

August Back-To-School Newsletter

RICHARDTON-TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

August 1, 2011



Superintendent's Message... by Brent Bautz

I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to enjoy a little bit of our summer season. My family and I were fortunate enough to spend a weekend in the Black Hills camping. We had a lot of fun, and thoroughly enjoyed the scenic surroundings.

During one of the nights, a family from Minnesota pulled into a sight next to us. The first thing the little girl said, as she stepped out of the camper was "Daddy, it smells like camping." Now this is one of the reasons I love working with kids. Kids have a very unique perspective, and they perceive the world a lot differently than we do.

Another example would be a time when I stopped at TRE one morning, and a mom had just dropped off her kindergarten student. It was a really foggy morning, and after the student and I exchanged pleasantries, he said to me "It sure is soggy this morning." As I drove to the high school, I think I laughed most of the way. Yes, he was right. It was awfully soggy.

Kids have a unique and refreshing perspective, and we can learn a lot from

them by just taking time to stop and listen. The two greatest gifts we can give children are time and patience.

I am going to highlight some of the changes in staff as well as policy changes for the next school year, but before I do that I would like to thank the custodial staff for their hard work in preparing our facilities for the next school session. A huge thanks to Gladys Isaak, Mika Olson, Gordon Barrett, Shawn Carey, Sarah Scott, Stephanie Wiese, Johnathan Olson, and Barb Gress. Job well done!

We will have some staffing changes for next year. Gladys Isaak will be retiring after the summer break. Gladys has been a part of our custodial staff for the last twenty-one years. We will miss you very much. Thank you, Mrs. Isaak, for your years of service, your dedication, and your delightful personality. We wish you the best!

Sarah Scott will serve in Gladys's absence. Sarah will also be attending Dickinson State University, while working for us. Thanks Sarah!

LaDonna Portscl-

ler will not be returning to TRE next year. LaDonna worked part-time at TRE as a cleaner. Thank you, Mrs. Portscleller, for your service. We wish you the best! So, the district will need to hire a part-time cleaner at the elementary.

The position requires around 20 hours a week, with the opportunity to work 40 hours a week during the summer break. The district is offering \$7.75 to \$11.63 an hour, plus benefits, depending on experience. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Bautz.

Dodi Bohlman has accepted employment elsewhere, and she will not be returning as our HS Special Education Para-professional. Besides serving as a para-professional, Mrs. Bohlman was always willing to assist and lend a helping hand. Thank you, Mrs. Bohlman, and we wish you the best of luck! And yes, this means the

district will be looking for another Special Education Para. The position is for nine months. The district is offering \$8.25 to \$13.88 an hour, plus benefits, depending upon experience and qualifications. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Bautz.

Pat Disrud and Tammy Friedt will be joining our team for next year. Mrs. Disrud will be the librarian and art instructor at the elementary. Pat taught 3rd grade in Colorado for two years, and recently finished her second year as a 3rd grade teacher in Standing Rock. Mrs. Disrud is an avid artist, and has had extensive trainings in using the Accelerated Reader program. Welcome, Mrs. Disrud!

Tammy Friedt will be joining our special education team as a para at the high school. Mrs. Friedt has subbed for us periodically, so we are glad to have her aboard. Welcome, Mrs. Friedt!

Misti Vogle will be assuming the library duties at the high school as well as continuing to serve as our art instructor. This year Mrs. Vogle will also be broadcasting two of her art class over the ITV system through the Roughrider Career and Technology Center (RACTC). Mrs. Vogle's room is now located in Ms. Zent's room, and Ms. Zent has moved

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to the Spanish room. Mrs. Vogle's old room will serve as the Title I room. We are very proud to be offering Mrs. Vogle's talents to schools throughout southwest North Dakota.

Students taking Spanish I and II this year will also have a new instructor. We will be receiving Spanish over the ITV system through the RACTC. The Spanish students will use Mrs. Vogle's room to receive their Spanish instruction. Ms. Williams, the Spanish instructor from South Heart, will be teaching our students Spanish. Welcome, Ms Williams!

