

# TELEGRAM



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Riverview Students and Families,

I hope you are enjoying your summer break and relaxing with family and friends. As the administrative team prepares for the 2021-2022 school year, I want to introduce you to two new faces joining the Riverview Administrative Team. Dr. Heather Wasserman is joining Riverview High School after five years as an Assistant Principal at Laurel Nokomis School. She replaces Mr. Greg Rumph who has transferred Booker High School. Additionally, Mrs. Leandra Yates has joined Riverview as Assistant Principal over the English and ESOL Department, replacing Mrs. Cher Gardner. As we wish our colleagues well in their new ventures, we are excited for the talents Dr. Wasserman and Mrs. Yates bring to enhance Ram Nation.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Student Orientations last week. Just a reminder our last Student Orientation is on August 9th from 11a.m.-2p.m. At Student Orientations, students can receive their online schedules, purchase student parking, get lockers and have a chance to check out the Student Success Center right above the Cafeteria. With the support of the Ed Foundation, RHS houses a state-of-the-art College and Career Center equipped with 21st century technology and a plethora of resources for our students as they excel through their educational journey. Ms. Rebecca Lewis, our College and Career Coordinator, will be available to students 7a.m.-3p.m. Monday- Friday to answer questions as well as support students and families.

Our first day of school this year is Tuesday, August 10th. School begins promptly at 7:30a.m. and ends at 2:15p.m. We look forward to having all of Ram Nation back as in person learners this school year. Our overall mission is to give your child the opportunity to reach his/her highest potential and we hope to work with each of you moving forward to fulfill this goal.

Words do not adequately express my excitement to be back on Riverview's campus for the 2021-2022 school year and participate in all the activities that make Ram Nation like no other. There truly is no place like home and no place quite like Riverview High School. I am thrilled to work with each and every student who steps foot on our campus and empower them achieve their dreams.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Erin del Castillo, Principal

### ADMINISTRATION

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PRINCIPAL

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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• [www.rhsfoundation.org](http://www.rhsfoundation.org)

Transportation  
• [www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/transportation](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/transportation)

**MISSION** – The mission of Riverview High School is to provide a learning environment that nurtures a passion for intellectual curiosity; that promotes global understanding, independence, and innovation; and that is committed to a tradition of academic excellence and social responsibility.

**VISION** – The vision of Riverview High School is to create a school community, which works together so that all students will reach their highest potential to become life-long learners and responsible citizens through quality instruction and a challenging, world-class curriculum at a state-of-the-art facility.

**POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION** – Sarasota County School Board Equity Policies are located on the District website as well as on the school website <http://sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/riverview/>. Copies are also available in the Principal's Office.





## SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Dr. Joe Bazenias	A-B, Teen Parent, EBD
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# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## STANDARD DIPLOMA

To graduate from high school in 2021, a student must meet the following requirements:

- A student must earn the following credits: 26 and successfully complete all required courses (or equivalent)
- Students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all courses except for those courses forgiven according to the district forgiveness procedure.
- A student must earn passing scores on the 10th grade FSA ELA in reading. Students are also required to pass the Alg. 1 EOC.

Standard High School Diploma	26 Credits
<b>English</b> Major concentration in composition and literature	4
<b>Mathematics</b> One credit must include <b>Algebra I</b> or its equivalent and <b>pass the EOC Geometry</b> or its equivalent is required and EOC counts as 30% of their final grade	4
<b>Science</b> <b>Biology</b> or its equivalent is required and EOC is 30% of the final grade	3
<b>Social Studies</b> World History (1 credit) U.S. History (1 credit) Economics (1/2 credit) with Financial Literacy American Government (1/2 credit)	3
<b>Performing Fine Arts</b> Performing Fine Arts includes the areas of music, dance, art and drama. Some technical courses will also fulfill this requirement. See Program of Studies.	1
<b>H.O.P.E.</b>	1
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	10
<b>Special Note</b> —Foreign Language Consecutive years required for SUS admission Bright Futures FAS/FMS Level	2
<b>One online course required</b>	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>26</b>
FSA ELA	Must Pass
Alg. 1 EOC	Must Pass
GPA (unweighted)	2.0



