

**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 them for real life challenges

Motto: Success is a Choice!!

Greetings Raider Nation!



Greetings Raiders!

I hope that you are enjoying your summer break. We are so excited to get the year started and we are really looking forward to everybody returning. Great things are in store for us in the 2018-019 school year. But first, we start off by celebrating our huge academic successes. The biggest of which is that Riverdale High School went up more than **50** points in student achievement and we have increased our letter grade from a C to a **B**! The 2017-2018 school year was truly a great academic 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. Along with our academic improvements, you will also notice on your return that Riverdale is undergoing some major facility upgrades. While keeping in line with

our rich traditions, you will see a new look to our gym, entryways, cafeteria, restrooms, and throughout the entire school with all new flooring.

Lastly, students please remember that we will be focusing on our ABC's next year – Attendance, Behavior, and Classroom Success. Please make certain you become aware of the attendance policy and the student dress code as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. We will continue to work hard to provide the best learning environment possible for our students and teachers.

We definitely have much to be proud of and excited about as we look forward to the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

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

-Principal Cook

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

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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.

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PARKING

Due to increased enrollment, limited space, and safety concerns we are not able to offer personalized parking spaces or parking spaces for underclassmen (9th and 10th grades). Parking permits will cost \$40. Listed below are the dates for seniors and juniors to purchase permits. You **MUST** have a parking permit to park on campus. Students will need a valid driver license, proof of insurance, and a minimum of a 2.0 GPA. Please bring a copy of your driver license and insurance on the scheduled date. Safety and security are a top priority, and parking permits will be strictly enforced. Please visit rdh.leeschools.net to download the parking permit form and completely fill it out on the date you are scheduled. Thank you.

Seniors- July 24th and 25th

Juniors- July 26th and 30th



Riverdale student achievement went up more than 50 points last year and we are now a B!

Thank you to the entire Raider Nation for all of your hard work and support. Next year we will continue making strides and focusing on our ABC's – Attendance, Behavior, and Classroom Success.

It's definitely a great time to be a Raider



Renovations at Riverdale

Renovations are finishing up at RHS! Pictured below is a few updates for what students have in store when they return.



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Dear Parents and Students,

Summer vacation is here! Students of Riverdale High School have worked hard throughout the school year and are now enjoying the many pleasures that summer brings. As you prepare for the upcoming school year we would like to make you aware of some important dates and information regarding dress code and student parking.

Dress Codes are an important part of the climate of schools. Our goal is to always provide an environment that is free of distractions, safe, orderly, and conducive to learning. We want you to be clear of Riverdale High School's dress code as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. Please review the entire dress code and be aware that it will be enforced. Thank you for your support with this endeavor. We are working very hard to provide the best learning environment possible for our students and teachers.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

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. Apparel shall be adequate in both length and coverage to be considered appropriate for school.
2. Pants shall be worn fastened and at the waist with no undergarments showing.
3. Pants with holes, tears, etc. may not be worn, if in the principal's judgment, they may cause a disruption to the School environment.
4. Shirts or blouses shall be appropriately fastened in accordance with the design of that shirt or blouse. The length shall extend beyond the waist level.
5. Clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner is prohibited.
6. Transparent or see-through tops, bare midriff, strapless, low-cut clothing, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage or are of a suggestive nature are prohibited; halters, backless dresses or tops, tube tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, or any clothing which may be distracting are prohibited.
7. Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury—such as chains, bracelets, rings, chokers with or without spikes, or studs—are prohibited. Wallet chains of any length are prohibited.
8. Shoes shall be worn at all times.
9. Apparel, emblems, insignias, badges, or symbols that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any other illegal activity are prohibited.
10. Apparel or symbols which may be gang-related may not be displayed on a student's person or in the student's possession.
11. Gang-related tattoos, or other tattoos that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment as determined by the principal, are prohibited.
12. Adornments that, in the principal's judgment could cause injury, be a safety risk or cause a disruption to the school environment may not be worn. Examples of prohibited adornments include, but are not limited to, hoops or rings attached to the nose, eyebrow, cheeks or lips.
13. The wearing on campus of hats, caps, headgear (including hoodies) or sunglasses except in conjunction with designated school-approved uniforms or at authorized athletic practices or activities is prohibited. There may be certain exceptions for medical conditions and physical education classes held outside. The principal will determine these exceptions.
14. Any method of public display (including clothing, nail polish, and other items that may be worn or carried) of an organization affiliated with controversial, obscene, or illegal activities on a person, may not be worn, if in the principal's judgement, they may cause a substantial disruption to the school environment
15. Hair coloring or style that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment, as determined by the principal, is prohibited.
16. Long, oversized jerseys are prohibited.



