

Riverdale High School



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A Message from the Principal



Greetings Raiders!

It has been an awesome start to the 2022-2023 school year! Despite all of the challenges of the last couple of years, we have accomplished so much and we have a great foundation to build on. By all accounts, we have returned back to doing what we do best...teaching, learning, and simply working towards helping our students reach their fullest potential.

As we move forward into the school year, we are determined to keep our momentum and to continue to build on our accomplishments. We have had an exciting first two weeks and we want to continue to encourage all of our students to get involved in something this year.

Getting involved in extracurricular activities not only supports our school and community, but it also provides opportunities for our students to grow academically, socially and help build leadership skills.

Also, just a reminder that SAT and ACT testing will be offered multiple times this year. 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 you see your counselor for any assistance. It is important that you stay informed of these deadlines so that no opportunities are missed.

It has been a very successful start and I am truly looking forward to seeing all of our accomplishments as we continue to excel both in, and out, of the classroom

It is most definitely a great time to be a Raider!

School Board Members

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Riverdale Administration

Mr. Scott Cook, Principal

Mrs. Julie Powell, Assistant Principal

Ms. Melissa VonHagen, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Nicole Johonnett, Assistant Principal

Mr. Robert Taylor, Assistant Principal

VISION STATEMENT

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

School Public Accountability Report School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report are available on the RHS website and also in the front office.

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2022-23 SCHOOL INFORMATION

Sign out Procedures

Student Drivers:

To request a release of an RHS student parents should fill out the form on the school website. Once submitted, this form will be automatically sent to the attendance department. Please allow thirty minutes for release from the time of submission.

- No electronic sign out requests will be taken after 10:00 A.M. Daily.
- No telephone or email requests are accepted

Students that DO NOT drive:

No student will be signed out without a parent coming into the attendance office. Students are not permitted to sign-out after 1:00 p.m. per district policy.

Attendance Policy

In an effort to become the highest performing public high school in the state of Florida, students must be in school. Attendance and graduation are an integral part of what we do at Riverdale High School as it goes hand in hand with student achievement. As such we want to make sure that students have every opportunity to achieve their potential through a tradition of excellence. Our attendance policy outlines attendance expectations, privileges, tardies, skipping, and sign-outs.

- At 5 Unexcused Absences/Tardies/Sign Outs (per semester) - A school counselor will call the student down for a conference and a call is made home.
- At 7+ Unexcused Absences/Tardies/Sign Outs (per semester) - Our Assistant Principal calls for a parent conference with guidance. Attendance contract is put in place with administration.

*We hold students accountable when they are in violation of the attendance policy by placing them on an attendance contract at 7+ Unexcused Absences/Tardies/Sign-Outs (per semester) and taking away the following privileges: • Homecoming Dance • Grad Bash • Prom • Parking Permit(student must remit parking pass until further notice) • Walking at Graduation • Senior Picnic/Senior Breakfast • Extra-Curricular Activities (as deemed by administration)

*Students will be able to earn these privileges back with consecutive attendance to school, being on time for classes and limited sign outs for 30 days.

Each day student is absent, contract begins over with day 1. Failure to return a signed contract results in the loss of the same privileges above.

- 10 Unexcused Absences/Tardies/Sign-Outs (per semester)-Social worker is notified and parent must attend an attendance review to discuss possible denial of credit.
- 3 Unexcused Tardies to School may equal an absence-as set forth by the Lee County School District Code of Conduct

REMINDER:
All forms in Focus need to be filled out. Students will not be seen in the clinic without completed forms.

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.

Mr. Aycock – ESOL
Ms. Barrett-Reading
Mr. Bimonte-ESOL
Mr. Joyner – ESOL
Mr. Newman – ESOL
Mrs. Shelton – ESOL
Ms. Strimbu-Math

Riverdale Cell Phone Policy

Students will place cell phone in a backpack, which will be placed in a designated area of the classroom. (teacher chooses location)

Step 1: Warning, teacher asked student to put cell phone in designated area.