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hetzel will not be running bus route #5 this year, and John Zillich will not be contracting routes 3 and 12. We would like to thank Tom and Kim Hetzel, John Zillich, and Vicki Tormaschy for their years of service and dedication in transporting our students to and from school safely.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gullickson have contracted route 12, and Paul Larson will still drive that route. The district will have to purchase busses and hire bus drivers to maintain transportation services for routes 5 and 3.

Route 5 is the Gladstone route, and route 3 is the route south of Taylor. We will use a 14 passenger bus on route 5. State law allows individuals to drive 14 passenger busses without a CDL. On route 3, we will be using a larger bus; therefore a CDL would be required. However,

the district is willing to finance any training necessary for interested individuals to become qualified. Each route would require about 4 hours a day for 175 days; two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. The district will pay \$11.25 to \$16.88 an hour, depending on experience, plus benefits. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Bautz as soon as possible.

While on am on the topic of busses, I am pleased to announce that the district was awarded the ND State Clean Diesel Grant. The grant gives us \$40,000 to replace one of our existing busses. The existing bus must be scrapped in order to receive the grant award. We will be sending the Raider bus to the scrap heap in the sky, and replacing it with a new activity bus. The District travels over 17,000 miles a year transporting students across the region and state for student activities. Thus, we need to have a reliable bus that will safely transport our students and staff to these activities.

In addition to bus drivers, the district will need to hire two temporary food service personnel to fill in for Carla Ward and Mariann Voegele. Carla is our assistant cook at the high school, and is recovering from surgery. Mariann is our head cook at the elementary, and she is healing a broken arm. Mrs. Voegele will still take care of the menus and the ordering of food, but she will not be able to lift for some time. If you are interested,

please contact Mr. Bautz

The last thing I would like to address is the new policies concerning student fees. Over the last several years, the number of delinquent accounts has been on the rise. The district had \$5,000 in outstanding accounts as of the end of May. Some accounts have been taken care of; however a majority of them are still outstanding. As a result, the school board has adopted new policies to regulate student fees that will take effect immediately. The new policies are: FBA Student Fees, FBA-BR Regulation of Student Fees, and IB-BR Student Meal Charging. The policies are included in this newsletter, so please read through them thoroughly.

The new policies do not allow charging. All fees must be paid in advance for students to participate in the hot lunch program and to practice and compete in activities. The meal policy does allow students to charge up to 20 meals after his or her credit has expired. This

should give ample time for parents to pre-pay for more meals. If a student reaches the 20 meal limit, he or she will be responsible for bringing his or her own lunch. If you have any questions or concerns about these new policies or anything else, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks, and have a great 2011-2012 school year!

Sincerely,
Brent Bautz

Quotable Quote

"At the desk where I sit, I have learned one great truth. The answer for all our national problems-the answer for all the problems of the world-comes to a single word. That word is education." —Lyndon B. Johnson

PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

Please read this newsletter carefully, as it contains policy changes and information regarding the start of the 2011-2012 school year.

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Notice Of Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Richardton-Taylor Public School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Richardton-Taylor Public School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with district procedures.

The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Richardton-Taylor Public School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

1. A playbill, showing your student's roll in a drama production;
2. The annual yearbook;
3. Honor roll or other recognition lists;
4. Graduation programs; and
5. Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

If you do not want Richardton-Taylor Public School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by August 24, 2011.

PPRA Notice and Consent/Opt-Out For Specific Activities

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendments (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. 1232h, requires Richardton-Taylor Public School District to notify you and obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas. ("protected information surveys"):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's family;
2. Mental or psychological problem of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

This requirement also applies to the collection, disclosure or use of student information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams and screenings.

Richardton-Taylor Public School will provide parents, within a reasonable period of time prior to the administration of the surveys and activities, notification of the surveys and activities; and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out, as well as an opportunity to review the surveys. (Please note that this notice and consent/opt-out transfers from parents to any student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under state law).

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REGULATION OF STUDENT FEES

School Hot lunch Program

Breakfast		Lunch	
K-6	\$1.65	K-6	\$2.05
7-12	\$1.65	7-12	\$2.40
Adult	\$2.15	Adult	\$2.90
See policy IB-BR			

Driver's Education

- \$100 per student.
- Fees must be paid prior to the start of the course in order for the student to participate.

