

May 30, 2019

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Kristin Smetana
Principal



Dear Incoming Freshman Student and Parents/Guardians:

At Riverside Brookfield High School, we are already looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year! Enclosed in this mailing are important documents which contain information to prepare you for the transition into your high school experience. Please read them over thoroughly. Later this summer, you will receive additional information from Dr. Freytas, the new principal, regarding freshman orientation and the first day of school.

Important Documents Enclosed

1:1 Learning: Our technology plan strives to provide additional resources and support to enhance our students' learning environment. Next year, your student will have a Chromebook that he or she will take home. This resource will help us fulfill our mission of preparing students for constantly evolving technology, creating futures in education and employment we cannot yet forecast. Students will receive their Chromebook at our annual residency event.

2019 Annual Residency Event: All families must prove that they legally reside within the District 208 school boundaries. Proving residency is accomplished by providing specific documents required by school law; therefore, please pay close attention to the directions in this enclosed document, which will also explain our on-line residency appointment process.

Essential Academic Vocabulary List: Students' vocabulary knowledge is directly correlated to their success in school. Therefore, we have provided a vocabulary list of words that students should know prior to coming to RBHS. The enclosed list also outlines specific strategies to utilize at home to help your student acquire new vocabulary.

Non-Required Summer Reading List: Our English Department has compiled a list of high quality books recommended by our RBHS staff members. We highly encourage students to select one or more of these books to read over the summer. Research shows a correlation between how much students read and how successful they will be in high school and college. The vocabulary level, sentence structure, and text complexity of high school textbooks and materials will challenge many incoming freshmen. For this reason, it is wise to continue in the learning mode over the summer by reading as much as possible to ease your transition into RBHS.

Athletic Department Letter: This letter outlines how new students can get involved in our athletic programs. Engagement in athletics and activities is one of the highlights of high school and will result in improved academic achievement, so start thinking now of how you plan to get involved!

Finally, students who tested into the College and Career Readiness Academy for next year can opt to take an additional reading screening test if they wish to test out of the Academy. Families of students wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should secure a time and date by emailing Kylie Lindquist, Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, at lindquistk@rbhs208.net by June 28th.

If you have any questions after reading the enclosed documents and viewing the school website, please call Tammy Mollo in the Main Office, at 708-442-7500, ext. 2111. We look forward to your first official day as a Bulldog!

Sincerely,

Kristin Smetana

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we continue to expand the implementation of our 1:1 learning environment, we will be issuing your freshman student a Chromebook during residency scheduled in July 2019.

Our technology plan strives to provide additional resources and support to enhance our students' learning environment. Next year, all students will have Chromebooks that they take home to help us fulfill our mission of preparing students for constantly evolving technology, creating futures in education and employment we cannot forecast. Through the use of Chromebooks, this 1:1 learning environment will help strengthen the critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity of our students.

The following is a quick overview of the plan:

1. Freshman students will be issued a Chromebook for use during their four years that they will be able to keep upon graduation.
2. A \$100 technology fee will be assessed annually for every student.
 - o This yearly \$100 technology fee includes a Chromebook, insurance, and a case. It also includes the current \$30 technology fee and helps offset the cost of a Chromebook (the District will pay the other half of the cost).
 - o Payment plans are available through the Business Office.
3. Chromebooks will be distributed at residency scheduled in July 2019.
4. Chromebooks should be brought to school fully charged each day.
5. Technology training will be held during freshman orientation.
6. Parents can learn more about the 1:1 learning environment by visiting the [RBHS website](#). The technology resource page can be found under the "District" tab. Further information will also be provided to parents at residency.

We will continue to keep you updated through email and the incoming freshman link on the home page of our web site, www.rbhs208.net.

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RIVERSIDE BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL 2019 ANNUAL RESIDENCY EVENT

The goal of the Annual Residency Event is for you to provide documentation verifying your residency within the boundaries of Riverside Brookfield High School. At this event, you will have the opportunity to meet with different departments to have your questions answered.

DATES:
Thursday, July 18 12:15 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday, July 24 12:15 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Monday, July 29 12:15 p.m. – 8 p.m.

