

TELEGRAM



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Riverview Families,

As we enter the season of giving, I want to thank every one of you for the support you have given our school community through jackets, belts, ties, granola bars and gift cards. It is through your unwavering assistance that all our students are able to learn to the best of their ability by having their needs met.

We have much to celebrate this fall. Michele Fulmer was nominated as School Related Employee of the Year. As the guidance secretary, Mrs. Fulmer supports all our counselors as they help students graduate and she is also the pleasant voice reminding our children to be kind over our daily announcements. We are proud of her dedication to Riverview and wish her the best as she competes at the district level this spring.

In addition, we have several celebrations of our fall sports programs as well as our extracurricular activities:

- Boys' Swimming 3rd in State; Girls' Swimming 5th in State
- Volleyball District Champs
- Girls' Golf District Champs, Regional Champs, 3rd in State
- Football District Champs
- Kilties' earned their 61st straight rating of Superiors
- 14 student athletes for National Signing Day

Also, just a reminder the semester ends on December 20th. Students will finish all exams before leaving for the winter break.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope everyone has a relaxing break and enjoys the upcoming holiday season with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Erin del Castillo
Principal

ADMINISTRATION

ERIN DEL CASTILLO,
PRINCIPAL

KATHY WILKS,
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JAY LORENZ,
A.P. OF ADMINISTRATION

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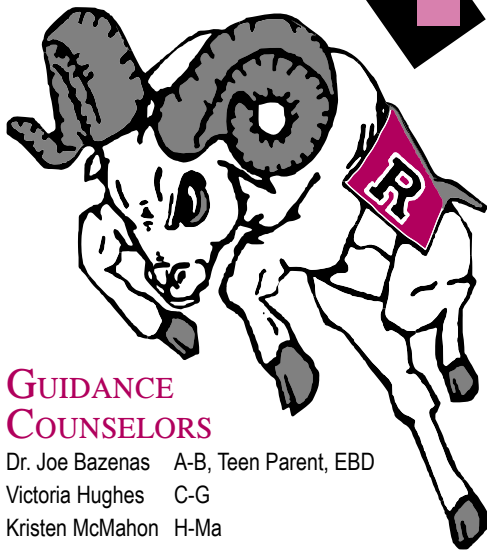
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MISSION – The mission of Riverview High School is to provide a learning environment that nurtures a passion for intellectual curiosity; that promotes global understanding, independence, and innovation; and that is committed to a tradition of academic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





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

STANDARD DIPLOMA

To graduate from high school in 2020, 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
English Major concentration in composition and literature	4
Mathematics One credit must include Algebra I or its equivalent and pass the EOC Geometry or its equivalent is required and EOC counts as 30% of their final grade	4
Science Biology or its equivalent is required and EOC is 30% of the final grade	3
Social Studies World History (1 credit) U.S. History (1 credit) Economics (1/2 credit) with Financial Literacy American Government (1/2 credit)	3
Performing Fine Arts 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
H.O.P.E.	1
ELECTIVES Special Note —Foreign Language Consecutive years required for SUS admission Bright Futures FAS/FMS Level	10 2
One online course required	
TOTAL CREDITS	26
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.
5. **One course must be successfully completed online through SVA or FLVS. This course can be for .5 or 1.0 credit**
6. Students should schedule an appointment to meet with their school counselor to verify graduation status.



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SAT TEST DATES			
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late MAILED	Late ONLINE/PHONE
Dec. 7, 2019	Nov. 8, 2019	Nov. 19, 2019	Nov. 26, 2019
May 2, 2020	Apr. 3, 2020	Apr. 14, 2020	Apr. 21, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 19, 2020	May 27, 2020

ACT 2019-2020 TEST DATES (NATIONAL)		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Dec. 14, 2019	Nov. 8, 2019	Nov. 9-22, 2019
Feb. 8, 2020	Jan. 10, 2020	Jan. 11-17, 2020
Apr. 4, 2020	Feb. 28, 2020	Feb. 29-Mar. 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 9-22, 2020
July 18, 2020*	June 19, 2020	June 20-26, 2020

SCHEDULING FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

It's almost time for students to begin thinking about their schedules for next year. Counselors will begin meeting with rising seniors at the end of January to begin selecting courses for next year. All current Riverview students should have schedules selected before Spring Break in March. Students are encouraged to finish the first semester strong academically and begin talking to their teachers about options for courses next year before meeting with counselors.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE

A completed application form must be submitted and approved prior to starting volunteer hours (Sarasotacountyschools.net, Students & Parents, High School Community Service). Hours completed before application and written/electronic approval will not be accepted. During the school year, the High School Community Service program manager will be available during all lunches (10 am-12:30pm) in the Student Success Center (6-204). Questions can be addressed to Joseph Landes joseph.landes@sarasotacountyschools.net.

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

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 Deb Cramer 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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STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

The fourth annual College Admissions Planning Seminar (CAPS) will be held January 27, 2020! CAPS is an exciting, interactive event designed to help students and families better understand the college admissions process. Registration is open through January 22 for sophomores and juniors who have an unweighted GPA of 3.0+ and are enrolled in at least one Honors course.

College admission representatives from over 20 national colleges and universities (primarily out-of-state, selective, liberal arts colleges) will meet with students in small groups to review mock admission applications. Parents will gather separately in the PAC for an interactive discussion. A college fair will be available after the mock admission sessions for students and families to attend.

If you meet the requirements above, register to participate in CAPS by January 22 at <https://tinyurl.com/riverviewCAPS>. For questions or more information, visit Ms. Lewis in the SSC.

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The Student Success Center is made possible thanks to the Education Foundation of Sarasota County, an independent philanthropic organization. To learn more about how the Education Foundation enhances the potential of students, promotes excellence in teaching, and inspires innovation in education, guided by strategic philanthropy, visit EdFoundationSRQ.org or follow @EducationFdn on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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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
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- **Identify** ideal college majors

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Upcoming SSC Workshops

College Resume and Essay Writing Skills |Beginning the week of August 5

Help your college applications stand out by becoming an essay writing whiz! Watch for an e-mail and @SSCRHS update with more details on how you can register for this workshop.



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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. 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.
3. Search for local and updated scholarship information on 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.

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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, Stacy Lahdenpera at 941-927-9000 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>.

TARTAN YEARBOOK

It's not too late to add the award-winning Tartan yearbook to your holiday shopping list! Simply visit ybpay.lifetouch.com and use the school identification number 10980520 to place your order. The current price is \$80 and will increase to \$85 on January 1st. Is there a member of the Class of 2020 in your life? Senior pages make a wonderful keepsake. Choose from a full page, half page, or quarter page. Senior page orders may be placed using ybpay.lifetouch.com. If you have any questions, please email Dr. De Zutter at carrie.dezutter@sarasotacountyschools.net.

RIVERVIEW'S NEW TEACHING ACADEMY!

Riverview is excited to offer a new Teaching Academy this year for students who are interested in pursuing a career in education. Twenty-five students are currently enrolled in the Introduction to the Teaching Profession this year with Mr. Jason Means as their teacher. Mr. Means also happens to be Riverview's Teacher of the Year for this school year so who's better to lead this group of young people in their interest in becoming teachers? During this year, students have the opportunity to observe teachers at Riverview High School in various content areas, visit local schools at the elementary and middle school levels, experience classroom speakers from various areas of education, and visit the University of South Florida's College of Education.

The Teaching Academy will offer additional courses in upcoming years in Human Growth & Development, Curriculum and Instruction, as well as internship opportunities. For more information on the Teaching Academy, students should see their counselor or Mr. Jason Means in room 5-310.



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