Extra-Curricular activities

- \$25 registration fee per 7-12 student
- \$30 extra-curricular participation fee per activity
\$90 limit per family per year
Students whose participation fees are not paid may not practice or participate in interscholastic competition.

Overnight Fees

- Students will be charged \$15 per night for events that require overnight stays. Overnight fees must be paid prior to departure.

Yearbook

- \$45
- Payment must be made prior to receiving a yearbook.

Band instrument rental and repair

- Instrument reeds are available in the main office for purchase.

Shop materials and lab courses

- All fees must be paid at time of registration.

Library fines

- No student who has library fines outstanding will be allowed to check out books until the fines are paid. If a book is lost, damaged, or stolen he/she will be responsible for replacement costs.

Admission fees

• K-6 season pass	\$15
• Adult season pass	\$50
• Senior Citizen season pass(+65)	\$30
• Family season pass	\$100

Includes husband and wife and students enrolled in K-6

Season passes do not include tournaments or post-season events.

- Gate admissions

Varsity contests

Adults	\$5
Senior Citizens	\$3
K-12 students	\$3

Junior High Contests

Adults	\$3
K-12 students	Free

STUDENT FEES

The Board will annually establish and reassess student fees in accordance with law. The Board shall establish school fine amounts as permitted by law. All fees and fines shall be delineated in board-approved regulations.

When a parent/guardian is unable to pay a fee in full, the Superintendent is authorized to waive or reduce this fee upon the parent/guardian's completion of a fee reduction/waiver form.

The Board has adopted the following specific policies with relation to student fees:

- Hot lunch program;
- Driver's education;
- Extra-Curricular activity;
- Band instrument rental and repair;
- Shop materials and lab courses,
- Library fines.

The District will vigorously pursue the collection of any outstanding bills, including use of a collections agency and/or filing a claim in small claims court. Any outstanding bills, including those in collection must be paid in full prior to the next school year. The Superintendent, in accordance with law, may impose further penalties on students for failure to pay fees/fines.

STUDENT MEAL CHARGING

Although not required by law, the Board approves the establishment of a system to allow a student to charge a meal. This policy does not apply to adults, who are prohibited from charging meals.

Charging Procedure

All meals must be paid in advance, however the District shall allow students to charge up to 20 reimbursable meals, the cost of which shall be assessed to the student's parents. Whenever a student incurs a charge, the District shall send a written notice to the student's parent(s). If a pattern of charging continues, administration shall attempt to contact the student's parents and encourage them to complete a free and reduced meal application. After the student has reached the number of allowable reimbursable meal charges, the student will be responsible for bringing their own meal until the account is paid in full.

All charges must be paid within 30 days. After 30 days, the District will vigorously pursue the collection of outstanding bills by referring past due accounts to collections. Collections fees shall be paid from funds other than those in the food service account.

Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act Compliance

In order to comply with FACTA, which protects lunch charge accounts established by this regulation, the District shall implement the following measures:

1. Identify potential red flags indicating that an account has been comprised such as:
 - A. Parent reports that s/he has received a bill in error.
 - B. Student or staff member reports that a student is fraudulently charging to another student's account.
2. Respond to red flags by:
 - A. Verifying a student's identity before allowing him/her to charge.
 - B. Investigating a parent's complaint that s/he received a bill in error.
 - C. Sending a parent notice each time his/her child charges a reimbursable meal or receives an alternate meal.

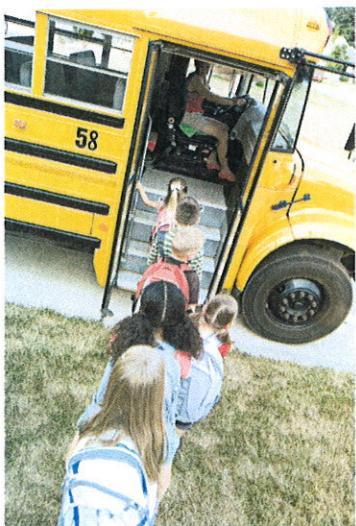
Administration shall review this policy periodically to ensure that it provides appropriate procedures for preventing/mitigating identity theft, including updating red flags and the district's response to them as necessary.

