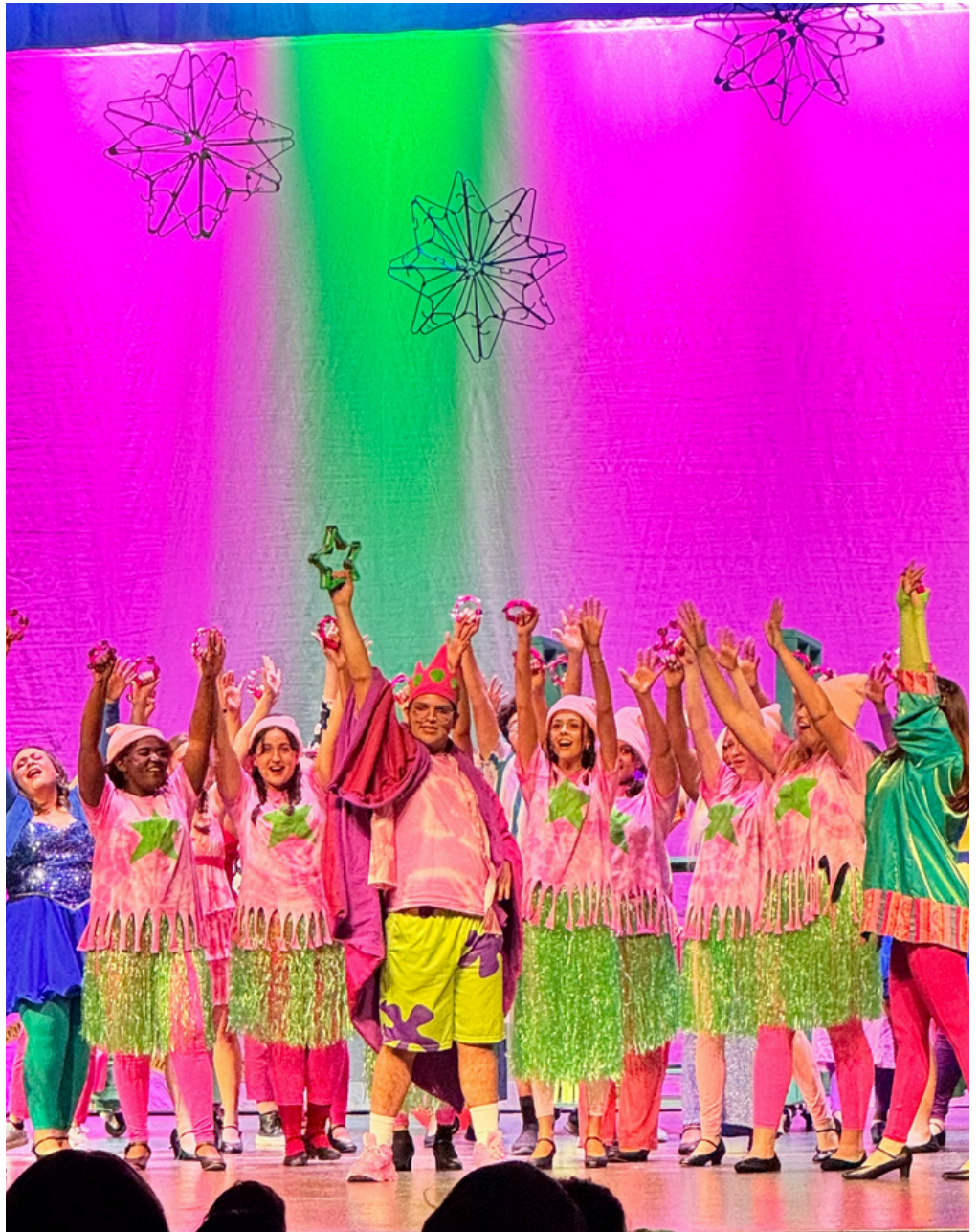


SHARK ENCOUNTER

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STUDENT LIFE

SpongeBob Musical

By: Sara Ramar

The SpongeBob play is the last play of the year from our theater program, taking place on April 10 - 12 and April 16 - 17 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. The theater program decided to do this musical based off of the members they have in their program. "I play Pearl Krabs in this musical! I would say I'm pretty happy with it being my last play of the year I think it leaves the year off with a very happy and loving vibe," said Angelina Arnaez, 12. This play is a class musical about SpongeBob, Sandy, and Patrick trying to save Bikini Bottom from mass destruction due to a volcanic eruption on Mount Humongous. "I play SpongeBob! This role has been a dream of mine for years and I've felt so connected to this character and this show's light heartedness. My favorite part of the play is the song chop to the top because of the really cool transitions that we have going on, my least favorite I would have to say is probably the last number of act one because you've been acting and singing your butt off for an hour and you know intermission is just about to start," said Marco Rodriguez, 12.



