

# Riverdale High School



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## A Message from the Principal



Greetings Raiders!

As you all prepare for a much-needed Summer Break, please take a moment to not only look back on all the things we were able to accomplish together this year, but also to look forward to the things we hope to achieve next year. The 2022-2023 school year was unique in its challenges, but equally unique in our collective abilities to overcome any obstacles. I am proud of our students

and staff who thrived and succeeded at unprecedented rates. We exceeded all expectations this year both academically and athletically.

I want to personally thank our students, parents, teachers, staff, and the entire Raider Nation for a rewarding year that promises to be the catalyst for an even more inspiring 2023-2024 school year.

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

### School Board Members

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Superintendent: Dr. Christopher S. Bernier



### 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

June 10, 2023

July 15, 2023

September 9, 2023

October 28, 2023

December 9, 2023

February 10, 2024

April 13, 2024

## Graduation Requirements

## SAT Testing Dates

August 26, 2023

October 7, 2023

November 4, 2023

December 2, 2023

March 9, 2024

Class Google  
Classroom Codes

9th- jtou2bt

10th- tkbsxoh

11th- k2i7tmd

12th- mjfprcv

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: jtou2bt

## JUNIORS

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

## SOPHOMORES

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

# SENIORS-MJFPRCV DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE YOUR SENIOR PHOTOS WITH CADY STUDIOS

*Class of 2024*

## **Please check your Google Classroom for more information on summer school**

### 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

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**3.1 million scholarships offered,  
NOT including Bright Futures**

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**5,900 community service hours**

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**100% acceptance rate**

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**Notable college acceptances:**

**Columbia**

**Georgia Tech**

**University of Illinois**

**Cornell**

**Duke**

**University of Pittsburg**

**Ohio State**

**University of Pennsylvania**

**Wake Forest**

**Seton Hall**

**Fordham**

**Ringling College of Art and Design**

**12 accepted to University of Florida**

**11 accepted to Florida State University**



# SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

On April 18th, we hosted our monthly meeting and celebrated the Elections for the new Elective Members of our Club! Also, it was the last meeting for our Seniors. They received their red and gold double-tied honor cords, pins to be worn on their Graduation Day, and an SHS seal for their high school Diploma after two years of participating in this Spanish Honor Society and excelling in Spanish studies and Culture.



Pre-IB sophomore Maxleon Jean took 1st Place for Animation at the 2023 Lee County Student Film and Television Awards for his short-short animated film "The Punch". Max was also nominated in a separate category for his short film "Go Outside (Solitude)".

**Congratulations Max!**

Several other nominated shorts included work by RHS Juniors Nicole Russell and Matthew Motis and Seniors Arely Marquez-Hernandez and Dora Minez.

**Congratulations Raiders on showing out at this year's LCSFTA event!**

# RAIDERS

ATHLETICS

## SPORTS



All sports ticket  
sales on:  
GO FAN

### **Basketball Camps:**

FSU Team Camp 6/9-11

New Smyrna Beach Team  
Camp 6/13

Embry Riddle Team Camp  
6/19-22

ECS Team Camp 6/26-28





# Sports-Summer Conditioning

## Baseball

Head Coach: Bob Pringle

## Lacrosse (Boys)

Head Coach: Franklin Hepler

## Track and Field (B/G)

Head Coach: Delair Osnac & Bradley Windey

Optional Training

Mondays and Wednesdays

4:00-6:00

## Basketball (Boys)

Head Coach: Robert Giles

## Lacrosse (Girls)

Head Coach: Kathleen Muller

Summer Conditioning-

Contact Coach Giles

## Tennis (B/G)

Head Coach (Girls): Kathy Best

## Basketball (Girls)

Head Coach: Delair Osnac

## Soccer (Boys)

Head Coach: Nader Soliman

Head Coach (Boys) Nicholas Joyner

## Bowling

Head Coach: Rachel Marshall



## Beach Volleyball

Head Coach: Roni Hipp

## Competitive Cheer

Head Coach: Misti Gonzalez

Cheer will be holding a camp on:

6/12 9:00-5:30

6/13-14 8:30-4:30

## Volleyball

Head Coach: Jessica Beall



## Weightlifting (Boys)

Head Coach: Grayson Downs

## Soccer (Girls)

Head Coach: Alicia Forte



## Cross Country (B/G)

Head Coach: Delair Osnac

Optional Training

Mondays and Wednesdays

4:00-6:00

## Softball

Head Coach: Williams McChesney

Optional Conditioning

Tuesday and Thursdays at 6:00

## Weightlifting (Girls)

Head Coach: Jessica Beall

## Football

Head Coach: Gibson

June 12-August 10

Monday-Thursday

8:00-10:30

## Swim

Head Coach: Pam Barry

June 12th-August 2nd

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

8:30-10:30

## Wrestling (B/G)

Head Coach: Keith Evans

Starting June 2nd Conditioning is

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00-7:30

# 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.

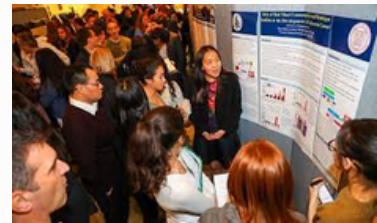


## STEM @ WORK

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



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**Be sure to keep up with your school!**

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@RiverdaleRaider

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