



The Shark Encounter

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Introducing the New Boys Football Coach

RVHS is welcoming the new head varsity football coach, Antonio Rodriguez to the shark family. He has many years of experience in the sports world, specifically football. "I've coached high school football for about 15 years now. I have coached at East Bay for about 10 years, Zephyrhills HS for 1 year, Riverview HS for 2 years, Enterprise HS in Alabama for 1 year and at Parrish Community HS in Manatee County for 1 year. I coached football at Riverview HS in 2019 when we won 8 games and made the playoffs! In my 1st year of teaching, I coached tennis. I have also coached Girls Flag Football in 2011, and last off-season I coached 7v7 for South Shore Select 18U." The upcoming 2022-2023 season holds many new opportunities for this team as Coach Rodriguez has high expectations for his players. "My expectation for our players is for them to always do their BEST because if you do your best success will find you. Our 4 Team rules are: be Early (It's better to be 1 hour early than 1 second late), work HARD! - give maximum effort (BEST is our standard in the weight room, on the football field and with their academics), go to class - while in class be a participant, have a growth mindset and allow the teachers to pour into you and develop your skills, show your class



Antonio Rodriguez
Photo by Nick Silva

-we want our players to be concerned about keeping a good name. Coach Rodriguez's coaching philosophy will allow for new doors to be opened or next year's team. "I will demand that we become a team trained by discipline with an unmatched work ethic. This may not seem pleasant at times, but those trained by discipline later reap a reward I want 5 things for our players: I want them to graduate high school, I want them to have opportunities beyond high school, I want them to leave our program with tools

for life, I want them to have a good HS football experience and lastly, I want them to win a championship." RVHS is beyond excited to have this addition to the sports program. He is enthusiastic about this opportunity. "I am excited to help cultivate a school culture where students are encouraged to be a part of the "LANDSHARK NATION." I envision our teams and the student body to start using the "fins-up" gesture as a sign of excellence across all sports & in academics. I am excited to see our players participating in multiple sports. I am excited to help connect our football team with our student body by working with SGA to theme each of our home games. I am excited to start a new tradition of having a springtime Black & Blue football game prior to the Jamboree." The future is bright for the RVHS varsity football team. The players will acquire many skills on and off the field to translate to their life after high school. A fresh start awaits the players as Coach Rodriguez will bring his passion and knowledge to the team.

By Jaylen Spady

Sharks Take Home Big Academic Wins

The Scholastic Art and Writing contest is held nationally every year. The contest consists of many categories specific to the art and writing portions. The entries submitted are judged locally to receive regional awards. Teachers are encouraged to have their students enter their work into the contest. Here at Riverview a handful of students from Ms. Griest's art classes entered their art pieces into the contest. The honorable mention award is given to third place winners, the silver key award goes to second place winners and the gold key goes to first place winners. The honorable

award was handed out to many RVHS students. Melissa Quintana won the award with the Red Mass artwork. Meredith Smith won with the Lady on the Staircase piece. Alexandra Kosoff received her award for her Impression of Flowers art. Kayla March won with the Technological Temptation piece. Imani Rojas won with the Cramps art. Michael McLeod won the award twice with both of his pieces, Army Ants and Thieves at Night. Last but not least, Jenna Factor received the gold key award for the Fragment of Figure

art entry. Winners of the gold key have their entry judged nationally next. At the national level, contestants are eligible to receive either the gold medal for first place or the silver medal for second place. The Hillsborough Education Foundation gives expense money to the recipients of the gold medal. First place winners and their families travel to New York for the celebration and medal ceremony. Both participants and their instructors receive a medal.

By Jaylen Spady

Boys Wrestling Takes Home State Championship

The Riverview Sharks wrestling team had a very successful season this year with 8 Region Qualifiers all battling to go to States. Their best individual performers were Nicolas Romero with the highest win percentage on the team with a record of 44-2. Followed by Nikolas Hernandez with a record of 45-4. Coach Hall- "It feels good having a state champion not all of our kids made it to their respective goals but having that one state champ does ease that feeling. This season was the best season we've ever had in Riverview wrestling history there's definitely things we can improve on but having 5 people that we took to states including Emma Gagnon so having 4 state placers feels



Nico Romero (Middle) holding his state championship awards

pretty good". Nico- "Season was like any other sport especially wrestling it's a grind hearing your coaches holler at you every day. For the people that did go to states and even for the people that didn't we still went to club practices continuing to work out, it was hard but a pretty good season overall. Working out it definitely paid off during the summer even during the school year. The mentality during the tournament was that I was going to win because if I had any doubt in my mind I would have not succeeded.

By Marcus Cleopha