

GREETINGS RAIDER NATION



Greetings Raiders!

It has been a great start to the 2018-2019 school year! Both inside and outside of the classroom, Riverdale is shining. Our initial student achievement results continue to show increases in learning and our athletics and arts programs are flourishing.

Now that we are moving forward into the school year and ready to begin the second quarter, we are determined to keep our momentum and continue to build on our many successes. We have had an exciting homecoming week and want to continue to encourage all of our students to get involved in extra-curricular activities. These activities not only support our school and community, but they also provide opportunities for our students to grow academically, socially, and help build leadership skills. Also, just a reminder that SAT and ACT testing will be coming soon. Students, if you have not already signed up and need assistance, please see your guidance counselor. This is also the time of year that seniors need to pay close attention to graduation updates. Again, make sure to see your school counselor or visit counselor corner during your lunch shift for any assistance. It is important that you stay informed of these deadlines so no opportunities are missed. It has been a very successful school year so far and I am truly looking forward to the great things that we are going to do throughout this year.

It's definitely a great time to be a Raider!

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Scott Cook

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MISSION:

Will adapt to the changing face of the community while preparing to meet the needs of a global society

VISION:

Our students set goals and learn the skills they each need to achieve them. Students then apply their learned abilities to their goals in order to best prepare

BELIEF STATEMENT:

Public education is imperative to support and sustain a diverse democratic society. To this end, we believe, Student learning is the chief priority for our school. Challenging expectations increase student performance. Students learn in different ways and should be provided with a variety of instructional approaches to support their learning. The home, school and community must serve and support one another. Teaching and learning require a healthy, safe and orderly environment. Resources and services are essential for effective instruction. All staff must continue to learn and all schools must continue to improve.

STUDENT DRESS CODE



Dear Parents and Students,

Dress Codes are an important part of the climate of schools. Our goal is to always provide an environment that is free of distractions, safe, orderly, and conducive to learning. We want you to be clear of Riverdale High School's dress code as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. Please review the entire dress code and be aware that it will be enforced. Thank you for your support with this endeavor. We are working very hard to provide the best learning environment possible for our students and teachers.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The purpose of the Dress Code is to encourage students to focus on the learning process without the distractions of unsuitable dress and grooming. Students shall maintain a clean, orderly appearance at all times.

1. Apparel shall be adequate in both length and coverage to be considered appropriate for school.
2. Pants shall be worn fastened and at the waist with no undergarments showing.
3. Pants with holes, tears, etc. may not be worn, if in the principal's judgment, they may cause a disruption to the School environment.
4. Shirts or blouses shall be appropriately fastened in accordance with the design of that shirt or blouse. The length shall extend beyond the waist level.
5. Clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner is prohibited.
6. Transparent or see-through tops, bare midriff, strapless, low-cut clothing, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage or are of a suggestive nature are prohibited; halters, backless dresses or tops, tube tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, or any clothing which may be distracting are prohibited.
7. Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury—such as chains, bracelets, rings, chokers with or without spikes, or studs—are prohibited. Wallet chains of any length are prohibited.
8. Shoes shall be worn at all times.
9. Apparel, emblems, insignias, badges, or symbols that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any other illegal activity are prohibited.
10. Apparel or symbols which may be gang-related may not be displayed on a student's person or in the student's possession.
11. Gang-related tattoos, or other tattoos that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment as determined by the principal, are prohibited.
12. Adornments that, in the principal's judgment could cause injury, be a safety risk or cause a disruption to the school environment may not be worn. Examples of prohibited adornments include, but are not limited to, hoops or rings attached to the nose, eyebrow, cheeks or lips.
13. The wearing on campus of hats, caps, headgear (including hoodies) or sunglasses except in conjunction with designated school-approved uniforms or at authorized athletic practices or activities is prohibited. There may be certain exceptions for medical conditions and physical education classes held outside. The principal will determine these exceptions.
14. Any method of public display (including clothing, nail polish, and other items that may be worn or carried) of an organization affiliated with controversial, obscene, or illegal activities on a person, may not be worn, if in the principal's judgement, they may cause a substantial disruption to the school environment
15. Hair coloring or style that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment, as determined by the principal, is prohibited.
16. Long, oversized jerseys are prohibited.