Photo by: Sara Ramar

Chorus at States

by: Emma Hillguber

Vision and Harmonics competed in a state competition-solo & ensemble on Wednesday, April 2. Students were judged for their performances in hopes of winning a superior. "You get judged based on your performances and you get like a letter grade. You can get from a poor all the way to a superior," said Macie Myers, 12, a student that was in both Vision and Harmonics. Harmonics took the groups: Raining men, Dancing queen, and Boogie oogie oogie. While Vision took: Magic to do, Steam key, and Cadaret. "The vision theme was very like stylistically jazzy in a way," said Ella Shryock, 12. Vision and Harmonics are both singing groups but differ in performances. "Harmonics was more disco themed," said Shryock. A lot of hard work and practice went into preparing for this competition. "I think we did really good, we prepared a lot for it, and I think all that hard work showed off, and I'm really proud and everyone in it," said Avery Spicer, 11. Even with challenges the chorus groups persevered. "The tiered floors were our biggest challenge because we walked in and there were different levels, and we work with a flat floor and so we didn't have time to go over any spacing for any of that, but I think we did great with what we had," said Spicer. Despite a few setbacks, most of the students that attended agreed that they performed well and were proud of what they accomplished. This was shown with the whole group of Harmonics getting superiors. "I think we adapted amazingly, and we all worked together as a team," said Spicer.



Photo by: Ella Shryock

School Sanctioned Events

by Mordecai Shackelford

As of this year, students have been informed of certain criteria pertaining to their ability to attend School Sanctioned events such as Homecoming, Prom, and Grad Bash. This criterion includes: No ISS for Levels 1-3, no days of OSS, and no more than 5 absences. Principal Brian Spiro said, "this year we focused on communicating it ahead of time. The whole idea is really more about reporting the students who are doing what they're supposed to be doing every day, having a firm stand on telling students that they should be coming every day." The specific criterion follows Riverview's pre-existing policies. A student at Riverview experienced the repercussions of not following these measures and therefore lost their ability to attend Grad Bash and Prom, Juan Hernandez grade 12 is a senior at Riverview who has been excluded from attending Prom and was unable to attend Grad Bash for seniors. Hernandez said, "I was aware of my absences, but I forgot the number of absences that gets you exempt from attending the school events." Hernandez was made aware of his absences and their consequences via email, "I understand the rules implemented but I find it irritating that kids who did purchase the tickets won't get a refund even if they purchased it before they got the email telling them they wouldn't be able to go," said Hernandez 12.

RVHS:
Sanctions for School Events

Do you want to attend Homecoming, Prom or Grad Bash?

Don't miss out!

Per Semester:

- **NO ISS for Levels 1-3***
- **NO DAYS OF OSS**
- **NO MORE THAN 5 ABSENCES (unexcused)**

*See HCPS Student Code of Conduct

Prom

Gradbash

by Makeila Peart

On Friday, April 4, Riverview High School students had the opportunity to attend Gradbash. Gradbash is an end of the year event where High Schools takes their Senior students to Universal Studios afterschool from 4:00 pm to 2:00 am for a night of enjoyment. Students got the opportunity to get on roller coasters, try new food, and meet others from all across the state. It's a great social event. The entire event was planned by our Senior Sponsor: Jessica Rodrigues aka Ms. Rod. "This is probably the best year of the last couple of years I've been doing it," said Rodrigues. A lot of hard work went into planning for Gradbash. "It's not that hard anymore. Once you're doing it all the time, it's just repeat," said Rodrigues. Many students attend Gradbash as a once in a lifetime opportunity. You only get one senior year, so it's best that you make the most of it. "It was fun. It was just like a lot of walking and the lines were crazy long, but overall, it was a nice experience, you know," said Braylen Smith, 12. It was his first time attending Universal Studios and it went great. "I think it was it was perfect the way it was," said Smith.



photo by Jessica Rodrigues

SHARK SPORTS



Photo by Coach Brian Adams

South Florida Regional Games

By Serenity Scott

On Tuesday, March 4 the Special Games kicked off. The South Florida Regional Games are games that special needs students participated in. There are three different game levels: Area, Regional and States. Four of our students won first place in the games and are qualified for States and featured on ESPN live. The qualifying students are Anderson Huayta, Christopher Aliamo, Jack Tolley and Scarlett Porras. Huayta won first place in the 50 Meter Dash, Aliamo won first in soccer as well as Porras, and Tolley won first in Shotputt. "Special Olympic Florida is games that special kids that have disabilities like Autism can do what they love," said Coach Brian Adams a HOPE teacher. Students who are in the games can go up from the Area level games to the Regional games to qualify for States in which our four students did to be featured on ESPN. "When the kids who play in these games win 1st in regionals they can go to state in Miami and be featured live and our kids did that," said Adams.

