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# Upcoming Raider Event Come Be A Part Of Our Family!

## SCHCOOL CHOICE OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

6:30 p.m. -8 p.m.



\* Learn about your child's school choice options

\*#1 Choice in the East Zone - Walk our halls and you will know why!

\* The Riverdale IB Class of 2016 had the highest percentage of IB Diplomas ever received by an RHS IB class!

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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.



# Raider Strong!



All Star banquet 2016!  
Congrats Raiders!! Awesome things ahead!



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## TIMELINE

### Riverdale IB Program Applications for the 2017-18 school year.



Application Period	January 23-February 17
Application due to Riverdale High School	February 17
Acceptance Letter sent to students	March 10
Intent Letter returned to Riverdale High School	March 20

# The World of IB

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

On October 25<sup>th</sup> we had our IB Pinning to honor our IB Class of 2017. It was a great night shared by students, parents, staff and administration.

Four of our IB Seniors were playing in a playoff Volleyball game the night of our Pinning, so we honored them with their own Pinning during their TOK class.

All of our IB students are working hard. Our Freshman are weeks away from completing their first semester of High School. Our Sophomores have started their mini-EEs. The Juniors are starting their EEs. And the Seniors are wrapping up their EEs and IAs. If you are confused by the terms that were just used, please attend an IB Parent meeting and you will understand a lot more! Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the RHS Media Center. We will have our Informational Meeting for the Incoming Freshman on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the RHS Auditorium. If someone you know has an 8<sup>th</sup> grader in the East Zone, please tell them about this meeting. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the IB Office at 239-694-4141.



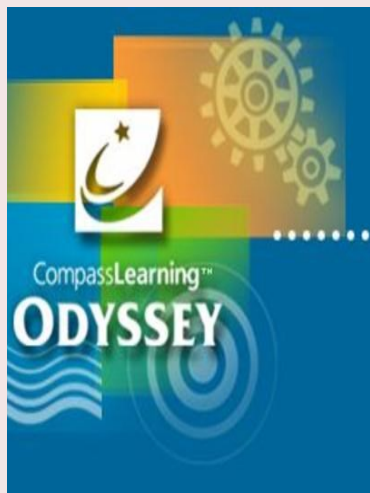
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# Compass Learning Odyssey (Compass)



## Compass Learning Odyssey (Compass)

This year your child has begun using Compass Learning Odyssey at school to reinforce skills. Compass Learning Odyssey has been adopted to provide supplemental online digital content for all schools in Lee County, K - 12. You may be familiar with Compass if your child used the program in elementary or middle school, but this is the first year that high schools are able to use the program. Odyssey offers core curriculum courses including math, English Language Arts (ELA), science and history as well as elective topics and Advanced Placement courses for high school students. Students are given an individualized learning path for remediation and enrichment. All students will be using Compass in school for at least 15 minutes per week in their classes. It is important that students have headphones or earbuds in order to be able to complete their assignments. Our school store sells them during lunch for \$1.00 per pair. Students can log on from any internet connection 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the school!



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## FUN IN PHYSICS!

### The Naked-Egg Drop Experiment

Students have noticed how a dropped egg will break if it hits a hard surface like the floor, but may not break if the surface is soft like the grass in a yard. Or they may have wondered why a baseball catcher's mitt is thick, but not an infielder's mitt. In physics, they learn that the stopping of a moving object requires both a force and a time to apply that force. The product of the applied force and the stopping time is called the "impulse." As the impulse is the product of the force and the time, the longer the stopping time is, the smaller will be the force needed to stop the object. Since the baseball catcher cannot move backward when he catches the baseball, the mitt is thick to protect his hand. An infielder can move his hand backward as the ball is caught, which increases the time to stop the ball and lessens the force on his hand.

Applying this information to a physics experiment, the students are asked to design a container that will catch a falling raw egg and prevent it from breaking or cracking. The container materials they choose cannot exceed four inches in height – the egg must be stopped by whatever materials the students choose to fill their container with. The egg is dropped from the stands in our football field (about 20 feet above the container). When it reaches the container about one second later, it is moving at about 35 feet per second (about 25 mph), so to catch it safely is quite a challenge!

Students have been successful using marshmallows, layers of sliced bread, dryer lint, and even pillows brought from home! The experiment is great fun, and as the teacher I enjoy the extraordinary creativity they bring to the challenge.



