



GREETINGS RAIDER NATION



Greetings Raiders!

I know that you all are ready for your summer break. Now is a great time to reflect back on the school year and also plan ahead to next year. The 2018-2019 school year was truly a great year and so much was accomplished. We had an amazing amount of scholarships awarded to our seniors and they are now beginning their collegiate and

professional careers with a great deal of success to build on. We are also awaiting our test scores for all grade levels, but indications are that we once again increased our student achievement and set the bar even higher. We definitely have much to be proud of and look forward to the start of the 2019-2020 school year. I want to personally thank all of our students, teachers, staff, parents, and the entire Raider Nation, for a record-setting year inside and outside of the classroom. There has never been a better time to be a Raider!

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you in August!

Scott Cook

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Scott Cook

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Tony Allen

Jana Holcomb

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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.

GUIDANCE

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

Ms. Lorri Mercer -
lorriam@leeschools.net

G - R

F - O underclassmen

Student Aides

Mr. Otto Hampel -
ottofh@leeschools.net

S - Z Seniors

P - Z Underclassmen

All Dual Enrollment Students

Mrs. Ashley Sexton -
ashleys@leeschools.net

All current and former IB students

Student Aides

ACT			SAT		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
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
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019	September 1, 2019			
Oct 26, 2019	Sept 27, 2019	Oct 13, 2019			
Dec 14, 2019	Nov 8, 2019	Nov 25, 2019			

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



CLASSROOM CODES

Freshmen: 0bcq0qa

Sophomores: fr9i5iv

Juniors: 7ire7u

Seniors: fgrrkj

STATE TESTING

All testing information can be found on this live document:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sdLcy175t2ongJhW0_wNz6-kOSf9VvMMSqvrp9HXCvE/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.

BRIGHT FUTURES REMINDER

STEP 1: Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf to find out how to qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship.

STEP 2: Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org and submit a completed, error free Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) during your last year of high school, by graduation.

STEP 3: Make the grade, earn the score....and graduate! The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition of high academic achievement. The graduate must enroll in a degree program, certificate program, or applied technology program at an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education institution.

STEP 4: Know your responsibilities....apply, meet the requirements before graduation & throughout your college career. (Requirements are subject to change with each Florida Legislative session.)

FAFSA REMINDER

Remember to apply for FAFSA

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

COLLEGE PLANNING TIPS



SENIOR CLASS OF 2020

- 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 2020 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 2021

- 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program establishes lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined by the student's postsecondary institution.
- Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
- Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent from a Florida public high school or a registered Florida Department of Education (FDOE) private high school; or complete a home education program.
- Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Executive Office of Clemency.
- Be accepted by and enroll in a degree or certificate program at an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institution.
- Be enrolled for at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) per term.
- If not funded in the academic year immediately following high school graduation, apply within two years of high school graduation to have your award reinstated.

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

IB SPOTLIGHT



IB CLASS OF 2019-COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIPS

95 SENIORS

- 5.2 million dollars in scholarships offered, thus far, does not include Bright Futures
- 5 Full Rides totaling \$1,464,800
 - United States Air Force Academy \$416,000
 - University of Miami \$246,800
 - Davidson College \$264,000 (QuestBridge Scholarship)
 - University of Virginia \$250,000 (QuestBridge Scholarship)
 - Washington and Lee \$288,000 (QuestBridge Scholarship)
- 2018 QuestBridge Applications (Class of 2019)
 - 16,248 Applications
 - 6,507 Finalists
 - 1,044 Match Recipients
 - *Match Recipients are guaranteed a full four-year scholarship
 - Riverdale had an unprecedented 5 Finalist and 3 Match Recipients
- Bill Gates Scholarship recipient = Full Tuition (only 300 scholarships given out in the country each year)
 - 100% acceptance rate



For downloadable documents and more IB information:

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

IB SPOTLIGHT



IB CLASS OF 2019

Schools attending:

Cornell University
 Johns Hopkins University
 United States Air Force Academy
 Washington and Lee University
 Davidson College
 Embry Riddle University (2 students)
 University of Miami (2 students)
 University of Virginia
 Ringling College of Art and Design
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Nova Southeastern (2 students)
 Miami-Dade Community College
 University of Florida (12 students)
 Florida State University (11 students)
 University of Central Florida (14 students)
 University of South Florida (11 students)
 Florida Gulf Coast University (13 students)
 Florida Atlantic University (5 students)
 Florida International University (3 students)
 <11 undecided at this time>



ADDITIONAL ACCEPTANCES

Duke
 Carnegie Mellon
 Clemson
 Purdue
 Georgetown
 University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
 New York University
 Swarthmore
 Middlebury College
 Lehigh University
 University of Alabama



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SUMMER INFORMATION



DRIVER'S ED.

