

SHARK ENCOUNTER

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STUDENT LIFE

Prom Preparation

By: Mikela Peart

On Monday, April 21, Riverview High School students began their campaigning for Prom King and Queen. With Prom being on Saturday, April 26 Riverview High School senior students are preparing for their final prom. Prom candidates are especially preparing their campaigns to get the most votes for prom king or queen. Students running to be a candidate must have the following requirements: GPA must be a minimum of a 2.0, no discipline issues with student affairs office this year, must be debt free to run, pay a \$20.00 fee (covers crowns, sashes, roses, etc.), and have parental approval. "I heard people say that the GPA or the attendance is pretty stupid but I'm cool with it," said Camiron Smith, 12 a candidate running for prom king. The rules for campaigning include: no bullying, no bribing, no more than 5 absences, and all posters must be approved before getting published. "It's never that serious. I think people overstep sometimes when they take it too far, but it's just a little game. It's just for fun, you know," said Alanna Walker, 12 a candidate running for prom queen. While there are rules and requirements to ensure fairness and a positive experience for everyone, the overall campaign is supposed to be one of fun and friendly rivalry. Students should embrace the tradition and create memories with each other. "I am excited for prom," said Walker.



Photo by: Natalie Ashline

Prom Spirit Week

by: Sara Ramar

Prom spirit week was the last spirit week of the school year, taking place during the week of April 21 - 25. Monday was Senioritis where students will be able to dress like they are "over it". "I like Monday's theme because I don't have to put in effort into my outfit and it's simple and chill especially for a Monday," said Alli McKinley, 11. On Tuesday kids were able to dress like it's their first day of kindergarten as a throwback. Wednesday was when students can jump forward in time and dress like an old person. "I like Wednesday's theme because that day we get to dress like an old person and it seems so silly and fun and I know me and my friends will have so much fun with it," said Enan Richardson, 11. Thursday was anything but a backpack where students can bring anything they want to carry their books in besides a backpack, however students must not bring something too distracting to others and should allow students easy movement through the hallways. Last, but not least, Friday was the day students get to wear their future college gear, where they get to flaunt where they plan to spend their life after high school. "I'm looking forward to this week because it's my last spirit week of high school before I graduate and every theme each day of the week seems so fun, and I can't wait to see what people put together," said Juan Hernandez, 12.

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| 21 MON | SENIORITIS- DRESS LIKE YOU'RE OVER IT! |
| 22 TUE | FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN- DRESS LIKE YOUR FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN! |
| 23 WED | SENIOR CITIZEN- DRESS LIKE AN OLD PERSON! |
| 24 THU | ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK- DON'T BRING A BACKPACK TO SCHOOL! BE CREATIVE! |
| 25 FRI | COLLEGE DECISION- WEAR FUTURE COLLEGE GEAR |
| COSTUMES SHOULD NOT DISTRACT CLASSES AND ALLOW STUDENTS EASY MOVEMENT THROUGH THE HALLWAYS (E.G. NO WHEELBARROWS ON ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK DAY) | |

Photo by: Senior Steering

Earth Day

by Mordecai Shackelford

On Monday, April 21, Riverview High School will be taking part in Earth Day celebrations by planting a butterfly garden. The garden, which promotes local pollinators like bees and butterflies, will be planted after school in front of the 400 building. This project has been made possible through a collaboration with Little Red Wagon Native Nursery. Based in Hillsborough County, the nursery focuses on growing and selling native plants and their support has been key to bringing the idea to life. Staff and students would like to extend a big thank you to the nursery for helping make this happen. Teacher Brooke Anderson, a sponsor for Riverview High School's Environmental Club, was the one to credit for this idea. Anderson said, "the decision to make a Butterfly Garden has been in the works since the middle of this year." The benefits of a butterfly garden are clear. However, Ms. Anderson highlights its deeper impact: "it's going to help the local environment by attracting pollinators like butterflies and bees, and it will also just help to make our space more pretty, liven it all up a bit," said Anderson. By introducing a butterfly garden, staff and students are likely to see a wide range of positive outcomes, including more flowers and native plants that create a more colorful, inviting outdoor environment. Students will be able to learn more about native plants, pollinators, and ecosystems right on campus. Increased biodiversity: A butterfly garden attracts pollinators, supports native species, and strengthens the surrounding environment. Riverview High School is excited to welcome this new addition to campus as a way to boost student engagement and help protect the local environment. "I think the garden is an improvement to the school, it's nice to look at and it added more to the landscape. It was honestly such a fun experience," said Samantha Lara 12.



Photo by Environmental club

Easter

by Isabella Jolley

Easter is a Christian holiday which marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but other people celebrate Easter for the long weekend with their family. "Yeah we celebrate it for religion," said Sarah Ratarn, 10. Some people go to church for Easter and celebrate their religion but for some people they just want to stay home and see their families for Easter. "We just stay home and eat that is all we do, but we also play Easter games with my family," said Nayeri Medina Vega, 9. Whether you spend your Easter weekend at church or at an egg hunt, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to spend extra time with their family.



