



Success is a Choice



## RIVERDALE REVIEW

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### A Message from the Principal

#### UPCOMING DATES:

May

1<sup>st</sup> - IB Senior Celebration

5<sup>th</sup> - Senior Breakfast/Yearbook Signing

Spring Sports Banquet

8<sup>th</sup> - Senior Pool Party

10<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day

12<sup>th</sup> - Spring Concert/Musical

15<sup>th</sup> - NHS Induction Ceremony

18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> - Senior Exams

25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day

26<sup>th</sup> - Senior Awards

28<sup>th</sup> - Baccalaureate

30<sup>th</sup> - Graduation Ceremony

June

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> - Final Exams

8<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Professional Duty Day

21<sup>st</sup> - Father's Day

#### Principal's comments:

It's hard to imagine that another school year is coming to an end. I am so proud of what our students have accomplished this year and look forward to celebrating with them as they embark on a new adventure. As we close out another year, it is important to remember to be in attendance and stay on top of your academics while you participate in the end of year activities.

Riverdale welcomed over 600 new Raiders at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade registration night on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Students selected their classes and were able to see the many sports, clubs, and organizations offered at Riverdale. Riverdale was not only the most chosen high school in the East Zone, but in the entire School District of Lee County. The success of the Riverdale community truly makes it a great time to be a Raider.

Seniors, be sure to check your senior timeline to make sure you don't miss any upcoming deadlines or activities. This is an exciting time of year for you and it can get hectic. Please be safe, and remember that "Success is a Choice" at Riverdale High School.

#### 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 individual 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.

#### Mission:

Riverdale High School will adapt to the changing face of the community while preparing to meet the needs of a global society. (On website)

**"SUCCESS IS A CHOICE"**

**IT IS A GREAT TIME TO BE A RAIDER!**

Gerald Demming

Principal

## COUNSELORS

**MRS. TRACI BUDMAYR**

**12<sup>TH</sup> IB, IB COORDINATOR,  
DEPARTMENT HEAD**

**MRS. ASHLEY SEXTON**

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IB 9<sup>TH</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup>, IA, LIFE SKILLS**

**MS. LORRI MERCER**

**COS THRU MORA – 9<sup>TH</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**MR. OTTO HAMPEL**

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DUAL ENROLLMENT**

## RIVERDALE STUDENTS EARN BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Fourteen Riverdale High School students recently earned Business Achievement Awards from Future Business Leaders of America, with four of them earning a second level of the award. The BAA's are a self-directed business and leadership program designed to complement academics while increasing a student's leadership skills. Riverdale is one of three high schools in Florida that participated in the program so far this year.

Earning the "Future" pin are Emily Garcia, Caitlin Hatchel, Christian Hernandez, Mark Iwinski, Cassie Khounpachomsy, Jessie Longoria, Rebecca Lorenzen, Michelle Mendoza, John Messer, Meghan Newton, Dominique Ribot, Zach Robbins and Deandra Weiner.

At the "Business" level, Emily Garcia, Jessie Longoria, Meghan Newton and Steele Spinosa were recognized.

Riverdale will compete next week at the FBLA State Leadership Conference. The 29 members will compete in business events. Ileana Flores, an Adviser Hall of Fame inductee, will accompany the group. Former FBLA president, Ryan White, and Ella Grady (retired science teacher) will also attend.

## RIVERDALE WRESTLING

The Raslin' Raiders represented you well this weekend. The team finished in the top five, an improvement from 17<sup>th</sup> last year. We had 5 state qualifiers and 4 of them placed in the podium. **Cole Schneider** won the Heavyweight State Championship with an escape in the last 3 seconds of the match. **James Monos** was in the state finals dominating his opponent with 15 seconds left and got reversed to his back in a heartbreaking loss. No matter, he is still a State Runner Up and #1 in our hearts. **Jesse Pryor** was wrestling with a high ankle sprain and lost his first match of the tournament. He then won his next 5 matches in a row to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. **Hunter Weeks** motored his way to a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish wrestling with a banged up shoulder. **Jared Galan** lost on a controversial call and did not place. We return every state qualifier and are going to make a run at the 1<sup>st</sup> ever dual meet **TEAM** state title next year. 2016 is going to be a great year for the Raiders.