1. A certificate of completion will be awarded to students who: (1) have met all course, credit and GPA requirements, but have not passed one or both sections of the appropriate state tests required for graduation or (2) have passed both sections of the appropriate state tests required for graduation and met all course and credit requirements, but have not met the GPA requirement. Students receiving a certificate of completion may participate in the graduation ceremonies. These students may still pursue a standard diploma through adult education, the GED, or other suitable alternatives.
2. Participation in two seasons of an interscholastic sport at the JV or Varsity level will waive the HOPE requirement. See school counselor for forms.
3. Completion of **two** full years of the ROTC program will waive participation in the HOPE class and will waive the performing art requirement.
4. Detailed information on graduation requirements and non-standard diploma options are available on the RHS website in the Program of Studies and on the district website in the guidance reference manual, **Pathways**, at [www.sarasotacountyschools.net](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net).
5. Students should schedule an appointment to meet with their school counselor to verify graduation status.

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SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline*	Deadline for Changes
Aug. 28, 2021	Jul. 30, 2021	Aug. 17, 2021	Aug. 17, 2021
Oct. 2, 2021	Sep. 3, 2021	Sep. 21, 2021	Sep. 21, 2021
Nov. 6, 2021	Oct. 8, 2021	Oct. 26, 2021	Oct. 26, 2021
Dec. 4, 2021	Nov. 4, 2021	Nov. 23, 2021	Nov. 23, 2021
Mar. 12, 2022	Feb. 11, 2022	Mar. 1, 2022	Mar. 1, 2022
May 7, 2022	Apr. 8, 2022	Apr. 26, 2022	Apr. 26, 2022
Jun. 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022	May 25, 2022

\*(registrations made online or by phone)

## ACT TEST DATE 2021-22

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
Jun. 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21, 2021
Jul. 17, 2021*	Jun. 18, 2021	Jun. 25, 2021
Sep. 11, 2021	Aug. 6, 2021	Aug. 20, 2021
Oct. 23, 2021	Sep. 17, 2021	Oct. 1, 2021
Dec. 11, 2021	Nov. 5, 2021	Nov. 19, 2021
Feb. 12, 2022	Jan. 7, 2022	Jan. 21, 2022
Apr. 2, 2022	Feb. 25, 2022	Mar. 11, 2022
Jun. 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022
Jul. 16, 2022*	Jun. 17, 2022	Jun. 24, 2022

## SENIOR PICTURE 2021-22

Seniors may go on [www.prestigeporraits.com](http://www.prestigeporraits.com) to book their appointments. All senior pictures will be taken on our campus. Prestige Portraits is the official photographer for Riverview High School.

## 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO NOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN HIGH SCHOOL

1. Make sure your phone number and home address are up to date with the registrar. Inaccurate information makes it difficult to contact family members.
2. Sign up for the Parent Portal- your chance to view your student's real-time attendance and updated grades. Go to [www.sarasotacountyschools.net](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net), click on parents and then click on Family Access Portal.
3. Attendance! Attendance and school success are directly related; use the Parent Portal to monitor your student's daily attendance. Make sure absentee notes are turned in right away. If you are getting an automated attendance phone call, your student has missed a class!
4. Using your student's schedule, email their teachers and counselor to introduce yourself and establish email communication.
5. Be proactive- Sarasota Co. Schools is going paperless. Please keep up with crosspointe to monitor your child's grades. The end of the marking periods for 2021-22 are:
  - a. End of quarter one- October 12th
  - b. End of quarter two- December 22nd
  - c. End of quarter three- March 11th
  - d. End of quarter four- May 27th
6. Graduation requirements are outlined for each class in the Program of Studies located under the 'Website Menu', then click on Academics on the RHS website.
7. Keep a copy of all of the fact sheets from each of your student's teachers. These outline their grading system and expectations for each class.
8. Create a file folder at home to keep report cards and other school related information in one place.
9. Be familiar with the Bright Futures Scholarship. It changes from year to year. This is your student's opportunity to earn money for college and should always be a goal.
10. Visit [www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/riverview](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/riverview) for current news and information about RHS- know what's going on.

\*Bonus\* If you are in doubt, ask!

Be involved, double check the information coming home to you from your student!

## RAMP IT UP MATH TUTORING

RAMP It Up Math Tutoring is open for business. This organization is funded by the Riverview Foundation and run by math teacher Tammy Moore. Math teacher Michael McGuckin helps as well as Mu Alpha Theta and National Honor Society students. Tutoring help for Algebra, Geometry, Liberal Arts and MCR is offered. Find us in room 5-335 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30. Remember ... get help BEFORE you fall behind! We are here for you.