Conference Night

By: Emma Hillguber

On Monday, April 7 Riverview hosted its last conference night of the school year. Conference night is to inform parents/guardians about their children's grades, performances and information. "I think conference night is very important for parents to have the opportunity to speak with teachers, just to find out how they are performing in class," said Dr. Carla. D. Foord, assistant principal for curriculum. Through this event, teachers are able to have direct communication with students' parents about their performance. "They may be missing assignments That the parents don't realize that they are missing...Even for seniors talking about graduation rate and what they need to graduate," said Dr. Foord. "I think always in person is very important and I know some teachers use what we call google voice communicate and text messages and we have some teachers that prefer Email but having that constant communication with parents have resulted in less coming conference night." Students also feel the benefits. "I feel like it is a great way for the teachers and the parents to connect, see were the students is at in the year and you know just get everyone on the same page," said Melina Daviess, 10.

SHARK SENIORS



Photo by Riverview Softball

Softball Senior Night

By Madyson Demian

Riverview's Softball team held their senior night on Tuesday, April 15. The team celebrated four seniors that night: Peyton Stone, Briyana Smith, Kacey Kalinowski and Alivia Garry. The team prepared a very pensive night as they made sure to honor their seniors and help them remember their time on the team. Each Senior prepared a speech as a last goodbye before their game; these girls captivated their favorite memories and gave out honorable recognition to those closest to them. Riverview played against Robinson High School and put on a show for the night. Robinson led the game with a score of 9-0 until Riverview fought back and ended the game 18-9. "I think it was a really good game; we struggled with our defense in the beginning but played our hearts out and everyone had fun," said Kacey Kalinowski, 12. During senior night the girls' families and friends showed up and showed out. "Senior night was very different from the other games; I have never seen so many people in the stands during one of our games before. The crowd was so loud, and I've never felt more supported before," said Alivia Garry, 12.

Senior Events

by Taylor Day

Class of 2025 prepare for the next chapter of their lives, it's time to receive their cap and gowns, as well as take the senior class photo. This time of the year can cause many different feelings, as the thought of growing up can be scary and stressful, but it can also be exciting. "I feel more ready to leave and feel more prepared now that I have my cap and gown, but I feel sad that I'm leaving my underclassmen friends," said Sofia Fernandez, 12. The senior panoramic photo happened for the first time since 2019 and was a brand-new experience for Principal Spiro and Class of 2025. Students lost the opportunity to do a "silly photo" in the session, and it had people questioning, did the senior class deserve to have that chance? "I definitely do think we deserved that opportunity, I understand that a handful of people were causing issues, but we are all around 17 and 18 and super excited to finally start to make our mark on the world, so the enthusiasm was to be expected," said Lily Bunten, 12.



Photo by Taylor Day

SHARK COMMUNITY

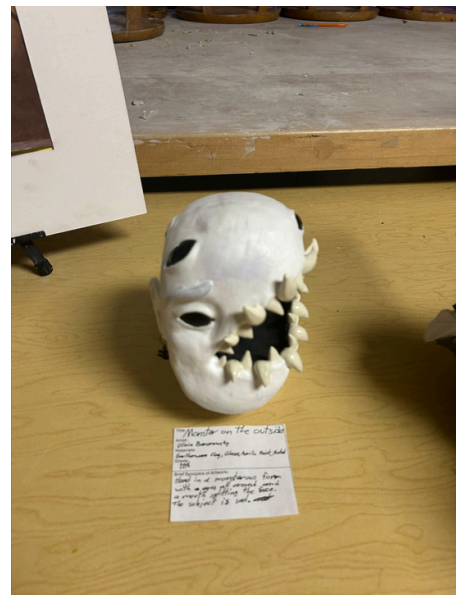
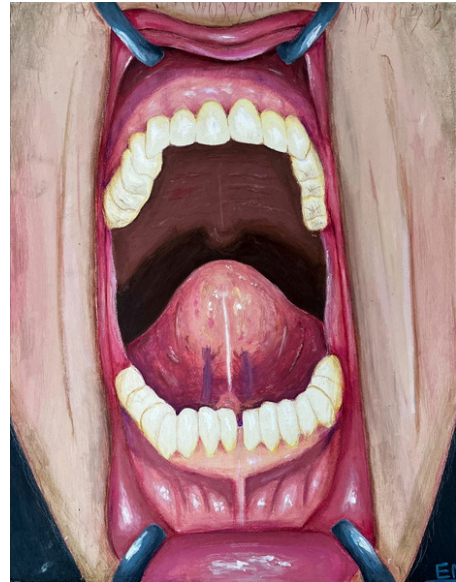
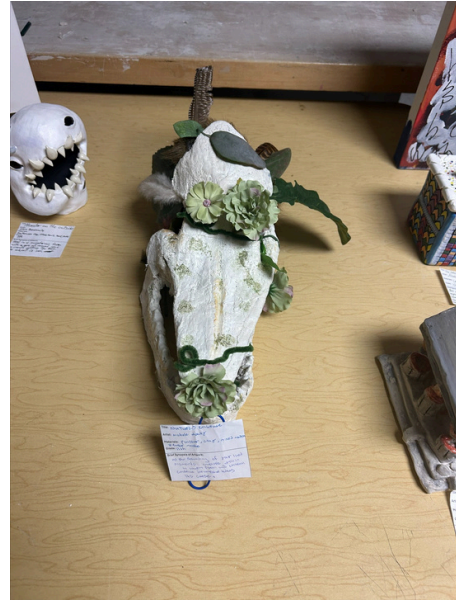


