

Richfield Residential Hall

College and Career Preparatory Program

16 December 2020

Dear Family and Friends,

We hope that this finds you all doing well. Our team has been working hard to help your student finish this semester on a high note. Thank you so much for your efforts to help your student stay current over the extended Thanksgiving break. I am so proud of how hard each and every one of our students has been working to earn the highest grades possible in each class. Please continue to encourage your student to finish strong. Final exams and projects will be going on right up to the last class on the last day of the semester. To facilitate those final exams and projects, our buses will be leaving a bit later for Christmas vacation.

We are very excited to see our families together again over Christmas. As we did at the beginning of the school year and during the Thanksgiving break, we have chartered buses for Christmas vacation. We ordered two buses again so that we can spread out and give everyone plenty of space. The buses will be staged here at 2:30 so that students can get on the bus as soon as they get out of school. We are planning to leave our campus at 3:00 pm. Based on this, we plan on buses arriving at Page Lumber between 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

Due to the continuation of restrictions on the Navajo Nation, the only stop we will make is at Page Lumber in Page, AZ. Please be on time to pick up your student. Since we are using charter buses, they will pull in and drop off. Students will not have a warm place to wait, so please be on time to pick them up. I learned that there were a few stops made with the buses at Thanksgiving that we were not anticipating, and these made the buses later than we stated. I am sorry about that. I really appreciate your patience with that situation. We will ensure that the trip is non-stop from the time the buses leave our campus this time. As always, if Page, AZ is not a feasible location for you, you are also welcome to pick up your student at Richfield Residential Hall between the hours of 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 22nd.

Whether you arrive to pick up your student in Page or in Richfield, please plan to wear a mask and expect to adhere to social distancing guidelines. It will be a slower process, but we will get everyone reunited safely. Thank you in advance for your understanding of our need to implement additional safety precautions. If you plan to pick up your student in Richfield, please be aware that our facilities are closed to all visitors. You may want to consider a restroom stop before pulling into our campus as there will not be one available here.

We will have two charter buses at **Page Lumber at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5th**. Again, this will be the only pickup location, so please be early so that you can adhere to social distancing and screening adjustments to the bus loading process to ensure the safety of everyone. RRH campus will open at 4:00 pm for drop off outside (facilities remain closed to visitors). As was the case at Thanksgiving, our staff will be administering COVID-19 Rapid Tests to each student prior to their boarding the bus or entering the campus.

As a reminder, our staff have been certified to do this test by medical professionals. Test results take 10-15 minutes. All students will be notified of their test results privately by an RRH team member. In the event of any positive test result, the student will not be allowed to board the bus or enter our campus until they have been released by a licensed health professional or health department as having met the mandatory quarantine/isolation time frame. Our team will be testing RRH students only and will not be re-testing any student.

We appreciate your patience with this process as well. Our goal is to ensure the health and safety of every student and stakeholder in our program

Thank you so much for all that you do to ensure the success of your student in this unprecedented school year. Each day there is more and more alarming research coming out about

the academic and emotional damage being done to students who are relegated to virtual-only learning platforms. Our program continues to be the lone program offering face to face instruction for our native youth and we could not do it without your help and support. Thank you for being part of our team. Thank you for helping us ensure that your students are not lost in the mess as the country tries to figure out how to do what is right for our young people.



This is, by far, the best group of students we have ever had at RRH. I have been here since 1999 and I have never seen a group of students who is more committed to their education and doing the right thing. I believe they recognize the unique blessing they have in being able to physically attend school each day. I will be watching with pride as this group of young people rises up and accomplishes incredible things while their peers lag behind and spend the next decade trying to catch up. Thank you for giving your student the gift of the best education. It will pay back for generations.

I hope that you are able to truly enjoy the special spirit of this Christmas season as you gather your loved ones around you. While this has been a difficult and unpredictable year, we hope you are able to pause and see some blessings as well. You and your student have certainly been a light and a blessing to each of us here at RRH.

Thanks again for your continued support,

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IMPORTANT DATES / TIMES

DEC 22: Buses leave RRH @ 3:00 PM
Buses arrive @ Page Lumber at 6:30 pm
JAN 5: Bus leaves Page Lumber at 1:00 pm
RRH opens @ 4:00 pm

Any adjustments to this schedule will be communicated over Remind