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# Business Club Prepares for District Leadership Conference

Future Business Leaders of America meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month for less than 30 minutes and is open to everyone in the school who is interested in business. Of almost 100 members last year, 70 competed at Districts and all placed. Forty students went to the State Leadership Conference (winning 11 state titles) and eight went to Nationals this summer in Atlanta.

Riverdale FBLA is part of a national organization that boasts a quarter million members. The FBLA point system ensures deserving students will be recognized for their leadership and participation, with cash prizes for those who excel. Members do several fundraisers, some community service and compete in one of 60 topics. Also, students can earn Business Achievement Awards.

This year's officers include: Trevor Mathisen, President, Daniela Jang, Vice President, Lauren Brashear, Secretary, Kailey Natella, Historian, Miranda Persaud, Reporter, Keenan Walker, Treasurer, and Sunghee Kim, Parliamentarian.

Chapter adviser Ileana Flores is also the five-county District Director, with Ryan White as assistant adviser.

FBLA is a national career and technical student organization. It primarily helps students transition to the business world and is the largest student-run business related organization in the world. Students can join for \$30, which includes a club shirt, national, state and district dues. Dues must be paid by Oct. 1 in order for students to compete.

Seniors can apply for an FBLA State Scholarship. Events include everything from highly technical Computer Game Simulation to no-tech, such as Public Speaking, Job Interview, and Sports Management. FBLA officers remind students of the resume' and college transcript "wow factor" that membership offers.



## Mission & Vision



## SCHOLARS PROGRAM

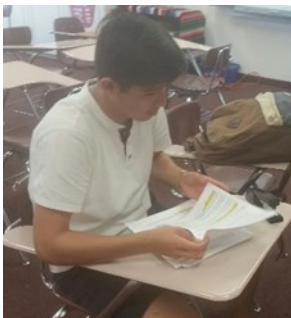
Florida Gulf Coast University

Glades.

The Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Scholar's Club is an organization to embrace, promote and reward minority and at-risk students achieve academic success. The Scholars Program is open to all students who embrace the philosophy and ideals of academic excellence, leadership, service and citizenship. This program provides assistance and enrichment opportunities for students who aspire to excel academically, develop leadership skills, exhibit citizenship, and serve their community and school. FGCU Scholars Chapters currently exist in elementary, middle, high schools, and select community centers in the following counties: Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and

Based on the principles of Academic Excellence, Leadership, Service, and Citizenship, the Riverdale Scholars Program is an honor society for high grade students with a goal of developing a peer culture of success among its members. Activities focus on students who by virtue of their environment are at a disadvantage for achieving academic success when compared to the population at large and who are not challenged to achieve performance excellence through other programs or co-curricular activities. The FGCU Scholars Program, whose motto is "Shaping the Minds of the Future," is a collaboration between the Office of Outreach Programs at Florida Gulf Coast University and schools and/or community organizations in the aforementioned counties

Student prepares the paperwork for the Scholars Club visit to FGCU. Students are anticipating the first time FGCU will register senior applicants for the university. This year those who are applying for admission to FGCU may apply in person with the assistance of officers from Financial Aid, Registration and Housing available for direct information to students and parents.



FGCU Scholars Club members prepare Thanksgiving grams for distribution to recipients

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# DEPARTMENT OF WORLD Languages



## Riverdale World Language Department continues strides toward proficiency.

The World Language Department continues to make great strides in creating proficiency based instruction for all students taking World Languages. Lately, Mr. Michael Tony Bourbina has created several instructional digital aides using Socrative.com and Conjuguemos.com.

Both of these programs are free programs that allow creation of lessons tailored to the needs of the individual instructor. With Chromebooks now an instructional tool possessed by every student, this allows electronic access to the information highway as well as usage of digital sites designed to engage students in learning activities along their lines of interest. In addition to lessons in Spanish, Mr. Bourbina also is in the process of designing lessons for French. RHS World Language Department is particularly fortunate to have such a talented individual on its staff. Congratulations and KUDOS, Mr. Tony Bourbina!



## Spanish 3 students study advanced grammar structures.

Students in Spanish 3 presented Preterit and Imperfect tenses in Spanish. The group presentations enabled students to model teaching strategies of Spanish as well as their knowledge of the content area. Additionally, students demonstrated their knowledge of how to form commands both formal and informal. The idea was to give students an opportunity to engage in a discussion of the content area as well as to strengthen their knowledge base. Mr. Lillard was very pleased with the presentations and observed that most students had a solid understanding of the concepts presented. Next is to show how to interact in conversation with the learned concepts. The Spanish honors class is geared to have students become proficient in speaking, reading, writing

and understanding Spanish at a more advanced level.