Summer Driver's Education will start on Monday June 3rd at 8:00 A.M. in room 9-7. Only students who are already in possession of a valid driving permit or license will be permitted to enroll in the class.

Classes will be held Monday – Friday through July 3rd.

CREDIT RETRIEVAL

Summer school for 9th and 10th grade students for credit retrieval will begin when school dismisses. Please see Mrs. Starr or Mrs. Gonzalez for more information.

RIVERDALE FOOTBALL



In the second season under head coach James Delgado the 2018 Football season proved to be a very special one for the Riverdale Raiders. The coaches and players involved in the 2018 football season can attest to the fact that building of a quality program takes an immense amount of commitment, hard work, dedication and selflessness.

Below are some of the achievements from the 2018 football season:

- All State 7A Player of the Week
- All District (18) 7A Player of the Year
- All District (18) Coach of the Year
- Rotary South All Star Coach of the Year
- Ranked top 50 (48 in week 9) in the entire state of Florida
- Ranked top 15 in Class 7A
- Won a District Championship (Only the third in school history since '72).
- Averaged 400.2 rushing yards per game (Regular Season)
- Averaged 50.4 points scored per game (Regular Season)
- Allowed only 8.4 points scored per game by opponents (Regular Season)
- Ranked in the top 10 for total interceptions in the entire state of Florida
- Produced a 1,500 yard rusher
- Produced 13 individual single game 100 yard rushers
- Hosted a playoff game for the first time since 2005
- First undefeated regular season in program history 10-0.



None of the success experienced on the field takes place without the vision and support of the Riverdale administration led by Mr. Scott Cook and the entire athletic department led by Mr. Justin Budmayr. In addition to success on the field the Riverdale football team set a standard of excelling in the community. Community outreach consisted of volunteering with multiple non-profit organizations like Hoops on Mission, Temple Baptist Church, Zach Martin Memorial Foundation and The Golisano's Children Hospital. The football team also spent time at multiple community school functions such as reading days, at-risk counseling, car drop-off / greetings, academic achievement field days, spring flings and fundraisers at Bayshore Elementary, The Buckingham Exceptional Learning Center, Gateway Elementary, Harnes Marsh Elementary, Harnes Marsh Middle School, Manatee Elementary and River Hall Elementary. Throughout the season the Riverdale Raiders gained several new fans which included little Cooper Griffin who was made a part of our football program. Cooper and the Riverdale football team worked together to bring awareness to Down Syndrome (a disease Cooper lives with). Cooper has stolen the hearts of our players and everyone who hears his story.

The Riverdale TV Production classes which are head up by Jeremy Praegitzer did an amazing job of documenting the achievements of the football team through a lens. Below is a link to the end of season highlight and another link to all videos they produced. Enjoy:

https://youtu.be/X07zp6G4_jQ?list=PL8zESuLMFvvH80Jk99i1InTkOKPBNQISD

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8zESuLMFvvH80Jk99i1InTkOKPBNQISD>

RIVERDALE SPORTS



RIVERDALE WEIGHTLIFTING

**Player of the Year Finalist:
Keenan Walker**

**1st Team All-Area:
Harrison Strohl**

**Honorable Mention:
Isaiah Lewis
Kendrick Taylor
Joseph Terebieniec**



**We had 5 girls place in a very
tough District Meet:**

- 2nd Lyriah Ramirez
- 2nd Tramese Godfrey
- 3rd Roxana Garcia
- 4th Laurimar Soto
- 6th Estefania Perez

**Two Girls were able to place
in the Regional meet:**

- 3rd Tramese Godfrey
- 4th Lyriah Ramirez



RIVERDALE SPORTS



BOY'S LACROSSE

Riverdale's boys lacrosse team finished its best season ever!

The 2019 Riverdale boys lacrosse team, led by fourth-year head coach Richard Williamson, posted the best season in program history. With 12 wins and just four losses, the Raider boys became one of the strongest teams in Southwest Florida.

