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# TEACHER APPRECIATION

## Tuesday Taco Bar

By: Brianna Cookson

On Tuesday, April 22, the Hispanic Heritage club and one of Riverview's Admin put together a taco bar for teacher appreciation week. "For appreciation of teachers, just to show a little gratitude with the hard work that teachers are trying to do with the students," said Coach Corpening. This event was just one of the many held during the week, most being food oriented. "But the taco bar yesterday was to make sure the teachers were fed, it was something that they can sit down, they can enjoy. you know, family style," said Dr. Garnier. And if there's anything to take away from this week it's that appreciation is important especially to those working to help the students of Riverview Highschool. "Appreciation is not something that happens once in a while, it is something that happens daily," said Dr. Garnier



Photo by: Brianna Cookson

## Wednesday Deserts

by: Serenity Scott

On Wednesday April 23, teachers were given desserts for lunch such as cookies, cakes, and sweet treats as a token of appreciation for the hard work as teachers. Teachers Appreciation Week is all about giving back to the teachers. "Teachers are not appreciated as much so, this was thoughtful of our APs to do this," said Coach Antonio Rodriguez, HOPE teacher and Football Coach. Teachers are essential to the school, they teach us, take care of us, and deal with a lot of students every day. "Teachers are so underappreciated for the hard work they put in to teach us 5 days a week and we really need to respect them better," said Terrence Smith Grade 11.



Photo by: Serenity Scott

## Friday Breakfast

by Mordecai Shackelford

Riverview High School showed its appreciation for teachers and staff by providing specialized breakfasts, lunches, and desserts. Throughout the week, teachers enjoyed a variety of meals, and on Friday, they were served Chick-fil-A for breakfast and Nothing Bundt Cakes for dessert. A special thanks to Friday's sponsors, the Admin Team and SGA for making the celebrations possible. Jessica Monahan, a math teacher at Riverview who was able to partake in both the breakfast and dessert, said, "I'm not usually a huge Chick-fil-A fan but I was absolutely grateful for it." Monahan also said her appreciation for the dessert, "I love 'Nothing Bundt Cakes' and the Bundlets were delicious." There were many flavor options available, and Ms. Monahan tried the lemon flavor. She said, "I got the lemon flavor and that's my favorite, so it was good."

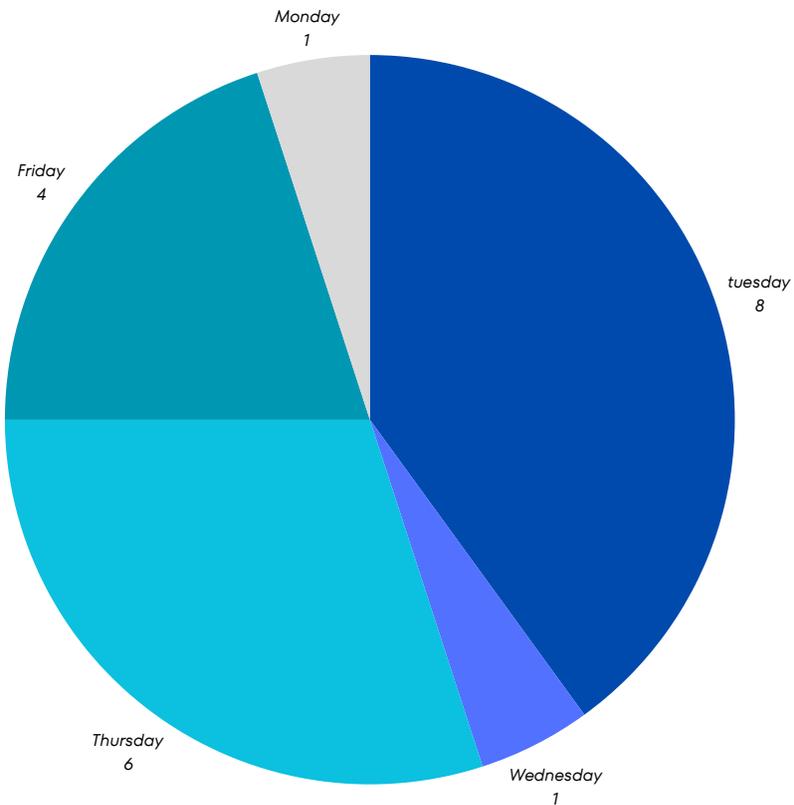


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## Teachers Favorite Day

by Madyson Demian

From April 21-25 Riverview celebrated Teacher Appreciation week. Admin, PTSA, SGA and different clubs all worked together to make the week possible. Throughout the week different clubs hosted a different meal for the teachers, while also having a possible raffle to win each day. The pie chart below explains which day corresponding meal teachers enjoyed more, whether it was more convenient, fresher, or simply just their favorite. Jessica Rodrigues said, "Thursday's was my favorite because it was a catered meal, so it felt like a more appreciated day, and it was really heartfelt." While Scott Rosenbluth said, Friday was his favorite because "they gave us Chick Fil A, you can't beat that."



