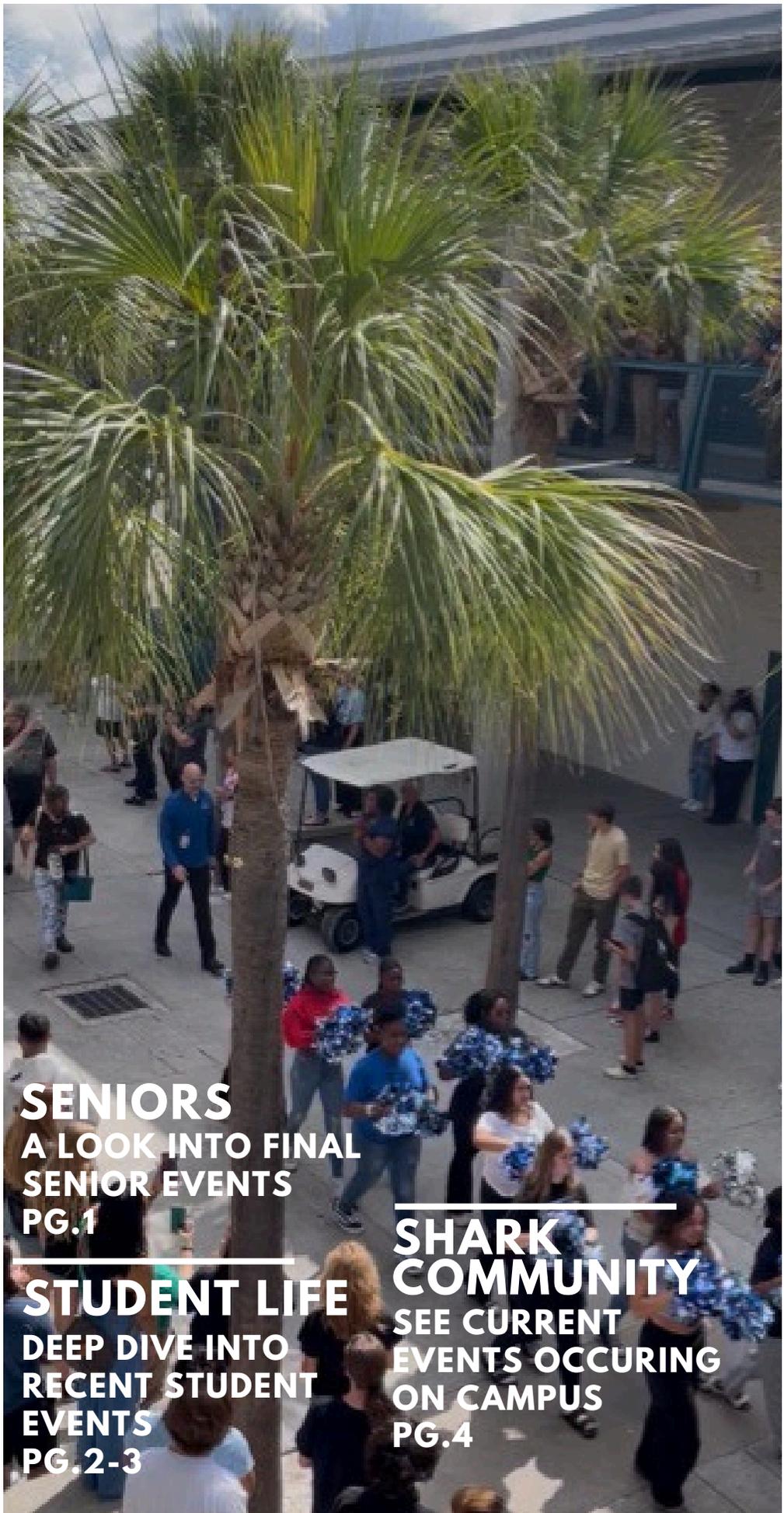


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# SENIORS

## Seniors Final Say

What was your most memorable experience from high school?

If you could go back and change anything from the past four years, what would it be? Why?

by Taylor Day



“The most memorable thing about high school I’d say was meeting a bunch of new people, new types of people that I never thought I would meet and the experiences that I had with every hardship I had to conquer,” said Zarie Crespo, 12.



