



Richards Middle School

An International Baccalaureate School

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Richards Middle School Warrior Weekly
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Parents: Mark your calendars – **GMAS Testing - May 2 – May 13, 2022**. Please do not schedule any appointments for your student during this time – **All GMAS tests** (ELA, Math for 6,7,8th grade, and Social Studies and Science for 8th grade only) **MUST be taken this year** – there **will not be an “opt out” choice** – any test missed **MUST** be made up!

Beginning Monday, February 14th, all Muscogee County Schools will transition to masks being optional but recommended for all students and staff. **However, under federal mandates, masks are still required to be worn on all MCSD school buses.**

We want to remind everyone that mask wearing is a personal choice or a necessity for some. In keeping with the spirit of **Kindness Week** celebrated last month, please be kind and respectful of others regarding this personal choice as we transition to mask optional next Monday.

Valentine’s Day is Monday, February 14th – Please **DO NOT SEND** Valentine’s gifts to the school with your student OR for your student – We will not be accepting deliveries from parents or delivery services for any students!



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Responsibility
 Excellence
 Professionalism

The Character Word for the month of **February is TOLERANCE**. Tolerance is the consideration and respect for the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.



Acceptance
 Forgiveness
 Considerate
 Open-mindedness



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“It is astounding what power being kind, mannered, polite and considerate has in transforming your life.”

- Bryant McGill



Black History Month 2022: What is it and why is it celebrated?

Every February, the US and other countries honor and celebrate Black people's contributions and achievements. The United States, Canada and Germany observe February as Black History Month. The observance originated in the US to recognize and honor the contributions and achievements of the country's Black populations and their role in US history. Other countries, including the Netherlands, Ireland and the United Kingdom, celebrate Black History Month in October.

What is Black History Month?

Black History Month is an annual celebration that started in the US in 1926. It was conceived by historian Carter G Woodson who proposed marking a time to honor African Americans and raise awareness of Black history. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln, the US president who issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, and Frederick Douglass, an African American orator, social reformer, writer and abolitionist.

In 1976, under President Gerald Ford, Black History Month was officially recognized in the country. Currently, the White House defines it as "both a celebration and a powerful reminder that Black History is American history". The Month also honors the contribution and legacy of activists, politicians and civil rights pioneers, including Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, among others.

How is it celebrated?

In the US, Black History Month is celebrated with a range of activities, including events at universities, museums, public schools as well as within different communities across the country.

Every year there is also a theme that marks the celebration. This year's theme is focused on Black people's health and wellness.

According to the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), "the 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well".

"This theme acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (eg, birthworkers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc) throughout the African Diaspora," ASALH says.

Schedule of Events

Monday, February 14–

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5:30 – 6:30 PM – Wrestling Practice

Tuesday, February 15 –

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4:15 – 5:30 PM - Weekly Orchestra afterschool rehearsals resume on Tuesday January 25 for 7th and 8th grade students.

Wednesday, February 16 –

4:15 – 5:00 PM – Chess Club – Room 507 – Mr. Shively

5:30-6:30 - Wrestling Practice

Thursday, February 17 –

4:15 – 5:00 PM – Writers Club – Room 505 – Mrs. Greene –

4:15 – 5:00 PM - Richards Sewing Club – Mrs. Cowart Room 107

4:00 – 5:15 PM – Math Team

5:30-6:30 - Wrestling Practice

Friday, February 18 – No school for students – Teacher Planning Day

Monday, February 21– No school - President's Day



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