# SHARK SPORTS

## Track and Field Districts

By Emma Hillguber

On Wednesday, April 9, members of the Riverview Track and Field competed at districts. The team saw great success with two students ending as champions, including Senior Alexia Tine, a runner who ran in the 3200m relay in which they won district champions. "It felt good. you know senior year; I just got off a calf strain, so it was just about advancing from districts to regionals," said Tine. Freshman Ava Fanchi also competed at districts and won both long jump and the 100m hurdles. Districts was set up that each event runs at a different time. Each school can enter four of their fastest runners into each event and the top four in each event advance automatically to regionals. "I was out of practice for three weeks because I was dealing with my calf, so I did well for not practicing but I wish that my time had been little better," said Tine. The track and field coach Andrea Tine, also felt good about this year's Districts. "Districts went well for us. From the boys and girls team we had 9 individual athletes and 4 relay on squads advance to the next round of regionals," said Coach Tines. Overall, all the athletes did well and performed their best at districts. "We are all proud of all of our athletes this season and celebrating each of their personal wins. Once we approach the series the competition gets harder and we have truly talented athletes this year that we hope to see advance all the way to states," said Tine.



Photo by Riverview Track and Field

## Softball Districts

by Madyson Demian

Riverview's softball team took on Plant High School to possibly win a district title, sadly they fell short with the score of 3-5 losing the game. Leading up to the intense district game, the team had a 5-game win streak while holding an overall record of 14-7. The Sharks had a lead of 1 during the first inning but within time plant caught up. "During the game I was pretty scared, I knew our team could've won I just didn't know if their attitudes were going to be able to help us win. I just wished we would've hit like we did all season and not change our swing against that pitcher," said Karlee Zimmerman, 10. The line up for this game was a little different with some girls playing other positions with new strategies, and emotions were high. "I felt upset with the outcome because I was really confident in my team going in, I wish we would have won. Coach Lace made me feel welcomed and helped me give it my all for my last game. I was very proud of myself and my team in the end," Kacey Kalinowski, 12.



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## Football Signing

Isabella Jolley

Senior football players were officially signed to colleges on April 30 in the RVHS auditorium. It was the largest signing class Riverview has seen with nine players signing to colleges. Majority of the athletes have been receiving college offers since their junior year racking up schools to choose from. "I had many other offers from over 20 different schools. The process was long, talking to a lot of coaches but only a handful take a chance on you. I chose Loras because I felt at home loving the players and coaching staff I met," said Isaiah Washington, 12. Committing to a school for athletics is a difficult decision considering athletes have to think about cost of school and what would be best for them. "I picked SEU because they gave me the most money, and they had the best college environment," said Julian Arthurs 12.

## Spring season for football and cheer

by Emma Hillguber

Monday, April 28 marked the beginning of the Riverview's football team's spring practice that will last until May 21. During this time, athletes will be working and training to prepare for next season. "For the first five days, we're just going to be in helmets only and after that fifth day that's when we start getting the full pads on and getting after it," said Antonino Rodriguez, coach of the football team. The team will work hard these few weeks with a game at the end to demonstrate their progress. "We're going to conclude the spring with the black and blue game, it's an intersquad game everyone is invited out to on May 21st at 6:30," said Rodriguez. The black and blue game will be the only game football will play for spring. Unlike last year when practice was during the mornings, practice was held in the afternoons. "We are working on spring right now kind of preparing for next season, so what I'm most excited about is the young guys. So we got a lot of young guys that are freshmen and sophomores, and springtime is a great time to see how they develop and grow. They've been working hard in the weight room and now it's time to get out to the field and see where they are with their development and I'm just excited about the different competitions we have at the different positions," said Rodriguez. Cheer also started their spring conditioning on Monday, April 28. Conditioning will be used to help to get in shape for competition season in the fall and being outside for football games. "As far as next season goes for next school year, we have tryouts June 9 and 10, we will have conditioning over the summer, but the first practice isn't until the first day of August," said Thomas Dovel, Coach for cheer.