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PPRA Notice...continued

The Richardton-Taylor Public School District does want to give notice that for this and continuous school years—there is an area where we do release limited information in grades K-12.

If you wish to opt-out or review any survey instrument or instructional materials used in connection with any protected information or marketing survey, please submit a request to Superintendent, Brent Bautz, RTHS, PO Box 289, Richardton ND 58652; Tel: 701-974-2111. He will notify you of the time and place where you may review these materials. You have the right to review a survey and/or instructional materials before the survey is administered.



Principal's Notes... by Russell Ziegler

Another school year is just around the corner and will be here before we know it. We are frantically getting the school ready for the coming school year. As always our summer cleaners and maintenance people have been doing an excellent job. The classrooms and hallways look amazing. The gym also is getting a makeover this summer. The high white walls have been painted and look fantastic. I would like to thank all the

workers who spent their summer getting the school back into tip-top shape. Those workers would be: Gladys Isaak, Mika Olson, Shawn Carey, Sarah Scott, Stephanie Wiese, and Jonathan Olson. Thank you for doing a fantastic job. I would also like to thank Char Zimmerman for everything that she does for the school during the summer months. Keeping track of all of the student files and also filling out the needed end of year reports in PowerSchool and for the state. It takes a lot of work and effort to transition from one school year to the next and without these individuals it would not happen.

We have some changes in the athletic arena this coming school year. The boys and girls basketball district games will be played with the use of a shot clock.

**WE HAVE MADE
SOME CHANGES
TO THE
STUDENT
HANDBOOK ...
THIS YEAR.**

This is a new rule implemented by the NDHSAA. This rule is supposed to help the games run more smoothly and keep it exciting for the fans. A team will no longer be able to "stall" when they are ahead. Girls will have 30 seconds to put up a shot and the boys will have 35 seconds. (And no, I have no idea why the girls have less time than the boys?) Since this change is going into effect and our clocks could not connect to a shot

clock, we have put in new clocks and shot clocks in the gym. Thank you to all of the donors for this project. The support has been overwhelming. All of the donors will be recognized for their donations with signs or on a plaque placed in the gym.

Another change this year is in the financial department. **All students who participate in interscholastic activities MUST pay their fees BEFORE their first practice.**

If the fees are not paid the student will not be allowed to practice. The easiest way to handle this is to pay all of your fees at registration. Football fees will have to be paid before registration since practice starts before registration. Here is the cost of the activity fees: \$30 per sport with a family maximum of \$90.

We have also made

some changes to the student handbook and grading system this year. One change that we made was in the attendance section. Our attendance policy was not doing enough to deter unexcused absences. We have had some student who would be unexcused for school and having them serve a detention every time did not resolve the absences. Now the following consequences will take place for unexcused tardies and absences:

- If a student receives four unexcused tardies in one class period that will be recorded as an unexcused absence for that class.
- If a student receives 10 unexcused absences in one semester for a class period their grade in that class will be lowered by one letter grade. There will also be a conference between the teacher, student, parent/guardian, and the principal to develop a plan for improvement.

A letter will be sent to the parents/guardians at the student's 7th, 8th, and 9th unexcused absence.

Students wanting to earn back their letter grade MUST complete ADDITIONAL course work as agreed upon in the improvement plan. This additional work must be completed by the semester grade deadline for the teachers.

If a student chooses not to complete the additional course work the following consequences will apply:

- 10 unexcused absences in a class period will result

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GPA between 3.85 and 4.0.

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- in a reduction of one letter grade on the Semester grade for that course.
- 15 unexcused absences in a class period will result in a reduction of two letter grades on the Semester grade for that course.
- 20 unexcused absences in a class period will result in a reduction of three letter grades on the Semester grade for that course.
- Over 20 unexcused absences will result in a referral to law enforcement for truancy. 20 unexcused absences in a class period will result in a reduction of three letter grades on the Semester grade for that course.