Step 2: Teacher calls Student Affairs for cell phone and student removal.

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Dear Parents and Students,

To help clarify some questions that came up specifically regarding tops, we have provided detailed clarification below per the School District Code of Conduct. Please remember that the RHS dress code is an overview and you can access the actual Code of Conduct from the link below.

<http://www.leeschools.net/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=5153866>

RHS DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS 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. Translucent (see through) or lace tops are not permitted.
2. Shirts may not be tied up or cut off. Shirts shall be appropriately fastened in accordance with the design of the clothing.
3. Midriffs (shirts that show any part of the stomach), strapless, tube tops, tank tops (including spaghetti straps), muscles shirts, halters or low-cut clothing are not permitted.
4. All shirts or dresses worn under jackets, sweatshirts, or sweaters must adhere to the dress code.
5. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be finger-tip length.
6. Pants shall be properly fastened, buttoned, zipped and worn at the natural waistline.
7. Shoes (appropriate footwear) shall be worn at all times. All footwear must have back/straps. Bedroom slippers and slides are not permitted.
8. The wearing of hats, "doo rags", bandanas, or hoods are not permitted. Hats may be worn at P.E. only.
9. Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury are not permitted.
10. Symbols that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any other illegal activity are not permitted.
11. Clothing with slogans or advertising of a controversial or obscene nature are not permitted.
12. Leggings and all spandex/lycra bottoms may be worn as long as no skin or undergarments can be visible (no see through). Pajama pants are not permitted.

If a student is out of dress code, they will sit in a designated area until they are able to acquire proper clothing.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Scaruzzi: Social Worker

Mrs. Gonzalez: Graduation Coach, Equity Coordinator

Ms. Chalker: A-D; 11th and 12th IB; Dual Enrollment

Mr. Kelley: E-J; 9th and 10th IB; ESE

Mrs. Auguste: K-Q

Mr. Hampel: R-Z

Mrs. Budmayr: IB Coordinator

ACT Testing Dates

September 10, 2022
October 22, 2022
December 10, 2022
February 11, 2023
April 15, 2023
June 10, 2023
July 15, 2023

SAT Testing Dates

October 1, 2022
November 5, 2022
December 3, 2022
March 11, 2023
May 6, 2023
June 3, 2023

Graduation Requirements

Class Google
Classroom Codes
9th- tkbsxoh
10th- k2i7tmd
11th- mjfprcv
12th- up72kat

Senior
Meetings with
counselors
will begin
August 29th



Class Information

FRESHMAN

Keep checking for updates throughout the summer on google classroom. The code is: tkbsxoh

SOPHOMORES

Keep checking for updates throughout the summer on google classroom. The code is: k2i7tmd

JUNIORS

Keep checking for updates throughout the summer on google classroom. The code is: mjfprev

SENIORS-UP72KAT

Make sure to check Cady Studio regarding your senior photos

Class of 2022

FAFSA/Bright Futures-

Bright Futures Requirements

Career Fair Nights

Scholarship Workshop Webinar

Scholarships-

A great source for scholarships is <https://collaboratory.org/>



IB News

Riverdale IB Class of 2022

IB Class of 2022-Exam Results

89% Diplomas earned

57 of 64 earned their IB Diploma

1.4 MILLION in Bright Futures Scholarships

- Bright Futures Academic Scholar (100% tuition and fees for 4 years)
NEW total scholarships offered to the IB Class of 2022 = 5.5 MILLION

Highest Diploma Pass Rate in Lee County

93% Exam pass rate
512 exams taken
476 exams passed with 4 or above
36 exams scored 3 - no 1s or 2s

Average total score = 29 (24 is passing)
Highest score = 36 (2 students)

IB ART SUPPLIES

Hardback Sketchbook Required. All other materials *suggested*. You may find similar items at a fairer price at any art store such as Michaels, Hobby Lobby, etc...