LOCATION: Student Cafeteria

PARKING: Available on Rockefeller and Ridgewood only, Zoo lots will NOT be accessible

All residency appointments will be scheduled online at <http://pickatime.com/rbhsresidency/summer2019>. This will enable parents/guardians to select a time slot that is most convenient for them. The appointment window will be open the week of June 10th and only ONE appointment is needed per family. New students transferring into district must call Colette Buscemi at 708-442-8302.

LISTED BELOW ARE THE OFFICES THAT WILL BE PRESENT:

- Assistant Principal – Prove residency and receive your student’s fee statement
- Health - Review and collect the required and completed physical, dental, and immunization record (Class of 2023).
 - Senior students (Class of 2020) must show proof of TWO doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MCV) unless the first dose was administered after 16 years of age. In that case, only one dose is required.
- Athletics – Review and collect the required IHSA forms. They can be found on www.rbhs208.net.
- Business - Pay applicable fees with cash, check, Visa, or MasterCard
 - Purchase a PE shirt and lock for \$25 (REQUIRED)
 - Add “Activity Fee” for \$25 to your student’s ID. This includes admission to concerts, athletic events (except IHSA playoffs), and dances (except Prom). (OPTIONAL)
 - Purchase a 2019-20 yearbook (prepay \$50) (OPTIONAL)
- Yearbook Photo– All underclassmen will be taking yearbook photos at the same time their Student ID is taken. Senior photo IDs will also be taken at residency and Lifetouch will take separate senior portraits.

At your appointment, you must provide proof of residency with documents from each of the following: Categories A, B & C. Documents in Category C must be dated in June or July.

Must provide: Category A - One (1) document	Must provide: Category B – One (1) document	Must provide: Category C – (3) docs (dated June or July)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Driver’s License <input type="checkbox"/> State ID <input type="checkbox"/> Picture ID (Must be a photo ID with a current address)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Most recent Real estate tax bill <input type="checkbox"/> Signed lease extending into 2019-20 school year <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage statement (monthly) <input type="checkbox"/> Residency Attestation* <input type="checkbox"/> Military housing letter

<input type="checkbox"/> Gas bill <input type="checkbox"/> Cable Bill <input type="checkbox"/> Electric bill <input type="checkbox"/> Water/Sewer bill <input type="checkbox"/> Phone bill, bank/credit card statement, or Public Aid Card/Medicaid Card
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* Any parent intending to provide a Home Owner’s Affidavit must bring the homeowner/leaseholder with them to the residency appointment. That person is required to bring their ID and proof of ownership or residency. No previously notarized documents will be accepted.

The district may require additional documents to verify your residency prior to enrollment. Residency will be validated by an investigation firm hired by District 208. If you have difficulty collecting these documents or if you have any questions, contact Mr. Mannon at mannond@rbhs208.net or Mrs. Buscemi at buscemic@rbhs208.net.

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Freshman Vocabulary

There is a vast amount of research illustrating the importance of vocabulary knowledge in students' success in school. As a result, we have provided you with a list of key content-specific vocabulary words and general academic vocabulary words to review this summer and some strategies for you to utilize as you acquire these new words. First, read through the list and cross off any words that you can already define and use in a sentence. Next, create a goal to learn one new word every day. Vocabulary frames are an effective way to learn and remember new words. We have provided you with an example of a vocabulary frame so that you can try this strategy at home. Websites such as quizlet.com and www.learnthat.org are an effective, interactive way to expand your vocabulary. Finally, when learning new words, it is critical that you repeatedly use the word in conversation. Work hard this summer to learn as many new words as you can in order to help you have a successful start to your freshman year at Riverside Brookfield High School!

English Vocabulary Words

alliteration	falling action	narrate	revision
analogy	fiction	narrative	rhetorical question
anecdote	figurative language	narrator	rhyme
antonym	first person	nonfiction	rising action
assumption	formal language	novel	setting
autobiography	genre	onomatopoeia	simile
cause and effect	hyperbole	parallelism	stanza
characterization	imagery	paraphrase	supporting evidence
chronological order	infer	personification	suspense
citation	inference	persuade	symbol
cliche	informative essay	plagiarize	symbolize
climax	introduction	plot	transition
conflict	irony	poetry	theme
connotation	literary device	point of view	thesaurus
context	literary element	prewrite	thesis statement
dialogue	literature	primary source	third person
direct quotation	main idea	problem	topic sentence
drama	memoir	reference	voice
exaggeration	metaphor	research	works cited
expository	mood	resolution	