SENIOR

— Class of —

2019

From RHS Senior Class Sponsor:

Dear Senior and Senior Parents;

The junior year has ended, and this is your last summer off before you graduate. As you enjoy this summer, you should be thinking about your future plans. Will you be going to college or vocational school, the military? Start making plans for the ACT and SAT, cap and gown and senior pictures. **Parents**, please make sure your senior has met with his/her guidance counselor and is enrolled in all of **the required classes for graduation**. If your senior is eligible for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, check to see if he/she will meet the qualifications for the scholarship. An additional course or SAT/ACT test scores might be needed.

Prestige Studios is proud to be the official senior photographer for Riverdale High School. They will be taking portraits for the Class of 2019

For more information regarding sitting options and to schedule your appointment, please visit www.prestigeportraits.com . Sign up for an appointment, as this is your only chance to be photographed for inclusion in the yearbook! You must get your photo taken by Prestige in order to be in the yearbook. The sitting fee is \$20.00.

If you wish to place a senior ad in the yearbook please contact the school, (239)694-4141. Yearbooks will be available for purchase when school starts. Unless there is a price increase, the cost is \$75.00.

One of the first senior activities is **ordering you caps and gowns and graduation announcements**. This will take place at the end of October. Details will follow at the beginning of the school year. The payment will be collected in November, with the final deadline for ordering announcements sometime in December. More specific dates will be announced in the fall. The price of the cap and gown increases if ordered after February, 2019. **Announcements cannot be ordered after December**. Announcements will arrive in April and will be distributed as soon as possible. Caps and gowns are distributed in May.

Another fall activity that takes place in November, is the class photo. There will be a **panoramic picture** of the senior class of 2019 taken in the gym, and another panoramic picture of them forming the "19" numbers on the football field. The pictures will be available for \$15.00 each, unless there is a price increase.

Second semester will be lots of fun. There will be a **senior class pool party and BBQ** (no cost), **Grad Bash**, which is a special all-night function for seniors only at Universal Studios. Seniors will ride to Orlando in chartered buses and return the following morning. The estimated cost is around \$160. There will also be a **senior breakfast** (no cost) and yearbook signing party. Senior activities come to the end with Senior **Awards Night, Baccalaureate and Graduation**.

Seniors, if you will be attending High- Tech, LAMP, FSW, or FGCU, you will need to keep in contact with the senior class sponsor (Mrs. Gonzalez) to keep current on all of the specific dates of the activities. In the fall, all seniors will be receiving a **Senior Timeline** of the events and a price list of possible expenditures. The counselors at LAMP and High-Tech will have copies of all of the materials that will be distributed to the seniors. Seniors attending FSW and FGCU will need to stop by the school and pick up that necessary paperwork.

Parents and seniors, there will be a **Senior Timeline** distributed in the fall. **The Riverdale Community Corner Newsletter** will also contain pertinent senior information in each issue, as well as the **Riverdale High School Website**. If you have any questions, please call us in August or any time throughout the year at 694-4141 or email Mrs. Gonzalez mistidg@leeschools.net .

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Gonzalez

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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





Save ^{the} Date

The first day of school is Friday, August 10th

Back to School Open House is Tuesday, August 7th from 6 PM to 8 PM

2018-2019 Blood Drive Info

Google Classroom Code- tz139zh

Blood Drive Dates:
September 6-7
December 10-11
March 7-8
May 9-10

Freshman Class Election

Google Classroom: 2aryji

Thursday Aug 30

Parking permits (\$40) can be purchased:

Seniors - July 24th and 25th
Juniors - July 26th – 30th

Homecoming

Google Classroom Code: fgvyiq

2018 Homecoming Week: September 11-14

2018 Homecoming Dance: September 14th

Court Voting: September 6

Powderpuff: Wednesday Sept 12

Homecoming Game: Friday Sept 14

Homecoming Dance: Saturday Sept 15



Guidance Department News July 2018 18/19 COUNSELOR BREAKDOWN



Carol Hauger

Grades 9-11 A to Fran
Grade 12 A to Ga
All IA IS SF LS

Lorri Mercer

Grade 9-11 Frao to Paz
Grade 12 Gb to Q

Otto Hampel

Grades 9-11 Pb to Z
Grade 12 R to Z
All Dual Enrollment

Ashley Sexton

Grade 9-12 All IB and former IB

State Testing

2018-2019 Testing Dates Coming Soon!

