

TELEGRAM



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Riverview Families,

Thank you for all your support for the 2019-2020 school year. Attendance is consistent and students are coming in every day ready to learn. Our ultimate goal is that all students leave Riverview High School college and career ready. So, to help support your student's academic progress, please consult the Student and Parent Portal (<https://parentportal.sarasotacountyschools.net>) to check your student's attendance and grades throughout the year. As we enter mid-quarter, progress reports will be available on the portal in the next two weeks. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please contact his/her teacher or guidance counselor for more information.

In conjunction with the Ed Foundation, our Student Success Center is open. We encourage our students to meet with Mrs. Lewis, our new College and Career Counselor, before or after school or during lunches. She is available to help students build their resumes, apply for colleges and help with financial aid. In addition, all students have access to Naviance, a college advising network. In this system, students can upload resumes, letters of recommendation, and sign up for college visits.

Please visit the RHS Foundation's website at <https://rhsfoundation.org/> and become a member. Our RHS Foundation helps with projects that vary from a new electronic marquee to restocking our Food and Clothes closets for students in need. Their mission is to help all students be successful and would love your support.

Additionally, on Wednesday, December 3rd, the Riverview Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame cordially invites you to attend the "Legacy Award" event at the Signature Room in the Landings from 4p.m.-6p.m. Former and present staff and all friends of Riverview are invited to celebrate the legacy of Ed Brown Jr., John Cooper, Ed Repulski and Al Baker. Please go to <https://rhsfoundation.org/> for more information.

A few important dates to remember this fall:

- September 17th-18th – Picture Day for Grades 9-11; Height/Weight Screening
- September 26th – Sarasota College Night at Robarts at 6p.m.; Go Gold Event at RHS 6p.m.
- September 27th – College Fair at Riverview High School
- September 30th – SAC Meeting at 2:30p.m. in Student Success Center
- October 11th – Homecoming Football Game against Riverview 7:30p.m.
- September 29th – Homecoming Dance at Riverview High School 7p.m.
- October 16th – PSAT for all 10th Graders

We look forward to working with you this year and helping your child reach his/her highest potential.

Sincerely,

Erin del Castillo
Principal

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• www.rhsfoundation.org

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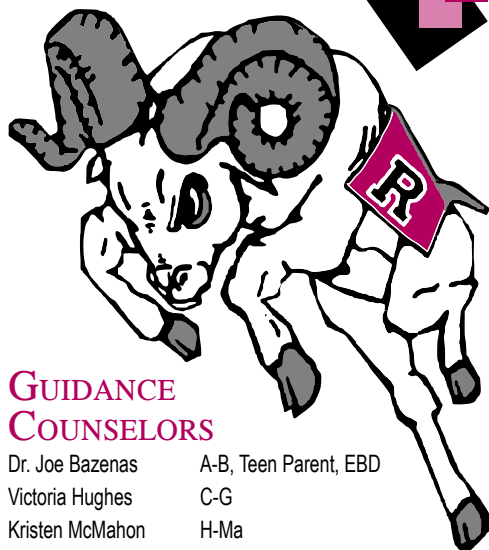
• www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/transportation

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.





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Dr. Joe Bazenas	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	4
Major concentration in composition and literature	
Mathematics	4
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	
Science	3
Biology or its equivalent is required and EOC is 30% of the final grade	
Social Studies	3
World History (1 credit)	
U.S. History (1 credit)	
Economics (1/2 credit) with Financial Literacy	
American Government (1/2 credit)	
Performing Fine Arts	1
Performing Fine Arts includes the areas of music, dance, art and drama. Some technical courses will also fulfill this requirement. See Program of Studies.	
H.O.P.E.	1
ELECTIVES	10
Special Note --Foreign Language	2
Consecutive years required for SUS admission	
Bright Futures FAS/FMS Level	
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.sarasotacountyhschools.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
Oct. 5, 2019	Sep. 6, 2019	Sep. 17, 2019	Sep. 24, 2019
Nov. 2, 2019	Oct. 3, 2019	Oct. 15, 2019	Oct. 22, 2019
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)
Oct. 26, 2019	Sep. 20, 2019	Sep. 21-Oct. 4, 2019
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

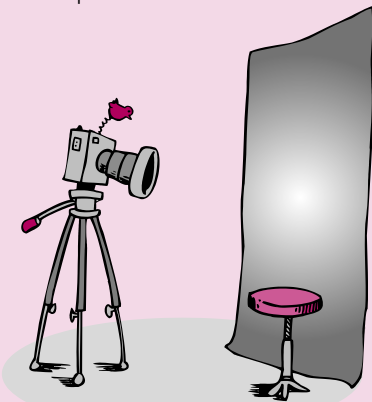
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- September 21st



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, 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 2017-18 are:
 - a. End of quarter one- October 11th
 - b. End of quarter two- December 20th
 - c. End of quarter three- March 11th
 - d. End of quarter four- May 29th
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 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!

DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETIONS PICKUP

Diploma or Certificate of Completions will be available at Riverview High School beginning Tuesday, July 16 through Thursday, July 18th from 10 AM to 12 NOON in the Reception Office. Only you or your parent/guardian may pick up your diploma and a picture ID is required. **Participation in the walking ceremony does not guarantee that all requirements have been met for graduation.

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.

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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Important Upcoming Dates:

September 23rd Financial Aid Night (RHS RPAC)

September 26th College Night (Robarts Arena)

September 27th RHS College Fair (RHS Gymnasium)

October 1st FAFSA & FFAA (Bright Futures Scholarship) Applications Open

October 10th FAFSA & Bright Futures Workshop (RHS Media Center)

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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.

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

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.

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.

Follow us! @SSCRHS on Facebook and Instagram LaunchYourPlan.com

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Scholarship Opportunity 9th Graders

Learn More About How To Apply At:
www.TakeStockSarasota.org

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We have lots of different opportunities to volunteer with students and staff...Holiday Parties, tutoring, mentoring, and rocking the babies in Cyesis to name a few. Contact Nancy Cortez-Knapp (email: nancy.cortez-knapp@sarasotacountyschools.net) at the front desk for more information. Contact Rod Dragash (email: 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, Nikki Brock 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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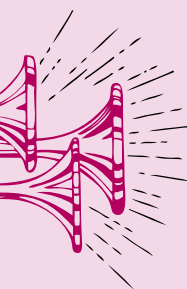
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SENIOR PICTURES

Don't forget to schedule your senior picture appointment. All portraits are taken on our campus, so you don't have to travel to Ft. Myers or Tampa. Appointments may be scheduled through PrestigePortraits.com or by calling the studio at 813-402-3500. November 16 is the final date for pictures; we are unable to extend that deadline. Don't delay; make your appointment today!

ATTENTION PARENTS



Did you graduate from RHS? The Tartan yearbook is beginning a new feature "spotlighting current seniors and their parents who are RHS grads". To be included on this page, please email Dr. De Zutter at carrie.dezutter@sarasotacountyschools.net by October 15th.



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RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL HAS A NEW CAREER PATHWAY!

A new collaboration in Art and Computer Technology is in its first year at Riverview. Commercial Art and Design is a three-year program that provides experience in graphic design through hands-on projects. Ms. Justiniano will be teaching these courses. She has a uniquely suited working with students in this pathway. She has worked with Bealls as an Art Director, a Senior Graphic Designer and has a degree in Digital Media. Under her guidance, students will attain three separate industry certifications in Adobe Creative Suite programs as well as a brand-new Adobe Certified Associate Visual Design Specialist certification. There are three ACA certifications required:

- Graphic Design & Illustration using Adobe Illustrator
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What Is Commercial Art?

This type of art applies artistic principles to a variety of fields. What is a commercial artist? Their work is used to sell, promote, explain, narrate, and inform. They may design media such as advertisements, logos, billboards, brochures, book covers, or product packaging. Commercial artists are typically employed by advertising agencies, newspapers, magazines, graphic design firms, television studios, and similar businesses.

Commercial art courses are commonly available through associate degree programs offered by two-year community colleges. Students in an associate degree program can expect to complete courses in topics such as commercial and advertising art, illustration, color theory, drawing, graphic design, typography, multimedia design, commercial art technology, and photography. **These are the same topics we will be covering in class.** Students will have FREE access to the entire suite of Adobe Creative Cloud products that we use in class.

Students interested in commercial art careers might also want to participate in internships to improve their professional skills and develop their portfolio. This collection of work showcases commercial artists' skills to potential employers, and it can be essential to starting a commercial arts career.

Riverview has the only Commercial Art and Design program in the county. This program can be taken by any student but as of next year, can also be taken as a part of the IBCP as one of the Career Pathways.



Homecoming tickets go on sale Sept. 23rd for \$30 before and after school.

Homecoming is Oct. 12th in the RHS gym from 7-11pm.

NOT YOUR OLD APEX

The Performance-Based Program (PBP) at Riverview High School is an alternative education program designed to assist students with their high school diploma through computer-assisted instruction, classroom instruction, and mentoring activities. The APEX resource is an alternative opportunity to earn or recover credits needed for graduation. APEX Learning Courses are online courses for both Regular Instruction and Credit Recovery courses needed to earn a Standard High School Diploma. The core instructional design of APEX is centered on Standards-based content accessible to all learners. APEX allows students to personalize their learning path and work at their own pace based on timelines coordinated with the Teacher of Record or Program Coordinator. APEX presents academic material in a variety of methods and gives students multiple opportunities to demonstrate success. APEX provides scaffolded support to meet student needs at their academic level. The Instructional Team members are veteran content experts committed to supporting the at-risk learners who are invited to apply to be a part of the PBP.

Last year 1067 semester courses were completed by 235 unique students affording 149 students the credits needed to graduate as a part of 2019 cohort. This year, over 150 students have active courses and will continue to seek a pathway to their high school diploma. The PBP is only available to select students at risk of not meeting graduation requirements. More information is available from Administration, School Counselors or the Program Coordinator, Dr. Joe Bzenas.

We need spots filled...



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