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Students With Jobs

By: Sara Ramar

At Riverview High School, students tackled part time jobs while also being a full-time student. Normally, balancing school life with a work life would be hard on a student. "I am 17 and I'm currently employed at Publix, and working can make me pretty tired the next school day if I worked late," Chloe Rutkowski 12, said. However, some students find ways to balance the heavy workload. "I am 16, and my current job is a back house worker at Chick-Fil-A and my job does not affect my school life that much. I just don't get that much free time after school and try to get most of my homework done in school," Enan Richardson 11, said. As students continue to juggle part time jobs and academic responsibilities, finding a balance remains a struggle for many. With the right support system and a healthy school environment, students can strive for success in both worlds. "It's difficult at times to balance schoolwork and having a job, however I manage to make it work by doing majority of my schoolwork in school so I can focus on work outside of school as well," Alli Mckinley 11, said.



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James Watt: Princeton University

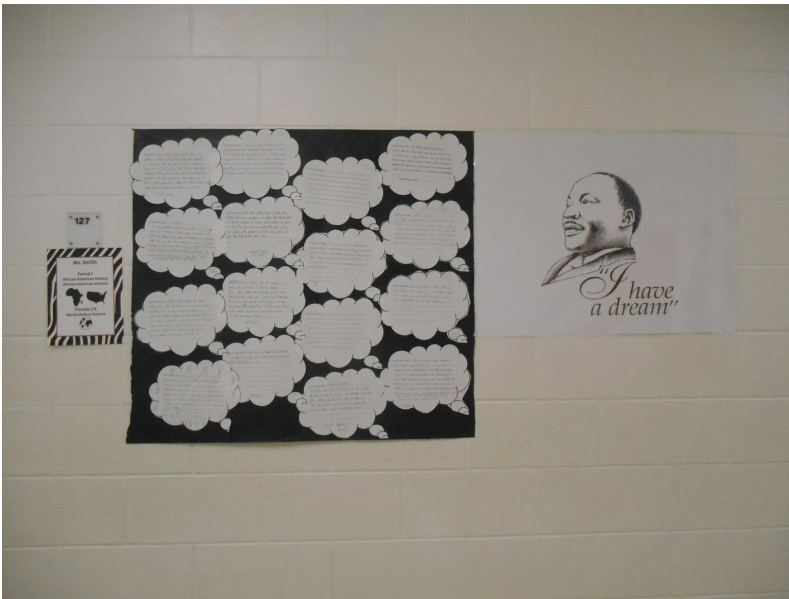
by Makeila Peart

James Watt, 12 just recently was accepted into Princeton University, a private ivy league research university in New jersey. Princeton only has a 6% acceptance rate. "I'm really excited. I have a trip planned to go visit it," Watt said. Getting into Princeton didn't just happen overnight, it took years. Many days of hard work and dedication. Inside of school and outside of school, like supporting a job and keeping his grades up. The application process included "3 long essays, three short essays, my personal statement and just the normal common app stuff-which include your activities, your resume, etc," Watt said. When Watt was asked what inspired his decision to apply to Princeton, he said "My Grandpa went there and did his undergrad and chemical engineering there, and I also want to study physics," Watt said. Following in his family's footsteps, Watt is excited to take the steps on this new journey, looking forward to beginning his studies. "I'm just over the moon," said Watt.

Meaningful Days Off

by Serenity Scott

On Monday, Jan 20, the nation will celebrate the 95th Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. He was a civil rights activist, minister, political philosopher and many more. The state of Florida has no school that day and honors him with a parade that will take place on Jan 20 in St. Petersburg. Students in African American History will decorate the 100 hallway and reflect on his famous speech with social justice matters in the world and on Friday, Jan 17 students will recreate his speech with their own meanings. "It's like another day off to me," T'nivah Sullivan, 11 said. Many students don't know who MLK, Jr was. "I don't know who he is really, I just know he was a part of the civil rights movement," Nyla King, 11 said.



photos by Serenity Scott

1st Period	8:30 AM	9:21 AM
2nd Period	9:26 AM	10:16
3rd Period	10:21 AM	11:11 AM
4th Period	11:16 AM	12:06 PM
5th Period	12:11 PM	1:01 PM
6th Period	1:06 PM	1:56 PM
7th Period	2:01 PM	2:51 PM
8th Period	2:56 PM	3:46 PM

photo by Emma Hillgruber

New Bell Schedule

by Emma Hillgruber

Starting Friday, Jan 17, the bell schedule will be 16 minutes longer. This is due to making up missed days from hurricanes. With this, there must be some thoughts or worries for both students and teachers. "I don't think anyone will notice the amount of time we give to put away phones to be put away. It will be just like that," Mr. Dean Pinzino said. Teachers are not the only ones with this positive look on the change. "I don't think it will affect it at all, or at least not much. I think most teachers in the beginning will forget about it and let us pack up early on accident," Andromeda Durrance, 10 said. Even though the change is slight, problems may arise. "The OJT folks, the teacher in charge of that has already notified the employers that Hillsborough County is now going into a longer day," Pinzino said. With this, issues with after school jobs are resolved, but it still effects other after school activities. "There might be a little delay on chores getting done or people getting to where they need to be," Durrance said.

