Rising 9\textsuperscript{th} Grade Orientation

Richmond Hill High School

1/23/17
Administrators

- Debi McNeal - Principal
- Mickey Bayens
  - Athletic Director
- Fran Stephens
  - 12th Grade Assistant Principal
- Jason Kornegay
  - 11th Grade Assistant Principal
- Tracy Buchner
  - 10th Grade Assistant Principal
- Jonathan Lea
  - 9th Grade Assistant Principal
School Counselors

- Bunyan- (A-Davidson)
- Eckhart- (Davis-Hightower)
- Ingram- (Hill-Miller)
- Renshaw -(Milton-Scooler)
- Thomas- (Scott-Z)
1. “How do lunches work?”
2. “I am riding to school with my brother/sister. If he/she makes me late, does it count as being tardy?”
3. “Do I need a locker?”
4. “They meant it about summer reading?”
5. “How am I supposed to get from 100 hall to 700 hall before the bell rings?”
6. “What is a pathway?”
# Graduation Requirements

24 credits needed for graduation

## Core
- **English**: 4 Credits
- **Math**: 4 Credits
- **Science**: 4 Credits
- **Social Studies**: 4 Credits
- **Health & Personal Fitness**: 1 Credit

## Electives
- **CTAE/Fine Arts**: 3 credits
- **Foreign Language***: 2 Credits
- **Approved Electives**: 2+ Credits

*Students planning to attend a 4 years college will need to take at least two units of the same language.*
Registration Process

- January 25: 8th grade assembly at RHMS
- January 28: Students will receive registration forms
- Teachers will make recommendations, and parents will sign and return forms
- February 3: Registration forms due to RHHS
- February 14-15: Schedule requests entered into PowerSchool
- March/April: Master schedule will be created from student requests and schedules will be shared
Option 1
- 9th Grade Algebra I
- 10th Grade Geometry
- 11th Grade Algebra II
- 12th Grade Pre-Calculus or approved 4th Math

Option 2
- 9th Grade GSE Geometry I
- 10th Grade GSE Algebra II
- 11th Grade GSE Pre-Calculus
- 12th Grade AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or AP Statistics

Option 3
- 9th Grade Accelerated Geometry B / Algebra 2
- 10th Grade Accelerated Pre-Calculus
- 11th Grade Accelerated Pre-Calculus
- 12th Grade AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or AP Statistics
Option 1

9th Grade
Ninth Lit/Comp/
Honors Ninth Lit/
Comp

10th Grade
Tenth Lit//Comp/
Honors Tenth Lit/
Comp

11th Grade
American Lit/Comp/
Honors American Lit/
Comp

12th Grade
Brit Lit/Comp/Honors
Brit Lit/Comp

Option 2

9th Grade
Tenth Lit/Comp or
Honors Tenth Lit/
Comp

10th Grade
Honors American Lit/
Comp

11th Grade
Honors Brit Lit
Comp/ AP Lang/
AP Lang

12th Grade
AP Lit / AP Capstone/
Honors Brit Lit Comp
RHHS – Social Studies

Option 1

- 9th Grade World Geography
- 10th Grade World History
- 11th Grade U. S. History
- 12th Grade American Gov’t and Economics

Option 2

- 9th Grade Hon World Geography or AP Human Geography
- 10th Grade Hon World History or AP World History
- 11th Grade Hon U. S. History or AP U. S. History
- 12th Grade AP Government or AP Economics
End of Course Tests are state mandated tests administered at the end of certain courses. The score on the EOC is 20% of the final grade in that course.

- Ninth Literature/Composition
- American Literature
- Biology
- Physical Science
- U. S. History
- Economics
- Algebra I
- Geometry
Students often struggle moving to high school, even without tackling Accelerated Math or Honors/AP Classes

The difference.....TIME!

RHMS Day
- 180 days x 75 minute periods = 13,500 minutes of instruction

RHHS Day
- 90 x 90 minute blocks = 8,100 minutes of instruction
Grading System

- A = 90 – 100
- B = 80 – 89
- C = 70 – 79
- F* = 69 and below
- *If your student fails a course, he/she will have to repeat the course the subsequent semester or complete credit recovery

- Final grade must be 60 or higher to qualify for credit recovery (after school) and there are fees involved
- A failing grade will remain on the transcript even if the student repeats the course and earns a passing grade.
All RHHS courses grade according to the following breakdown:

- 70% of a grade will stem from Summative Assessments (Tests, Projects, Research Papers, etc.)
- 30% of a grade will stem from Formative Assessments (Daily, Quizzes, Homework, etc.)
Grade Point Average

- GPA is determined by quality points.
  - A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, F = 0

- RHHS reports only unweighted grades for GPA. Colleges/Universities will weight student grades according to their own scales.

