



5/27 No School—Memorial Day

5/31 RCHS School Picnic & Graduation

6/4 Last Day of School 1/2 Day



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Greetings RCHS Graduates and Families,

The following is the May 31st agenda for the graduating class of 2024.

May 31st, 2024

- ❖ 10:30 - 11:30 Senior Picnic, Slideshow and Send Off
 - All seniors and their families are invited to attend this event held at River Cities High School.
- ❖ 11:45 - 12:00 Graduates meet at the Performing Arts Center for graduation practice
- ❖ 12:00 - 1:30 Graduation Practice at PAC
 - Attendance is mandatory. If the student does not attend practice they will **not** be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
 - After practice graduates will receive their caps and gowns.
- ❖ 5:15 - 5:30 Graduates meet at the Performing Arts Center to prepare for graduation.
- ❖ 6:00 Graduation Ceremony begins.
 - After the graduation ceremony students will return to the entrance where they lined up. After they turn in their caps and gowns they will receive their official diplomas. Students may keep their tassels.

Graduation Reminders:

- ❖ Location: Wisconsin Rapids Performing Arts Center (1801 16th St. South)
- ❖ The ceremony will be livestreamed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubLa-SJF3yM> Link will be posted on our website also under announcements.
- ❖ Attire
 - Graduation is an important ceremony and graduates should be well-groomed and neatly dressed. Formal clothing should be worn.
 - Collared shirt and tie, dress pants, dress or skirt, and their best pair of shoes.
 - Caps and gowns are NOT to have any additional adornment. This includes, but is not limited to, ribbons, messages, jewels, and signs.
- ❖ Spectator and Graduate Expectations
 - Mature, adult behavior is expected during all of the graduation events. Evidence of drinking or use of illegal substances before graduation will eliminate participation in the ceremony.
 - Everyone will be required to stay in their seats for the duration of the ceremony. Standing in aisles will not be allowed for safety and visibility reasons.

Finish Strong

Graduation is an important and exciting time for students and families. The school year will be coming to a close in a relatively short time. In order for students to participate in graduation they must take care of their responsibilities.

First and foremost, complete all academic and work requirements. If you are unsure of your status or the status of your student, please reach out to RCHS staff.

Fines, Fees, or Materials

Need to be taken care of prior to the graduation ceremony. Payments can be arranged by calling River Cities High School. All materials, including Chromebooks, must be returned prior to the ceremony. Students will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony unless they have met all of their obligations.

Staff Contact

We encourage you to reach out to staff with any questions. To earn credits toward graduation, students must complete assigned academic requirements and meet other obligations, including work hour requirements. If you are unsure of your status or the status of your student, please reach out to RCHS staff.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2024!

Steven Hepp

Principal

River Cities High School

May-WRPS Nurse



2024

One month left!!

May is **NATIONAL ASTHMA AND ALLERGY AWARENESS**

MONTH! It is the peak season for asthma and allergies. We have already had several warmer days and this will continue so please make sure your student has any needed medication (inhalers, antihistamines) at school to help combat allergies.

**Any inhalers at school will need a doctor's order. Review your child's asthma action plan with the school nurse as needed. High school students: may self-carry inhalers with a doctor's order allowing self-carry and may carry their over-the-counter store-bought medications (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc), but must be in the original container.

!! Did you know: From Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) !!

The most common asthma triggers include allergies, air pollution, and other airborne irritants, other health conditions include respiratory infections, exercise or physical activity, weather and air temperature, strong emotions, and some medicines. Asthma triggers vary from person to person. Some people react to only a few while others react to many. Keep in mind that dry wind, cold air, or sudden changes in weather or temperature can sometimes bring on an asthma episode.

*****MEDICATIONS*****

As we near the end of another school year, we would like to remind you that any over-the-counter medications, EpiPens, and inhalers that your student has at school will be sent home with them at the end of the year. **Any controlled medication (seizure or ADHD) will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian or other adults. If any extra medication is not picked up by the end of the year, it will be properly disposed of.**

Summer School-medication

If your child is enrolled in summer school and needs daily medication or emergency medication, please be sure they have a new doctor's order; the order used during the school year will not be sufficient.