GUIDANCE

It's hard to believe how fast the year can go by! Counselors have been busy meeting with students, particularly the Seniors, to prepare for graduation. Seniors have the opportunity to meet with their counselors, review in detail their remaining requirements for graduation, and begin working towards their next steps after high school. If you or your student has any questions or needs assistance in making the post-secondary plan, the counselors are here to help.

Knowing who to call for help can put students on the path to success quickly! The following information will let you know who your student's counselor is. If you have questions concerning your child's academic progress, please contact us so we can help.

COUNSELORS

Mrs. Carol Hauger - carolah@leeschools.net

A - F Seniors

A - E Underclassmen

All IA / IS and Life Skill students

Teacher Academy

Department Head

Mr. Otto Hampel - ottofh@leeschools.net

S - Z Seniors

P - Z Underclassmen

All Dual Enrollment Students

Ms. Lorri Mercer - lorriam@leeschools.net

G - R

F - O underclassmen

Student Aides

Mrs. Ashley Sexton - ashleys@leeschools.net

All current and former IB students

Student Aides

IB SPOTLIGHT



The 2018 IB graduating class proved to be extremely successful, accumulating over \$1,500,000 in Bright Futures scholarship money, and nearly \$4,000,000 in total scholarships offered. In terms of exams, the class of 2018 passed 81% of exams (469 total) with a 4 or higher, and 67% (65 total) of students received their IB Diploma. Last year's graduates have been accepted into colleges all around the United States including the United State Air Force Academy, Swarthmore College, Purdue University, Ohio State, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Michigan, Oglethorpe University, UF, FAU, FGCU, FIU, FSU, UCF and USF.

Our Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) Program is well underway for the 2018-2019 school year. We are continuing our 2 Schools, 1 Home Program with the Buckingham Student Exceptional Center with over 100 of our students involved in either the classroom integration, campus beautification, or other special events.

We have welcomed our new IB Freshman class, the Class of 2022! Students in all grade levels are engaged in the IB Curriculum; we are reading novels, conducting experiences, exploring the functions of the brain, learning to speak French and Spanish, and keeping up with the current events from around the world!

October 20 – FGCU Research Day

October 30 – Pinning – 6:30pm

November 20 – River Crossing (7th period)

December 13 - IB Informational Meeting (for incoming freshmen) – 6:30pm

January 15 – Parent Meeting /Diploma Program Informational Meeting – 6:30pm

January 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29 –English Orals

January 25 - Annual Basketball with Buckingham Exceptional Student Center – 1:40pm

February 5 – IB Parent Organization's Dinner/Silent Auction and Senior Showcase – 6:00pm

February 23 – AP Mock Exams (Saturday)

March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 – French Orals

March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27, 28 – Spanish Orals

March 5, 6, 7, 8 – Art Exhibition

March 14 – R U Culturally Literate (8th period)

March 14 – All IAs and Predicted Grades due

April 2 – Incoming Freshmen Registration – 6:30pm

April 24 – 10th BBQ (5th Period)

April 26 – 11th Pool Party – 1:40pm

April 26 – College Shirt Day for Seniors and Teachers

April 29 – 9th Ice Cream Party (8th Period)

April 30 – Seniors last day

May 3 – Senior Celebration – 6:00pm

TBA – Art/Film Festival – 6:30pm



For downloadable documents and more IB information:

<http://rdh.leeschools.net/ib-student-documents>

RIVERDALE CLUBS



FBLA

FBLA is the largest and most successful club at Riverdale High School. The meetings are every Thursday and last for approximately 30 minutes. Dues are \$30 and need to be turned in as soon as possible. FBLA members are involved in several community service activities. Each month, FBLA chooses a new organization to raise money for.

KEY CLUB

Key Club is an international, student led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership. We would love to have you join us in our effort to serve our local community!

Check out our Google Classroom to get details on upcoming meeting and events. The classroom code is: q2rbitz. There is still time to sign up to participate in the 5k Mothers Against Drunk Driving Walk on September 29 and the upcoming Key Club Kickoff Conference. You can also keep up with our events and upcoming meeting by checking the Key Club bulletin board in the front of the science hallway.

