

# SHARK ENCOUNTER

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A photograph of two students walking outdoors at what appears to be a fair or festival. They are both wearing black t-shirts with the text "Let the culture speak! K.Y.P.E." in white and yellow. The student on the left is a young man with curly hair, holding a yellow drink with a straw. The student on the right is a young woman with dark hair, wearing large hoop earrings and a watch. In the background, there are white tents and colorful items hanging for sale.

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Photo by Cameron Smith

# STUDENT LIFE

## Military Spirit Week

By: Lylianna Wyatt

April is Military Awareness Month, a time dedicated to recognizing and appreciating the service of military members and their families. Throughout the month, schools take the opportunity to show their support. Many students at Riverview have family who have served or are currently serving. "My dad was in the coastguard, and my cousin's dad was in the navy, so I am looking forward to showing my support," said Sofia Fernandez, 12. To celebrate this month, RVHS will be planning multiple events to honor the different branches. Wear Purple this Friday, 4/11, to show your support! For more information you can talk to the school's Military Family Life counselor Luz Rivera. Make sure to dress out and support. "Military awareness month is important to me because my grandpa was in the Air Force and He was a huge inspiration for me as a kid," said Venus Boyne, 10.



Photo by: Luz Rivera



Photo by: Cameron Smith

## H.Y.P.E Community Market

by: Makeila Peart

On Saturday, March 8, H.Y.P.E club hosted a free community market from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Riverview High School in the student parking lot. It's an event where vendors and students can come for free, no entrance charge and sell items like: Arts & Crafts, Sweet Treats, Jewelry & Clothing, etc. It was a great way to support local businesses. Not only were there community resources, there was also a blood drive being hosted for students to donate blood. "The vendor people were really nice," said Kimberly Moss, an English 2 teacher at Riverview High School. Ms. Moss even made a purchase. "A coloring book, with like motivational stickers and little things in there. I bought one for a friend," said Moss. The HYPE community market has been going on for years and Mrs. Moss has attended multiple times. This event was open to adults and students alike and many students found it to be a fun weekend activity. "It was pretty fun, you know, I liked meeting the entrepreneurship," said Heaven Bryant, 12. The market had many activities for people to participate in. "Definitely the dancing and the food. The food was good," said Bryant.



## SAT Testing

by Sara Ramar

The week of March 31 was the week of testing for grades 9-11, with freshmen and sophomore's taking their B.E.S.T. writing exams and juniors taking their SATs on Wednesday, April 2 free of cost. The purpose of the SAT is to help meet graduation requirements and prepare for college. However, if you happen to miss the SAT testing day you will have to pay for retakes. "I'm a junior and this SAT is a big deal for me because I want to make a good impression on colleges. I studied as much as I could and made my own DIY cheat sheet I used to study for the exam," said Alli McKinley, 11. The schedule for Wednesday was vastly different from the regular bell schedule, with the testing period at roughly three hours, all lunch periods for 49 minutes, and 7th and 8th period at only 37 minutes in each class. "I really love the change in schedule for that day because it's shorter and even though we do sit in a classroom for three hours straight, I like that we have three periods we don't have to worry about for the day. And I like that our last two periods are cut super short because it just feels like the end of the school day will come faster," said Hugo Hillier, 11. Students were not able to walk out after their exams due to school policies. However, their parents were able to call to sign their kids out but only during the times of 9:00 am to 10:30 am. "I got signed out as soon as the exam period ended and it was so chaotic, the line of students waiting to be signed out was from the door in guidance all the way to student affairs and it was super crowded, everyone was squishing together due to the number of students waiting," said Nikolas Williams, 11.