Scan the QR Code for *recommended* supplies. (Please keep in mind this list is suggesting supplies for Riverdale's 2 year Diploma Program.) We do provide basic supplies at school to use in the classroom, but I highly recommended students obtain their own sets of their choice. Carrying these items to my class daily does prove to be difficult, so these items may be stored in a safe place in my art room that cannot be accessed by other students. (Room 106.)

You should be working in your sketchbook daily and it is imperative to carry it with you at all times. You should be creating not only here at school, but anywhere creativity strikes. If you or your parents have any questions or cannot obtain these supplies, please feel free to contact me at the email address listed below:

AmberQR@leeschools.net
Ms. Ross

RAIDERS

ATHLETICS

SPORTS



All ticket sales on:
GO FAN

Football:

September: First regular season
Home Game vs. Fort Myers HS
9/9/22 @7pm

Any students interested in being a football manager can see Coach Hepler in Room 103 or Coach Romano in Room 802 for more information.



Sports, Clubs, & Activities

FALL SPORTS

Bowling (B/G)

Head Coach: Rachel Marshall
(RachelMMa@LeeSchools.net)

Cross Country (B/G)

Head Coach: Brad Windey
(BradleyOW@leeSchools.net)

Golf (B/G)

Head Coach (Boys): Skyler Dennis
(SkylerCD@LeeSchools.net)

Head Coach (Girls): Nick Joyner
(nicholasj@LeeSchools.net)

Football (Freshman/JV/Varsity)

Head Coach: Frank Hepler
(FranklinWH@LeeSchools.net)

Swimming and Diving

Head Coach: Pam Barry
(PamBa@LeeSchools.net)
Head Coach: Ginger Ribinski
(GingerLR@LeeSchools.net)

Volleyball

Head Coach: Jessica Beall
(JessicaEdi@LeeSchools.net)

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball (B/G)

Head Coach (Boys): Robert Giles
Jr. (RobertLGi@LeeSchools.net)

Head Coach (Girls): Delair Osnac
(DelairO@LeeSchools.net)

Competitive Cheer

Head Coach: Misti Gonzalez
(MistiDG@LeeSchools.net)

Soccer (B/G)

Head Coach (Boys):
Nadler Soliman
(nsoliman@aiminspections.
com)

Head Coach (Girls):
Alicia Forte
(alicia4t24@gmail.com)

Girls Weightlifting

Head Coach: Mrs. Jessica
Beall
(JessicaEDI@leeSchools.net)

Wrestling (B/G)

Head Coach: Keith Evans
(rkevans125@gmail.com)

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball

Head Coach: Bob Pringle
(BobAP@LeeSchools.net)

Boys Weightlifting

Head Coach: Grayson Downs
(GraysonMD@LeeSchools.net)

Lacrosse (B/G)

Head Coach (Boys):
Richard Williamson
(RichardPW@LeeSchools.net)

Head Coach (Girls):
Kathleen Muller
(KathleenAMul@LeeSchools.net)

Softball

Head Coach: Bill McChesney
(WilliamBM@LeeSchools.net)

Tennis (B/G)

Head Coach (Girls): Nick Joyner
(nicholasj@LeeSchools.net)

Head Coach (Boys) Ryan White
(RyanCW@LeeSchools.net)

Track and Field (B/G)

Head Coach: Delair Osnac
(DelairO@LeeSchools.net)

Beach Volleyball

Head Coach: Roni Hipp
(RoniAH@LeSchools.net)

Club News

ART CLUB

Sponsor: Mrs. Rodgers and Ms. Marshman
Every Wednesday 1:35- 2:30
Room: 1-06

Art club is a fun way to participate in a group setting with other students who share the same creative interests. We participate in local events that represent our school. There are also opportunities for IB level students to receive their creative hours through participating in Art Club activities.

