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STUDENT LIFE

Radium girls

By: Sara Ramar

The Radium Girls play was a 100-minute-long play presented by our theater program on Jan. 23-25. This play was about the lives of girls from the lethal radium dial factories in 1928 who contracted radium poisoning from working with radium paint. "My favorite thing about this play is that it is based off of a true and devastating story," said David Harbaugh, 10. The cast was small, with only 17 people and 9 crew members. However, the play did well overall with the theater being packed on all three show days. When speaking to behind-the-scenes crew, they all stated how much they enjoyed on working on the play. "I loved seeing this play slowly get together piece by piece and seeing how much everyone enjoyed the play which shows us how much our hard work has paid off," said the stage manager, Morgan Hornback, 11.



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Riverview Idol

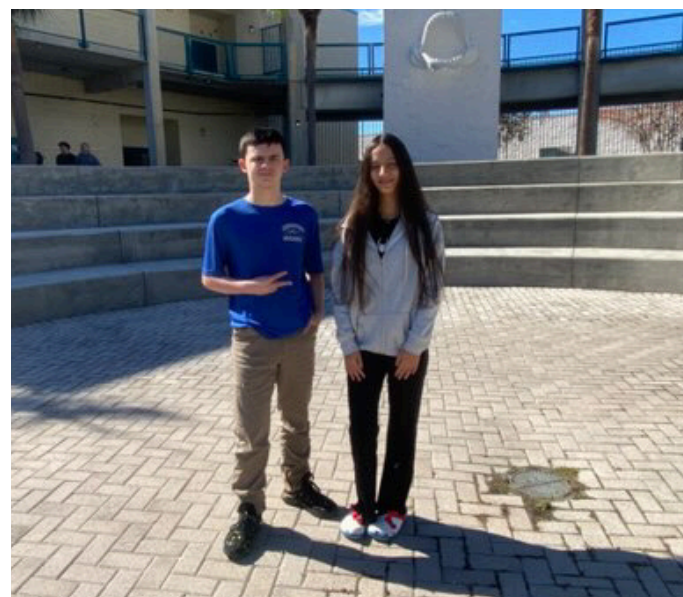
by Brianna Cookson

Riverview High Schools' top 10 contestants in the Idol competition competed at 7pm Monday, Jan 27. The players performed not once but twice in two separate rounds, in which they sang duets, solos, and then received valuable feedback from three judges who would determine that same night which 5 would be performing again on Feb. 4. "I like singing, I like performing, it's a good chance to get up on stage and sing," said Eva Bigham, 11. With varying reasons to enter the competition it's easy to see that any of the contestants were happy to be given an opportunity to perform. "I feel like can't listen to this song without tearing up, on a certain level can relate to the lyrics and put myself in the character Marthas shoes, which makes it so special when I feel my soul in my own voice," said Isabelle Barton, 9. With the number of kids excited to sign up for this annual competition, as well as the number of positive remarks by students, many people agree Riverview Highschool should hold more events like this one. "Yes, I think more clubs should do it cause, one, it's great for fundraising, and two it's just great, it's a fun experience and people usually tend to like it," said Cavan Leahy, 12

Student of the Month

by Isabella Jolley

Each month at Riverview High School a select few students are honored for good academics, behavior and attendance. When receiving the award students felt, "Unexpected. To be honest with you. I don't even notice I was student of the month that first," said David Leek, 10. This could be students first time winning student of the month with administration and teacher looking for good grades and attendance. "I always wanted to get good grades and do my work in class," said Sophia Royero Venega, 10. Hard work pays off when teachers recognize you. "I think it was my reading teacher, Miss. White," said Royero Venega, 10. Congratulation to all the December students of the month!



photos by Isabella Jolley

Senior Business Trip

by Taylor Day

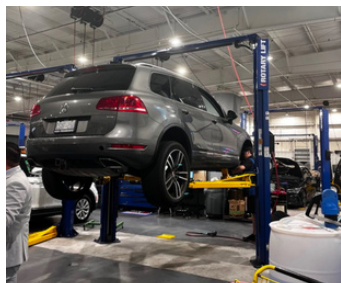


photo by M. Shackleford

Culinary Class

by Mordecai Shackleford

Here at Riverview, we offer a culinary class with the opportunity to get culinary certified; to get certified this requires a student to take the class for two semesters, and they must have a passing grade for both semesters to qualify to take the certification test. The culinary class teaches students not just how to cook and bake but how to work in a kitchen for a restaurant environment. "A student in culinary will have to partake in tasks such as doing dishes, grilling food, and even making sauces," said Enan Richardson, 11. Whilst culinary is a class they still must follow food and safety regulations "washing your hands is something you'll be doing really frequently, it's really important to practice good hygiene in the kitchen," said Richardson. From these rules and regulations, you can see that the students in Riverview's culinary cooking class make a sanitary cooking environment top priority. Even when not baking or cooking the students must keep a clean environment. "Everyone has a cleaning job that they are assigned every 3 weeks, when we rotate stations, which range from sweeping and mopping the kitchen to cleaning the appliances," Kaidan Davis, 12.

Seniors at Riverview High school had the chance to go on a field trip for FCA on Jan. 22. All the places had different and interesting jobs that catered to many different people, such as sales or construction. Students went to many different places, including Volkswagen, which was some people's top choice. "My favorite location was the Volkswagen dealership, it was very organized, and I liked that it was a professional setting," said Elena McDaniel, 12. There were so many options to pick from, and some actually would work at the locations. It was a good way to get students prepared for the future and recognize the world they are going into, especially as graduation is coming up. There were options such as Ajax and Baycare Hospital. They offer many opportunities for young people starting out and have welcoming environments. "I would be interested in working at the Baycare Hospital because of the tuition reimbursement and the environment, it was welcoming and clean," said Madison Vu, 12.