It was a year of firsts. For the first time, the team beat Naples, Estero, Fort Myers, and Bishop Verot high schools. It was the first year for playoffs, and the first year for a playoff win. Graduating only two seniors, the boys team promises to be among the top for the next several years.

New players are always welcome. 2019 graduate Colton Bunt, a finalist for the News-Press Player of the Year honor, started playing in his junior year. That's much later than most top players. He trained with our coaching staff, played fall and summer travel ball, and worked hard. Not bad considering most of the people nominated for that honor have played for 8 to 10 years by the time they are seniors!

Our conditioning program begins in August and continues through January. Our regimen is scientifically developed and rigorous. Any players who are interested in joining the lacrosse team are encouraged to do preseason conditioning.

Most of the boys do indoor lacrosse and summer travel, both of which are great ways to improve your skills. New players can attend any of these programs, as well. Email Coach Williamson at richardpw@leeschools.net to find out about off-season playing options.

We expect 2020 to be a fantastic year to be a Raider, and we are confident that boys lacrosse will add to our school's outstanding sports history.



RIVERDALE SPORTS



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls Basketball will be on Monday and Wednesdays from 6 pm to 8 pm during the summer.



CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country will begin June 3rd for girls and boys 8am to 10 am Monday to Friday.



RIVERDALE SPORTS



SWIMMING

Any student interested in swimming or diving on the Raider team is invited and encouraged to come out to the pool this summer. We will meet Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays

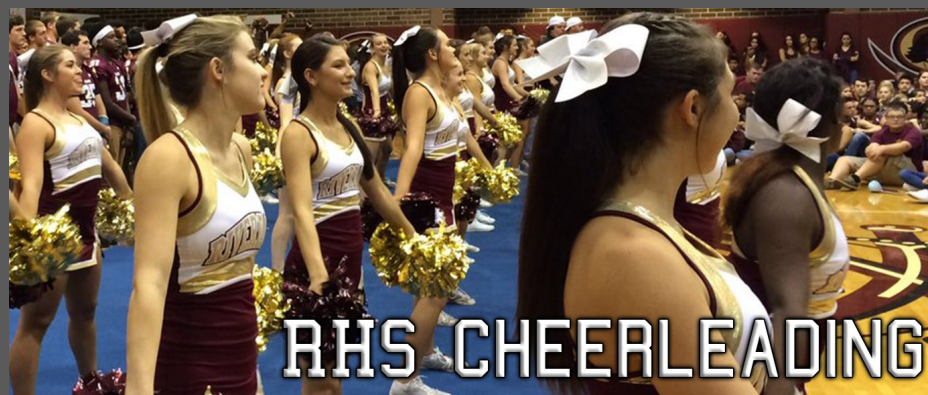
from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the pool. Please come ready to swim with your suit, towel, goggles, sunscreen, change of clothes, sneakers, and plenty to drink. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Coach Barry or Coach Ribinski.



CHEERLEADERS

JV and Freshman cheer practice will be on Wednesdays this summer from 9 am to

11:30 am.



RIVERDALE SPORTS



WRESTLING HIGHLIGHTS

Riverdale (136 points) finished third as a team in 2A behind state champion Lake Gibson (160.5) and runner-up Brandon (139.5). Fort Myers and Cypress Lake finished ninth and 10th, respectively. Of the 28 state qualifiers from Lee County and LaBelle, 18 found themselves on the podium by Saturday night. Lleyton Taylor, Jared Dinh, and Darius Parker made splashes for Riverdale, which had *seven of eight state qualifiers reach the podium*, over the weekend with state runner-up finishes.

Taylor (39-7), a junior fell to undefeated Charlotte sophomore Donovan Cataldi (47-0) by a 10-2 decision in the 138-pound final. Meanwhile, Dinh (45-8), a sophomore, made a late push on Venice's Dan Stone (53-8) but lost 10-8 at 113. "They never stopped competing," *Riverdale coach Kris Hayward* said. Parker(47-6), one of five state qualifiers who'll return for the Raiders next season, trailed 5-2 late in the second period against West Boca Raton's Alex Bordeau in the 195-pound final. The junior had a chance in the final 30 seconds of the period with the beginning stages of a cradle he couldn't turn over. Parker, who split with Bordeau during the season, took another shot early in the third, but got caught, taken down on his back and pinned. "When you're down that many points you've got to go for it," Hayward said. "I'm proud of him."