## Students in Spanish 1 in Ms. Cintron's Classes.

Students have been working in teams using Google Classroom, Kagan, and WICOR Strategies to review the following: culture about Puerto Rico and Spain, present conjugations (ar, er and ir), and stem-changing verbs (e-ie and o-ue). Teams interpreted what their peers were saying as they presented in class. Later, they were provided with a template to fill out and apply what they learned, during this interpretive listening practice.

Ms. Cintron was very proud and excited for all of her students' progress in using on-line resources of Quizlet, Socrative, Conjuguemos and Kahoots. Cintron stated that students are showing basic conversation strategies by working in teams, which leaves no question that they are on the right path to learning the importance of mastering Spanish.

## Across the World Language Department students are using Compass Learning

Across the World Language Department students are using Compass Learning, a learning tool which the entire school supports and hopes will motivate all students as they prepare for FSA and all other reading tests. Finally, students are invited to participate in afterschool tutoring activities across the department. All World Language teachers provide afterschool tutoring for their students to increase learning proficiency.

need to return it ASAP as participation is based on a first come first served 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.



# RHS Florida Educators of America

RHS Florida Future Educator of America Chapter and Education Career Academy wants thanks and recognize our RHS former student Christian Hernandez for volunteering to create our official logos for our FFEA Chapter and Education Career Academy. See image below. Thank you! Christian for all your support and help you are truly an Angel in our path.

## Education Career Academy and Florida Future Educator of America Chapter

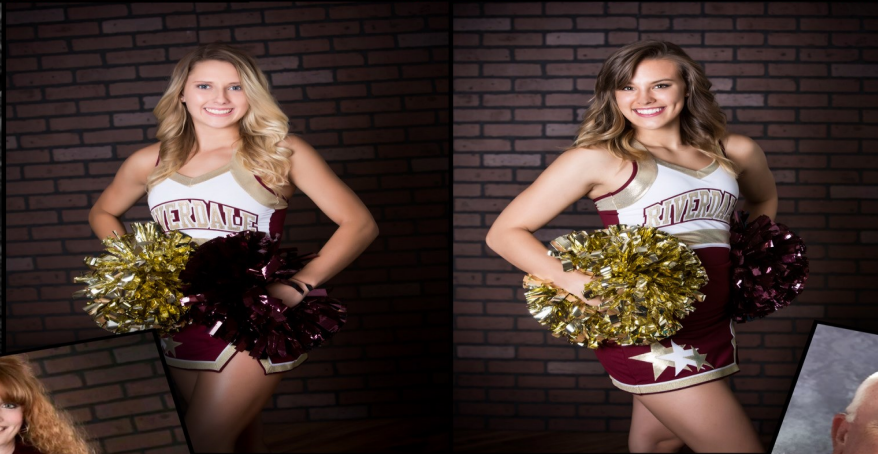
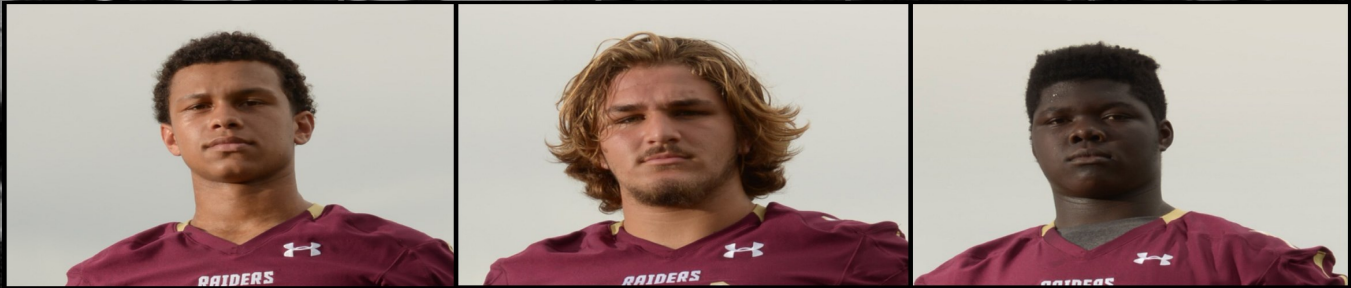
Was invited to participate in the 3rd Reginal Conference FEA 2016, Celebrated at Florida International University, Miami. We had a great time learning new teaching strategies, providing a RHS presentation about our Education Program, networking with other high schools from different part of the Florida, and touring in FIU Campus. "We had an excellent time!" - Sponsor, Advisor and Lead Instructor: Ms. Cintron. Finally we want to say thank you Mr. Borges for being our Chaperon in this event and to Mr. Cook for allowing our Future Mentor and Teacher to have this experience in Education!