Please see your guidance counselor or Mrs. Ginger Ribinski for student specific testing information.

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IB Spotlight

Meet the staff for the IB newsletter that 3 of our very own started in the 2017-2018 school year. For the full newsletter follow the link below :

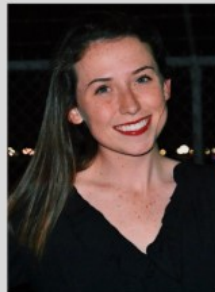
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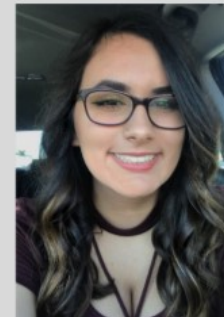
Logan Langley
Editor & Chief

I am a senior in Riverdale's IB Diploma Program. Throughout my four years at Riverdale, I have been actively involved in both Varsity and Competitive Cheerleading, as well as 2 Schools 1 Home (a classroom integration program with Buckingham Exceptional). Although this is my first and final year a part of the Raider Record, I look forward to seeing this newsletter grow!



Macey Callans
Jr. Editor

I am a junior in the Riverdale IB Diploma Program. For extracurriculars, I have been involved with Key Club, the varsity golf team, and I have an internship with the Lee County School District. After high school, I hope to pursue a career in Journalism and I'm excited to get some experience by working on the Raider Record!



Rahmah Alamoudi
Jr. Editor

I am a junior in the Riverdale IB Diploma Program. I am part of an internship for the School District of Lee County and I am also a Docent for Riverdale. After high school, I hope to attend college for Broadcast Journalism and make documentaries later on.

For downloadable documents and more IB information:

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

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Riverdale Football

Football season is almost here!

Riverdale Football Website is up and running and can be found at the following website:

<http://riverdaleraiderstdclub.com>



Highlights for our Raider Garnet & Gold Game can be seen by clicking below:

<https://youtu.be/yn6TzUfYmbM>

The Raider kitchen is still up and running. We have several needs.

If you and your family are fortunate enough to send something in for the benefit of our entire football family it would be greatly appreciated.

We need peanut butter, jelly and bottled water. Thanks to one of our team parents we have had a steady delivery of fruit and our kids are benefiting from it greatly. Our biggest need over the summer will be bottled water.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO DONATE TO OUR PROGRAM FINANCIALLY AND IN-KIND.

"Those who stay, will be champions!"

James C. Delgado
Head Football Coach



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Swim

1st Team All-Area Raiders



The Raider Swim team is looking forward to another awesome season. Any student wishing to be a part of the swim team should contact Coach Pam Barry at RHS, (239) 694-4141. Summer swims run through July 26th. The pool will be closed July 30th thru August 3rd. The Raider swim season starts August 6th, Monday thru Friday from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Senior swimmers will be taking their banner pictures August 10th at 2:00 PM. Come out and support your Raider swim team at their first home swim meet on August 28th at 6:00 PM.

Volleyball

Volleyball Tryouts:

Varsity:

July 30-Aug. 3

6-8:30pm

JV:

Aug. 6-9, 6-8pm

Aug. 10 2-4pm (after school)

ALL FHSAA PAPER WORK MUST BE
COMPLETED BEFORE TRYOUTS



Wrestling

Interested in joining wrestling, contact Coach Von Linden.



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SCHOOL CLUBS

Riverdale FBLA Top 16 in the Nation

Three students represented Riverdale High School and the state of Florida at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The National Leadership Conference was held June 28th-July 1st. During these days students tested their knowledge and presentation skills on multiple business topics/events.