We couldn't have done it without everyone's help-Administration, Athletic Department, parents, coaches, faculty and staff, fans, and of course all the Wrestlers pushing each other to be better every day. **Thanks to the Raider Nation for being #1!**

## **SENIOR TIMELINE**

### **CLASS OF 2015**

**Saturday- May 2, 2015- Prom**

**Tuesday- May 5, 2014- Senior Meeting- 7:15 AM / Cap and Gown Distribution- Auditorium**

**Tuesday – May 5, 2014– Senior Breakfast/ Yearbook Signing 8:00 AM -Cafeteria**

**Friday, May 8, 2015- Senior Pool Party/Slide Show- 10:45 AM Auditorium**

**Tuesday- May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 - Senior Exams**

**Tuesday- May 26, 2015- Senior Awards Night -6:30 PM (Wear Cap and Gown) (Invitation Only Required to Attend) Practice Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 AM in the Auditorium**

**Thursday-May 28, 2015- Baccalaureate- Auditorium- 6:30 PM (All Seniors are welcome- not required- Wear cap and gown)**

**Friday- May 29, 2015- Graduation Practice 12:00 PM Lee Civic Center- Mandatory for ALL**

**Graduation-SATURDAY MAY 30TH, 2:30 PM LEE CIVIC CENTER**

## **PROM**

The Junior/Senior prom will be held on May 2, 2015, at Grace Community Center in North Fort Myers. The prom is from 8:00 P.M.-midnight and this year's theme is Empire State of Mind (New York City theme). Tickets will be on sale approximately 2 weeks before prom and the cost of each ticket is \$50.00. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. (Kinney) Xikes or Ms. Swain.

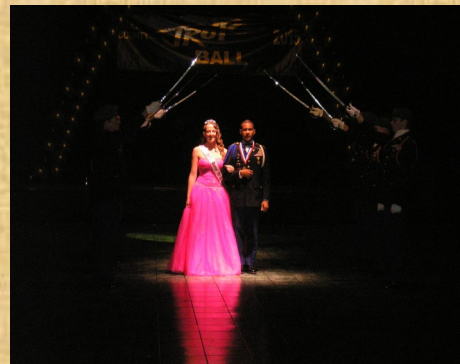
## **DEBATE TEAM**

Did you know Riverdale started a debate team? On Mondays, students have been meeting in Ms. Starr's portable and learning about various styles of debate including: Karl Popper Debate Format, Lincoln Douglas Debate, and Public Forum Debates. The students develop lists of topics to debate on, and after researching, they decide which team will debate Pro and which team will debate Con. Previous topics have included: Corporal Punishment, Cell Phones in School, and Homework.

## **JROTC RAIDER BATTALION NEWS**

**JROTC Ball:** The Raider Battalion is concluding another busy year. Our mission is to motivate young people to be better citizens and this year, as in years past, I believe we have accomplished that mission. Before the year ends, here is a review of events since the last newsletter, and the final events coming up for the rest of the school year.

The 2015 Lee County JROTC Ball was held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Sixty cadets and their guests from Riverdale attended. Over 1200 cadets from the 14 JROTC programs in Lee County were in attendance as well. The event is a cadet lead event, and the night began with the posting of the colors by Dunbar High School, followed by the Missing Man Table Ceremony by the Raider Battalion Staff. Special guests for Riverdale included Mr. John Roszell and his wife and Mr. Tom Wahl and his wife. District guests included school board members, Sheriff Mike Scott, and the District Superintendent Dr. Nancy Graham. Cadets then enjoyed dinner, which started with salad, followed by either steak, chicken, mahi mahi, or vegetarian lasagna, and chocolate cake for dessert. After dinner, the colors were retired, and the formal portion of the ball ended. The final phase of the ball included the presentation of the JROTC, Kings and Queens. Congratulations to our S-1, C/CPT Brianna Piscitelli, Queen and C/2LT Demeterious Joy King. Once the Kings and Queens were presented the floor was opened for dancing until 11P.M. It was a special evening, and we would like to thank everyone who helped make it such a great event.



