

May 2009



*District 227  
Summer School*

In order for students to transition seamlessly into their next year at Rich South and not be reclassified, some students may need to take advantage of the summer school sessions being offered in District 227. Students are able to earn one (1) full credit during the summer by attending both sessions. Summer school will be held on the Rich East Campus this summer.

Session 1 begins Monday, June 8 and runs through Thursday, June 25. The hours are 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Sessions 2 begins Monday, June 29 and completes on Thursday, July 16. The cost of each session is \$155 per semester.

The deadline for registration for Semester I will be May 29 and for Semester 2, June 11. We encourage our parents and students to review the summer school information and take advantage of these sessions to avoid student reclassification in the fall.

*Rich South STARS – Life-Long Learners*

Within the District’s mission of producing “life-long learners,” lies the understanding that students of this district continue their education beyond high school. In fact, at Rich South High School, postsecondary planning is built into our HORIZON Guidance Curriculum from the moment students set foot on campus. Continuing with our rich tradition of success, this year’s graduates will be matriculating at a rate of 65% for four-year institution and 15% for two-year institutions. These talented students have gained acceptance to schools such as, but not limited to:

Prairie State College

- Northwestern University
- Washington University
- University of Missouri
- Tennessee State University
- Jackson State University
- Southern Illinois University (both campuses)
- Western Illinois University
- Eastern Illinois University
- University of Illinois (all campuses)
- Illinois State University
- Spellman College
- Morehouse College
- University of Southern California

Rust College

Each year at Rich South High School, several scholarship opportunities are made available via our school’s website, the senior newsletter, and the Guidance Department, including the Career Resource Center. Scholarships range from \$100 dollars to full-tuition and more and are offered by diverse sources such as corporations, private entities, government, and even some popular retail and eating establishments! To date, the current graduating class has been awarded at least \$1,219,100 and counting with more notification due to arrive during the summer!

*2009 -2010 Course Requests*

During the months of January and February counselors met individually with current freshman, sophomore and junior students to choose their courses for the 2009—2010 year. Incoming freshman were invited to a Freshman Curriculum Night on January 28th, where they

were given the opportunity to choose their classes for the upcoming school year. All course request were then mailed home during the month of April. After reviewing their student’s course requests, parents were encouraged to contact their student’s counselor by May 8th if any changes were to

be made. Access to a student’s course request are also available on Power School.



## *Career Resource Center Update*

At the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter students attended our annual Career Fair. This event continues to foster our relationships with career and business professionals in and around our community. Student assignment sheets were completed in order for them to receive participation points, since the fair was during their p.e./health classes. Students visited tables that offered information about specific careers and jobs. A variety of participants were invited, and we will continue to recruit a diverse population of career professionals to help us broaden student awareness

about the world of work. Our students reported the event was a success! If you are a professional interested in sharing your experiences and facts about your career, job, or business, please contact Ms. Muhammad in our Guidance Department for more information.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> students participated in Law Day, with the Cook County Bar Association (CCBA), at Markham Courthouse. This is an annual event sponsored by the oldest African-American Bar Association in America. Students met and conversed with

judges, lawyers, sheriffs, and many employees in our county court system. Groups toured judges' chambers, court rooms, lock-up, and witnessed several courtroom procedures. At the end of the field trip, students acted out parts of a mock trial with a real criminal judge. The CCBA also awards two monetary gifts to essay contest winners. Last year, one of the winners was a Rich South student interested in becoming a lawyer. This event continues to be an exciting, and extremely educational experience for students and adults.

## *Student Classification Requirement*

Students will be classified according to the following number of credits passed.

Sophomore-Students must have earned 6 credits including passing 1 credit of English 1 credit of math, 1 credit of science and 1 credit of social studies.

Juniors- Students must have earned 12 credits including passing 2 credits of English, 2 credits of math, 2 credits of science

and 2 credits of social studies.

Seniors- Students have earned 18 credits, including passing 3 credits of English, 3 credits of math, 2 credits of science and 3 credits of social studies.

Students are classified ONCE a year just before the beginning of the school year.



*From the counselors' at  
Rich South  
Have a wonderful  
Summer!*

