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H.Y.P.E Spirit Week

By: Makeila Peart

With it being February, it means Black History Month. H.Y.P.E club decided to start off the month with a spirit week dedicated to celebrating BHM. "We need to have a place where like minds and like representation is present. So, HYPE is important because it creates that community for us," said Mrs. Smith, Head of HYPE club. Students around the school showed their support by following the theme throughout the week: Monday- Wear any HBCU or college shirt, Tuesday- Rep your class, Wednesday-Dress to the future, Thursday-Rep your roots, and Friday was hip hop throwback and a game day with free popcorn and snow-cones for students. "We do strive to have fun, and we strive to engage the community," said Mrs. Smith. H.Y.P.E club did a great job on making an impact and getting students involved during Black history month.



by: Mackenzie Demian



Photo by Brianna Cookson



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Riverview Idol

by: Brianna Cookson

On Tuesday night, Feb. 4, the top five contestants of Riverview Idol competed in their final round in which each student performed another 3 songs. "It's like cool that you could make into like the next round when there are so many people that your competing with that are equally, or even more talented," said Arianna Arnaez, 12. All of the contestants were busy backstage before the show, running lines, mic checks, warming up their voices and calming their nerves, right up until the start of their show. "Last time I think I was a lot more nervous overall, like I'm still very nervous this time. I think I'm having a lot more fun, just doing it and not like, not worrying about it," said Angelina Arnaez, 12. All in all being able to compete in competitions like Riverview Idol seems to be a worthwhile experience. "If I could give them advice, like just go for it. If you don't try, your never gonna get it," said Hannah Hewitt, 11. A congratulations to Hannah Hewitt the audience choice winner, and Isabella Barton the judges choice winner.

AP Art History Field Trip

by Lylianna Wyatt

On Friday, Jan. 31 Riverview's the AP Art History classes took a field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg where they explored a vast collection of artwork from different time periods and cultures.

While all the pieces in the museum were beautiful there were specific ones that stood out to people the most. "My favorite piece was impressionists. It was super colorful, and it was like a church. it was super interesting," said Taylor Carson, 11. "My favorite price was the one of the torso because it was really aesthetic and nice to look at," said Sophia Marquis, 11. Overall, the field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts was a fun experience. It was a great way to learn outside the classroom and see how art tells stories and expresses ideas. Many of the people that went said they would go again, and it is recommended to go if you have the chance. "I would recommend going to because I liked the area, and I think the museum was interesting," said Sophia Marquis, 11.



photo by Lylianna Wyatt



photo by Sara Ramar

Valentines Day

by Sara Ramar

On Friday, Feb 14, Valentines Day will be celebrated nationwide. Valentines Day is the day many people take to spend time with those they love, whether it's family, friend, or significant other. "For Valentine's Day I'm going to the fair with my friends. I usually celebrate Valentine's Day with my family. My dad will get all of the girls in the house flowers and fruit. Then we eat some candy and spend the day together," said Caitlin Ladarola, 10. Due to having Valentine's Day off this year from school because of state fair many people are spending their day down at the fair. "I am spending Valentines Day this year with a bunch of my friends down at the fair, we're all super excited but mainly for the day off of school," said Juan Hernandez, 12. People are also using chorus's Vocal Valentines to surprise their friends or partner in school with a loving song. "I'm giving a Vocal Valentine to each one of my friends this year to give them a little surprise while they are in class, and it shows them how much I love them and hopefully make them feel special and loved by someone," said Morgan Hornback, 11.



photo by Natalie Ashline

SHARK SPORTS

Baseball

By Isabella Jolley



Photo by Kai Otto

It is a new season of baseball, and the players are excited for their games coming up and having a good season. "I feel pretty good we just come off a win yesterday, we did good practicing I think it is going to be a good year," said Justin Edwards, 12. Players who have been playing for a long time usually have one challenge they struggle with, but with determination it makes them better in the end. "I would say probably keeping my arm healthy it is pretty hard considering we are throwing nonstop cause are games two times a week some time three times a week and if we are non-stop throwing it kind of puts tension on my shoulders," said Xavier Gonzales 11. Good luck to the boy's baseball game against Middleton High School.

Flag football tryouts

by Madyson Demian



Photos by Madyson Demian

As winter sports wrap up spring sports are starting. Girls flag football has just begun as tryouts were held Jan. 27-29. Things this season are very new for the team as the majority of the players from last year graduated, and the team was welcomed by a new head coach. Gabriela Thompson, 10, expressed, "a lot more people showed up this year and things ran a lot smoother, with a new coach I think it's a great start for us and players are able to show what they can do." While Amany Hall, 11, said, "I like the new coach a lot and it's weird for me to say because I usually never like my coaches." Players expressed that the change is a positive adjustment for the team and are excited for the season.