Key Club dues must be turned in by November 1, 2018. Dues are \$25 for new members and \$15 for returning members. New members, your dues include the price of your shirt, and returning members, we are working hard to get your shirts!

We hope to get you to join us!

FASHION DESIGN AND SEWING CLUB

Nowadays, the art of sewing or making your own clothing is rarely seen, which is why Olivia McAteer decided to start the Fashion Design and Sewing Club. The idea for this club began near the middle of this previous school year, when she decided that she wanted to go into fashion after high school. More people were finding out that Olivia could sew and that she sewed her own clothing, which led to them asking if she could do basic skills like hemming jeans or dresses, and even if she hand sewed clothing or used a sewing machine .

Olivia thought that if people really didn't know these things, she should start a club and teach them.

The first meeting for the Fashion Design and Sewing Club is October 2, 2018.

Please see Ms. Favia or Olivia McAteer for more details.

RIVERDALE CLUBS



BOOK CLUB

Meets Tuesdays from 1:45 p.m.—3:00 p.m. in room 205

Google Classroom code: oa3jt4b

HOSA

Are you interested in the health field? If so, see Mr. Johnson in room 10-03 for details.

CULINARY CLUB

Meetings are in room 1-007, see Mrs. Spinosa for details.

Google Classroom code: xjb4skv





**High School
Taco Cook-Off**

Thursday, October 4th

National Taco Day!

5:30pm

Burrough's Home

2505 First Street, Fort Myers



Five Culinary High Schools in Lee County will be competing for the title, "Lee County Culinary Cook-Off Champion" for 2018 with the best tacos! Celebrity judges will select the school with the best overall taco and you, the attendee, will select the "Fan Favorite"!

Purchase your tickets here: <https://tacocook-off.eventbrite.com>
\$25/person - Pre-sale tickets required (limited amount)

Ticket includes taco and a side from five schools and a drink ticket - Cash bar is available (21 years plus)
Sponsorship Opportunities are still available!
Contact Lois Croft LCroft@FRLA.org for more information

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RIVERDALE FOOTBALL



I am elated to announce that those who stayed are champions!!! This past Friday night our varsity team helped make a mark in the Riverdale history books by defeating South Fort Myers and winning a district championship. Our players and coaches have worked incredibly hard to make this possible and this win secures our place in the first round of the 2018 7A playoffs which we will host on November 9, 2018.

After each win our TV production class and Mr. Praegitzer work tirelessly on making a highlight video for our viewing pleasure. The work that goes into these videos cannot be overstated or over appreciated.

Here is the link to the videos from this year:

<https://youtu.be/l8Ewxzy8Axs?list=PL8zESuLMFvvH80Jk99i1InTkOKPBNQISD>

Each week our online folder is updated with photos by those who captured some of the moments from game night. This week I was not given any photos to share. If you have any please share/upload them.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yt0rjPym5ggLcJINXKNaZI4qmZe4t_17?usp=sharing



“Those who stay, will be champions!”

- James C. Delgado, Head Football Coach



RIVERDALE FOOTBALL



Please see the following video of our Raider boys and their connection with River Hall Elementary:

<https://youtu.be/1XYMDiOaPiQ>

We must continue to have “one mission and one heartbeat” and we must continue to make our best our standard.



RIVERDALE SPORTS



RIVERDALE BASEBALL

Baseball workouts will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:45 – 3:00 In the weight room. All athletic paperwork must be in to Mrs. Barry before being able to participate. If you have any questions see Coach Pringle.

RIVERDALE SOFTBALL

Softball workouts will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:45 – 3:00 . All athletic paperwork must be in to Mrs. Barry before being able to participate. If you have any questions see Coach McChesney.

RIVERDALE VOLLEYBALL



The Riverdale Volleyball team is off to a good start at 7-2. While still in contention for the District Championship, the Raiders still have tournaments Saturday, September 29th at Estero Rec. Center and in Orlando October 12-13 at the Orlando Sports Center. Currently leading the Raiders is Hailey Ogden in kills, Brayden Hipp in aces, Logyn Geren in blocks, Heather Demarest in digs and Brayden Hipp in assists. Senior night for the Raiders is set for Monday, October 8th vs. First Baptist Academy, 6pm JV and 7pm Varsity.