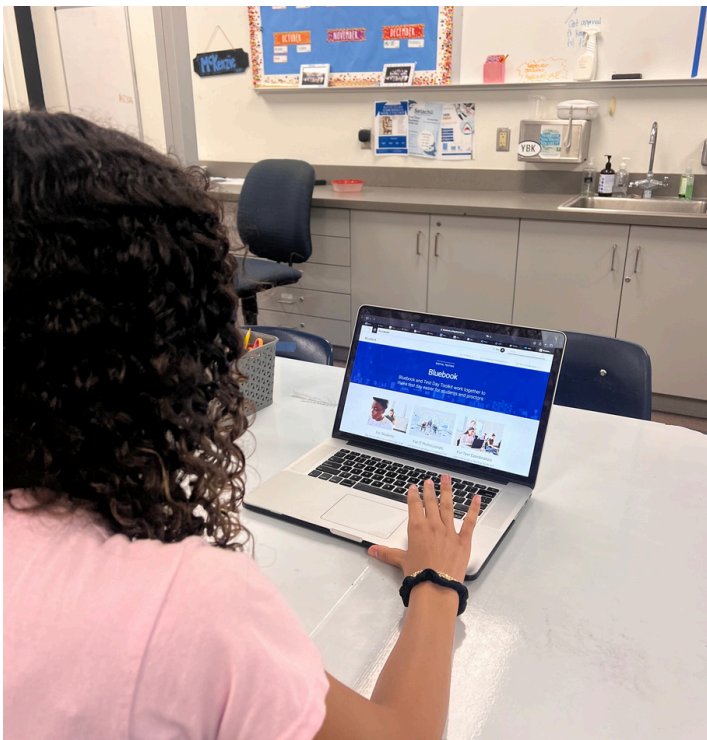


Photo by Natalie Ashline

## Cost of Graduation

by Taylor Day

Graduation is coming close for the seniors of Riverview, a significant milestone in many lives. However, the excitement can cause people to overlook the expenses of graduating, such as caps and gowns, paying for tickets, figuring out a way to pay for college and etc. "For the beginning of college, my mom will be helping with college finances, but I will take over the finance once I have steady income and savings," said Jesselynn Pizzini, 12. Many students are figuring out ways to pay for graduation and college, like getting help from their parents or getting a job and slowly saving up. There are multiple factors that play into the expense of becoming a young adult. "My family is helping me pay for graduation in terms of senior year, but from there on out, I am going to be providing for myself for the most part to learn what it means to work for my money and the nicer things in life and this will allow my family to not worry about me in the real world," said McKenzie Demian, 12.





# SHARK SPORTS

## Long Week For Softball

By Mordecai Shackelford



Photo by Riverview Softball

Last week Riverview's Softball team played four games: Tuesday's game they won with a score of 13-4, while Wednesday they lost 2-8. However softball made a comeback on Thursday with a score of 11-1, and Saturday they won with a score of 22-0. Playing so many games in a week can certainly be stressful, Juliet Sederio, 10, said, "the most stressful part was getting schoolwork done and studying to compensate for my teachers doing end of quarter tests." This is the case for a lot of students who juggle school and an extracurricular like a sport. Although they worked super hard last week this isn't to say they did not have fun. "I was able to bond with my teammates and make some good memories," said Sederio. Playing so many games like that can cause some mental and, obviously, some physical fatigue. "My least favorite part was how physically straining it was and getting over mental blocks from games we played previously," said Sederio. Luckily the team had some relief as three of the four games were home games, meaning they were played here at our School, so they did not have to travel super far. "I really prefer home games," said Cecilia Nettegen, 11, "everything I need is in the locker room, so I don't have to worry about being out of my comfort zone." Nettegen said, "the most stressful part was making sure everything was organized and put together for 4 games, and wondering what my hairstyles were going to be."

## Scholar Athlete Awards

by Brianna Cookson

In the wrestling season of 2021-2022 Riverview High School was approved by the FHSAA for an official women's wrestling team. That following season Aava Barberena joined and from then on has continued to prove her skill and importance to the team, making regionals in her second season, and now being the only female at Riverview High School qualifying for states. "I felt a lot of pressure to perform since I was the only girl, because I felt like I had to do good to make up for the fact that the other girls hadn't made it," said Barberena, 11. And it's no shock considering the passion Barberena has for her sport. "I continued because I fell in love with it. The adrenaline, the technique, the tournaments just everything," said Barberena. As the sport of women's wrestling continues to grow, so does the excitement of the girls on Riverview's team. "I feel like as a sport though it is getting really big which makes me happy because it's such a great sport," said Barberena.