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# RIVERDALE



Coach Misti Gonzalez

Paul Johnson  
 Cole Schneider  
 Finley Felix  
 Hannah Neuville  
 Skyler Terebieniec



Coach Tom Rozsell

## Good News from Athletics

Cole Schneider, Finley Felix, and Paul Johnson were selected to play in the Rotary South All Star Football Classic. Riverdale also had two cheerleaders selected this year team, Hannah Neuville and Skyler Terebieniec. This classic is the one of the most prestigious all-star classics in the country. The game will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Fort Myers High School at 7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased from Riverdale High School or at the game.

In addition, the volleyball team had a fantastic season, and once again made it to the playoffs. We had two swimmers, Gabby Shepherd and Emma Sekula, a cross country runner, Chelsey Oliver and our first bowler, Cyndee Whitleather – ALL 2016 state finalists. Congratulations to all of our Riverdale Fall Athletes.

The fall banquet will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the cafeteria at Riverdale High School. We ask that everyone bring a covered dish or desert to the banquet.

The winter season has started, and an exciting season it should be! We have three new coaches this season: Donnavan Lewis, boys' soccer; Athan Laskaris, boys' basketball; and Shane Morin, girls' basketball. Our Wrestling program will defend its district crown once again. We would love to see you come to the games and matches and support our Raiders this season! Have a happy holiday season!

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# If you wanted a soft serve you should have gone to Dairy Queen!



## Riverdale Volleyball

Riverdale Volleyball finished the season 22-6, losing in the regional quarterfinals to Venice. The Raiders were led by great individual and team performances all season. Kylee Whiteleather set a new school record for kills in a season (326), while Kacy Ogden set a new record for second in kills in a season (293). This led to a new season record as a team for kills in a season (967). Kacy Ogden also moved into 3<sup>rd</sup> place for a season in digs (260), while the team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> for a season in digs (1067). The team set a new second place record for assists in a season (682). Kaylee Gibson became fourth in a season for assists (457), while Tina Taylor moved into fourth place for aces in a season (73). The Raiders will be losing 6 seniors (Kylee Whiteleather, Kacy Ogden, Nikki Shuman, Jenna Zaleski, Gabby Miller and Kyla Geren).



# NO EXCUSES

## Cross Country

The boys and girls cross country teams saw some of their greatest triumphs this year. The girls, led by Chelsey Oliver, qualified for the regional meet for the first time in 15 years. Oliver herself made it all the way to the state meet coming in 30<sup>th</sup>. The boys, led by Zachary Roussel, once again had a successful season finishing in the top 10 the majority of the season, including a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the UF Invitational. All in all, both teams performed extremely well this season and are pointing toward a much brighter future.



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### Swimming

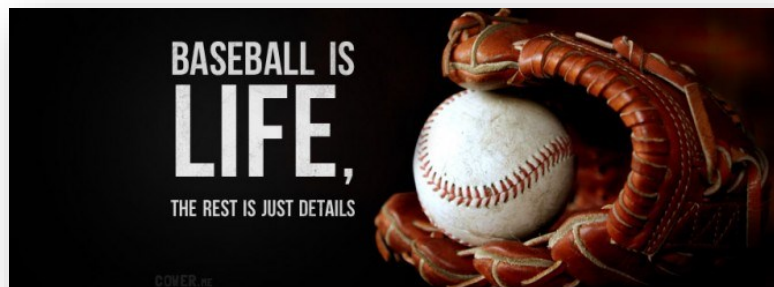
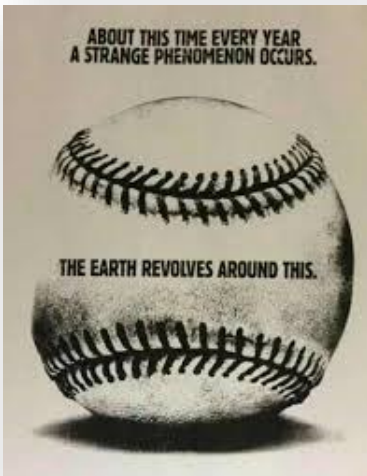
Riverdale's Swim Team had a fantastic season this year. Both the girls and boys team finished the season with 10-2 records. The Boys 400 Free Relay team of Charlie Eggers, Connor Bloxham, Alec Cassel, and Jace Chouinard broke the school record set in 1978 while Jace Chouinard broke the 500 Free individual school record set in 2003. In district competition, the girls team placed 5<sup>th</sup> and the boys team placed 6<sup>th</sup>. Riverdale had five relay teams, three girls and two boys, advance to regionals. Gabby Shepherd, Elisabeth Verwest, Isabella Reina, Lia Fhon, Mikaila McLaughlin, Jace Chouinard, Charlie Eggers and Alec Cassel all advanced in individual events. Gabby Shepherd represented Riverdale in the state meet in the 100 Free and 200 Free placing 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively. Emma Sekula competed in the state meet for diving. She place 13<sup>th</sup> this year moving up 7 spots while breaking the school diving record again this year. It has been a great year. Go Raiders!