BEST BUDDIES

Sponsor: Mrs. Misti Gonzalez

Meetings and event dates and times: TBA
Best Buddies empowers the special abilities of students with intellectual disabilities by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers, improve self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by others.

DRAMA/ THESPIANS

Sponsor: Mrs. Amy Vara
Every other Tuesday 2:00 - 4:00

Those that love theater, can help with community performances and would like to compete in this year's district festival.

FBLA (FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA)

Sponsor: Mr. Praegitzer
Meeting the 1st and last Thursday of each month
Room: 12-16

Future business leaders of America is the largest career student business organization in the world. Each year, FBLA-PBL helps over 230,000 members prepare for career in business.

ESPORTS

Sponsor: Mrs. Shanna Windey
Meeting every Tuesday and Thursday
Room 7-19
A competitive online gaming club

HOSA (FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS)

Sponsor: Mrs. Smith
Every Tuesday 1:40 - 2:20
Room: 10-04

Future Health Professionals, formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America, is an international career and technical student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Technology Education Division of ACTE.

MODEL UN (MODEL UNITED NATIONS)

Sponsor: Jesse Grinstead
Every other Friday 1:45 - 2:20
Room: 4-01

An extracurricular activity in which students typically roleplay delegates to the United Nations and simulate UN committees.

NHS (NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY)

Sponsor: Mr. Andrew McKay
2nd Tuesday of the month 1:40-2:20
Room: 32-103

The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization for high school students, selection is based on four criteria: Scholarship, leadership, service and character.

BAKING CLUB

Sponsor: Mrs. Muller
Meeting the 1st Thursday of each month
Room 1-07
Students that love to cook and bake and eat!

FFA

Sponsor: Mrs. Shanna Windey
Meeting once a month
Room 9-04
Helps prepare leadership; animal science; and work within the community.

Club News

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

Sponsor: Mrs. Guerlene Fertil
3rd Monday of the month 1:35 - 2:20
Room: 32-206

Members must take French and be inducted in order to join.

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND/DRUMLINE/ DANCE TEAM

Sponsor: Mr. Golden
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Room: 6-09 (Band Room)

JAZZ BAND/ CHORUS

Sponsor: Mr. Golden
Room: 6-09 (Band Room)
Every Wednesday

ROTARY CLUB (INTERACT CLUB)

Sponsor: Mrs. Roxanne Balmas
2nd and 4th Monday 1:45 - 2:45
Room 32-102
***beginning September 2021**

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Sponsor: Mr. Bourbina & Ms. Manzanares
Room:32-203

SGA (STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION)

Sponsor: Mrs. Misti Gonzalez
1st Monday of the month 1:45-2:20
Room: 3-02
Blood Drives & Homecoming

SEWING CLUB

Sponsor: Ms. Favia
Every Thursday 1:40 -2:20
Room 1-05
To be creative and helpful. No sewing skills necessary.

STEM @ WORK

Sponsor: Mr. Windey
No meeting, all through Google Classroom
Room 9-03

A collaboration between the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools and the School District of Lee County, to give students more opportunities in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, an math related fields.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Sponsor: Mrs. Gonzalez
1st and 3rd Mondays of the month 1:45 - 2:30
Plan service projects, schools activities, homecoming and more.

UNICEF (THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND)

Sponsor: Mrs. Gralinski
2nd and 4th Mondays of the month 1:45 - 2:20
Room 19-07

The unite nations children's fund, original known as the united national international children's emergency fund, UNICEF works in over 190 countries and territories to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help the fulfill their potential;, from early childhood through adolescence. and we never give up.

Chess Club

Sponsor: Ms. Deanna Knoair
Room: 3-08
Meeting: TBD

Pottery/Ceramics Club

Sponsor: Ms. Favia
Room 1-05
Meeting Thursdays after school
Hand building and throwing on pottery wheel starting with the Empty Bowls Fundraiser

School News



Be sure to keep up with your school!

Riverdale's website:

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

Twitter:

@RiverdaleRaider

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