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# STUDENT LIFE

## Winguard Recital

by: Serenity Scott

On Tuesday April 29, Winter Guard ended their 2025 season with a final recital. Members of the team came up with a routine to perform for family and friends. For Seniors, this is the last performance in their high school career. "My Last time ever touching a flag in high school feels so surreal," said Hannah Dishman, 12. The recital took place in the gymnasium where the girls showcased their flag work over the years and their recital work group by group. The groups performed many different themes like bedtime, beach, and barbie. "We did beach themed because we wanted to give the summer vibes to get in the mood for Summer," said Brielle Perry, 11.



Photo by: Serenity Scott

## Ice Bucket Challenge

by Lylliana Wyatt

The Ice Bucket Challenge has made its way back into the trends, becoming a popular way for students to show their support for mental health awareness. The challenge, which involves pouring a bucket of ice water over your head, is a unique way to raise awareness and funds for mental health organizations. By participating, students are helping to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues and encouraging open conversations about their mental well-being. "I think the ice bucket challenge is for a good cause, however I think people are missing the point," said Sidney Howell, 10. "People shouldn't just dump water on themselves and call it a day, they should acknowledge what the challenge was made for." The Ice Bucket Challenge also provided an opportunity for students to learn about the importance of mental health and the resources available to support those in need. By donating to mental health organizations or participating in the challenge, students can make a positive impact on their community. "I didn't personally do the challenge even though I was nominated because I didn't have time, but I do think it's raising awareness for the right things," said Alyssa Davis, 11.



# STUDENT LIFE

## FCA Survey

By Makeila Peart

Throughout the school year, seniors have been using the FCA program (Future Career Academy) to help them prepare for life that will soon occur after graduation. The FCA Program was designed to connect graduating seniors with job and training opportunities in their communities. Seniors used the program to help with figuring out a career that could align with their strengths. Students can take the opportunity to go on field trips to different career industries. It helped them so they can get a feel for any specific industry that they are personally interested in. FCA aimed to increase student awareness of career options and provide them with the skills needed for a wide range of careers. "FCA helped me learn about the different careers and jobs," said Jadelyn Perez, 12. All seniors had multiple opportunities to explore the career of their choice. FCA provided YouTube videos for each industry going into an in-depth explanation of what the career is, how it works, how much schooling or if a degree is needed, the companies included in that industry and what they're looking for. "I learned a lot more about the Agricultural Industry. Now I know it's not just cows and horses," said Giovanni Perez, 12. Many seniors throughout the year have benefited from this program. The goal was that seniors will be able to have a plan or at least an idea of what they want to do after high school. FCA has been able to bring greater awareness and access to students with the knowledge and skills needed for a wide range of careers. "FCA has been a great part of senior year," said Perez.



## Worship Night

By Lylliana Wyatt

Monday, April 29, students from several local high schools gathered for a night of worship, fellowship, and community. Organized by Fellowship of Christian Students from multiple campuses, the event was held at Riverview drawing a large crowd.

The night was filled with singing, prayer, and moments of reflection. Students led worship with live music, creating an uplifting atmosphere that brought everyone together across school lines. "It was amazing to see so many students come together to worship," said Alisha Parshad, 12. After the event, many people headed to IHOP to continue the night in fellowship over food and deep conversations. The post-event hangout allowed students to connect on a more personal level and build lasting relationships with their peers. "It wasn't just about the music," said Giovanni Cintron, 12, "but about the sense of unity and purpose we all felt." The worship night was a reminder of the faith located in communities present in local schools and the impact they can have when they come together. Plans for future events are already being discussed, and students say they're excited to keep the events happening.

# SHARK COMMUNITY



photos by Taylor Day

## Prom Spirit Week

By: Taylor Day

Prom was Saturday, April 26 at the Cuban Club, exciting juniors and seniors. Prom has always been a major event at Riverview High School, as students have something fun and traditional to experience with friends. Spirit week made the wait for prom more fun and enjoyable, as students get the chance to dress up for exciting themes. "I am most excited for 'Senioritis' day because I don't even have to try that hard to dress up, I just have to roll out of bed and I am ready to go," said Isabella Morales-Irizarry, 12. Bring Anything but a Backpack Day or Senior Citizen Day was the most popular, as students used many different and creative props between both days. There was varying participation throughout the days, this year's spirit week showed that engaging in school events brings a sense of community, which contributes to a more exciting and interactive prom. "I feel most people dressed up for First Day of Kindergarten, I feel everyone wants to look back fully on their little kid times, you know just the nostalgia of everything, everyone is excited to have a flashback from then to now when they're seniors," said Marco Rodriguez, 12.