After falling in the 132-pound semifinals, Justin Rivera beat Jensen Beach's Wyatt Kirkham 7-2 to take home third place. Riverdale's Nelson Ortiz was beaten in the 152-pound semi by defending state champion Noah Ridley of Brandon in a battle of undefeated wrestlers. Ortiz came back to score a 5-0 decision against Auburndale's Hunter Crichton in the third-place match. His teammate, Jesse Martinez, added a third-place medal to his collection at 160 pounds with a pin of Brandon's Onid Olavarria with five seconds left in the first period. Jacob Stanbro followed suit at 220 with a 5-1 decision in his third-place match.

RIVERDALE CLUBS

STEM AT WORK

STEM @ Work students placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd out of 14 teams for the Eco-friendly High School Project.

Riverdale STEM @ Work students placed in 7 out of the 9 categories for the Engineering Project.

They were able to visit four local businesses throughout the year and make great connections with future employers.



RIVERDALE CLUBS

EDUCATION ACADEMY

Several students in the Education Academy were awarded scholarships to attend the FGCU Educamp this summer. The camp is to help future teachers get a better understanding of teaching while staying on the FGCU campus and working with other students in the area. Students awarded were:

Lilly Peters

Hailey Turpin

Jules Nesby

Taylor Hebert

Wesjeannie Monvilus

RIVERDALE CLUBS

JROTC CLUB

JROTC meets Wednesdays after school in room 7-04

Drill/Color Guard:

Instructor- SFC Benintende

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays

JROTC Leadership Academic Bowl (JLAB):

Instructor- SFC Pittman

Meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays

CyberPatriot:

Instructor-

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays

Raider Team (Under Athletics)

Instructor- CPT Taylor

Assistant Instructor- SFC Stage

Varsity meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

JV meets Tuesdays and Thursdays

RIVERDALE VOLUNTEERS

River Hall Elementary and Riverdale High School Working Together

River Hall Elementary Daisy Girl Scouts and Riverdale High School students worked together to create a garden at the entrance of River Hall Elementary.



RIVERDALE VOLUNTEERS

Riverdale High School Softball Mentoring Program

Lehigh Acres Little League minor softball team worked with the Riverdale High School softball team throughout the year to encourage young players and guide them to becoming a better athlete.



STUDENT SAFETY



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SCHOOL MESSENGER



Dear Families,

The School District of Lee County is moving to a new platform to share important information from your child's school and the district. **SchoolMessenger Communicate** enables us to send you emergency broadcasts, attendance alerts and event reminders. In addition, a companion app allows teachers and parents to directly communicate with each other, individually or in groups.

SchoolMessenger Communicate replaces our system currently known as Parentlink, but works very much the same way.

To sign up for your free account and download the app, visit www.Go.SchoolMessenger.com. Once you have an account, you can set your communication preferences for school calls, emails, texts and more. We have also placed a detailed user guide on our website www.leeschools.net.

SchoolMessenger Communicate is an easy way for us to keep in touch with you, and provide information you need to know about your child's education

Just go to www.leeschools.net and look for SchoolMessenger Communicate to sign up.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Lee County's *Focus Parent Portal* provides parents/guardians a real-time view of their child's assignment grades, attendance information, current averages in all classes, as well as progress monitoring results. To create a FOCUS account, head to :

<https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/> and follow the directions from there.

SCHOOL NEWS!

Be sure to keep up with your school!

Riverdale's website:

<https://rdh.leeschools.net/>

Teachers Out of Field

Florida State Board Rule 6A-1.0503(3) requires that the School Board must approve all instructional personnel who are assigned to teach out-of-field. In addition, per Florida Statutes 1012.42(2), **all parents of students being taught by a teacher who is out-of-field must be notified.** This includes teachers who are out-of-field in ESOL.

Michele Bechler	Elem Ed / ESOL
Christen Bertz	ESOL
William Burke	ESOL
Brittany Hilton	ESOL
Dona Kocher	ESOL
Cody Lawrence	ESOL
CJ Nelson	ESOL
Jonathan Newman	ESOL
Courtney Opsatnick	ESOL
Alicia Simpson	ESOL
Robert Taylor	ESOL
April Tierney	ESOL
Leslie Webb	ESOL
Teresa Willis	Reading

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