### **University of Tampa and University of South Florida:**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of January, 13 cadets went on a field trip to The University of Tampa and The University of South Florida. Cadets toured both campuses and received briefings from the University Admissions offices and the Army ROTC cadre on scholarship opportunities and admission requirements.

### **Gulf Coast Drill Meet:**

On March 14<sup>th</sup> the Raider Battalion Drill Teams and Color Guards participated in the Florida Gulf Coast Drill Meet, held at Mariner High School. We sent one female color guard team, two mixed color guard teams, one male unarmed squad, one female unarmed squad and one mixed platoon. The cadets practiced hard for the past few months and they represented Riverdale High School with distinction.

### **Lee County JROTC Annual Food Drive:**

March was the annual JROTC canned food drive and Riverdale JROTC participated along with all of the other Lee County JROTC programs. The combined effort of all Lee county cadets had a significant impact on the ability of the Harry Chapin food bank to provide items to the needy through the spring and on into the summer.

### **District Marksmanship Competition:**

The Raider Marksmanship Team has been practicing since December and has participated in several shoulder to shoulder competitions. Things look good for the District Championship at Island Coast High School. The top 3 teams at that competition will move on to state level competition.

### **Awards Ceremony:**

The annual Lee County JROTC Awards Ceremony will be held at the Harbor Side Events Center on May 7th. This ceremony recognizes those cadets who have done exceptionally well in JROTC throughout the year. Cadets will receive notifications soon after spring break.

### **Summer Camp:**

Our summer camp is scheduled for the second week of June. 1SG Trent will be briefing the cadets soon. This is a very popular event at no cost to cadets. Once paper work is distributed cadets need to return it ASAP as participation is based on a first come first serve basis.

If you ever have any questions about the JROTC program at Riverdale, please call Major Falck, 1SG Trent or MSG Villaverde at 694-4141x286.

# SUMMER ACTIVITIES

## CHEERLEADERS

Varsity Cheer- Mondays 4-6 Top Gun Gym, Tuesday- 9-11 Café, Thursday -9-11 Café , Choreography- July 7-8 Café Varsity Camp- Top Gun gym 20-21 Activities will run- June 15- Aug 14

## SOFTBALL

Workouts will be on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 over the summer. For more information, call 239-425-5835.

## BASEBALL

Returning players will be given individual workout plans for the summer. Team fall workouts will begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## SWIMMING

Swimming summer conditioning will begin on June 8<sup>th</sup> and continue through August 14<sup>th</sup>. Practices will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Come prepared to swim with your towel, goggles, change of clothes, and tennis shoes. Sports physicals will be provided on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. in the clinic. The cost is \$15.00.

## VOLLEYBALL

Riverdale Summer Volleyball Camp – July 28<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Summer open gym – July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

## GIRLS SOCCER and-GOLF

Check Riverdale Web site for summer workouts

And contact information

## Cross Country Schedule June 2015

SUN- DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 Rest Day	15 HRD @ Downtown Fort Myers ( meet in front of Harbor- side)	16 LRD @ Riverdale	17 SD @ Riverdale	18 TRD @ Riverdale	19 AD @ Riverdale	20 Run on your own
21 Rest Day	22 HRD @ Estero Park	23 LRD @ Riverdale	24 SD @ Riverdale	25 TRD @ Riverdale	26 AD @ Riverdale	27 Run on your own
28 Rest Day	29 HRD @ Downtown Fort Myers (meet in front of Harbor- side)	30 LRD @ Riverdale	HRD- Hill Run Day  LRD- Long Run Day  SD- Speed Day	AD- Acceleration Day  TRD- Tempo Run Day	*All workouts begin at 7 am.	* Any questions call Coach Whaley @ 239-470-4530

