



# SHARK BYTES

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## Welcome Back from Mr. Spiro, Principal

Dear Riverview High School Parents, Students, and Community:  
Welcome to Riverview High School for the 2022-2023 school year! I am excited to continue leading such an amazing group of faculty and students. We are committed to establishing a school culture where students excel academically and socially, as well as develop the leadership skills necessary to be successful in all that they strive to accomplish.



Brian Spiro, Principal  
Riverview High School.

In this newsletter you will find important information concerning the start of school as well as contact numbers for important school personnel. We will continue to utilize our Parentlink phone system, Canvas, and our [school website](#) to share information with our families. I will also continue to do a weekly "Shark Report" through Parentlink each Sunday to communicate important weekly updates. This is an automated phone messaging system that will use the number that is listed as your home number. If you have not received a call from RVHS by August 2nd, then we may have an incorrect phone number listed as your home number. Please contact Ms. Pedraza, our Data Processor, (671-5011 ext. 230) to update your phone number.

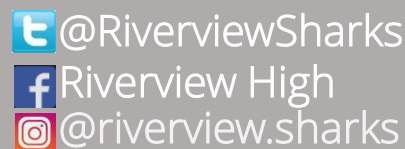
We are very excited about working with each student to make his/her high school experience a successful one. I encourage every parent to get involved in your student's education and to ask questions. Please read the enclosed information carefully to help you plan for the start of the school year. If you have questions or concerns at any time of the year, please feel free to call me or any of our staff at (813) 671-5011. The entire staff of Riverview High School looks forward to working with you to make this a successful and rewarding year. Thank you for your support and GO SHARKS!

Sincerely,

*Brian Spiro*

Brian Spiro  
Principal

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## School Hours



School begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. (2:30 pm on early release days).

The school is not open to students prior to 7:55 a.m. Students are **not** to be on campus before or after hours unless they are in a supervised activity with a pass, in which case they will enter the building through the office.

Riverview High School is a "closed" campus - you can only **enter or leave** campus by **signing out** at the Student Affairs Office.

## Office Contacts

**Rachel Stewart**  
Principal's Secretary x224

**Patricia Zatkovich,**  
APC Secretary- x223

**Taquanda Carlton, APA**  
Secretary- x222

**Nicole Ratliff**  
Bookkeeper- x226

**Anna Pedraza**  
Data Processor- x230

**Raquel Posso**  
APSA Secretary- x246

**Melissa Andersen**  
APSA Secretary- x247

## First Day of School

The first day of school for students will be Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. All students will report to their homerooms first on the first day of school. Look at the personalized information on the postcard mailed to your home to determine your homeroom room number. Homeroom assignments will also be posted on Canvas and in the lobbies of the auditorium and gym.



*Shark Traditions: Incoming Freshman listening to instructions during Freshman Frenzy*

## Student Parking and Hangtags

Parking hangtags will go on sale starting August 4th. Hangtags must be purchased online through MyPaymentsPlus and will be available for pick-up in the Student Affairs Office between the hours of 8:00 am – 3:00 pm following a 24-hour processing time. Student hangtags can be suspended/revoked if parking policies violated.

### Requirements

- \$20 fee
- Valid FL driver's license
- Valid registration
- Current insurance
- No school debt

### Seniors

- Can park in Senior Reserved Section (spots 1-125)
- 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served.
- Parking spaces can be painted for a fee.

### Rules/Policy

- Display hangtag at all times.
- Keep vehicle information and any temporary changes updated in SAO.
- **No** flags are to be flown on vehicles.

Questions about parking hangtag sales or student parking should be directed to Mr. Michael Warren at 671-5011, ext. 255



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## Important Dates



**Schedule Review:** Any student can view class schedules on Canvas beginning August 4th and/or pick up during these designated times in the cafeteria:

Seniors: 8/4 8:00-10:00am  
Juniors: 8/4 12:30-2:30pm  
Soph: 8/5 8:00-10:00am  
Freshmen: 8/5 12:30-2:30

**Open House:** Monday, August 8th (3:00-5:00 pm). There will be information tables and spirit items on sale near the cafeteria.

**Freshmen Information session:** During Open House (8/8) from 4:30 – 5:00 pm in the Auditorium.

**Seal of Biliteracy Award Info Session:** During Open House (8/8) from 4:30 – 5:00 pm in the Media Center for interested students.

**Academic Calendar:** [Click here](#)

## School Bus Transportation

The Transportation Department has many ways you can access bus run information for your student before school starts. Your student's bus stop location, times, and numbers will be available at the following website: [Hillsborough Schools Transportation](#). It is very important for students and parents to **know their bus stop, bus route, bus number, and the bus driver's name**. Students are advised to be at their bus stop **at least 10 minutes**



*Riverview High School Girls Volleyball team celebrates a successful season.*

**prior to their predicted pick-up time.** Buses will load and unload on the north side of the school (Boyette Road). Please listen to your bus driver regarding bus location for loading at the end of the day (bus slot number). Proper bus conduct is mandatory as it ensures the safety of your child and other students being transported. If you have a child receiving specialized bus services, your bus driver will be contacting you in August with specific bus stop locations, times, and bus numbers.