## Prom King and Queen

By Taylor Day

Riverview High School celebrated prom Saturday, April 26 at The Cuban Club. Students dressed up and danced around on the dance floor, as well as celebrated their fellow classmates running for prom queen and king. "It feels amazing to be crowned queen, I honestly did not expect to win especially seeing my competition, all I did was pray and zone out when I heard Mr. Spiro was about to announce, the only thing I heard was my name and a bunch of screaming," said Alanna Walker, 12. This year, prom seemed to be a hit. Many enjoyed the music, the setting, the food, and the atmosphere. There was good company as well, students hanging around friends and teachers engaging with their coworkers. "My favorite part was probably the photo booth it was cute, nothing really surprised me, but the magician was kind of cool," said McKenzie Tolar, 12.





photos by Sara Ramar

## Latinos in Action Conference

By Sara Ramar

Latinos in Action had a conference on Friday, April 25, at the University of South Florida. The L.I.A. Conference was an event that focuses on empowering Latino youth to become leaders and strengthen our communities. "I joined because in Latinos in action is a safe place where we can celebrate our Latino heritage and connect with our community. It also allows us to give back to the community through service such as tutoring and food drives," said Heydy Del Monte, 11. The conference was also a fun interactive event for the students to explore and included cultural performances, workshop stations, scholarships, and awards. "My favorite part of the conference was the performances because there were fun dances and some kids sang and there were elementary kids there as well and they won. However, my least favorite part was the long drive to USF and back to school because there was a lot of traffic," said Cynthia Perez, 11.

## Hype Podcast

By Mordecai Shackelford

Riverview High School's Hype Club hosts a podcast where they cover student topics and lead general discussions. On May 2, the featured guests were Kerilyn Moore 11, Alanna Walker 12, and Carlyana Irons 11. For that episode, senior Alanna Walker was the main interviewee, and the group dove into the topic of senior advice and how this year's graduating class has been feeling overall. Graduating high school is a major step toward adulthood, but it is only one of many milestones. Walker was able to share her point of view as a senior and offer valuable insight into the mindset of a soon-to-be graduate. Reflecting on her experience, she expressed that her favorite part of being on the podcast was the opportunity to share her journey, "Giving my advice, because I've been through so much in the past 4 years and just letting other people know- basically just kind of what I've been through and going through my experiences and what I learned from them able to talk about kind of like- what I've been through and you know sharing my experiences and what I learned from them," said Walker. She also emphasized the importance of her message reaching underclassmen, "I just really want the underclassman to understand and take the advice I gave," Walker said. The goal of this episode was to discuss the realities of senior year as well as offer advice and guidance that peers could use both now and in the future. Walker shared her hopes for the lasting impact of her words, "I hope that that I sent out got engraved into some people's minds because, I really hope they do listen because the message that I wanted to get out was really meaningful and I hope they take it with not just a grain of salt."



Photos by HYPE Club

# SHARK HIGHLIGHTS

## Prism Concert

Makeila Pert

Orchestra and Band performed their last concert of the year, the Prism Concert, in the auditorium on Thursday April 24, featuring wind ensemble, symphonic band, jazz band, symphonic orchestra, and small ensembles. Some kids in orchestra were a bit concerned about the last concert but also happy at the same time happy that this was their last concert of the year. "I joined orchestra because I've always had interest in music ever since I was young and my favorite part about orchestra is playing solos on my instrument, however I am concerned about the upcoming concert because we still need practice especially when it comes to tune in my opinion, but at the same time I'm relieved because this concert means the school year is finally coming to a close," said Zaren Ramos, 10. Orchestra performed 'Forever Joyful' by Brian Balmages. Although some students were concerned about the concert, others were pretty confident. "I joined orchestra because I've been in it since my first day of middle school and have had a good middle school orchestra experience, which is why I decided to pursue that in high school and I feel kind of good about this concert, I think we will sound decent as well as band and the small ensembles. I also feel relieved as well that this is the last concert because orchestra does come with some stress," said Aryana Miranda-Rivera, 9.

## Student Artwork Highlight

by Brianna Cookson



"This is a collage of my favorite flower, a hibiscus. This piece was created for my 2d art class. It is the first of three in the collection. All pieces will be the theme of flowers. The background is made from magazine cutouts, and the flower is made from different shades of red and yellow, also from magazines. Each piece was specifically cut and glued to form the collage," said Avery Marchetti, 10



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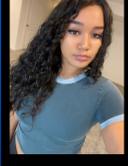
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