## **ARTSY NEWS**

### **SUCCESS IS A CHOICE! IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A RAIDER**

Well, we say to you..."What would you try if you knew you would not fail???" Success is automatic in the Art Department...Just try! There are many students who have the creative ability and just need help developing the technical and informational skills to become the future artists, graphic designers, cartoonists, game designers, illustrators, interior designers, architects, fashion designers, and much more! Next year is a new chance to set new goals, do greater things, and become a better "you". The arts have been shown to increase test scores, decrease stress, and allow students to become a more rounded and creative individual. Take an art class

There is an ART CLUB for students to join and experience other mediums that were not experienced before. All art teachers will be involved this year in the Art Club. Come out and join us. Meeting days will be announced at the beginning of next school year.

### **ART SHOWS**

There were many art shows that our art students participated in. We did very well in all of them. Three first place winners, two second place winners, 6 honorable mentions, and a runner –up for the Congressional Art Competition. It was a productive year. There are many fine works of art that were not entered that are still on display throughout the school. If you can't make it to the shows, there is always student art displayed by the main office and art rooms. Come and see us anytime.

### **OTHER ART NEWS**

This year the Art Department has 14 computers to be used for graphic arts. All have Adobe Photoshop cs6 installed in them. They are all networked and used by students in the Art Department. There is a new ceramics art teacher, Ms. Favia. She started in March and has students making Gargoyles from the start. Doing a great job!

### **SUMMER WORK**

Expect e-mails and contacts from manage bac to new and returning IB art students from Mr. Greenblatt during the summer.

Contact #'s 694-4141 ext. 251 Mr. Greenblatt and Ms. Favia or ext. 252 Mrs. Eby

## **LIFE SKILLS**

The Riverdale Life Skills classes are collecting the pull-tab piece of metal that opens aluminum cans. Like the can, the pull-tabs are recyclable. Did you know it takes 1,267 pull tabs to make 1 pound? Their goal this year is \$6,000.

Our students listened to a speaker from the Fort Myers Ronald McDonald House this semester and want to ***pay it forward*** by assisting them in achieving this goal. Can you help too?

"...Saving the tab is a simple way of recycling for our House. All the collections add up to make an incredible impact in providing a home-away-from-home for the families during the medical treatment of their seriously ill child. This is the perfect way to show your heartfelt support for those in need. Pull-tabs are pure aluminum and can be sold as scrap to a local dealer to raise money for our House. "

<http://www.rmhcswfl.org/how-can-i-help/pull-tabs>

We ask for your donations AND that you ask 1 (one) friend to collect tabs, too! The more we can talk this up, the more we can help local families.

Please join us in this project.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact:

Kristen Fox, ESE Teacher Room 1-4

Kelly Jo Myers-Madoian, ESE Teacher Room 8-3

## Entry Fee

\$70 per person / \$280  
per team

**Shotgun Start**

**8:30am**

**Entries due by:**

Friday, May 15th

**Send entries to:**

Riverdale High School  
2600 Buckingham Road  
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Attn: Tom Roszell or Pam Barry

239-694-4141 ext. 366

### **Team Information:**

**Name**

**Contact Tel. No.**

**Name**

**Name**

**Name**

### **Hole Sponsorship**

**\$100.00**

Name

Tel. No.

## Westminster Golf Club

2199 Berkley Way  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33973  
239-368-1110

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Closest to the Pin

Longest Drive

Putting Contest

### **DOOR PRIZES**

Dinners

Golf Equipment

Clothing

### **FOOD**

Lunch served after  
tournament

## RIVERDALE RAIDERS GOLF SCRAMBLE



**Westminster  
Golf Club  
Saturday,  
May 23rd**

Registration 7:30am

Shot Gun Start 8:30 am