Photo By: Lily Wyatt

Art Show

By: Lily Wyatt

April 17, Riverview hosted an art show giving students the chance to share their creative work with friends, family and members of the school community. Visitors were welcomed with a wide variety of artwork—everything from acrylic paintings and charcoal portraits to digital art and 3D models. Each piece covering different world issues and ideas, offering a window into how students see the world around them. “I really enjoyed looking at all of the different art styles and techniques. It was a fun experience overall,” said Venus Boyne, 11. The event also served as a space for different activities. Students held booths with bracelet making and character making for any visitors to experience. The show was a fun and meaningful way for students to share their creativity, express their ideas and take pride in their work. “It’s amazing to see students gain confidence by presenting their work and seeing people enjoy it,” said Valarie Skindel.



Photos by Valerie Skindel

SHARK HIGHLIGHTS

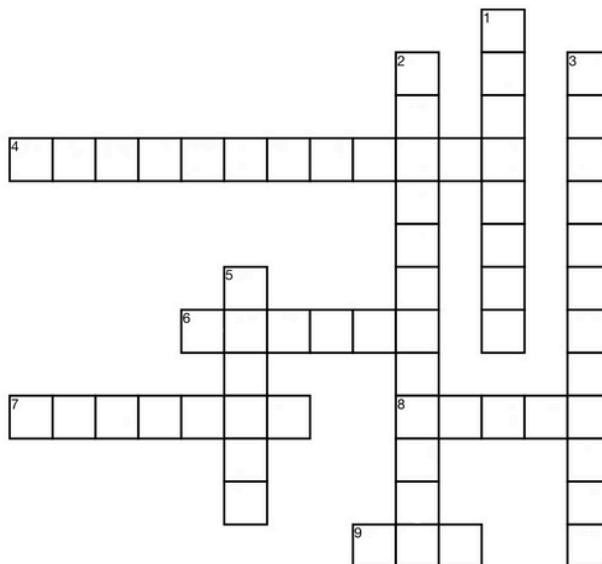
Last mindset

by Serienty Scott

On Wednesday, April 16, Riverview High School had the last mindset of the school year. Mindset has been a monthly opportunity for students to sit through a PowerPoint about mental, social and emotional health-based slides to reflect on the feelings high schoolers go through daily. Students also take part in activities about each lesson to help them learn about things that their peers go through. Some of our students go through the PowerPoint slides and the activity with their classroom. Students have different viewpoints on mindset. "I'm just glad it's over," said Ariella Plumey, 11. Mindset has opened the eyes of students about many different things "I never knew kids my age could go through these things," said Cameron Stich, 11.

Shark Crossword Puzzle

by Brianna Cookson



Across

4. when's the last day of school?
6. what is the area of benches between the gym and weight training room called?
7. who is our principal?
8. how many buildings are there?

9. where are pep rallies held?

Down

1. what is located under the sharks jaw?
2. what is the hall between the 200 and 300 buildings called?
3. what was the fishbowl previously called?
5. what's our school's mascot?

Announcements

RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
MATH HONOR SOCIETY

MATH TUTORING

Got a MATH problem?
We're here to help you solve it.

Tuesdays and Thursdays during
ALL 3 lunches

- YOU MUST GET A PASS FROM ROOM 406 BEFORE SCHOOL EACH DAY THAT YOU WANT TO ATTEND TUTORING
- EACH SESSION IS LIMITED TO 15 STUDENTS SO PICK UP YOUR LUNCH PASS EARLY!!!
- LAPTOPS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
- STUDENTS MUST BRING WORK FROM THEIR MATH CLASS

Riverview High School

FINS TUTORING

Media Center 3:45-4:45

AFTER SCHOOL: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

Great Opportunity to work on Credit Recovery

Tuesday: Math
Wednesday: General help in areas needed
Thursday: College Readiness/SAT/ACT

Student Closet

We are accepting donations!