Parents please remember to inform the school when your child will be absent otherwise they will be marked down as unexcused. When a student will be absent from school on any day, the parent/guardian should call the school office to report the absence, prior to or the morning of. If no call is received, the secretary will call the home to verify the absence. If unable to contact the parent/guardian, we WILL record the student as unexcused for that day. While we are talking about communication between the school and home I would also like to remind parents that no student may leave the school grounds before the end of the school day without permission from a parent or the principal. If a parent wants a child excused

during the day, a call should be made before 8:25 a.m. Parents are urged not to allow students to accompany friends who must leave school for medical or other legitimate reasons. This also includes lunch.

Absences and make up work. As always students are allowed a certain amount of time to do make up work when they are absent from school. However this has been taken advantage of in certain instances. If a student is absent from school with no prior knowledge of the absence the old rule will apply: They have two days to turn in their make up work once they return. But if a student is absent from school with prior knowledge, i.e. school activity, doctors appointment, etc... then the following will apply:

- Students are responsible to get what make up work they will be missing.
- Students must conference with the teacher prior to leaving to determine assignments and due date. If no prior arrangements have been made assignments/tests will be due on the day of return.

Another change that has been made was the noon hour. As a reminder to parents/guardians and students Richardton-Taylor has a closed noon hour, which means that students may not leave the school grounds during the noon hour with out PRIOR permission. The

change that has been made was that all students must remain in the cafeteria for the first 15 min. of the lunch period. We only have one supervisor on duty at that time and they are positioned in the cafeteria. After the first 15 minutes there will be a supervisor in the hall or gym depending upon the weather.

This next change will be the biggest in my opinion. We have changed the grading scale to reflect what is needed for the state scholarship and college placement. The change takes affect immediately and will affect the previous grades of our current students. Students who have graduated will not see this change on their transcripts. Now current students will have the following honor points for their grades: All A's 4.0, All B's 3.0, All C's 2.0, and all D's 1.0. Also all classes will count towards a students GPA, in the past Art, Music, and PE did not count towards the student's GPA's. Because of this change we will no longer be issuing Valedictorian and Salutatorian awards. There is a possibility that we could have more than one student with a 4.0 and in that case all students with the same highest grade point average would be ranked as number one in their class. We will have a High Honors and Honors, honor roll instead of an A/B honor roll. To be placed on the Honors list a student must receive a GPA between 3.5 and 3.84; High Honors would require a

I believe that those are the most significant changes to the student handbook. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to give me a call so we can discuss the issue.

I am looking forward to the new year and am excited to see all of the students again. We do have some new students that will be coming to the high school this year including three from Hebron, one from Colorado, and a foreign exchange student from Australia.



On-Line Payment Option is now available!

Richardton-Taylor Public School District is in the process of initiating **e-funds for Schools** which allows parents/guardians several payment options for making on-line payments and is extremely user friendly. Not only do you have the ability to have school payments automatically withdrawn from your checking account or charged to your debit/credit card, you also have the flexibility to pay at anytime through the school's website. More information can be obtained during registration.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION / GRADES K-12

Richardton-Taylor High School

- **Thursday, August 11**

Grade 7—8	-	8:00 am —noon
Grade 12	-	1:00 pm—4:00 pm

- **Friday, August 12**

Grades 11-10-9	8:00 am—4:00 pm
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All students need to register for school! This schedule has been set to help speed up the process of registration and hopefully eliminate your having to wait in line for very long. Please be reminded that families traveling a distance may bring all students at one time if that is more convenient. If you are unable to register on August 11 and 12, please contact the school (974-2111) so arrangements can be made. PLEASE DO NOT PLAN TO REGISTER ON THE 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL.

PARENTS: Payment will be required at the time of registration. No charging will be allowed. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card. The fee schedule is listed below:

• Registration fee (per child)	\$25.00
• Hot Lunch (per meal)	\$ 2.40
• Breakfast (per meal)	\$ 1.65
• Participation (XCurr) fees (OR)	\$30.00/activity \$90.00/family/year

(XCURR activities include grades 7-12: basketball, volleyball, football, track, wrestling, student congress, speech, drama) **Drama fee includes one-act plays, 3-act plays or musicals as one activity per school year.