RIVERDALE WRESTLING

Conditioning is every Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 P.M. The season starts on December 3, 2018. The first meet will be the H-Town Showdown in Miami on December 7-8, 2018.

Senior Darius Parker, Lleyton Taylor, and Terrence Clayton are returning state finalists this year.

RIVERDALE SPORTS



Winter Sports

Below are the start dates and coaches to contact:

Girls Weightlifting (October 8th)-

Head Coach-Mike Romano

Boys Basketball (November 5th)-

Head Coach-Athan Laskaris

Asst. Coach-Vernon Brazeal (JV-Varsity)

Asst. Coach-Curtis Chenault (JV)

Asst. Coach-Richard Wilson (Freshman)

Girls Basketball (October 29th)-

Head Coach-Delair Osnac

Asst. Coach-Courtney Braxton

Asst. Coach-Kym Hoffman

Competitive Cheer (October 15th)-

Head Coach-Misti Gonzalez

Wrestling (November 12th)-

Head Coach-Kris Hayward

Asst. Coach Jesse Von Linden

Boys Soccer (October 15th) -

Head Coach-Brittany Hilton

(Practice on JV Soccer Field)

Asst. Coach- Hugh Kerwin

Girls Soccer-(October 15th)-

Head Coach-Ken Fedak

(Practice on Baseball Field)

Asst. Coach-Jessica DiCarlo

SCHOOL NEWS

BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE SCHOOL NEWS:

Google Classroom code: fxj3yu

YouTube: RaiderRundown

Twitter: @RiverdaleReads

Football Twitter: @RiverdaleCoach

Keep up with what's happening at your school and be sure to pay attention to each edition of the Raider Newsletter!

Recent editions of the school newsletter can be found at the following link:

https://rdh.leeschools.net/our_families/newsletters

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which they are certified. Effective 8/10/2018 the following are Out of Field.

Michele Bechler	Elem Ed / ESOL
Christen Bertz	ESOL
William Burke	ESOL
Stacey Green	Business Ed
Brittany Hilton	ESOL
Dona Kocher	ESOL
Cody Lawrence	ESOL
Nathan Lewis	ESOL
Laurie Moore	Reading
CJ Nelson	ESOL
Jonathan Newman	ESOL
Courtney Opsatnick	ESOL
Alicia Simpson	ESOL
Robert Taylor	ESOL
April Tierney	ESOL
Jennifer Wallace	ESOL
Leslie Webb	ESOL
Teresa Willis	Reading

SUCCESS IS A CHOICE

SCHOLARSHIPS

The website (sponsored by the Foundation for Lee County Schools) to apply is <https://flcps.awardspring.com>. Students will create an account, complete the general application, and then as a third step, apply to the Fred & Jean Allegretti Scholarship. They may also apply to any other that they qualify for, including the Suncoast Scholarship, Jeff Sommers Memorial Scholarship, and Richard Hagy Memorial Scholarship.

- The Fred & Jean Allegretti Scholarship offers a \$ 1000 scholarship to 5 Riverdale High School seniors. This scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the Fred & Jean Allegretti Foundation.
- The Suncoast Credit Union Foundation has partnered with the Consortium of Florida Education Foundation to award \$ 116,000 in student scholarships for graduates of the Class of 2018. Suncoast will award \$2,000 scholarships to 58 high school seniors who demonstrate financial need and strong academic performance across the 21 Florida counties we serve.
- The Richard Hagy Memorial Scholarship Fund committee wishes to extend to you this opportunity to apply for the Richard Hagy Memorial Scholarship valued at \$ 1,000 to be awarded in the spring of 2018. Richard Hagy had a passion for educating students and served Lee County Schools for more than 30 years as teacher, coach, and principal of ALC and Mariner Middle Schools. He was named Principal of the Year and touched the lives of countless students and friends. This is a one-year scholarship, non-renewable, paid directly to the Financial Aid office of the institution the student is attending.

CLICK THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR UPDATED SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MaUGg25Fu2j4RqicgMj2SW3Lj_vrXELGyfP76IS0GrU/edit

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please see Mrs. Ades in room 8-01 if you are interested.

