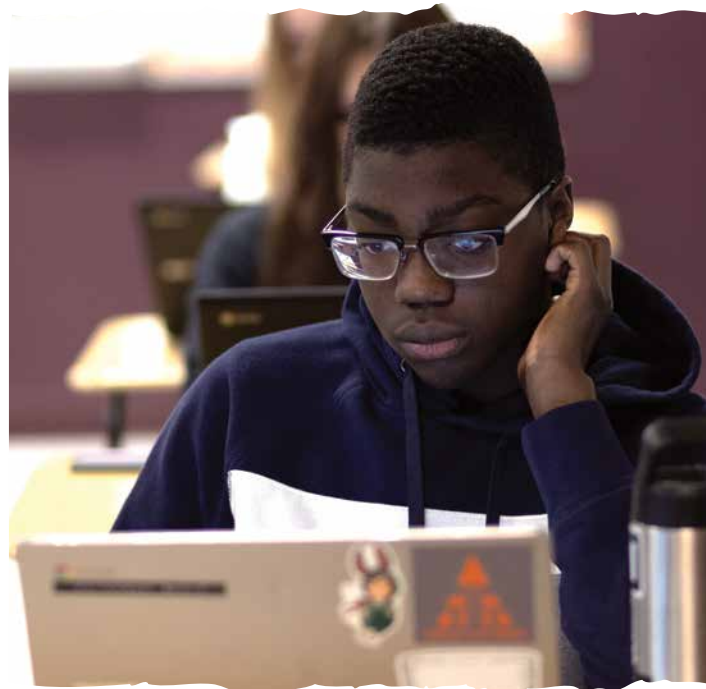
Each year US News and World Report shares lists of the top schools. These ratings are based on the school's graduation rate, data about college entrance exams (SAT/ACT performance) and advanced course information. Math, reading and science assessments are also taken into account. This ranking is very prestigious.

For the 10th year in a row, Richmond-Burton CHSD has been ranked as a Top High School in Illinois according to US News and World Report. RB is ranked in the top 100 in a state with over 700 high schools. Richmond-Burton continues to outperform both academically and athletically schools that are twice its size.



Richmond-Burton owes its success to their students who continue to push themselves academically and the teachers that support their learning. Richmond-Burton offers an ever growing number of college dual credit classes and a large choice of AP classes.

Starting with the 2022-23 school year Freshman students were eligible to take AP US Government.



RB PRESENTS CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Last December many students decided to step out of their comfort zone and audition for the upcoming production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. After the cast was set, rehearsals began right away in January. The show slowly started to come together as a result of highly dedicated students and staff.

Justen Lyon and Diane Kane worked together to bring this production alive. Abbee Abraham, a freshman, was cast as Charlie Bucket and shared, "I was very excited to be playing the role of Charlie Bucket in this year's spring musical! I had a great time working with the amazing cast, crew and directors. This has been such a wonderful experience for me, and I

have learned so much along the way. I hope everyone enjoyed the show!"

Lyon worked with students to try to figure out what was working and what needed to be done. He commented, "It was a whirlwind but a fantastic experience. The kids stepped up to deal with every challenge: finishing the set, finishing props, memorizing lines and figuring out absences. I usually am concerned about a show coming together but the cast and crew were so stellar that I knew everything would work out."

Thank you to all who were involved in this amazing production. RBHS looks forward to presenting many more like this in the future.