• Overnight charge (collected before trips)	\$15.00/night
• Yearbook	\$45.00
• Athletic Season Pass	\$50.00/adult
• Senior Citizen Season Pass	\$30.00/adult (+65)
• Family Season Pass	\$100.00

(husband-wife and children enrolled in grades K-6)

(All students in grades 7-12 attending RTHS are admitted to home games at no charge, except tournaments.)

• Grades K-6	\$15.00/student
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Admission for varsity contests: Adults—\$5.00, Senior Citizens & Students Gr. K—12: \$3.00

Admission for junior high contests: Adults—\$3.00, all students-free

Taylor-Richardton Elementary School

- Thursday, August 11

Grades K-6	8:00 am—4:00 pm
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- Friday, August 12

Grades K-6	8:00 am—4:00 pm
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Parents registering students in grades K-6 may do so at the elementary building on either Thursday or Friday.

** Please bring a copy of an official certificate of live birth and immunization records if you have a child that will be registering at TRE for the first time.

If these dates do not work for you, please contact the school (974-3585) to make arrangements:

Fees:

• Gr. K-6 Breakfast	\$1.65 per meal
• Gr. K-6 Hot Lunch	\$2.05 per meal

**1st Day of School at
RTHS and TRE is
Wednesday, August 24
8:25 am to 3:15 pm**

Buses will run on the first day of school. If you are new to the district or have moved and need bus service, please contact Superintendent Brent Bautz at 974-2111 to make arrangements.

2011 Raider Jr. Varsity Football

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Monday	8/29/2011	Beulah	Beulah	3:30
Monday	9/12/2011	Heart River	RTHS	6:00
Monday	9/19/2011			
Monday	9/26/2011	Killdeer	Killdeer	6:00
Monday	10/3/2011	Grant County/Falsher	Carson	5:30
Monday	10/10/2011	New Salem	RTHS	6:00

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August 2011 (6Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 23– Teacher In-service
August 24 – 1 st Day of School
September 5 – Labor Day
September 26–Teacher In-service
October 19 – PD Early Release (1:30)

January 2012 (20 Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

September 2011 (20 Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

August 23– Teacher In-service
August 24 – 1 st Day of School
September 5 – Labor Day
September 26–Teacher In-service
October 19 – PD Early Release (1:30)

January 2012 (20 Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

October 2011 (19 Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

January 3 – School Resumes
January 13 – PD Early Release (1:30)
January 16 – RESP In-Service
Feb. 7 and 8 – RTHS P/T Conferences
Feb. 15 & 16– TRE P/T Conferences

March 2012 (20 Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2011 (19 Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

February 17 – PD Early Release (1:30)
February 20 – President's Day (Storm)
March 16 – Vacation Day (P/T Comp)
March 19 – Vacation Day (P/T Comp)
April 5 – PD Early Release (1:30)

April 2012 (19 Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December 2011 (15 Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

End of 1 st Quarter – October 28 (43 Days)
End of 2 nd Quarter – January 13 (45 Days)
End of 3 rd Quarter – March 23 (46 Days)
End of 4 th Quarter – May 23 (41 Days)
175 Contact Days

May 2012 (17 Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

May 27 – Graduation 1:00 PM

5th Annual 5K Family fun run/walk

August 13, 2011 - 8:00 a.m.

(Registration form can be found on our web page

www.richardton-taylor.k12.nd.us or from Bremer Bank, Cenex, Dakota Community Bank

Proceeds to benefit our local schools

(Thank You Stacey Allard and Wendy Mitzel!!)

