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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Three Rivers College's Department of Nursing and Allied Health has extended the application deadline for its day and evening Registered Nurse program in Poplar Bluff to March 17th at 5 p.m.

"Our first concern was the time lost to weather closings this winter and making sure that we gave our applicants time to catch up from that," said Staci Campbell, Chair of the Department of Nursing and Allied Health. "This is also our first application cycle with our increased prerequisites, and we wanted to allow students to complete their pre-requisite courses of Intermediate Algebra and Introductory Chemistry in the summer 2014 session."

Applicants for the Nursing programs must be enrolled in or have passed MATH 103 or 153, have completed or be enrolled in CHEM 111, take the NLN-PAX-RN pre-entrance exam and achieve a minimum score of 105, and have a minimum 2.5 GPA across all college credit hours completed to be eligible for admission into the programs.

Campbell advises that all admissions materials, including official copies of transcripts from high school and other colleges, must be received by the March 17 deadline. Application forms for the RN program can be found online by going

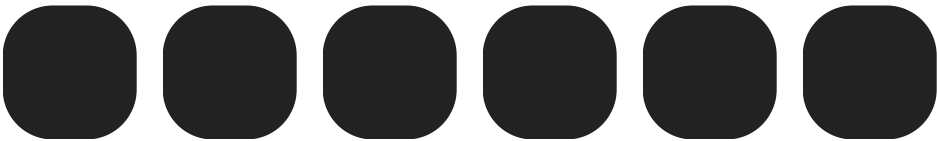
to trcc.edu/admissions and clicking on “Applications.” Prospective students must also complete a free Three Rivers application. For more information, contact Staci Campbell at 573-840-9680.

Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit trcc.edu

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Dexter, Missouri- DHS athlete Trevor Waldner returned to Dexter with a State Championship Title in wrestling and was honored in his cadet teaching class. Mrs. Shannon Putnam's first grade class cheered from their classroom as Trevor took the mat in Columbia. She incorporated a little math into the lesson plan as well teaching the students counting as he racked up his score against his opponent.

While Trevor was training he couldn't eat many of his favorite foods, so the class decided to treat him to a pizza and chicken Alfredo party. Trevor brought his medal to school and the students got a chance to pass it around and look at it. A photo gallery is available on our Facebook page.

Below is a photo of Trevor and his fans! Mrs. Putnam's 1st grade class: Bobby Allerton, Madison Bennett, Lawson Blocker, Christian Chappell, Joshua Farver, Anjol Gibson, Christiaan Haasbroek, Aundrea Hernandez, Kaydence Hessling, Kasmira Hester, Nicholas Jones, Mickey Kingery, Kaysen Long, Ashley McCoy, Justin Murphy, Kate Nichols, Carly Patterson, Gabe Robinson, Kaylee Rutledge, Nolen Stone, Sage Wallingford, and Sean Wheetley.

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Richland Alumni Basketball Game

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Essex, Missouri – On Saturday, March 22nd, the Richland Project Prom Committee will be hosting the Alumni Basketball Game in the Richland High School Gymnasium. If you would like to participate, there are registration forms available in the High School Office and at Essex One Stop off of Highway 114 in Essex.

The registration fee is \$10 per player. The money raised will go to help Project Prom come to life this year on Saturday, May 3rd. The students are working towards narrowing down their many different options for after prom and the dance, such as: renting out the YMCA in Sikeston with activities such as swimming and sports, having a lock-in at the school with fun games and prizes, or having a catered dinner before the dance as they have done in previous years.

With the many ideas the Project Prom Committee has thrown together, they have had other fundraisers to help them reach their goal before May such as the tutu fundraisers at the beginning of the year, the wreath making fundraiser, the raffle at the Fall Festival, and the Prom Dress Exchange held last weekend in Bloomfield. The Alumni Basketball Game will continue to help them take the steps towards reaching their goal.

The registration deadline is Friday, March 14th (this may be extended at a later date due to the weather and the school being closed). If you wish to participate, you will need to turn in your payment with your completed registration form by that date. All former Richland basketball players are encouraged to participate! It will be a fun event for everyone, whether you are on the court or in the stands.

The Project Prom Committee and the junior class will also be opening the concession stand for this event with food such as hotdogs, nachos, soft pretzels, sodas, candy, and more. On top of the concession stand, they will also be holding a bake sale. So be sure to stop by! All proceeds from the concession stand, bake sale, and basketball game will go to Project Prom.

The Alumni Basketball Game will definitely be a game to remember, so mark your calendars for Saturday, March 22nd. Students and families are encouraged to attend; it will be fun for the whole family. More information will be available as the date gets closer.

If there are any questions, contact the Project Prom Committee at 573-421-5228.

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New Additions to Richland

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Essex, Missouri – Throughout the year, there have been many new additions to the Richland R-1 School District. The elementary, junior high, and high school adopted the Bring Your Own Device Program at the beginning of the year and there were also new security systems installed at each entrance for extra protection and peace of mind. The high school also began Advanced Placement (AP) classes in English and History available for seniors. There were numerous new faces added to the staff in both buildings and the hallways in the building are becoming more and more decorated and suited for the Rebel fans.

