

TELEGRAM



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Riverview Families,

Welcome to second semester! I want to thank the Riverview High School Foundation, IBPO, National Honors Society and all the generous individuals that bought items from our Giving Tree this holiday season. In ten days, our Riverview community was able to fund 100% of the current requests displayed on the Giving Tree and we are humbled by the love and support our families give to our students in need.

This month, students have begun selecting their classes for the 2020-2021 school year. We encourage parents to get involved with this process and support your children in next steps. All course selections can impact a student's GPA, transcript or options for post-secondary education, so we strongly encourage parents to reach out to their child's school counselor for guidance. Graduation requirements are based on what is required by the state so please work with your counselor if you decide to take any classes off campus (e.g. FLVS, SVA, DE, etc.). Our counselors are trained with the most up to date information and can give you the best route for your student's success.

Additionally, testing season is upon us. Starting in April, students will showcase their learning through FSAs, EOCs, LEOCs, industry certifications, AP and IB exams. Please collaborate with your student to know which assessments are required this year and how to help him/her perform best. All assessments can impact a student's graduation requirement or course selection for the following year. Whether it is gently reminding your child to go to bed early, eat a healthy breakfast or try their best, we appreciate your support. We know how hard our students have worked this year and want to ensure they display that knowledge to the best of their ability.

For our seniors, it is officially your last semester in high school and we are elated for your next steps. Make sure to continue working on your deadlines, get your FAFSA application completed, visit Mrs. Lewis in the Student Success Center and check with your counselor on any post-secondary plans. This is your final semester to show your brilliance and explore your passion before you walk across that stage. Make every moment count.

Wishing everyone a prosperous 2020 and I look forward to what spring brings to Ram Nation.

Sincerely,

Erin del Castillo, Principal

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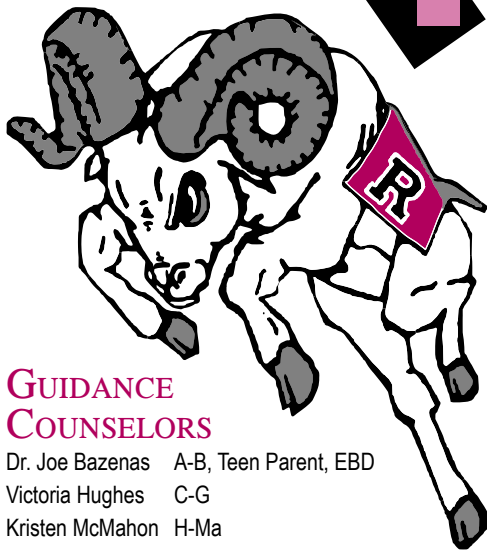
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MISSION – The mission of Riverview High School is to provide a learning environment that nurtures a passion for intellectual curiosity; that promotes global understanding, independence, and innovation; and that is committed to a tradition of academic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

STUDENT SCHEDULING

Scheduling for the 2020-21 school year will begin the week of Jan 20th with rising seniors and will continue through February with rising juniors and sophomores. Counselors will visit classrooms for presentations and share registration materials with students. Counselors will follow up with meeting with students one on one to select courses. Parents and students can access the Program of Studies on the school's website for course information and graduation requirements. Students in the IB program may access registration information on the RHS IB website. Parents and students should review these materials together and consult with their teachers and counselors with questions regarding course selection for next year.

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

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 without application and log sheet will not be accepted. During the school year, the completed high school community service hours logs can be turned in during all lunches (10 am-12:30pm) to the Student Success Center (6-204).

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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SPRING 2020 STATE ASSESSMENTS

Below are the test dates/windows for Spring 2020 State Standardized Assessments

The FSA Reading, Algebra, and Geometry EOC students test for 2 consecutive days; the Writing, Biology, and US History tests are completed in 1 day

- Retake ELA (Reading, Writing)
February 24-28
- Retake Algebra EOC
March 2-6
- FSA ELA:
9th and 10th Grade ELA Writing: Current 9th/10th grade students: **April 1- 8**
9th and 10th Grade ELA Reading: Current 9th/10th grade students: **May 4-8**
- End of Course Exams for students receiving credit this school year in:
 - Biology: **May 11-15**
 - US History: **May 11-15**
 - Algebra **May 18-22**
 - Geometry: **May 18-22**
- Advanced Placement Course Tests: **May 4-15**
- International Baccalaureate Tests: **May 4-22**
- Local End-of-Course Exams in the following subjects written by the District for their **Final Exam**:
 - Math for College Readiness
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STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

A part of student success is being informed and prepared for the next steps of your journey! Here are a few reminders of what you should be working on.

Freshman: Now is a good time to get involved in extracurricular activities that might help you identify your interests and develop new skills. Look for opportunities to volunteer or join a club and pay attention to events happening on campus.

Sophomores: Complete the career assessments in Naviance to connect your interests with college majors and potential careers. Start to take notes on colleges, points of interest and explore job shadowing opportunities.

Juniors: Register to take the SAT and/or ACT before the end of Spring. Complete the "Find your Fit College Super Match" in Naviance and begin keeping a list of colleges that appeal to you. Attend Junior Night.

Seniors: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Completion of the FAFSA will determine your eligibility for need-based federal financial aid for college. This may include grants, scholarships, work-study and is the only way to get the best rate on student loans. Apply now at: www.fafsa.gov.

Upcoming Event:

Junior Night

6-7 PM February 12, 2020 RPAC

Juniors and their parents or guardians are invited to a free event hosted by the Education Foundation of Sarasota County that will help you prepare for your journey to college!

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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>.

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