New Years Resolution

by Lylianna Wyatt

The start of a new year is the perfect time to think about what we want to achieve. Many students at Riverview are setting New Year's resolutions to make 2025 a better year. Resolutions can be many things. Some people want to improve their grades, try a new sport, or spend more time with family and friends. Others might focus on self-care, like eating healthier or getting more sleep. "My new years resolution is to focus on volleyball and academics so I can get into a good college and to make more friends to hang out with," Danielle Lago, 11, said. Making a resolution is easy, but sticking to it can be harder. Sharing your goal with a friend can help your focus. "This year my new year's resolution was to do school work even if I'm unmotivated," Chloe Rutkowski, 11, said.

SHARK SPORTS



Photo by Peyton Stone

Girls Wrestling

by Madyson Demian

Wrestling has always been a “male dominated sport” in general. Although they always offered girls wrestling, it was always combined with boys. Recently, Riverview provided students with an official women's team. Peyton stone,12, said that she enjoys the sport although “it sucks not having our own coach because coach Hall coaches three teams at the same time, and when my partner isn't here, I have to wrestle with a boy.” Since the girls have recently been granted their own team it's so new few things have greatly changed, but it's still an enjoyable sport. Aava Barberena,11, said “wrestling gives me opportunities to get in colleges and help me pay for school, which is great.”

Soccer Senior Night

by isabella Jolley

The Riverview High School senior soccer night was Jan.7 against Robinson High School. "My favorite game this season was probably senior night against Robinson on Tuesday because I am a senior so," said Avery Tillotson 12. Riverview had a great season, but their most difficult games were with Newsome and Lennard. "Probably Lennard because they had really good goal, so it was kind of hard to score," said Branna Keyser 12. The seniors are done with their high school soccer career, and they are off to college where some may play soccer in college. "Probably for like rec league I probably wouldn't go on the actual college team," said Keyser 12.



Photo by Isabella Jolly

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Nosferatu Movie Review

Taylor Day

On Dec. 25, the movie Nosferatu was out in theaters, and many had their own and honest thoughts of the film. Some students liked the visuals and the aesthetic aspect to the movie rather than the plot. Gabrielle Utt, 12, said, "I'm not sure if I like the plot much because it's slightly confusing, but it looks cool visually and there is good cinematography and good acting." Other students had different opinions about the plot, many enjoyed it and thought that the weird events were important to the plot and found it impressive. While some enjoyed the creepy, eerie vibes and aesthetic visuals, others thought the storyline could have been stronger. The film may not be for everyone, but it has definitely impressed many. Many people compared the movie to the original and appreciate the storyline. Logan Wilson, 12, said, "Nosferatu was very good, and it was honestly just what you would expect if you watched the original."

Music Genre Reviews

By Mordecai Shackleford

As the year 2024 comes to an end and we welcome 2025 with open arms and high expectations, let's look back on the top song genres of 2024 as according to Riverview High School students.

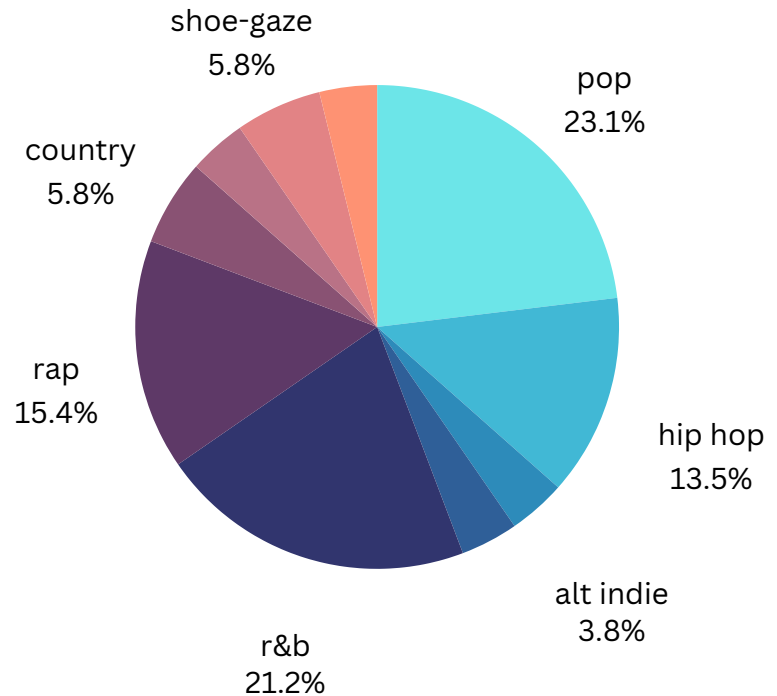


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MATH TUTORING

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

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Media Center 3:45-4:45

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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

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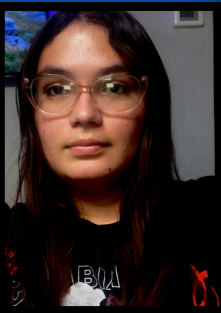
Briyana Smith is a staff writer for Riverview Shark Encounter. This is her second year in newspaper and her third year in Journalism. During her time in Journalism, she has done interviews and written creative stories. When she is not interviewing or writing she is on the softball field pitching or hanging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