New additions are still being added, including the new preschool program. Instead of offering summer school for students, the money used to operate summer school will be used to start and maintain a preschool program. Richland's preschool will be self-funded and the staff believes a self-funded preschool program will be more beneficial to the children considering the new mandated assessments and more rigorous demands being placed on schools and the students by the State and Federal Government.

There will be screening and testing for preschool attendance. The board and superintendent would like to apologize for the inconvenience of not having summer school, but they believe it is the best path for the incoming Richland students and their academic success to have a preschool offered to the younger generation.

This year, the elementary got a facelift and was granted the opportunity of having a new playground built. The equipment was purchased with fundraisers, school funds, and an USDA grant. The students absolutely love it (and so do the teachers). Richland's school board played a major role and saved the school district a large sum of money.

The bus garage also got an upgrade both inside and out. All doors are now electric which will help extend the life of the garage door. The mechanic bay is insulated which will greatly reduce heating costs and the electrical was updated which increases the safety aspect. The exterior of building was also primed and painted with school colors.

The bus garage wasn't the only thing at Richland to receive fresh paint. The men and women's bathrooms located by the main gymnasium received new paint as well. The little gym near the back parking lot also received a new rubber floor which makes the facility much more user-friendly and safer for the physical education courses in both elementary

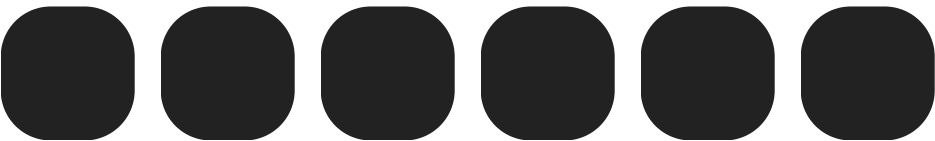
and high school.

Richland’s school board is responsible for all these wonderful new additions that will allow Richland School to continue representing the Richland Community and Stoddard County as a great school. A big thanks goes out to the school board, faculty, and supporting parents who made all these changes possible.

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Richland FAFSA Night

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Essex, Missouri - As the deadline for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) approaches on March 1st, the Richland R-1 School District will be holding a free FAFSA night workshop for all seniors and parents who wish to attend. This event will be held on Thursday, February 27th, at 6pm in the High School Computer Lab. Please be sure to bring your Federal 2013 or 2012 tax returns! A college representative will be at the FAFSA night to help guide the parents and students through filling out the FAFSA.

Be sure to mark your calendars if you plan to attend. Parents and students will need to attend together. If there are any questions, please contact the Richland High School Counselor, Mrs. Hampton. If students are set up on the Remind Me Texting App, there are multiple reminders being sent out, as well as pin number information for the event. You can setup the pin number online at <http://pin.ed.gov> and just follow the instructions on the website. If there is any trouble using the link that was sent through the message, please see Mrs. Hampton in her office sometime this week.

On top of the upcoming FAFSA night, there are also multiple scholarships that have quickly approaching deadlines. If a senior has already been accepted by a college, the college should have many endowment scholarships that they could be rewarded. So don't miss out! Southeast Missouri State University, Arkansas State University, and Missouri State University Endowment Scholarships have a deadline of March 1st. The Three Rivers College Endowment Scholarship is on April 1st. Students that have been accepted to these colleges are eligible to apply for these scholarships online.

Here are more scholarship deadlines (all scholarship forms are placed in senior mailboxes):

Southeast Missouri State Superintendents Association Scholarship Application is due March 1st.

Essex Area Development Scholarship will be awarded to two students for \$500, which is due March 1st.

Missouri Bankers Foundation Scholarship must be postmarked by March 14th.

Peter Pasula Study Habits Scholarship has a deadline of April 1st and can be found online at www.mortgagebrokersburnaby.com

Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County Auxiliary Scholarship (Dexter, MO) must be postmarked by April 4th.

National Defense Transportation Association (Academic Scholarship Program A, B, C) can be obtained online at www.ndtahq.com with a deadline of April 16th.

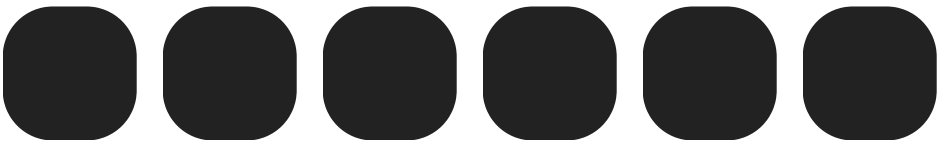
Maple Leaf Dentistry Schoarship has a deadline to apply on May 30th and all applications can be found online at www.peterboroughdentists.com.

There are many more scholarships to come! So please be sure to keep checking the senior mailboxes. There will be more information on the FAFSA night throughout the week, so mark your calendars!

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