Tennis

by Isabella Jolley

Riverview High School had a good season in tennis, but their most difficult matches were with Robinson High School. "I'm scared because I heard the reputation of their school is really good," said Emily Bebbington, 9. Tennis is not an easy sport, playing doubles or singles can make a challenging match. "It was probably like three weeks ago against Middleton when I was playing doubles, and we weren't doing as good," said Bebbington, 9. While the tennis players went into the Robinson matches knowing it was going to be difficult, the seniors stepped up and won their matches. The tennis team consists of a boys and girls' team, competing at the single and double levels. The teams are small, yet they work together as a family. Practices in the afternoon allowed players to get to know each other and work to improve skills. Tennis season ended with matches against Robinson High School on April 9.



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SHARK COMMUNITY



Shark Frenzy

By: Madison Demian

Shark Frenzy is a day filled with activities for special needs and students with autism. "The day is filled with competition and fun events for everyone to showcase their talents." Said, Coach Bryan Adams. This is Riverview's second year hosting the event, while Sumner, Brandon, and even Eisenhower middle school attended it. The event had 118 athletes and 158 volunteers participating. The host of this event was Coach Adams, alongside JROTC, Best buddies, Coach Rod, the football team, and unified sports program. The goal of Shark Frenzy is to create a safe place of competition for all of the athletes to succeed while having fun. "The process throughout the whole day was a bit chaotic but at the end of it everything gels together, and it benefits all of our athletes and lets them have a good time and I love knowing I did my job." said, Coach Adams.



Photo by Briyana Smith

Friendship Walk

By: Lily Wyatt

Best Buddies, our school's club dedicated to supporting individuals with special needs, has invited students, staff, and families to join the upcoming Friendship Walk fundraiser happening on April 26 at Perry Harvey Park. "Best Buddies is all about setting up connections between special needs students and their peers, to try to foster out of school relationships," said Dixie Murrell, the supervisor of the club. "It's a fundraiser so we're trying to promote the goals of the organization on a national level and bring supportive housing and supportive employment options." Sign ups are open now! Whether you want to walk, volunteer, or just cheer on the participants, your support makes a difference. The walk is open to everyone, and you don't need to be in the club to join. You can sign up on your own or with a group of friends. It's a great way to show kindness and support for people in our community while having fun as well! You can register by scanning the QR code on the flyers around school or by going to the flyer on canvas.

SHARK HIGHLIGHTS

Got Snacks

by Brianna Cookson

Recently there has been a lot of talk about students selling a variety of goods and services around campus. There has been questions over whether it is allowed. "Yeah, just like, it's not even necessarily a school rule... it's actually more to protect students more than anything," said Mr. Brian Spiro. Regardless of the fact, our school does not allow it, students involved believe this is a rule that should be changed. "I do believe it should be allowed, as long as it's not doing harm, as long as there's no illegal substances, it's a good way to provide networking, people making friends," said one student. If you are a student selling any good or service on campus, remember to stay safe as well as follow proper rules to ensure the safety of others. "My advice to anyone that wants to start selling food is to be yourself and make your own brand and you will thrive," said another student.

Senior Testing

by Taylor Day

As the school year comes to an end, students have to begin preparing for final exams, even seniors. Some seniors have testing before summer and are finding ways to study, like studying with friends in groups or looking over review packets. "I have a Math for College Liberal Arts test coming up and I'm really bad at math, so I plan on sitting down and going through the review packets and trying to quiz myself on them, my friends are helping me study too," said Elena McDaniel, 12. Many of the exams are challenging, especially if students are in a higher level, AICE, or in Advanced Placement classes. There are different elements to each test, like writing an essay following a prompt or answering multiple choice questions. "I will be taking my AP literature exam; I have to write three essays and answer 60 questions within two hours. It's definitely going to be hard," said Amanda Roque, 12. Testing season begins on campus Friday, April 25 with the first AICE exam and will continue until the end of the school year. Make sure to look for changes in bell schedules and when your tests are scheduled.

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!



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.

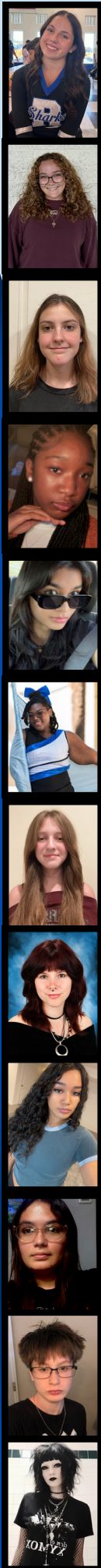
- Do not forget to write the students full name on the outside of the letter.
- Letters/ Cards only
- No gifts or monetary gifts

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 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. 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.