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Freshman Vocabulary

Mathematics Vocabulary Words

Absolute value	Expression	Midpoint	Quadrant
Algebraic equation	Inequality	Mode	Simplify
Common denominator	Integer	Parallel line	Solution
Congruent angle	Isosceles triangle	Pi	Straight angle
Coordinate	Least common denominator	Perpendicular line	Union
Diameter	Mean	Radius	Vertex
Equilateral	Medium	Ratio	Vertical angle

Science Vocabulary Words

Average	Estimate	Observe	Replicate
Cause	Evidence	Opinion	Represent
Change	Experiment	Pattern	Result
Claim	Extend	Precise	Scale
Classify	Fact	Process	Science
Conclude	Factor	Purpose	Sense
Constant	Graph	Quantify	Sequence
Control	Hypothesis	Question	Support
Data	Investigation	Rank	Test
Determine	Justify	Reason	Valid
Diagram	Law	Reject	Variable
Effect	Measure		

Social Science Vocabulary Words

Accrue	Cultural	Inevitable	Prosperous
Affect	Diplomatic	Infrastructure	Relative
Affluent	Economic	Institution	Revolution
Allies	Effect	Interdependent	Significant
Allocate	Efficient	Legislature	Social
Approximately	Elicit	Liberal	Substantial
Bureaucracy	Enforce	Life expectancy	Succession
Causation	Exploit	Morbid	Symbolism
Characteristic	Federal	Negotiate	Synthesize
Chronological	Function	Neutral	Unification
Conservative	Illicit	Pageantry	Viable
Correlation	Illiteracy	Political	

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Freshman Vocabulary

Academic Vocabulary Words

ANALYZE	DEFINE	INDICATE	PROCESS
APPROACH	DERIVE	INDIVIDUAL	REQUIRE
AREA	DISTRIBUTE	INTERPRET	RESEARCH
ASSESS	ECONOMY	INVOLVE	RESPOND
ASSUME	ENVIRONMENT	ISSUE	ROLE
AUTHORITY	ESTABLISH	LABOR	SECTION
AVAILABLE	ESTIMATE	LEGAL	SECTOR
BENEFIT	EVIDENT	LEGISLATE	SIGNIFICANT
CONCEPT	EXPORT	MAJOR	SIMILAR
CONSIST	FACTOR	METHOD	SOURCE
CONSTITUTE	FINANCE	OCCUR	SPECIFIC
CONTEXT	FORMULA	PERIOD	STRUCTURE
CONTRACT	FUNCTION	POLICY	THEORY
CREATE	IDENTIFY	PRINCIPLE	VARY
DATA	INCOME	PROCEED	

Vocabulary Frames

DIRECTIONS: This strategy will help you to learn new vocabulary and concepts in class. Use the following format to create flashcards:

Top Right Corner: Write the word's definition

Top Left Corner: Write the word's opposite and cross it out

Lower Left Corner: Write a silly sentence that uses the definition of the word

Lower Right Corner: Draw a graphic to help you visualize the concept

In the Center: Write the word

Example:

~~Look Backward~~

Look forward
Foretelling

PREDICTION

Dictator Napoleon
looked ahead by
gazing in a crystal ball.

Freshman Summer Reading

Freshman students are encouraged to read novels from the **Suggested Summer Reading List**. Students are encouraged to choose one or more titles from those suggested, but they **will not be assessed** as a part of their English grades.

The **Suggested Summer Reading List** is divided into two parts: Books for the College Bound and High Interest Reads.

The top section of the list, Books for the College Bound, contains classic titles, many of which are rigorous reads. They are not currently part of our English curriculum and have been recommended by the College Board as top books for those students whose intentions are to go to college.

The second section of the list contains High Interest Reads. These titles have been taken from the American Library Association's list of the best books for particular calendar years and are, generally, more accessible than those on the top list.

On both lists, where possible, we have included Lexiles which are a measurement of readability. The higher the Lexile, the more difficult the book. Use the numbers as guides in choosing a book that works best for you. Lastly, keep the following pieces of advice in mind as you choose your summer reading books.

Helpful Hints for Selecting Books

1. Read what looks and sounds good. Look at the book jacket. Read the back of the book and/or the first page.
2. Give yourself permission to read an "easy" book.
3. Ask a librarian or bookstore employee for help when choosing books.
4. If you feel like a challenge, set a goal of a particular number of books by summer's end. See if you can get your friends to take on the challenge with you.