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A completed application form must be submitted and approved prior to starting volunteer hours (Sarasotacountyschools.net, Students & Parents, High School Community Service). Hours completed without an approved community service log sheet will not be accepted. The high school community service logs (30+ documented hours) can be turned in during all lunch periods (Tuesday-Friday) to the Student Success Center (6-204). Step by step instructions and service hour guidelines can be found in Naviance – document resources (MySCS, College & Career Readiness tile).

## STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

### Have you started using Naviance?

Naviance is a web-based software program and comprehensive tool that enables students to explore careers and colleges and become actively involved in the college planning process. Signing into Naviance is easy! Simply log into your MySCS and click on the College and Career Readiness tile to begin planning your pathway to your post-secondary future.



Summer is here but the planning shouldn't stop now! Here are some activities current students can be working on to prepare for their next steps.

**Freshman:** Look for new activities to build your skills and plan a productive summer. Volunteer!

**Sophomores:** Take a career (personality) assessment in Naviance. Volunteer and pursue leadership opportunities. Begin working on your resume of activities (template found in Naviance – Document Resources).

**Juniors:** Register for the ACT and/or SAT. Plan a meaningful and enriching summer. Visit colleges, intern, job shadow, volunteer, and update resume (template found in Naviance – Document Resources). Finalize your college list.

**Seniors:** Attend orientation sessions, complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), set up meeting with your academic advisor and financial aid office at the college you are attending.

**SUMMER TESTING INFORMATION**

**MATH PLACEMENT TEST:** August 2, 2021; 10:00 am to 4:30 pm in Room 5-301. Students do not need to sign up for the test. They will only need a pencil. The test is 90 minutes long. The students may leave when they have completed the assessment.

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## 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Seniors! Apply now for the Bright Futures Scholarship at: [www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org). Create an account and complete the application. This can be done before community service hours, GPA and SAT/ACT requirements have been met.
2. Create your FSA ID <https://fsaid.ed.gov/> then complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).
3. Search for local and updated scholarship information on [www.LaunchYourPlan.com](http://www.LaunchYourPlan.com), in the Student Success Center, and <https://www.fastweb.com/> for national scholarship searches.
4. Check with the colleges you apply to for internal scholarships. Many of these require a separate application from your admissions application.
5. Check with the companies where you or your parents work and any other affiliated organizations. There are many scholarship opportunities available beyond the ones mentioned!
6. Organize Scholarship applications by due date.
7. Plan ahead for recommendation letters! Counselors require 10 business days to write letters of recommendation. Don't forget to provide your counselor with a resume of your activities while in high school. Pro tip – be sure to follow up with a thank you letter once your recommendation letter is completed!
8. Order copies of your transcript with the registrar at least a week before they need to be submitted with your scholarship applications. Transcript request forms are located in the Attendance Office and in Guidance.
9. Review your Essay. Highlight your accomplishments, goals and note relevant obstacles.
10. Follow the guidelines of the scholarship! It is important to submit a well organized and complete application.

## IT IS TIME TO LAUNCH YOUR FUTURE!

The beginning of the school year is an active time and it is important for students to get organized and focus on their goals. By visiting the Student Success Center (SSC), students can receive help registering for the ACT/SAT, check college admission requirements and deadlines, research scholarships and attend workshops designed to equip them for success in college, career and life!

### Start on your pathway with Naviance

Naviance is a web-based software program and comprehensive tool that enables students to explore careers and colleges and become actively involved in the college planning process.

Naviance helps high school students:

- **Understand** their unique strengths
- **Connect** their interests to careers
- **Understand** college possibilities
- **Explore** high school specific college admissions stats
- **Match** to best-fit colleges
- **Identify** ideal college majors

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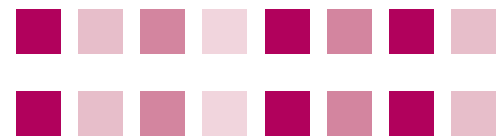
We have lots of different opportunities to volunteer with students and staff...Holiday Parties, tutoring, mentoring, and rocking the babies in Cysis to name a few. See Kay Shepard (email: [Kay.Shepard@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:Kay.Shepard@sarasotacountyschools.net)) at the front desk for more information. Contact Rod Dragash (email: [Rod.Dragash@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:Rod.Dragash@sarasotacountyschools.net)) for Business Partnership opportunities.