“When asked what I would change about the past four years, I contemplated a bit and then came to a conclusion: I wouldn’t change anything, I believe that every experience whether small or large, has allowed me to become the person I am today, which has led me to achieve various accolades and accomplishments through my high school career,” said Devin German, 12.



“My most memorable moment from high school was spending grad bash with my best friends, we made a ton of memories,” said Chloe Rutkowski, 12.



“My most memorable moment from high school was my first bodybuilding competition in Mr. And Mrs. Riverview 2023, I had no experience I only had help from my dad and his coach, but my whole family was there and this started my bodybuilding journey,” said Dale Salaam, 12.



“My most memorable experience was wrestling at districts during my junior year and beating Durant to make it to regionals,” said Aidan Hart, 12.



## ELEMENTARY walkouts

Seniors return to your elementary school for a special senior send off!!

29 MAY	SUMMERFIELD ELEMENTARY arrive at 7:45....begins at 8:30am	23 MAY	DAWSON ELEMENTARY arrive at 8:45....begins at 9am
27 MAY	BEVIS ELEMENTARY 8:30am	23 MAY	COLLINS ELEMENTARY 9am
16 MAY	LITHEIA SPRINGS ELEMENTARY 12:30pm	22 MAY	BROOKERS ELEMENTARY 8:45am
23 MAY	SUMMERFIELD CROSSING 8:30am	29 MAY	SESSUMS ELEMENTARY 9am
20 MAY	WINTEROP ELEMENTARY 12pm	29 MAY	LAMB ELEMENTARY 10am
20 MAY	PHINIX ELEMENTARY 9-10am	22 MAY	BOYETTE SPRINGS 8-10am
19 MAY	KCC SOUTH 1:20pm	30 MAY	RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY 9am

By Brianna Cookson

## One Last Time

By Makeila Peart

On Thursday, May 8 Riverview High School's theater production team hosted a Thespian's Cabaret. It was an event hosted only for Senior theater students to take part in. It is a celebration of the previous four years of being in theater, giving the students a chance to perform their favorite act, play, musical, or a way for the students to perform any act they've always wanted to. This was a special traditional way to send the seniors off into their new journey in life. Many theater students put a lot of hard work, time and energy into making these small stories and musicals get put into a real visual. "I like how there's something for everyone in the industry. Like whatever skill you have, there's something for you to do that can benefit everyone as a whole," said Bamera Lotter, 12.



Photo by Makelia Pert

# STUDENT LIFE

## Student Sports Highlight

By Emma Hillguber

On Sunday, May 10, freshman Ava Fanchi competed in FHSAA 4A state competition in both long jump and 100m Hurdles. She broke school records in long jump during the Western Conference Federal division meet (5.68m) and almost broke the current school record for 100m Hurdles at regionals with (14.48) just being (0.42) seconds short. "To qualify for states I did more than go to high school practice, I went and did outside training to work on things I needed to improve on," said Fanchi. Many people were impressed with Fanchi this year. Her coach included, was happily surprised with her achievements this year. "While watching her earlier in the season, I expected her to qualify for regionals. I wasn't sure how she would do against the other regions competing against for states and getting that qualification level. So I was happily surprised and excited for her to get to that level," said Angela McAleavey. With this much talent at such a young age, her future is looked upon. "I plan to go college for soccer and track in the future and I plan to practice and work hard almost everyday until I reach my goal," said Fanchi. She did an amazing job at her race, making the Riverview community proud. "I think Ava will represent not only herself but RVHS very well because she has a strong drive, she has a great work ethic and that she is very confident in her performance. so when she's competing in long jump and 100m Hurdles, I think she is going to do very well," said McAleavey.



