



# The Shark Encounter

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## Introducing the new 21'-22'

### Principal

Bryan Spiro is the returning principal at Riverview High School for the 21'-22' school year. Before his current role as principal, he began his career in education as a teacher in Cincinnati, Ohio. Spiro has three degrees, two of which are a bachelor's degree in English Education from the University of South Florida, and an Educational Specialist Degree from Tampa. He also attended National Louis University.



**Bryan Spiro**

Picture by Nick Silva

Here are RVHS, Spiro plans on maintain a diverse and inclusive culture that academically challenges students.

When asked on how he planned on doing so, he responded, "By being welcoming and having a proactive school climate. We all have to care about what happens outside the classroom and support our students." He plans on enforcing this positive school culture through his facilitative leadership style. "I am very detail-oriented, but I allow people to take ownership," says Spiro. He uses this same technique to ensure the RVHS faculty and staff members clearly understand their role in student and campus success. Spiro is consistently messaging his staff, making sure he is clear on what is accepted and what is not. "This goes back to my leadership style," says Spiro, "I want all my staff to be an extension of my voice to the students and parents."

Through maintain a positive educational climate and encouraging teachers to step outside their traditional roles, Spiro envisions that RVHS will reach "A" school status under his authority. He says, "We must make a more intentional effort towards creating a [school] environment as best as possible to learn." And with that, he plans on making this year, one of the best years here at Riverview.

**By Natalia Quiles**

### First Day Back Column

Learning online is dreadful to say the least. Nothing compares to the experiences you get with face-to-face learning.

Obligated to stare at a computer screen for seven hours each day was not the vision I had for my freshman year. I planned to have a year of fun and adaption. There's a limit of how much fun you can have during online school.

Although I did learn a lot, both personally and academically, it was not the ideal ninth grade experience for which I had hoped. Once this summer hit, all I could look forward to is school. This is the one and only time I would immediately be ready to go back to school right when it ends. I was ecstatic to finally get back on campus and have close to a normal year. However, it was quite nerve-racking to be new to the school as a tenth grader. Ninth grade is the year of trial and error. That's when you establish your friends, interests, sports, and clubs. I didn't get to work out all the kinks as a ninth grader, but I was lucky enough to miss all the cons of freshman year. I didn't have any senior pranks pulled on me or have troubles navigating the campus as the "baby" of the school. No one tried to fool me about the "rooftop pool" on top of the five hundred building.

In a way, I wish they did. I would have so many freshman stories to tell my kids one day. Instead, I will tell them about my rare ninth grade year of virtual learning. All I could do before the first day was prepare for the worst. I walked onto campus August 10, hoping for the best. It was not the greatest feeling seeing that everyone already had established who they were and where they stood in the school. That will come with time for me as I adapt to life as a high schooler. Socialization is the component of school I missed most, yet I was worried about it going back. Would all my friends be the same? Who has changed over quarantine?

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# Sharks Football: Friday Night Lights



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What did I miss? A long year of isolation made me feel nothing but disconnect. I still communicated with friends, but nothing is like the in-person interactions you get at school. I was most anxious about finding my way around. I was going to a new place for the first time ever and I was expected to find seven classrooms and be on time, right off the bat. I only got lost a few times, so I'd say I did well the first day. Academically, eLearning was easy for me. It was simple compared to brick and mortar. Most people learn better in person, as do I, but it was easy to get by online. Now, I must really focus on what is being taught. There isn't a recorded zoom to fall back on. This is one of the biggest transitions in my life.

Yes, everyone has a big jump from middle school to high school, but my situation is unique. We have much more freedom in high school; you are expected to be a young adult and advocate for yourself, something foreign to me. Overall, this transition is very important thing for me and has allowed me to adapt to new things and grow as I shape who I am as a person.

**By Jaily Spady**

The Riverview Sharks pulled off a 14-0 win over Middleton on Friday making them 2-0 in the season. The game consisted of many penalties, shaken up players, and missed connections. The game was close and very defensive. But at the end of the day, Riverview's offense had a little more. Riverview's Harrison Hensley ran a 70-yard touchdown with 5:03 left in the second quarter.

He ended the game with one touchdown, one interception on defense and a handful of rushing yards. The second touchdown was scored by Riverview's Dontarious Shoats, who powered his way into the endzone with 0:55 left on the clock in the fourth. He also racked up well over 100 yards rushing throughout the night. Riverview's Kei'Moi Williams had a strong performance as well.

He helped carry the team to victory with his aggressive rushes through the Middleton defense. Additionally, Riverview's secondary brought their A game. They had clutch defensive plays, fumble recoveries, interceptions, and big tackles.

The night was full of more ups than downs and RVHS came out on top. The Sharks left it all on the field and added another win to their streak.

Coach Mosel spoke about this and said "We have to go out and execute while also playing well. We can't go out and not win, we have to win in both phases of the game that means offensively and defensively and on special teams. With that in mind, I think we have to be able to walk around the ball because the pass game is still developing. If we can get our timing down with the pass game and take some pressure off while also being able to execute, we should be all right". The following week, the Sharks came up short against the East Bay Indians.

**By Marcus Cleopha and Jaylin Spady**