Bridging Brighter Smiles Reminder.....(Lincoln High School & River Cities only). SET UP YOUR CHILD FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!

RECEIVE DENTAL CARE RIGHT AT SCHOOL! Bridging Brighter Smiles will be providing dental services at Lincoln High School/River Cities High School during the school day. Dental services include Oral Screening, cleaning, fluoride, etc. Forward Health (Badger Care) is accepted, they do not accept private dental insurance, and charitable care is offered for those students who do not have the financial resources to access dental care. You can sign up now, turn in the enrollment form to the main office, or enroll online at enrollment.bbsmiles.org. Questions? Call 262-896-9891.

REMINDER: Immunizations

Please review the following schedule and make sure your child is compliant by next school year. Parents can schedule a nurse visit at the doctor's clinic to get vaccinations.

Parents may contact Wood County Public Health for more information on their Vaccine Clinic at 715-421-8911 to see if their child is eligible. See brochure [English & Spanish Brochure](#)

Required Immunizations for School:

*****5 months through 15 months:

2 DTP/DTaP/DT, 2 Polio, 2 Hep B, 2 Hib, 2 PCV

*****16 months through 23 months:

3 DTP/DTaP/DT, 2 Polio, 1 MMR, 2 Hep B, 3 Hib, 3 PCV

*****2 years through 4 years:

4 DTP/DTaP/DT, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 1 Var, 3 Hep B, 3 Hib, 3 PCV

*****Kindergarten through grade 6:

4 DTP/DTaP/DT, 4 Polio, 2 MMR, 2 Var, 3 Hep B

*****Grade 7 through grade 12:

4 DTP/DTaP/DT, 1 Tdap 4 Polio, 2 MMR, 2 Var, 3 Hep B

If your child should not receive immunizations for any reason, please fill out the waiver found at the bottom of the record form signed by a parent/guardian or physician, and return it to the school nurse.

The updated student immunization record form is available here: [Student Immunization Record](#).

*****WRPS health information/policies can be found on the WRPS website under the "FAMILIES" option.**

STUFF THE DESK

Registration Opens On May 1st!

Students in-need can register to receive a backpack filled with school supplies they need to start the school year.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Students must be registered to receive supplies.
- Register between May 1st and August 1st, 2024
 - Online at www.uwsvac.org
 - By phone, dial 211 (or 877-947-2211)
 - By scanning the QR code
- Select preferred pickup time during registration (pick-up times limited to August 16th and 17th)
- Pick-up will be at East Junior High School, located at 311 Lincoln St., Wisconsin Rapids
 - Pick-up line on 6th St. (back of school)



Stuff the Desk Committee Partners:



WRPS Pupil Nondiscrimination Statement

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids is committed to equal educational opportunity for

All District Students. The District will not deny any person admission to , participation in, or

**The benefits of any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person's gender, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected under State or Federal civil rights laws. Please review Board Policy 411 for additional information. Incidents or other discrimination or harassment should be reported to a teacher, administrator, supervisor or other District employee to be addressed or forwarded on to District Compliance Officer Brian
Oswall.**



<https://www.facebook.com/RCHSWR?>

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River Cities High School - Wisconsin Rapids

Trauma Sensitive Schools

River Cities High School provides students with a safe environment that is sensitive to individual needs. The Wisconsin DPI provides guidelines for schools to support students' various needs. To learn more visit the DPI link:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/mental-health/trauma>

Creating Trauma-Sensitive Schools to Improve Learning, Wisconsin DPI

Professional Educators know that many students face challenges in their personal lives that Adversely affect their learning in school. Unfortunately, many children have been traumatized by directly or vicariously experiencing violence, homelessness, loss (or fear of loss) of loved ones, or other kinds of devastating experiences.

Trauma changes people. Just as physical assault on the body can cause bodily impairment, psychological trauma can result in a mental injury that impacts such things as a child's ability to regulate emotions, attend to classroom activities and/or achieve normal developmental milestones. However, this does not mean that traumatized children and adolescents cannot grow up to be healthy and happy adults, despite the often substantial obstacles they face.