We look forward to hearing about the exciting titles you have chosen when you return. Until then, happy reading!

Riverside Brookfield High School Suggested Summer Reading List

College Board: Books for the College Bound

Author	Title	Lexile*
Agee, James	<i>A Death in the Family</i>	1020
Austen, Jane	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	1190
Baldwin, James	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	1030
Beckett, Samuel	<i>Waiting for Godot</i>	n/a
Bellow, Saul	<i>The Adventures of August March</i>	n/a
Camus, Albert	<i>The Stranger</i>	880
Cather, Willa	<i>Death Comes for the Archbishop</i>	1150
Chekov, Anton	<i>The Cherry Orchard</i>	n/a
Conrad, Joseph	<i>Heart of Darkness</i>	1050
Crane, Stephen	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>	900
Defoe, Daniel	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>	1070
Dostoyevsky, Fyodor	<i>Crime and Punishment</i>	990
Dreiser, Theodore	<i>An American Tragedy</i>	1240
Dumas, Alexandre	<i>The Three Musketeers</i>	960
Eliot, George	<i>The Mill on the Floss</i>	1240
Fielding, Henry	<i>Tom Jones</i>	1360
Flaubert, Gustave	<i>Madame Bovary</i>	1030
Ford, Madox	<i>The Good Soldier</i>	1040
Goethe, Johann Wolfgang von	<i>Faust</i>	n/a
Hardy, Thomas	<i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i>	1160
Heller, Joseph	<i>Catch 22</i>	1140
Homer	<i>The Iliad</i>	n/a
Hugo, Victor	<i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame</i>	1340
Ibsen, Henrik	<i>A Doll's House</i>	n/a
James, Henry	<i>The Portrait of a Lady</i>	1020
James, Henry	<i>The Turn of the Screw</i>	1140
Joyce, James	<i>A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man</i>	1120
Kingston, Mazine Hong	<i>The Woman Warrior</i>	880
Lewis, Sinclair	<i>Babbitt</i>	1110
London, Jack	<i>The Call of the Wild</i>	1120
Mann, Thomas	<i>The Magic Mountain</i>	1350
Melville, Herman	<i>Bartleby the Scrivener</i>	n/a
O'Connor, Flannery	<i>A Good Man is Hard to Find</i>	n/a
O'Neil, Eugene	<i>Long Day's Journey into Night</i>	n/a
Orwell, George	<i>Animal Farm</i>	1170
Plath, Sylvia	<i>The Bell Jar</i>	1140
Poe, Edgar Allen	<i>Selected Tales</i>	n/a
Proust, Marcel	<i>Swann's Way</i>	n/a
Pynchon, Thomas	<i>The Crying of Lot 49</i>	1060
Remarque, Erich Maria	<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>	830
Rostand, Edmond	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	n/a
Roth, Henry	<i>Call it Sleep</i>	n/a
Shaw, George Bernard	<i>Pygmalion</i>	n/a
Shelley, Mary	<i>Frankenstein</i>	1170
Solzhenitsyn, Alexander	<i>One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</i>	900
Stevenson, Robert Louis	<i>Treasure Island</i>	1070

Stowe, Harriet Beecher	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	1050
Swift, Jonathan	<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	1210
Turgenev, Ivan	<i>Fathers and Sons</i>	n/a
Vonnegut, Kurt	<i>Slaughterhouse-Five</i>	850
Walker, Alice	<i>The Color Purple</i>	670
Wharton, Edith	<i>The House of Mirth</i>	1230
Welty, Eudora	<i>Collected Stories</i>	980
Wilde, Oscar	<i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>	920
Williams, Tennessee	<i>The Glass Menagerie</i>	n/a
Woolf, Virginia	<i>To the Lighthouse</i>	1030

