

In Our Opinion



Question of the Week

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What are you most thankful for?

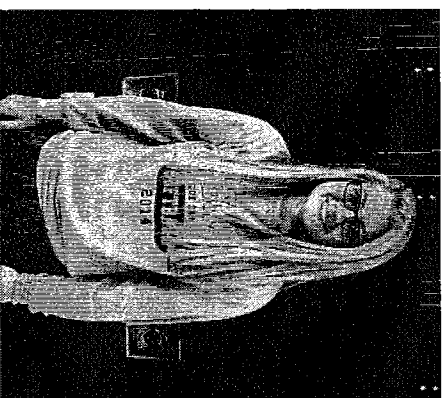
Senior

"Family and friends." — Dylan Yore



Junior

"My friends who support me through everything" — Kaitlyn Griffith



Sophomore

"My parents." — Matthew Schuster



Freshman

"Family and friends." — Jenna Pentz



Editorials

Staff Editorial: RHS Has the Right Heartbeat

By: Nick Thomas
News Editor

In every school, safety is one of the most important things. Every school has the normal safety procedures of what to do in certain situations such as a fire drill, lockdown and etc.

Richmond High School is taking a step further improving the safety of the students in RHS.

RHS has always had the normal drills that every school has. But RHS now has something that not every school has a CPR team.

RHS provided this training because it is a good resource for our school to have staff trained.

If a student needs CPR assistance, RHS now has a CPR team that can assist a student or other faculty member.

The members of the RHS CPR team includes the following: Mrs. Baumgarten, Athletic Director; secretary, Mr. Brown, finance and marketing teacher; Mr. Bloink, special education teacher; Mr. Schleder, Chemistry and Anatomy teacher; Mrs. Germain, math teacher; and Mr. Delore, history teacher.

Each member went through training from Richmond Lenox EMS to get certified for the CPR team. One example of training that members on the CPR team had to go through was there was a manikin placed in the school, and the CPR team had to locate the manikin and perform the duties required to help the manikin.

Our school added a CPR team to make the school a safer place for both teachers and students.

In addition with the CPR team, RHS is in the process of being approved to be a Michigan HEARTSafe school.

The purpose of the Michigan HEARTSafe schools foundation is to help people and know what to do if they were to go into sudden cardiac arrest (SCA).

In order to get approved to be a HEARTSafe school, schools need to meet certain requirements that will later be approved.

The requirements to be a MI-HEARTSafe school, from www.migr.org/miheartsafe, include the following:

- A written cardiac emergency response plan, which must be reviewed annually by staff as designated by state law.
- A cardiac emergency response team with current CPR/AED certification.

- At least 10% of staff, 50% of coaches and 50% of P.E. staff with a current CPR/AED certification.

- A sufficient number of accessible properly maintained and inspected AED's ready to use, with signs identifying the AED's locations.

- The performance of at least one cardiac drill per year, which includes recognizing signs of cardiac arrest and using the American Heart Association's Chain of Survival: calling 9-1-1 and use of bystander CPR.

- *Richmond High School is taking a step further improving the safety of the students in RHS* arrive to provide advanced life support.

All athletic pre-participation screening completed with the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) form.

The CPR team is a very a good thing for RHS. It helps the continuation of the improvements of our school.

This CPR team makes our school safer and not many other schools have it.

The CPR team adds a very important element to our school's safety.

This is a very good resources for our school because if we had a student who needed CPR assistance, we have the trained experience in our school.

If a parent was enrolling their kid in a school, they would want their child to be as safe as possible.

With our school creating the CPR team, it enhances the safety of our school greatly.

The requirements above to be a HEARTSafe school that are listed above, take our school one step further than just having a CPR team.

With the requirements listed above to be a HEARTSafe school, it makes our school even safer than with just a CPR team.

With those requirements it makes sure that a certain amount of coaches are trained with to perform CPR on a student athlete if needed.

Also with the AED's that are needed to be a HEARTSafe school, it makes the school accessible for students who need CPR assistance in a wide range of the school.

With all the CPR team and the requirements to be HEARTSafe school that RHS is going through, our school has improved the safety and is continuing to do so every day.

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