Photo by Riverview Track and Field

## Poseidon Award

by Madyson Demian

The Poseidon Award was an award given at the end of the year for special academics and achievements. Riverview held an award ceremony to honor those who received this award. The ceremony was held on April 22 at 5 p.m. Three types of awards were given at the event: Honor graduates, Department awards, and Senior Lettermans. "The awards could be academic based, or it could be just about character. It's just different criteria for each department, but it's an opportunity for students to be acknowledged," said Ann Griffin. Students were given Honor cords, Lettermans, and Trophies as an outcome. Nathan Engala, 11, said, "I received a letterman for holding a 3.5 GPA. To be honest I didn't know they had an award for that, but when I received it, I felt like my hard work was paid off. It's difficult keeping up with my GPA with all my classes but I made it through." Students were celebrated from each department, in the English department Mckenzie Demian was awarded for her excellence in yearbook. "When I was called up for the award, I was extremely happy and quite frankly surprised," said McKenzie Demian, 12.



Photo by Philay Demian

## Senior Breakfast Send-off

by Mordecai Shackelford

On Wednesday, May 14, Riverview High School's seniors were treated to a special send-off breakfast, courtesy of Chick-fil-A, McDonald's and SGA. During first period, seniors were called down to the cafeteria where they enjoyed a breakfast along with refreshments including water, apple juice, and orange juice. This event was part of a series of celebrations honoring the Class of 2025 before their symbolic Senior Walk-Out. During the walk-out, students from all grades, freshmen through juniors, lined the hallways and breezeway to cheer on the seniors as they made their final lap around campus, ending at the student parking lot, where they were then dismissed for the rest of the day. "I liked the breakfast. I didn't end up getting the Chick-fil-A, but the apple juice was good," said Polina Cherednik, 12. The day was emotional for many students, as this marked the end of a major chapter in their lives. "I feel really sad but excited at the same time. I can appreciate that I've made so many good friends my senior year, and I'm just going to miss them a lot," said Cherednik.