If you are a natural at organizing, sales and seek to give back to RHS community, WE NEED YOU! Please contact the principal's assistant for more information, Stacey Lahdenpera at 941-923-1484 ext: 64003. "Team-Up", the District Volunteer office can also provide further details of what each position entails at 941-927-9000 or check out the website at: <http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/vpo>.



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## ACADEMIC GRADING IN HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Grade: The grades reflecting achievement in academic courses in grades 9-12 with numerical equivalents shall be:

A 90-100%	4.0 Outstanding Achievement
B 80-89%	3.0 Above Average Achievement
C 70-79%	2.0 Average Achievement
D 60-69%	1.0 Lowest Acceptable Achievement
F 59% and below	0.0 Failure
I	Incomplete
N	No Grade

Students receiving a grade for incomplete work (I) are to satisfy course requirements within ten days of the last day of the previous grading period. The principal may extend the time requirement for extreme hardships. The final grade for a full-credit course is the mathematical calculation that includes the Term 1, Term 2 grades, the midterm and final exam. For courses with a state required End of Course examination (EOC), the EOC is 30% of the final grade.

**Employability Skills** - For each course taken in high school, twenty percent (20%) of the quarter grade shall be based on the development of employability skills. Those skills will include:

- Attendance
- Coming to school or class on time
- Bringing required work tools, such as paper, pen/pencil, textbooks, notebooks, etc.
- Maintenance of an assignment notebook or similar system
- Completion of homework
- Appropriate dress for class
- Attitude of cooperation with teacher and fellow students
- Time in class devoted to the appropriate task

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

If your child is hoping to be a member of National Honor Society at some point during their time at RHS, please be aware of the requirements for induction as outlined below.

### Requirements for membership:

- Rising 11th or 12th grader
- 3.5 unweighted AND 4.0 weighted GPA
- 5 teacher recommendations (students do not seek these out, teachers make recommendations on the document given out in February-see below)
- No incidents of academic dishonesty
- A substantial number of community service hours (outside of school and not all related to club activities) [The specific number is not released to avoid fraudulent applications.]
- Consistent involvement in a variety of extra-curricular activities [Again, the specific number is not released to avoid fraudulent applications.]

Applications for qualified candidates are distributed via email to students in Quarter 4. Induction is held in late April/early May.

**Questions?** Email Jewell DeMarco at [jewell.demarco@sarasotacountychools.net](mailto:jewell.demarco@sarasotacountychools.net)

## ATTENTION CLASS OF 2022!

This is the time to start planning for your senior picture. Prestige Portraits, a division of Lifetouch, is our official photographer. To maintain consistency in the *Tartan* yearbook, we do not accept pictures from other photographers. In order to be respectful of your time, the photographers will take senior pictures on our campus; there is no need to go to the Tampa or St. Pete studios. Photographers will be at Riverview on **August 7, 14, and 25; September 14, 23, and 25; October 5, 9, and 23; November 6, 10, and 15; and December 9, 11, 14, and 18.** Don't wait to reserve your session as time slots fill up quickly. You may make your appointment by visiting the website at [www.prestigeportraits.com](http://www.prestigeportraits.com).



# 2021-2022 DISTRICT CALENDAR

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

5th - 9th - 240 Staff Non-Work Days  
20th - 220 Staff Return

AUGUST 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

3rd - 196 Staff Return  
10th - First Day for Students, 186 Staff

SEPTEMBER 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

6th - Labor Day - Students, All Staff

OCTOBER 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

12th - End of 1st Grading Period  
15th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff

NOVEMBER 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25-27		
28	29	30				

22nd - 26th - Thanksgiving Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff  
25th - 26th - Thanksgiving Break - 240 Staff

DECEMBER 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

22nd - End of 2nd Grading Period  
23rd - 31st - Winter Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff  
24th - 31st - Winter Break - 240 Staff

JANUARY 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

3rd - 7th - Winter Break - Students, All Staff  
10th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff  
17th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Students, All Staff

FEBRUARY 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

21st - Presidents Day - Students, All Staff

MARCH 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

11th - End of 3rd Grading Period  
14th - 18th - Spring Break - Students, All Staff  
21st - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff

APRIL 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

15th - Mini-Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

MAY 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

27th - Last Day for Students, 186 Staff  
30th - Memorial Day - All Staff

JUNE 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

1st - Last Day for 196 Staff  
21st - Last Day for 220 Staff

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