Are you a RVHS student in need? Let us know!

Donations must be new or practically new items like the following:

- clothing (girls and boys, all sizes)
- shirts
- pants
- socks
- hygiene products
- school supplies
- etc

Items can go to room 235A or the main office.
Questions: Shelley.Hunsucker@cps.net

SENIOR SLIVER LETTERS

Family and friends can now send notes of encouragement and congratulations to graduating seniors. These will be hand delivered at the end of the year.

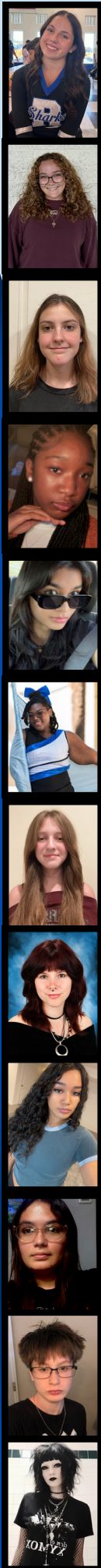
- Do not forget to write the students full name on the outside of the letter.
- Letters/ Cards only
- No gifts or monetary gifts

Mail to: 11311 Boyette Road
Riverview, FL 33569
~Ms. Rodrigues

OR
Drop off:
In front office for Ms. Rodrigues (rm. 205)

Due: May 2nd 2025

SHARK ENCOUNTER STAFF



Natalie Ashline is a junior at Riverview High School. She is a former Journalism student and is currently a staff editor of the Shark Encounter newspaper. She is an honor student and a future AP diploma graduate. Outside of school, she has a part time job and enjoys hanging out with her friends.

Briyana Smith is a staff editor for Riverview Shark Encounter. This is her second year in newspaper and her third year in Journalism. During her time in Journalism, she has done interviews and written creative stories. When she is not interviewing or writing she is on the softball field pitching or hanging out with friends.

Emma Hillguber is a staff writer for the Riverview shark encounter in her second year in Journalism. She uses programs like Microsoft and Canva to help make her work. She is in classes such as AP World History and honors class. As a staff writer, she values using techniques and working carefully in order to make sure everything she writes is appropriate and accurate. And when she's not doing any of this she is at home drawing or playing with her two dogs Mocha and Piper and two cats Lafayette and Draks.

Makeila Peart is a staff writer with Riverview high school Shark Encounter. This is her second year in Journalism and her first year doing hands on newspaper work. She focuses on gathering, analyzing, and dispersing news and information around the school. Outside of school, Makeila enjoys Arts of design and traveling.

Sara Ramar is a staff writer for the Riverview High School newspaper. During her three years of Journalism, she would learn how to interview people and how to write and create a story. One year, one of her stories ended up in the online school newspaper. As a staff writer she is getting used to what it will be like to write for newspapers in the future. When she is not tackling journalism, she hangs out with her friends after school and works at her part time job.

Serenity Scott is a staff writer with Riverview High School Encounter. This is Her second year in Journalism. Serenity's role is to take pictures and document stories. She is also in the Riverview Blue Radiance Color Guard. She's in classes such as US History Honors And Communication Technology. She enjoys hanging out with friends and performing at competitions and Football games.

Brianna Cookson is currently a member of the Riverview High School newspaper staff Shark Encounter. She is considered honest to a core as a person and has the ability to properly communicate ideas without causing unnecessary conflicts, which is important to have when writing on current or important events. When not doing newspaper work, she is enjoying art, reading, and just spending time outside and with people close to her.

Taylor Day is a staff writer for Riverview High School's Shark Encounter. She writes stories about current events and is a pensive and creative writer. She has been in Journalism for two years and has improved in writing and communicating with others. She enjoys music, drawing, and taking photos when she is not interviewing or transcribing her work.

Madyson Demian is a staff writer for Shark Encounter News. As this is her first year in newspaper, it is her second year in Journalism. Using her innovative abilities, she contributes to stories by expressing her creativeness on paper. When Madyson is not creating a new story, she is on the field making plays in flag football, or out with friends being nutty.

Isabella Jolly is a staff writer for the Shark Encounter. She likes helping animals and likes to help the earth. Outside of school she enjoys going on walks with my dog, reading books and learning about the government and photography. She also enjoy traveling and learning about other cultures and learning how they live.

Mordecai Shackelford is a junior at Riverview High School. With a past history in writing and graphic design, he plays a role in writing and designing the school's newspaper. In his free time, he likes to skateboard and draw

Lylliana Wyatt is a staff writer for the Riverview High schools Shark Encounter. She is a writer who goes over current/important events around the school. She has been in Journalism for two years, along with previous experience in creative writing. When she is not working on a story, she enjoys listening to music, skating and creating art.