High-Interest Reads

Author	Title	Lexile*
Albin, Gennifer	Crewel	790
Arnett, Mindee	The Nightmare Affair	n/a
Banks, Anna	Of Triton	730
Bardugo, Leigh	Seige and Storm	730
Block, Francesca Lia	Love in the Time of Global Warming	850
Charbonneau, Joelle	The Testing	n/a
Cross, Sarah	Kill Me Softly	720
Dashner, James	The Eye of Minds	790
Edwards, Janet	The Earth Girl	n/a
Gleason, Colleen	The Clockwork Scarab	n/a
Gray, Lauri	Maybe I Will	n/a
Henry, April	The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die	690
Howard, A. G.	Splintered	780
Kate, Lauren	Teardrop	n/a
Konigsberg, Bill	Openly Straight	n/a
Kresley, Cole	Poison Princess	670
Lange, Erin Jade	Butter	770
Laybourne, Emmy	Monument 14: Sky on Fire	590
Levithan, David	Every Day	650
McGarry, Katie	Pushing the Limits	720
Nielson, Jennifer	The False Prince	710
Richards, Natalie D.	Six Months Later	640
Roth, Veronica	Insurgent	710
Rowell, Rainbow	Eleanor & Park	580
Sales, Leila	This Song Will Save Your Life	720
Sanderson, Brandon	Steelheart	680
Sanderson, Brandon	The Rithmatist	680
Smith, Jennifer E.	This is What Happy Looks Like	1010
Smith, Andrew	Winger	890
Stiefvater, Maggie	The Raven Boys	760
Tuckolke, April	Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea	670
Winters, Cat	In the Shadow of Blackbirds	800
Yancey, Rick	The 5 th Wave	690
Wein, Elizabeth	Code Name Verity	1020

*Lexile is a numeric representation of a text's reading level. The first number (in the case of a 3-digit Lexile), or the first two numbers (in the case of a 4-digit Lexile) represent(s) the difficulty-level of the text, by grade-level. For example, a book with a Lexile of 1220 is suited for a student with a 12th-grade reading level, or higher, whereas a book with a Lexile of 840 is best-suited for a student with an 8th-grade reading level, or higher.

Riverside Brookfield High School Athletic Department

Home of the
Bulldogs

May 30, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Freshmen,

As the Assistant Principal for Athletics, I would like to welcome you and your family to Riverside Brookfield High School. It is a wonderful time to be a Bulldog student athlete! If your child is choosing to join one of our athletic teams, he/she will be taking an exhilarating step in shaping his/her high school career. Attending Summer Athletic Camps is a great way to start your experience. Camp information is on the [Riverside Brookfield HS website](#) and online sign-up has begun! Payments for these camps can be paid online or in the school Business Office. Once payment has been received, your child's spot in the camp has been reserved.

I would also like to inform you of the opportunities available in athletics at Riverside Brookfield High School. Hopefully, your child will become involved in what we feel is an outstanding program, now offering 30 IHSA athletic teams for our student athletes.

Please take the time to review some important information below regarding athletics at Riverside Brookfield High School. Also note that the most up-to-date information is always available on our [athletic website](#) (il.8to18.com/RBHS/). From here, you can do these things:

- Access all required Riverside Brookfield Athletic Department Forms, which will be completed online
- Access team websites
- View weekly schedules and obtain directions to Metro Suburban Conference Schools
- View the 2019 Summer Athletic Camps Brochure
- Learn about the Riverside Brookfield High School Booster Club
- Read department-wide news and information
- View the RBHS Athletic/Activity Code of Conduct
- Obtain contact information for the Riverside Brookfield Athletic Department Staff
- Acquire information about NCAA Eligibility for student athletes looking to compete at the college level

Please note that for the 2019-2020 school year, a fee of \$200.00 (1st sport), \$150.00 (2nd sport) & \$100.00 (3rd sport) per sport must be paid by each student athlete. In accordance with District 208 policy, payment may be made either in full or in two installments, as indicated on the RBHS Participation Fee Form. It is the responsibility of the student athlete and his/her parent or guardian to complete this form, and unless exempted in accordance with the Athletic Pay-to-Participate Policy, pay the applicable Pay-to-Participate fee to the school Business Office on the listed due dates for that specific sport identified on the Riverside Brookfield Athletic website.

If the athletic website does not answer questions you may have, please do not hesitate to contact me or a program's head coach. We are happy to answer any questions about athletics at Riverside Brookfield High School.

On behalf of the Athletic Department at Riverside Brookfield High School, I would once again like to welcome you and your child to our school. The Class of 2023 is about to embark on four very exciting and important years of schooling. I hope you and your child are looking forward to this experience!

Sincerely,

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