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

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|  Ellee Adel Abraham |  Joseph W. Ackerman |  Sammi Miah Ackerman |  Lilly Lucille Alberts |  Amanda Marie Allport |  Jason Richard Anderson Jr |  Madison Bailey Anderson |  Sophie Mae Becker |  Amber Nicole Bertuccioli |  Emma Grace Bertuccioli |  Calla Lillian Angelina Beverly |  Cailyn Elizabeth Bowerman |  Catherine Ann Bowerman |  Bronwyn Julean Bregenzler |  James Donald Brossart |  Chance Michael Brown |  Zachary Brown |  Danielle Lauren Burg |  Kenneth Robert Busch |
|  Benjamin Allen Campbell |  Ian Thomas Campbell |  Hayden Michael Christiansen |  Makenzie Lynn Clem |  Beck Sage Cook |  Rachel Cook |  Rylee Paige Copenhavre |  Jimena Cruz |  Lindsay Ann Czarnik |  |  Ethan David Demers |  Kolby Kristopher Doherty |  Makenna Morgan Donohoe |  |  Ryan William Eskuri |  Layla M. Falah |  Amanda Lynn Faller |  Laci Marie Falster |  Emily Grace Farmer |
|  Joseph Alan Ferrero |  Travis Joshua Fiene |  Mia Kathleen Elizabeth Finnen |  Ethan Henry Fischer |  Hannah Rose Fitzmaurice |  Maxwell Jacob Folbrick |  Blake Alan Franks |  Matthew Alan Elmer Frank |  Hayden L. Freund |  Dakota Jasmine Fuller |  |  Jessica Leigh Gathman |  Eleni Kay Gewalt |  Payton Riley Gibson |  Caden Matthew Gort |  Alyssa Marie Grandt |  Brianne Rose Grandt |  Timothy David Griffin |  Kaileigh Jasmine Michelle Grossman |
|  Kaitlyn Guanci |  Isaac Josiah Peter Gunderson |  |  Zoe Nicole Hannemann |  Kaitlynn Nichole Hare |  Ashton John Hicks |  Joy Holian |  Zachary Robert Horn |  Sarah Beth Hughey |  Landon Andrew Jacoby |  Jani Joann Jindra |  Finley M. Johnson |  Kylie Johnson |  Olivia Claire Kallieris |  Trevor P. Kappel |  Davis Allan Kelly |  Gage Ethan Kemppi |  Kiley Nichole Kennedy |  Allison Marcella Kessel |
|  Logan J. Knott |  Aedian Knox |  Gavin Daniel Koleno |  Sanya Rose Komin |  Paige Krucek-DeMuth |  Peyton Nicole Kupsak |  Rachel Nicole Lappen |  Logan Lee Lautenschlager |  James David Layer |  Natalie Faith Lenegar |  Kailey Michelle Lima |  Kate Lueck |  Jolie Lynn Lukstein |  Tanner Mackey |  Enzo F. Martinez |  Joseph Lee Mathe |  Sarah M. McClellan |  Jenna Marie McCue |  Coleman James McDonough |
|  Brogan Sean McKeown |  |  Kyle Henry Metzler |  Nicholas Wayne Meyer |  Sydney Ellen Meyer |  Jason Gary Miller |  Megan Lynn Miltimore |  Patrick Wojciech Mrugala |  Trenton Ayden Mundy |  |  Jacob Michael Nelson |  Tucker E. Nelson |  Kaden James Neuman |  Joseph Richard Nick |  Timothy Christopher Novak |  Aidan John O'Brien |  Anthony Vincent O'Leary |  Makoelyn Grace Ortiz |  Lily Lynn Perkowski |
|  Mallory Paige Pertler |  Emily Quintana Sierra |  Melanie L. Regnier |  Samantha Karen Reimer |  Christian Rendon |  Michael Logan Renier |  Joe Michael Reyna |  Tristan Edward Rockwell |  Taiski Ryan |  Emma Joy Schuler |  Jasmyne Sherman |  Kyler Matthew Shive |  Christopher Thomas Silberbauer |  Sierra Simecek |  Joseph Anthony Slove |  Antonette Joanne Smith |  Nathaniel Thomas Smith |  Abigail Splitt |  Mikaela Nicole St. Denis |
|  Matthew Carl Stark |  Savanna Belle Sullivan |  |  Guadalupe Torres Gonzalez |  Stephen Keith Tower |  Caleb Daniel Uhwat |  Grace Catherine Uhwat |  Steven Vazquez Wyble |  Jack Ryan Verdani |  Natalie E. Wagenaar |  Nicole A. Wagenaar |  Connor Michael Wallace |  Saige Gladys Wilson |  Brock Michael Wood |  Evan Bradley Woods |  Alana Morgan Yanca |  Vanessa Kasjana Zaluski | | |

ACES DOMINATES COMPETITIONS IN THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

ACES stands for Academic Challenge for Engineering Students and is a program sponsored through Eastern Illinois University. It began as WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) at the University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign. The team consists of 14 Varsity students, each competing in two different academic subjects from the following: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering Graphics, English, Mathematics, Physics. The students prepare by studying and attending practices with the coaches in order to answer as many questions as possible on timed multiple choice tests.

The ACES experience is great for students to get a taste of collegiate level material, to challenge themselves, and to work towards understanding material in more depth that sometimes high school courses allow. Those students who have been introduced to this program have found success in college and have often used their experience to enhance internships and future job opportunities. The students encourage and teach each other, perpetuating the success of the program from year to year. As a school, RB has placed at state 19 times in the past 20 years and have earned 5 state championships. Besides those achievements, there are many individual state champions in history and innumerable memories that the students and coaches have of practices, meals together, and anxiously awaiting awards ceremonies.

The past two years have been online competitions where the students have been in the library at RB, armed with calculators and scratch paper, and compete individually in order to obtain a team score. This year the team experienced a great amount of success.

