

Riverdale High School



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A Message from the Principal



Greetings Raiders!

It has been an amazing start to the 2022-2023 school year! Despite all of the challenges, we have accomplished so much and we have so much to be proud of. We have safely returned back to doing what we do best...teaching, learning, and simply working towards getting back to our "normal," and much needed, high school experiences.

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 semester and we want to continue to encourage all of our

students to get involved. 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 the SAT and ACT testing is in full swing. Students, if you have not already signed up and need assistance, please see your school 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 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 school year so far and I am truly looking forward to seeing all of our accomplishments as we move forward into the second semester.

It's 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. Parent's please remember to sign into focus under health services and provide consent in order for your student to be seen in the clinic. We new legislation we are not able to give out a bandied without parental permission.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding in this matter

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.

Ms. Barrett-Reading and ESOL
Mr. Bimonte-ESOL
Mr. Downs-ESOL
Ms. Faye-ESOL
Mr. Garcia-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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2022-23 SCHOOL INFORMATION

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

February 11, 2023

April 15, 2023

June 10, 2023

July 15, 2023

SAT Testing Dates

March 11, 2023

May 6, 2023

June 3, 2023

Class Google
Classroom Codes

9th- tkbsxoh

10th- k2i7tmd

11th- mjfprcv

12th- up72kat

Graduation Requirements

If you or someone you know is in emotional distress or suicidal crisis, check out the resources below:

National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline:
Call 988

Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741
Mobile Crisis Response Team (local team): Call 844-395-4432

SAMHSA National Hotline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)



Class Information

FRESHMAN

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

JUNIORS

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



SOPHOMORES

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

Purchase Yearbooks

SENIORS-UP72KAT

Scholarships-

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

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship! Students need a 3.0 GPA, online application, no essays, no recommendations, and no transcripts by October 31, 2022, at 5 p.m. Eastern. Contact Mrs. Gonzalez for info

FAFSA/Bright Futures-

Bright Futures Requirements

Career Fair Nights

Scholarship Workshop Webinar



IB News

Riverdale IB Class of 2023

January 19-27

English Orals

February 9

IB Parent Organization Dinner/ Silent Auction and Senior Showcase
(6:00pm)

March 1-16

Spanish Orals

March 16

R U Culturally Literate (6th and 7th period)

April 11

French Orals

April 14

IB Junior Pool Party (1:40pm)

April 17

IB Freshman Ice Cream Party (7th period)

April 19

IB Sophomore Picnic (5th period)

April 27

IB Seniors last day / College Shirt Day for Seniors and Teachers

April 28

IB Senior Celebration (6:00pm)

TBA- Art Exhibition

TBA- Film Festival

TBA- Incoming Freshman Registration (6:00pm)

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



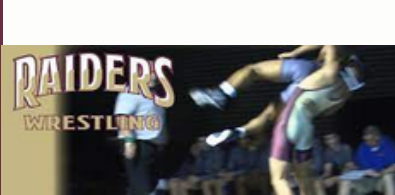
All sports ticket
sales on:
GO FAN

Baseball Preseason
conditioning will be
Mon, Tues, and Thurs
from 1:45-3:15 until
tryouts starts January
23rd



Sports, Clubs, & Activities

SPORTS



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)

Clubs!

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.



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.



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



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.



**NATIONAL FRENCH
HONOR SOCIETY**

Jazz Band/ Chorus

Sponsor: Mr. Golden

Room: 6-09 (Band Room)

Every Wednesday



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.



Chess Club

Sponsor: Ms. Deanna Konior

Room: 3-08

Meetings: Tuesday's after school - 3pm



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



Clubs!

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND/DRUMLINE/ DANCE TEAM

Sponsor: Mr. Golden

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm -
8:00pm

Room: 6-09 (Band Room)



SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Sponsor: 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.

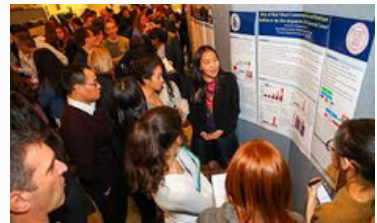


STEM @ WORK

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 United 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.



School News



Be sure to keep up with your school!

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