# Raider Proud!

### Riverdale Baseball

Fall weight room workouts have been going strong with players getting bigger, stronger, and faster. Workout will continue in the weight room every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:45 – 3:00 until winter break. In January workout will be held on the baseball field where the players will have a throwing program and work on speed and agilities. 2017 baseball tryouts will begin on January 30<sup>th</sup>, all paper-work must be in to Mrs. Berry before tryouts begin. Any question see Coach Pringle.



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2017 is going to be a big year for Riverdale Lacrosse! Almost all of the boys and girls teams are returning for the coming season, and the players have been working out and playing travel ball since the end of the last year. We are ready for 2017!

Historically, Riverdale Lacrosse has been among the most highly respected programs for its tremendous spirit and athleticism, but our teams have had limited success over the years. Last year was a turning point, with our boys team winning their first game in four years and losing two by only one goal. They also cut their goal differential from 18 to a little over 7 goals! The girls team has always been stronger and last year they won four games two by only one goal.

“We are building a program not a team.” Anyone who’s been around Riverdale Lacrosse in 2016 and 2017 has heard Coaches Richard Williamson and Michelle Williamson make this statement many times. Both boys and girls lacrosse at RHS is undergoing change. Riverdale Lacrosse is a serious sports program, and it is structured in such a way that student athletes who wish to excel will be given the tools to do so and the opportunities to learn the game.

To us, it’s not just a matter of semantics. It’s a large part of our coaching philosophy. It is critically important that we lay the foundation for the lacrosse PROGRAM from the start and get the program heading in the right direction immediately. This meant starting a feeder program for the northeastern part of Lee County to build a path for young athletes to play in high school. We’ve sought out sponsorship to help buy new equipment for play and conditioning. Most of all, we’ve worked hard to raise awareness of lacrosse in the Riverdale community.

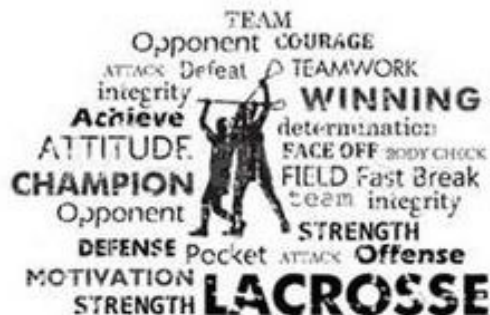
Starting with the 2015-16 boot camp, open to athletes of all sports, the Coaches Williamson started laying the foundation for this year’s training program. An average of thirty students have actively joined the voluntary training in preparation for the spring season. We encourage players to participate in travel lacrosse to develop new skills.

Whatever we do, the coaches at Riverdale Lacrosse keep the concept of a program in the forefront of our planning. It’s important to make all training systematic so that every aspect of the program feeds the ultimate goal of creating successful teams. It’s not easy. It’s an uphill battle. But we choose to believe in the power of the program and the kids that are in it!

If you are interested in joining lacrosse and being a part of this success story, please visit Coach R. Williamson in Room 1-08, or join us for Conditioning Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 at the softball field. We especially need goalies for the girls team and underclassmen for both!

Important Dates: Parent Meeting (for everyone interested in the sport): December 6, 6:30pm, Room 1-08

Tryouts: January 17-20, 2-4:30 at the practice field



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**RHS COLOR RUN**  
**February 25th**  
**AT RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Race begins at 8:30 AM**  
**Registration begins at 7:30 AM**  
**Adults \$25**  
**Children 12 & Under \$10**



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# Riverdale's Winter Festival

Tuesday, December 13

6:00pm-8:00pm

Riverdale High School

Join us for a night of family fun, excitement, and community cheer!