SHARK SPORTS



Photo by Isabella Lourduy

Track tryouts

by Madyson Demian

Track tryouts were recently held Jan. 20, both new and experienced athletes of different levels attended the tryouts. Ly-Neffeteria Forbes 12, said, "This year for tryouts I don't expect my time trials to be the best, but most definitely better than last year because this year I now have some knowledge on how to run my event." Each athlete put their foot forward for a new chapter, and some even scoped out the new competition. Ryan Fields, 12, said, "it was cold, but we were able to see who is able to compete and who we have to build on."

Softball tryouts

by Mikayla Peart



Softball Season is starting up meaning tryouts are on the run. This season the Softball team has a new coach and new people looking to join in. Freshman Kylieeann Fitenburger tried out for the team for the first time. It's her first year of playing softball in high school, but outside of school she's played for 3 years. "My friends were playing softball, and I thought It was a great opportunity to find a new sport to do, and so I just kind of played with my friends," said Fitenburger, 9. Senior Alivia Garry is going into her tenth year of softball. "I like how it gives you the opportunity to make so many different connections and friends. My best friend now is from softball here," said Garry, 12. Garry started playing softball after her mother encouraged it from a very young age. "This year I'm hoping to bond better with her teammates for a more successful season," said Garry, 12.

Photo by Coach Lace Smith

SHARK COMMUNITY



Photot by: Emma Hillgruber

New Piano club

By: Emma Hillgruber

Riverview High School has recently started a new piano club. Starting on Tuesday, Jan 21, there will be weekly meeting on Tuesdays, from 3:50-4:30. The club was formed by Ms. Bravo and President Maya Delila and the goal when creating the club was to help students find a possible interest in playing piano and create a space for students. "When I made this club, I not only wanted to look reliable for whatever college I attend in the future, but I also wanted to have a place where I could teach people the basics of piano and they would have an opportunity to see if this is an interest they would like to explore in the future," Maya Delila said, 12. "Piano club is also used as a socializing space since many students' schedules are very restricted so I wanted sincere they cannot only be productive but have fun," Delila said. The club is open to everyone, even if you have no experience with piano beforehand. "There were many people with zero experiences who were hesitant about joining the club, but I think I restated enough that experience is not mandatory. They should join if they want to explore a new instrument, and if it doesn't work out at least they learned something new about music," Delila said. No matter your skill level, students are encouraged to check out the new club and have a great time. "A little lesson about whatever song the majority of the club is on, then free play," Delila said.

Tik tok ban

By Lyllianna Wyatt

TikTok is a major social media platform that is home to many famous content creators and trends, but for many students, TikTok is more than just an app. It's a way for them to express themselves, stay entertained, and connect with friends. Some students understand the privacy concerns, but others believe banning the app would be unfair. "There are other ways to handle issues without taking away an app a lot of people use," said Sofia Hernandez, 12. After being banned for a little less than a day, TikTok was unbanned in the U.S., and many students are excited. The app was allowed to return after new rules were put in place to keep user data safe. While some had started using other apps, many are happy to have TikTok back because it was such a big part of their daily lives. "I think that as beneficial as it probably was for our attention spans for like 12 hours I kinda missed it," said Zarie Crespo, 12



SHARK HIGHLIGHT



Photo and story by Briyana Smith and Natalie Ashline

Haley Maglio is a Forensics Science teacher at Riverview High School. The 2024-2025 school year was her second-year teaching here. "I teach Forensics Science one and Forensics Science Two Honors," said Maglio. She attended the University of Tampa where she gained credentials to become a teacher. "My degree is in criminology and criminal justice; I have a minor in chemistry," said Maglio. During her studies she discovered her love for forensics science. "Once I found a forensics science, I immediately wanted to teach it," said Maglio. She uses her love of forensics to inspire her students and ways of teaching. "I enjoy being able to do a lot of hands-on labs, it really gets students engaged in what we are doing."

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!

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

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



Students 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 member of the Shark Encounter newspaper. Natalie's role as a staff writer leader is to write stories, take photos and help publish. 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.



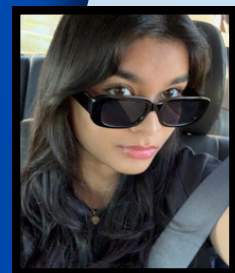
Brianna Cookson is currently a member of the Riverview High School newspaper staff Shark Encounter. She is considered honest to a core as a person and has the ability to properly communicate ideas without causing unnecessary conflicts, which is important to have when writing on current or important events.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



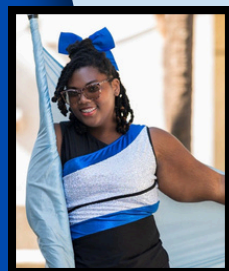
Emma Hillguber is a staff writer for the Riverview shark encounter in her second year in Journalism. She uses programs like Microsoft and Canva to help make her work. She is in classes such as AP World History and honors class. As a staff writer, she values using techniques and working carefully in order 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 is considered Funny, Smart, kind and caring. 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.

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Briyana Smith is a staff writer 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.



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 Shackleford 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.



Lyllyana 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.