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2011-2012 PERSONNEL

• SCHOOL BOARD

Jerome Messer—president; Jim Bobb—vice president; Rhonda Bloom—member; Lea Floberg—member; Judy Hoff—member; Kim Dressler—business manager

• ADMINISTRATION

Brent Bautz—superintendent; Russell Ziegler—secondary principal/Title 1 coordinator; Janine Olson—elementary principal/Title 1 coordinator/Special Ed. coordinator

• SECONDARY CERTIFIED FACULTY

Sue Anderson—English/Title 1; Scott Bohn—vocational guidance counselor; Connie Elkin—speech pathology; Brian Filibeck—marketing/computers/history; Barb Gress—vocal/instrumental music; Craig Grundhauser—social studies; Rhonda Kuntz—science; Laura Messer—math/Title 1; Travis Olson—physical education/health/driver education; Andrew Rohwedder—vocational technology/geography; Sheila Steiner—special needs; Jan Stromborg—science; Misti Vogle—art/library; Kayla Zent—math; Gae Zentner—English

• SECONDARY CLASSIFIED STAFF

Jerry Aluise—technology coordinator; Shawn Carey—cleaner; Kim Dressler—business manager; Tammy Friedt—paraprofessional; Rachel Gaab—head food service; Mika Olson—head maintenance; Sarah Scott—custodian; Carla Ward—assistant food service; Char Zimmerman—executive administrative secretary; TBA—paraprofessional

• ELEMENTARY CERTIFIED FACULTY

Sandra Rambousek—kindergarten; Chelsea Christensen—grade 1; Jenna Fischer—grade 2; Connie Treiber—grade 3; Deb Huffman—grade 4; Barb Kuhn—grade 5; Sharon Messer—grade 6; Scott Bohn—counselor; Connie Elkin—speech pathology; Karla Fandrich—music K-3/special education; Barb Gress—music 4-6/band; Rhonda Herauf—physical education; Jenna Johnson—special ed. tutor-in-training; Leah Miller—Title 1; Pat Disrud—art/library

• ELEMENTARY CLASSIFIED STAFF

Gordon Barrett—head custodian; Shannon Chambers—assistant food service; Cindy Dohrmann—executive admin. secretary/technology coordinator; Dawn Friedt—paraprofessional; Kori Stockie—Sp. Ed. Paraprofessional; Mardell Transtrom—Sp. Ed. Paraprofessional; Toni Van Orman—paraprofessional; Mariann Voegele—head food service; Sandy Weisenberger—assistant admin. secretary; TBA—cleaner

- (Anyone with rubber boots or waders may bring them, as well as identification guides for birds, flowers, grasses — but do not purchase these... just bring if you already have.
- PE—gym shoes (**required**), gym socks, t-shirts, gym shorts or sweatshirt/sweatpants

FREE / REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION ENCLOSED

If your child(ren) received free or reduced meals last school year, they will continue to receive these benefits for 30 school days this year. You are required to fill out an application every school year, so to continue to receive these benefits after the 30 days, you must complete an application (enclosed) and file it with the school office. If you feel it would be beneficial to your family to complete the application right away, please bring it along at registration time or before the first day of school. If you feel that your benefits may decrease this year (due to a larger income) then it would be to your benefit to wait until closer to Oct. 1 to submit a new application. Keep in mind that a new application and determination takes precedence over any prior application.

We encourage all families to look at the income information provided to see if these benefits are possible for your family. If you feel you do not qualify at this time based on current income, but have income changes at any time during the school year, you may submit an application at that time.

If you have students attending both the high school and the elementary school, ONLY ONE APPLICATION IS NEEDED. You may drop off the application at either the high school office or the elementary school office.

All names and materials submitted will be kept strictly confidential.

NEW POLICY: All meals must be paid for in advance or you will be required to bring a sack lunch. No meal charging will be allowed. (See new policy in this newsletter...)

RTHS Supply List

- **Math Classes**—2" ring binder, loose leaf paper, spiral bound notebook for notes
- **Geography**—1" ring binder, package of subject divider tabs for binder, pencil colors
- **Computer Classes**—2" ring binder
- **Biology**—2" ring binder, loose leaf paper, 1 subject spiral-bound notebook
- **Environmental Science**—back pack (can be old), notebook, pencils, measuring tape, 5 zip-lock baggies, OLD clothes and tennis shoes, hand shovel or trowel, permanent marker.