SHARK COMMUNITY



Photot by: Serenity Scott

The Electronic Way

By: Serenity Scott

On Tuesday, Feb 4, Riverview High School introduced a new way of receiving passes. Hall passes will be digital and track how many passes are given to each student each day. "We can differentiate between students who are out all the time and students who only go when they need to," said Brian Spiro, Principal of Riverview High School. E-passes allow students to sign out and sign in on a kiosk and their teacher approves it. The E passes also have to timer to track how long students have been out of the classroom. "Students will sign in and sign out instead of having regular paper passes," said Spiro. Some Students like the new way of passes and some do not. "It's a good system it is new but it's smart," said Hannah Dishman, 12. Other Students don't like the new passes. "If you don't hit end pass you will get flagged and I think they need to fix that," said Alyssa Humprey, 10

Programming

by Taylor Day

The 2024-2025 school year is halfway over, which means student programming is happening for underclassmen. Students will decide what classes they want to take in the next school year, there are many reasons why a student would pick a specific class. They could want to major in a specific class in the future, or they just want to try something new. "I picked Forensics 2; I'm most excited for that class because Ms. Maglio is a good teacher, and I want to go further into forensics after high school," said Mya Boyne, 10. A lot of individuals like to start prepping early for their future classes and education, setting themselves up for success. Everyone prepares and learns differently. "I've already began preparing, I have been studying more and focusing on school, and in the future, I will study the topics I want to learn," said Bella Allain, 9. Juniors are preparing most though, as they are getting ready for their last school year. They are making sure they have all their credits and necessary classes for college. "I picked a lot of graphic design classes because I want to do graphic design, and I'm most excited for ceramics class as I love art," said Taylor Carson, 11

Blood Drive

By Mordecai Shackleford

Riverview High School collaborated with SunCoast Blood to give students and staff the opportunity to donate blood to those in need. Getting blood drawn can be a scary experience for anyone but with the right motivator it's something many students at Riverview took the chance to do. For instance, Morgan Hornback, 11, participated in the blood drive despite being nervous "I was actually VERY nervous, I hate needles," Hornback said. Except for the possibility that the donation could save someone's life, students also received \$20 and a Chic-fil-A chicken sandwich. "We were given the option to eat it before or after we'd had our blood drawn, it was a good sandwich honestly, but I just like Chick-fil-A," Hornback said. Whilst anyone can donate, people with the "universal" blood type (O+) received more food and better compensation after having their blood drawn. "Oh yea, I was given a little more money than what was stated because I have O+ blood," Hornback said. If you've been attending Riverview and have donated blood 3 or more times since becoming 16 years old you can receive a "Blood Donation Cord" at graduation that will represent your significant contributions to the community. Riverview staff and students are honored to have participated in the SunCoast Blood drive and look forward to continuing to give to our community.

Photo by Mordecai Shackleford

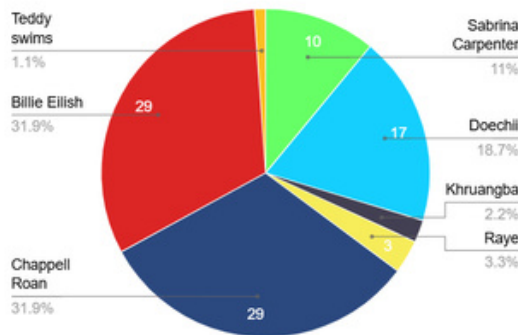


SHARK HIGHLIGHTS



Photo and story by Briyana Smith and Natalie Ashline

Aniya Winnicka-Tracy is an AP Psychology and AICE Travel and Tourism teacher here at Riverview. Tracy admits to enjoying AP classes slightly more than others. "I found it very interesting; we have lots of activities and I enjoy students being engaged," said Tracy. Tracy has been teaching at Riverview for 10+ years and has impacted many students. "I like the community here and I appreciate that I can make changes and possibly play a role in their lives and when they go to college," said Tracy. Tracy's experience wasn't always limited to just teaching. "When I came to the United States, I changed my career into business administration, had my kids and then I revisited my dreams and came back to teaching," said Tracy.



Grammys

by Emma Hillgruber

On Sunday, Feb 2, the Grammys occurred. After the results, there were many different opinions. "I believe that Chappell Roan deserves to be nominated because you can tell she actually has fun with her songs and enjoying it," said Virginia Rogers, 10. With all of her songs, one stood out. "Hot To Go is one of her best songs. Its catchy, energetic, playful and just generally fun," said Rodgers. Chappell Roan is not the only artist enjoyed by students. "Doechii brings a retro 90's Esque twist to music you rarely see in modern pop music now, like nothing else I've ever see, it resonates," said Veronica Sangil, 10. All of the artists in the Grammy's put in lots of work. "Every artist put their sweat and blood and tears behind their work; Doecheii is definitely no exception," said Sangil.

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

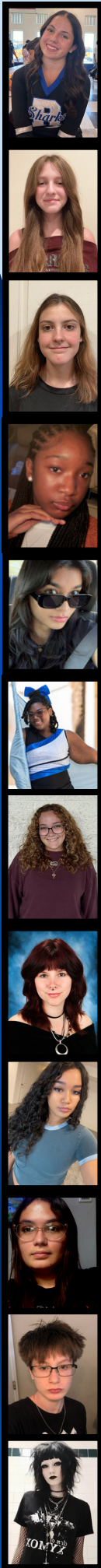
Family and friends can now send notes of encouragement and congratulations to graduating seniors. These will be hand delivered at the end of the year.

- 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.

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's in classes such as US History Honors And Communication Technology. She enjoys hanging out with friends and performing at competitions and Football games.

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.

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

Lylyana 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.