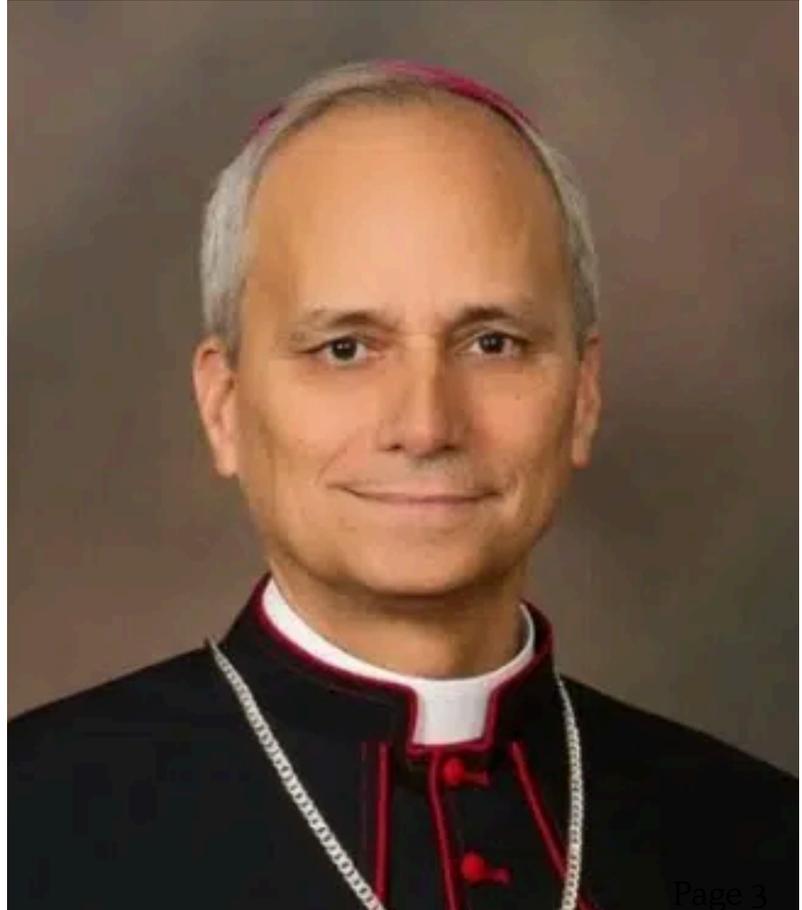
## First American Pope

by Lilianna Wyatt

For the first time in history, an American citizen has been chosen as the new pope, marking a major moment not just for the Catholic Church, but for the world. The election of a pope from the United States has been seen by many as a symbol of change within one of the world's oldest institutions. Reactions to the news have been different. Sofia Fernandez, 12, said, "I don't feel any certain way about it. I don't think that anyone's ethnicity or nationality has any part in their religious faith or anything of the sort." She believed a leader's values and actions are more important than where they come from. Others are focusing on what kind of leadership the new pope will bring. "I would hope to see that he is accepting of all people because that is what Christianity is about," Lauren Howell, 10. Many are hoping the new pope will be a voice for unity and inclusion. Although the pope's role is religious, his selection as the first American to hold this position has made headlines beyond the Church. It represents a new chapter, showing that leadership in global organizations can come from many different places and cultures.



Photo by Mordecai Shackelford



# SHARK COMMUNITY



photo by Isabella Joy

## ROTC End of Year Celebration

By: Isabella Joy

ROTC held their end of year award ceremony Friday, May 9. Students were celebrated with awards to show their accomplishments throughout this year. "I feel good about going this award ceremony, this is my last moment as co and I liked every single moment of it I cannot wait world and do the skill and leadership and the disciplined I learned here," said Piper Tichenor, 12. ROTC students shared many memories together and will look back on them for years to come. " My favorite memory in ROTC is the navy ball because it was my first ball I went to with my friends and with was a good experiment for me," said Yanessa Gonzales, 10.

## Testing Schedule

By: Serenity Scott

As the 2024-2025 school year ends, the month of May was full of AP, AICE, End of the Year exams and EOC tests. The school created a testing schedule where students test in whatever period it is for that day for a 3-hour block and go to lunch or different classes after. Students who do not take the test still have to be in their class for the block doing other work for other classes. "Some tests that take place during these blocks are the Algebra EOC, History EOC, Biology EOC, Geometry EOC, FCLE Silvics Test, FAST PMT Reading test and AP testing," said Carla Foord, Administrator of Curriculum. The school has seen growth in testing and the knowledge students have gained throughout the year. "Our students have grown a lot in the years; Mr. Spiro has announced it on our SWAY website," said Foord. Testing started the last week of April and continued through the entire month of May. Testing has always been in the 2nd semester to see how much students learned throughout the year. "Testing happens in the beginning of the school year and the end to compare things they our kids know and things they need to learn," said Foord.



## RIVERVIEW

### SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE

*Week 2 - FAST, FCLE, EOC's*

#### Monday, May 12th

Period	Start	End	Length
<b>TESTING 6</b>	8:30 am	11:30 am	180
4th	11:35 am	12:07 pm	32
5th	12:12 pm	12:44 pm	32
1st	12:49 pm	1:21 pm	32
2nd	1:26 pm	1:58 pm	32
3rd	2:03 pm	2:35 pm	32
7th	2:40 pm	3:12 pm	32
8th	3:17 pm	3:46 pm	29

#### Tuesday, May 13th

Period	Start	End	Length
<b>TESTING 7</b>	8:30 am	11:30 am	180
4th	11:35 am	12:07 pm	32
5th	12:12 pm	12:44 pm	32
6th	12:49 pm	1:21 pm	32
1st	1:26 pm	1:58 pm	32
2nd	2:03 pm	2:35 pm	32
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#### Wednesday, May 14th - Reg. Bell Schedule

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

#### Thursday, May 15th

Period	Start	End	Length
<b>TESTING 8</b>	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	180
4th	11:35 AM	12:07 PM	32
5th	12:12 PM	12:44 PM	32
6th	12:49 PM	1:21 PM	32
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# SHARK ENCOUNTER STAFF



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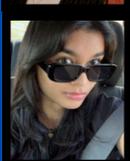
**Briyana Smith** is a staff editor for Riverview Shark Encounter. This is her second year in newspaper and her third year in Journalism. During her time in Journalism, she has done interviews and written creative stories. When she is not interviewing or writing she is on the softball field pitching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



**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.



**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.



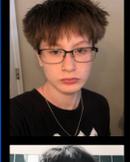
**Taylor Day** is a staff writer for Riverview High School's Shark Encounter. She writes stories about current events and is a pensive and creative writer. She has been in Journalism for two years and has improved in writing and communicating with others. She enjoys music, drawing, and taking photos 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.



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