Over 12,000 students attended the National Leadership Conference. Riverdale students Itzel Fox and Kailey Natella presented Social Media Campaign, while Ramian Smith tested in the Help Desk category. The Social Media Campaign team advanced to the finals allowing them to finish amongst the top 16 in the nation and was the only school in the state of Florida to do so.

In order to compete at Nationals, members must select a topic and test their knowledge. Members must compete first at Districts competition and then move on to States. Students compete against other chapters and schools across Florida. Once making it to Nationals, teams must present or test their topic once again to proceed to finals. If placed in finals, they present or test one last time. On Sunday night, the top ten teams are called to the stage and the category winners are announced.

SCHOOL

CLUBS

Culinary Arts Club 2018

Do you like to try new and exotic foods? Do you like to meet new friends? Do you want to be a part of the Raider Nation?

The Culinary Arts Club is open to any Riverdale High School student grades 9 -12. You may be an active member of a Culinary Arts class or just have an interest in cuisine.

Our activities focus on lunch and dinner events, club meetings, field trips, college visits, community service, and supporting the RIVERDALE community in and out of the classroom.

Please stop by Mrs. Spinosa's room, #01-007, to inquire and join.

We are the "Heartbeat that Rocks the RAIDERS". Come join your Riverdale Culinary Club.

Please see Mrs. Spinosa for details about our Culinary Club Dinner Events. Upcoming visits will include Fancy's Southern Café, Kumo's of Ft. Myers, and Cheddar's Casual Café. You and a friend may join us for a tasty night out on the town. Other destinations will be announced at upcoming meetings.

Please join us! Listen to your school announcements for details or stop by room #01-007 at your convenience for more information.

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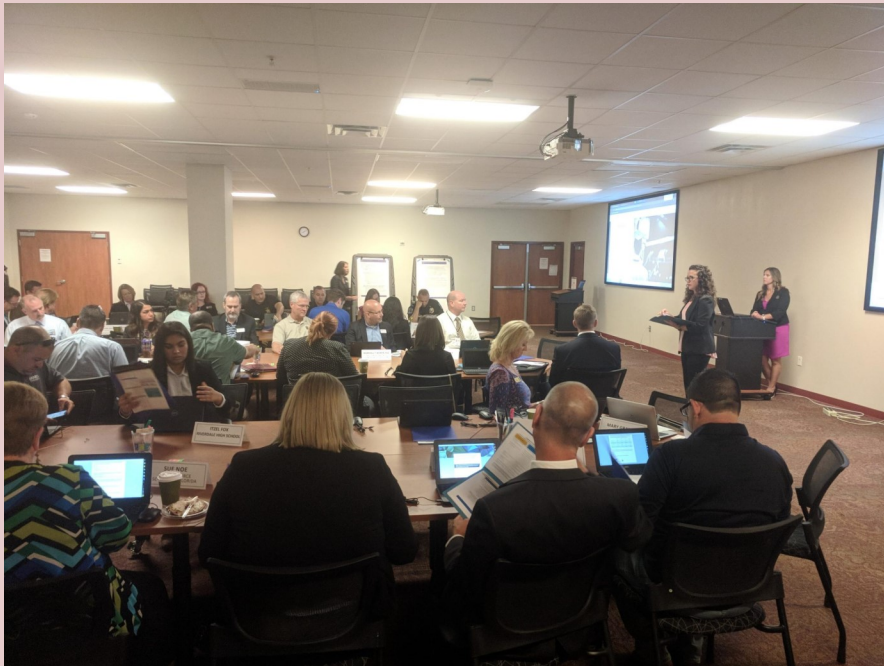
Riverdale Raider, Jersi Stecher was one of the few students in Florida to compete at the U.S. National Microsoft Office Specialist Championship for Excel 2016. Congratulations Jersi!

STEM @ Work Club

STEM @ Work is a club for students interested in connecting with business professionals in the county. There are 4-5 field trips throughout the school year to local businesses. There are internships and career opportunities that can come from this club. If you are interested, please speak with Mrs. Ades or Mrs. Manetta.



CTE 2018 Workforce Summit



Congratulations for the students selected from RHS to attend the 2018 Workforce Summit. During this conference they spoke with high priority members of the local business community. They were able to make connections and gather knowledge to bring back to the other future business members at RHS.



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