RB placed first at Regionals and here are the students (year) who medaled at the Regional competition in January:

Individual Medal Winners:

Biology

1st Sammy Ortmeyer (11)
 2nd Sierra Simecek (12)
 3rd James Layer (12)

Chemistry

1st Alyssa Grandt (12)
 2nd Timmy Novak (12)
 3rd Sammy Ortmeyer (11)

Engineering Graphics

2nd Emma Schuler (12)

English

2nd Grace Jaeger (11)

Mathematics

1st Timmy Novak (12)
 1st Emma Schuler (12)
 2nd Alyssa Grandt (12)
 3rd Aiden Lindsey (10)



RB team placed first at sectionals and here are the individual Sectional medal winners:

Biology

1st James Layer (12)
 2nd Sammy Ortmeyer (11)

Chemistry

1st Alyssa Grandt (12)
 2nd Timmy Novak (12)

Engineering Graphics

2nd Brogan McKeown (12)

Mathematics

1st Emma Schuler (12)
 2nd Timmy Novak (12)
 3rd Alyssa Grandt (12)

The team state results are still in the works, but the individual medal winners are:

Chemistry

5th Timmy Novak (12)

Mathematics

5th Place Timmy Novak (12)
 5th Place Emma Schuler (12)

DUAL CREDIT SETS STUDENTS UP FOR SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

RBSD is giving high school students the opportunity to experience college coursework and earn college credit through their dual enrollment program and vocational school. For many students, these programs have enormous payoffs, including reducing overall college costs, early graduation from college and early acceptance into master degree programs.

Adding dual credit opportunities for students has been one of the overarching goals of the District 157 Board of Education and Administration for some time now. RB has built a successful partnership with McHenry County College (MCC) to build the amount of offerings for students. Dual Credit English has been added to the 2021-22 school year. This course allows students to receive up to 6 semester hours of college credit for English. Next school year RBSD plans to add Biology 110, an advanced lab science class in which students will be using innovative scientific lab equipment to work through advanced problems. Finally, RBSD has added Walking Fitness for next year as well in the Wellness Department

RBSD plans to continue the partnership with MCC to look to add as many offerings as possible for students. When high school students can leave the building with college credit already under their belt, they are statistically more likely to perform well and obtain a degree. It is also financially beneficial for families.



RB SPECIAL OLYMPICS POWERLIFTING AND TRACK TEAM

Extracurricular activities can provide all students who struggle in one area a place to shine in another. Lindsay Slavin and Brittany Chesna had this in mind when they created the Special Olympics Powerlifting and Track Team. In addition to giving special needs students an opportunity to shine, they also chose to include student volunteers who would go on to learn compassion, patience and acceptance.

This year the teams have competed locally, regionally and at the end of June will attend the state competition. The State Games are June 17-19 at Illinois State University in Normal, IL. Jack will be competing in Deadlift with his gold with 150 lbs. Payton will be competing in Deadlift with his gold with 200 lbs and Bench Press of 65 lbs. Marcus will be competing in Deadlift with his gold with 150 lbs and Bench Press of 80 lbs. Joey will be competing in Deadlift with his gold with 80 lbs.

These teams are constantly showing all of us what we are capable of every day. Congratulations to all involved.

Team Rosters

Powerlifters:

Joseph Ackerman
 Marcus DeLeon
 Kendall Krashoc
 Jack Przanowski
 Payton Weiland

Track:

Joseph Ackerman
 Jill Albert
 Marcus DeLeon
 Ashton Hicks
 Anna Jensen
 Kendall Krashoc
 Jack Przanowski
 Hayley Stark
 Jonathan Szott
 Grace Uhwat
 Payton Weiland

Coaches: Slavin, Chesna, Schmidt, Lohff

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Richmond-Burton CHSD 157 Board of Education holds regular board meetings on the third Wednesday of each calendar month at 7:00 pm. The meetings are to be held in the District Administrative Center at 4213 US HWY 12, Richmond, Illinois. You are invited to attend these meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

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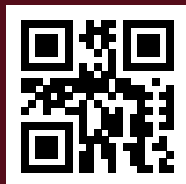
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FIELD TURF AND LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER (LRC) RENOVATIONS

The renovations of the Turf and the Library Resource Center are coming along nicely. The Stadium Project will take place this summer approximately June 1st through August 12th. The field will receive a new turf installation. This project was voted on by the Board of Education in order to maximize the usage of this space for our students. The field will now be able to be used by all athletic teams, our marching band, and our physical education students without being stopped by bad weather.

The Library Resource Center (LRC) is in the second phase of the long-term facility plan set forth and approved by the Board of Education. Planning meetings have already been occurring for the last 6 months and will continue for the next year. Construction will begin in the summer of 2023.

This project will completely transform the central student location of the building. We will be adding multiple collaboration spaces, individual learning areas, and unique conference room student spaces. A flexible location will also be added out front that will serve as a student commons as well as a space for our student-run Bakery