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools is looking for high school juniors (Class of 2020) who are currently participating in any Lee County Public Schools business or entrepreneurship classes/clubs for an In-Demand Careers Scholars program. This program is made possible with matching funds provided by Florida Prepaid College Foundation. Students with good grades, attendance and behavior who also aspire to obtain a college degree or certificate in Florida with an entrepreneurship focus are encouraged to apply.

The skills that accompany entrepreneurial studies include customer service, communication, problem solving/troubleshooting, writing, and computer skills. These skills will prepare students to enter a variety of workforce sectors and help them to be versatile. As participants in the In-Demand Careers Scholars program, students will have the opportunity to work with a supportive advocate, receive college and career preparation programming, and earn a Florida Prepaid 2-year state college scholarship. This scholarship covers tuition for two years at a Florida state public college.

Students brought into the In-Demand Careers Scholars program commit to:

- Stay drug and crime-free
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and a "C" or above in all courses
- Attend school regularly
- Exhibit good behavior in and out of school
- Volunteer and become involved in the community
- Participate in The Foundation for Lee County Public School's College and Career Center program during 11th & 12th grade
- Pursue a college degree that includes a technical certificate, AS, or college minor in entrepreneurship at a technical college, state college or university in Florida
- Maintain frequent communication with The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools through college graduation, which includes sending transcripts every semester and completing the FAFSA annually

The eligibility criteria for the program and the application are attached.

COLLEGE PLANNING TIPS



SENIOR CLASS OF 2019

- You should be applying now and know each college or university's admission deadline.
- Check that your applications are complete and filled out properly.
- Keep copies of application materials and stay organized.
- Extra-curricular activities make your application stand out.
- Be sure to get feedback on your college essay from trusted mentors or teachers. Correct your grammar and use a variety of vocabulary.
- Be sure to include letters of recommendation and ask teachers or counselors well in advance of the application deadline.
- Check the class of 2019 Google Classroom for scholarships, FAFSA information and application tips.
- For questions regarding changes to Bright Futures Community Service Hours requirements and criteria, please contact Carol Hauger at the school at Ext. 217

JUNIOR CLASS OF 2020

- Begin researching post-secondary options such as college or technical schools.
- Meet with your counselor to address any questions about your potential career path so you can make a plan to meet your goals.
- Take the most rigorous courses possible and don't give up. Colleges and employers like to see hard-working individuals with resilience.
- Narrow your search for your college/post-secondary schools to 5 that you intend to submit applications to. Plan on visiting each school in the spring.
- Now is the time to be preparing to take your ACT and SAT.

ACT AND SAT DATES

ACT

SAT

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
September 8, 2018	August 10, 2018	August 11 - August 26, 2018	August 25, 2018	July 27, 2018	August 15, 2018
October 27, 2018	September 28, 2018	September 29 - October 14, 2018	October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018	September 26, 2018
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 3 - November 19, 2018	November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018	October 24, 2018
February 9, 2019	January 11, 2019	January 12 - January 18, 2019	December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 20, 2018
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 9 - March 25, 2019	March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019	February 27, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 4 - May 20, 2019	May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 24, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 15 - June 24, 2019	June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 22, 2019

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



CLASSROOM CODES

Freshmen: 0bcq0qa

Sophomores: fr9i5iv

Juniors: 7ire7u

Seniors: fgxkj

STATE TESTING

All testing information can be found on this live document:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sdLcyl75t2ongJhW0_wNz6-kQSf9VvMMSgvrp9HXCvE/edit#gid=0

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

Transcript forms are located at the front counter in the Guidance Office.

Fill out one form for each college or university to where you are applying.

If you are under 18 years of age, a parent signature is required for the Guidance Office to release your transcripts.

At the end of your senior year, you will need to request a final transcript to be sent to the college or university you will be attending in the fall. Final transcripts are proof of graduation and final standing in the class.

BLOOD DRIVE

2018-2019 Blood Drive Info

Google Classroom code: tz139zh

Blood Drive dates:

December 10 - December 11, 2018

March 7 - March 8, 2019

May 9 - May 10, 2019

Interim Report Dates

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Friday, February 8, 2019

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Report Card Approximate Mail out Date for Secondary Schools

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Thursday, June 13, 2019 *pending state score release