## Parent Contact Information

It is essential that we have current information regarding your family's address and phone numbers. All address and phone number changes must be submitted in writing with a parent's signature. All address changes also must include a current proof of address, such as an electric bill, lease agreement or driver's license with the new address. Student demographic change forms are available in the school office.

## Emergency Cards

- Distributed during homeroom 1<sup>st</sup> week of school.
- Fill out in full with current info.
- Correct emergency contact needed in case parent/guardian cannot be reached.
- Signature required.
- Please inform of special circumstances.

*When completing the emergency card, please make sure your child's entire legal name is on the card. If not, add their middle name, Jr/Sr or whatever isn't included. It must be the same information that appears on their birth certificate.*



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## Administrators

**Brian Spiro**  
Principal- x224

**Dr. Jennifer Canady,**  
Assistant Principal for  
Curriculum- x229

**Kevin Massena,**  
Assistant Principal for  
Administration- x228

**Yolanda Dowling-  
Dickey,** Assistant  
Principal for Student  
Affairs - x251

**David Kovacs,** Assistant  
Principal for Student  
Affairs - x253

**Michael Warren,**  
Assistant Principal for  
Student Affairs - x255

**Deputy Aaron Kater,**  
School Resource Deputy  
-x367

## Student Information

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**HEALTHY STUDENT PROGRAM** helps to keep students in school. Riverview High School offers a unique advantage to help keep students in school. In the packet of papers that come home on the first day of school, you should see an application for our Healthy Student Program. The application asks for basic medical information, history, and a parent or guardian signature. This is not an insurance application.

The program offers several benefits to our students:

There is a full time licensed Registered Nurse assigned to our school each day to assess your student's health concerns. There is a modest array of over-the-counter medications for everyday complaints; such as acetaminophen (Tylenol), Ibuprofen (Motrin or Advil), burn cream, antibiotic ointment, hydrocortisone cream, cough drops, throat lozenges, and the like. (Remember, students are not allowed to bring any medication to school, with few exceptions.) **This could save you a trip to school or save the student a trip home.** The program offers **free sports physicals** by a licensed ARNP for those who have no health insurance or have transportation problems getting the student to their medical provider.

The best part about the program is that it is **free**. If you have any questions, feel free to call our school nurse, Carol Butts, RN at 671-5011, ext. 365

### Breakfast/Lunch

- Breakfast is free to all students.
- [Click here to pre-pay for lunch online.](#)
- All are encouraged to apply for free/reduced lunch. ([Link](#))

### Electronic Devices

- Permitted before school, after school, and during passing periods.
- Permitted during lunch in the cafeteria.
- Privilege can be revoked at any time at the discretion of the administration.
- Unauthorized use will result in confiscation.

### Student Code of Conduct

- Available [online](#).
- Will be reviewed 1<sup>st</sup> week of school.
- Students expected to know and follow all rules/regulations
- Parents should familiarize themselves with the district policies



The locker rental fee is \$5.00. Lockers can be purchased in front of classroom 205 beginning August 8<sup>th</sup> during open house.



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## Counseling Staff



**Laura Hottenstein**  
Counselor (A-Com) ext. 239

**Lindsey Ares**  
Counselor (Con-G) ext. 231

**Samantha Fitzjarrald** Counselor (H-L)-  
ext. 236

**Ann Griffin** Department Head  
& Counselor (M-O)- ext. 231

**Heather Coralluzzo** Counselor  
(P-Sc)- ext. 233

**Louise Fernandez** Counselor  
(Se-Z)- ext. 235

**Gloria Figueroa**, Psychologist-  
ext. 242

**Shantay Glover**  
Social Worker- ext. 240

**Michelle Hart**  
Guidance Secretary- ext. 234

**Ana Montejo**  
Registrar- ext. 238

Click [HERE](#) for information regarding admissions for most Florida State University System schools.



*Students celebrating Shark football in a pre-game tailgate.*

## School Counseling Corner

The Guidance office is headed by Dr. Jennifer Canady, Assistant Principal for Curriculum (ext. 229) and Mrs. Ann Griffin, Department Chair (ext. 237). Our goal is to schedule and support students so they can achieve success at school and prepare for their academic and professional futures. Your counselors are available to assist with academic planning, career exploration, social or personal issues and post-secondary plans that include technical training or college admission.

Programming for the 2022 – 2023 school year was completed this past spring. Selections may be altered due to EOC, FSA, and other testing scores. Selections may have also been altered because of course grades. The Class Size Amendment bill is still in effect; therefore, School Counselors cannot change student schedules. If you have any concerns about your assigned schedule, please discuss with your counselor. More information regarding the process for correcting scheduling errors will be communicated at schedule pick up and the first day of school.

## Calculator Requirements

Calculators are required for all major mathematics examinations, including the SAT, ACT, EOC, and Advanced Placement assessments. We also require the use of calculators on some semester examinations and allow them for daily class use. Currently, we are not recommending a specific calculator for every course. Individual teachers will notify students of calculator needs once we have more information.

If you buy a TI, send the "Proof of Purchase" barcode to school with your child. A limited number of TI-84 Plus calculators will be available to rent from the school for \$20. A fee will be assessed for lost/damaged calculators. All students enrolled in mathematics classes will need to have a calculator in class to use every day.

Graphing Calculator  
(TI 84 plus)

- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- Pre-Calculus

Click [HERE](#) for important information regarding **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY**.