- VAL/SAL Weights: Student grades are weighted in the calculation of valedictorian and salutatorian according to the following scale:
  - AP courses receive 1 additional point--Honors courses receive .5

- To be an Honor graduate students must maintain an overall grade of 90 or higher.
Promotion Criteria

- 9th to 10th Grade:
  - 6 credits
  - (8 credit opportunities freshman year)
RHHS AP Courses

- **English/Language Arts:**
  - AP Language
  - AP Literature
  - AP Capstone

- **Social Studies:**
  - AP Human Geography
  - AP World History
  - AP US History
  - AP Economics
  - AP Government
  - AP Psychology

- **Foreign Language:**
  - AP Spanish

- **Science:**
  - AP Biology
  - AP Chemistry
  - AP Physics 1
  - AP Physics 2
  - AP Environmental Science
  - AP Computer Science

- **Math:**
  - AP Calculus A/B
  - AP Calculus B/C
  - AP Statistics
Students need to decide early on their ultimate goals

Top tier universities expect a high percentage of AP courses taken when compared to the total # of RHHS AP Courses offered

MOWR is an excellent program where students can receive college and high school credit at the same time--counselors can provide additional info
### Academic Support

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<td>Tutorial</td>
<td>Teachers have announced times/days for tutorials. Students have an opportunity to get additional assistance as needed.</td>
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<td>Support Classes in Math</td>
<td>An elective math class designed to assist students having difficulty with math. Each support class is designed to assist students in a specific core Math class.</td>
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<td>Media Center/Link</td>
<td>Are open before and after school for student use.</td>
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ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP
- Georgia resident for 12 months
- Must meet the rigor requirements – 4 rigor classes required
- 3.7 GPA - Cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale
- 26 Composite score - ACT
- 1200 Critical Reading and Math - SAT
- Must complete a FAFSA or GSFAPPS
- Amount given depends on the institution

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP
- Georgia resident for 12 months
- Must meet the rigor requirements – 4 rigor classes required
- 3.0 GPA - Cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Must complete a FAFSA or GSFAPPS
- Amount given depends on the institution
- More info can be found www.Gafutures.org
RHHS is proud to offer the following pathway opportunities to our students:

- **Healthcare Science** (Public Health, EMR, Sports Medicine, Exercise Physiology)
- Television Production
- Early Childhood Education
- Business (Business Communications, Entrepreneurship, Human Resources)
- Engineering
- Graphic Design (Graphic Ad Design, Outputs and Processes)

3 Fine Arts, Foreign Language, or JROTC courses will also meet the pathway requirement
Ninth Lit and Math (Skinnies)

- Freshmen will take math and ELA classes on 100 hall
- These will be paired together on A/B
- This will allow for “skinnies” to support instruction
Benefits of an A/B Schedule

- Allows for more AP course offerings – courses finish in May at time of AP testing
- Allows for math support classes paired with regular math class
- Prevents gaps between sequential courses (particularly in math)
ALL freshmen at RHHS start with a clean slate in regard to discipline and academics

However, from day 1 at RHHS every assignment will count toward a student’s final grade on their transcript, so it is critical to get off to a good start

High school works on the credit system, so not passing a required class means you must repeat it
What is the Obligations List?
- 3 ways for students to be placed on OL

1. Owing fines
2. Missing Paperwork
3. Skipping Thursday detention or Saturday School

- Students placed on OL are ineligible for ALL extracurricular activities and school events (including in-season sports)

- Students removed from OL as soon as situation is remedied
All Freshmen have GHSA eligibility fall semester. Second semester and all subsequent semesters students must earn GHSA eligibility. GHSA eligibility is base in part on the students academic record. Students must also have a current physical on file.
RHHS offers a variety of clubs and student organizations

Please visit East Gym to learn more—a list of clubs and organizations can be found in the brochure
Parents

- Sign up for a Parent Portal account to access your child’s grades and attendance

- Parent Portal access information can be provided by either the RHMS front office or the RHHS registrar’s office on west campus

- Principal’s Newsletter is posted to RHHS website weekly
Rising 9th Grade Parent Breakfast

- Parents are invited to attend the rising 9th grade parent breakfast
- Tuesday, January 24 at 8:00 am in East Cafeteria
- Opportunity to ask questions of Ms. McNeal in a smaller setting
- Please sign up to attend via the link on our website
RHHS website

- www.bryancountyschools.org/o/rhhs

- Follow School News on Twitter @DebiMcNeal

- Follow RHHS Athletics @BayensMickey