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NO SMOKING REGULATIONS

North Dakota state law prohibits smoking on all school property indoors or outdoors. This includes football fields, tracks, playgrounds, parking lots, etc. The district may be fined \$500 per occurrence if smoking is not prohibited. Please help us to enforce the LAW. Violators will be asked to leave. (Reference SB2300)



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JH Football Parent and Player Meeting

**Wednesday,
August 3, 2011
6:00 MT or
(7:00 CT)**

RTHS lunch room

***Reminder: all athletes must have a new physical on file before practice begins and all extracurricular fees must be paid**

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Highly Qualified

Parents/Guardians:

Hiring highly qualified teachers is a priority at our schools. Through federal law, you have the right to information about the professional qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals at our schools. We wish to share that with you. Below is a list of teachers and their qualifications.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>DEGREE/FIELD OF STUDY</u>	<u>MEETS STATE QUALIFICATIONS</u>
Anderson, Susan	English, Title 1	(Majors) Speech, English, History, Title 1 Reading Credential	YES
Bautz, Brent	Superintendent	(Masters) Elementary Administration, (BS) Elementary Ed	YES
Bohn, Scott	Voc. Guidance Counselor	(Masters) School Counseling, (Major) Elementary Ed., (Minor) English, CTE Credential	YES
Christensen, Chelsea	Grade 1	(Major) Elementary Ed., Math and Reading Credentials	YES
Disrud, Pat	Elem. Art, Library	(Major) Elementary Ed., Endorsement English	YES
Elkin, Connie	Speech Pathology	(Major) Speech Pathology	YES
Fandrich, Karla	Elem. Music, Sp.Ed., Reading Interventionist	(Major) Early Childhood, Elem. Ed., Special Ed/Learning Disabilities, MR Credential, Title 1 Reading Credential	YES
Filibbeck, Brian	Computer Ed., History	(Major) Business Education/General Business, (Minor) History, Career & Tech. Ed Credential	YES
Fischer, Jenna	Grade 2	(Major) Elementary Ed., (Minor) Reading	YES
Gress, Barb	Music	(Major) Music	YES
Grundhauser, Craig	Social Studies	(Major) Social and Behavioral Science	YES
Herauf, Rhonda	Elem. PE	(Majors) Business Ed., PE, Composite Science, Title 1 Credential	YES
Huffman, Deb	Grade 4	(Major) Elementary Ed.	YES
Johnson, Jenna	Sp.Ed. Tutor-In-Training	(Major) Physical Education K-12, Endorsement in Elementary Ed.	YES
Kuhn, Barb	Grade 5	(Majors) Elementary Ed., History	YES
Kuntz, Rhonda	Science	(Major) General Composite Science, Biology	YES
Messer, Laura	Math, Business, Title 1	(Major) Business Ed./General Bus., (Major Equivalency) Mathematics, Title 1 Math Credential	YES
Messer, Sharon	Grade 6	(Major) Elementary Ed., (Minor) History, English	YES
Miller, Leah	Title 1	(Major) Elementary Ed. K-8 concentration in Kindgrd, German; Reading and Math Credential	YES
Olson, Janine	Elem. Princ., Title 1 Coord.	(Master) Elementary Admin/Special Education Strategist, (Major) Elementary Ed.	YES
Olson, Travis	PE, Health, Dr. Ed	(Major) PE, (Minor) Driver Education	YES
Rambousek, Sandra	Kindergarten	(Major) Elementary Ed., Endorsement in Kindergarten	YES
Rohwedder, Andrew	Vocational Technology	(Major) Technical Education, (Minor) Geography	YES
Steiner, Sheila	Special Needs	Masters of Educ., (Major) Elem. Ed., (Minors) Social Studies, Science; Title 1 Reading Credential	YES
Stromsborg, Jan	Science	(Major) Biology	YES
Treiber, Connie	Grade 3	(Major) English, (Minor) History, Elementary Ed. Endorsement	YES
Vogle, Misti	Art, Library	(Masters) Advanced Professional Ed., (Major) Art	YES
Zent, Kayla	Math	(Major) Mathematics	YES
Zentner, Gae	English, Title 1	(Major) Speech, Title 1 Reading Credential	YES
Ziegler, Russell	Sec. Princ.,Title 1 Coord.	(Masters) Sec. Admin.(Major) Math, (Minor) Chemistry, Sec. Principal Credential	YES