**Featuring: Kids Activities, Pictures with Santa, RHS Club Vendors, and so much more! With a special performance by RHS Cheer Competition Team.**

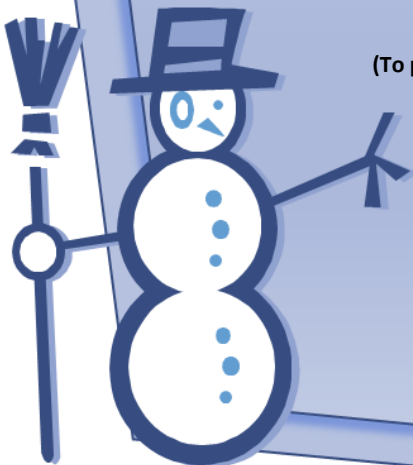
No Entrance Fee

\*Please bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots

A portion of the money raised is going towards

Veterans Park's Blessings and a Backpack.

(To provide 4 meals for 62 kids every weekend for the whole school year)



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# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



Congratulations Emma Hensley for winning 2nd Place in the 2016 Florida Reading Association Poster Contest! Great Job!



Congratulations Margarita Antillon for winning 2nd Place in the Digital Art category for Pride and Patriotism to honor veterans through poetry and art! Great Job!



Congratulations Thespian Troupe 416 on their trophy for best costumes for Alice's Adventures In Wonderland! Great Job!



Congratulations Abigail Lee (Oboe) for representing RHS in the 2016-17 Lee County School District & All-County High School Concert Band



Congratulations Ashton Jenkins (Euphonium) for representing RHS in the 2016-17 Lee County School District & All-County High School Concert Band



Congratulations Ryley Wright (Trombone) for representing RHS in the 2016-17 Lee County School District & All-County High School Concert Band

**Don't forget to order your 2017 Riverdale Yearbooks before they are all gone!**

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Check out Riverdale High School's website [www.rdh.leschools.net](http://www.rdh.leschools.net) to be up to date on all the amazing events taking place at RHS! Don't forget to follow Riverdale on Twitter @RiverdaleReads

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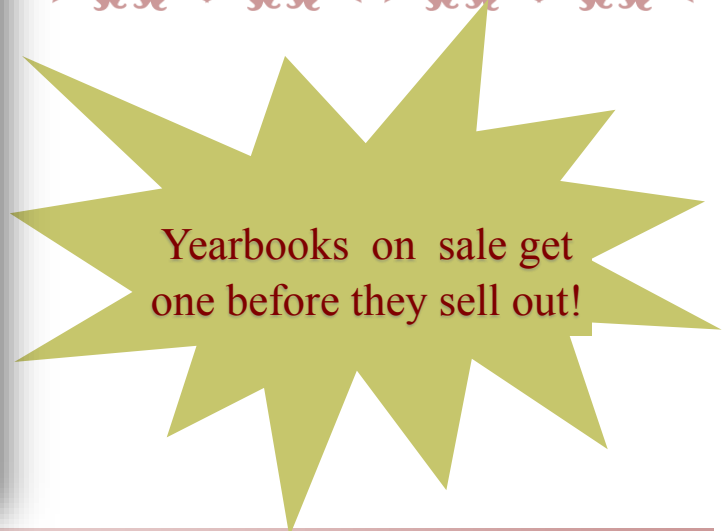


Transportation

Darlene Blalock is our new contact person for transportation (buses).  
 You may reach her at 239-694-4141- extension 236; or darlene-ab@leeschools.net.

All bus pass requests should be dropped off in the morning, and the approved pass may be picked up in the media center at lunch.

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**OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS**

Florida State Statute 1012.2 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Riverdale High School are certified, but are engaged in training to add English of Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and

**Subject Areas to their certificates:**

Riverdale High School  
 2016-2017 Out of Field Teachers

- ESOL**
- William Burke – ESE
  - Kristen Fox – ESE
  - Katherine Jones – Language Arts
  - Lany Ludington – Reading
  - CJ Nelson – Language Arts
  - April Tierney – Reading

**READING**

Shayne Morin - Reading

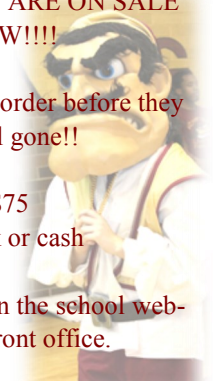


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