Photo by Brianna Cookson



# SHARK COMMUNITY



## Environmental Club

By: Madison Demian

Environmental club is a club held after school every Tuesday. This club collects trash to help clean up and reuse materials from not only around our campus but also other places like the beach. Although they clean all materials, the only material they reuse is paper. This club is unique because it is very interactive due to the fact most meetings are hands on. Environmental club hosts distinctive events like nature walks, hiking and boating events. Their next event is April 21 where they are planting a butterfly garden in front of the school's 400 building. Last year they earned the Green Apple Award, which is a sustainability award for the state of Florida. "The award we earned proves that we like to take measures to try and reduce our ecological footprint," said teacher, Brooke Anderson. The club welcomes everyone and even has an exclusive green team you can apply for, although the green team is a little bit more selective and holds less people than the regular club. The team focuses on trying to gain recognition throughout the county for our school. "I'm the leader of Green team as well as a club officer in Enviromental club. The green team focuses on making our school sustainable throughout the county and state, and I really like the activities we do and just getting everyone involved in bettering our community as a team," said club officer, Piper Taubert (11).

## Key Club Spring Celebration

By Serenity Scott



On March 31 through April 15, Key Club hosted their spring celebration in all lunches. Students were able to purchase Easter eggs. Inside of the eggs there were tickets that could be exchanged for prizes. The eggs for purchase ranged from small, medium, and large eggs. The small eggs were \$1, the medium eggs were \$3, and the large eggs were \$5. Inside each egg had a different prize depending on the size. "Key Club selling eggs is nice and just in time for Easter," said Tylaysha Johnson, 11. Easter is an exciting part of spring each year. This holiday can be celebrated through Easter baskets and eggs. "Key Club is celebrating easter with a fun celebration and raising money for the club," said Celianys Reyes, 11.



Photo by Key club

# SHARK HIGHLIGHTS

## April Fool's Day

by Isabella Jolley

People still celebrate April Fools by pranking each other by laughing and enjoying the day. April fools is traced back from France in 1564 and known for practical jokes and hooks. "I can prank my friends and my siblings," said Jhosimar Pina Jolly, 9. April Fool's pranks can be funny but sometimes the pranks go a little too far. "April Fools is fun, but some pranks are a little too over exaggerated I would say fake emergencies, sometimes people would say that a loved one died or got hurt really bad, or breaking up with someone," said Sarah Rotarn 10.

## Quarter 3 Grades

by Emma Hillguber

With the third quarter just recently ending, grades and where to access them became important. Third quarter had a slightly longer schedule. This could have an effect on students' quarter grades. "They were on par for it to be average, like I don't have a ton more failures or anything," said Jessica Monahan, a math teacher at Riverview High School. The difference in the schedule from semester one to semester two was minor but still had effects. "I don't think that the two minutes per period was enough to make any big significant difference in students' grades," said Josiah Makinde, 9. Report cards are the most common way to find out their grades. However, some students have found accessing their report cards a little tricky. "Finding my report card has been kind of annoying, not particularly hard but just kind of irritating," said Ethan Lambert, 11. report cards are now all digital which has brought challenges. "I believe that the way we find our report card and testing information is not efficient, as it is often difficult to find," said Lambert.

## 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!

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!



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

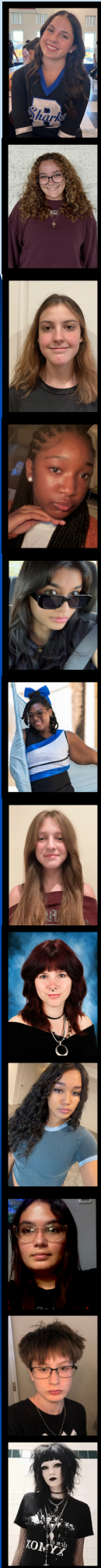
Mail to: 11311 Boyette Road  
Riverview, FL 33569  
~Ms. Rodrigues

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.

**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.

**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

**Lylliana 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.