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# HOMECOMING

## *Homecoming Theme*   *Homecoming Court*

by Isabella Jolly

by Briyana Smith

This year homecoming theme was Night at Tony's. "It was okay, but I felt like the Tony's are not that well known so we should've done something bigger, but I did like the decorations," Shayla Malik said. Malik also said her favorite decorations were "The doors". She also thinks last year's theme was better. "I think it was because there were more decorations around the school and actually felt like you were in the theme," Malik said. Nayeli Vega also had strong emotions toward this year's homecoming. "Yes, I like it's more appropriate for prom because it's like Grammys and you wear long dresses and not short dresses," Medina Vega said. Of all the decorations around campus, the doors and breezeway typically stand out. "I would say five hundred building because of the mock trial people did," Vega said. Some had other ideas of what the theme should have been. "I would have to say no Grammys instead of short dresses I would choose long dresses because they are more appropriate," Vega said. Coming up with a new theme each year is challenging. "I would do a Disney movie like Rapunzel or like something cute that involve short dresses instead of long dresses," Vega said.

The 2024 homecoming court winners were announced Oct. 12 for each grade. Freshman with 2 winners Hannah Wilson and Elijah Lehnertz, Sophomores with 4 winners Stevie Myers, Madison Demian, Philp Arevalo, and Anthony Tickels, Juniors with 6 winners Janiah Gonzalez, Rosana Hussein, Riley Connolly, Grayson Connolly, Adam Greenwell, and Anthony Pena, Seniors with 4 winners Gaby Cordon, Lydia Diggs, Faith Smith, Macie Myers, Dale Salaam, Isaiah Washington, Cole Berger, And Ryan Butner. This year with 2 hurricanes, campaigning was much shorter giving all the candidate's less time to campaign and more time to prepare. Dale Salaam and Lydia Diggs said, "It was nice having only 2 days at school and posting online leveled the playing field, having more time to prepare made it less stressful and gave people the opportunity to have it fresh in their minds." Campaigning is the most important part of running and it can get very expensive. Sophomore Madyson Demian said, "I spent about \$100 between posters and candy." Seniors Lydia Diggs and Dale Salaam said, "I think overall we spent around \$300 especially on the candy, that was the most expensive part." While freshman Hannah Wilson said she spent around "\$70, I had a lot of things I needed at home already so that helped with the expenses." Lydia Diggs and Dale Salaam were crowned Homecoming King and Queen this year and when asked if they felt they had competition Salaam responded, "The first week I was feeling a little nervous for her, but I was feeling pretty confident. By the end of the week, I was definitely nervous.". Diggs responded with "I was nervous, but the competition was nice, and I was feeling confident by the end of the week." Madyson Demian was crowned Homecoming Princess, and said, "I was feeling confident from the beginning, but I was feeling like I had competition after seeing everyone handing out candy and being posted." Running for homecoming royalty is definitely a big part of the high school experience and many said that is why they decided to run even as lower classman.



photo by Cady Studios

### **Homecoming Royalty**

Dale Salaam and Lydia Diggs  
Homecoming King and Queen



# Homecoming Game

by Madyson Demian

It was homecoming night, the most eager game of the season. Riverview had been down all season with only 1 previous win, but this night just felt different. Isaiah Washington said, "the vibes were definitely high, even before the game started, in the locker room the music was pumping, and the homecoming atmosphere had us all turrt. I knew we were going to win." Riverview pulled through with the hard deserved win, although the game was very tight. The final score against Bloomingdale was 29-22. Receiver Edgar Luna expressed "It felt great to be in such a tight game because being able to beat Bloomingdale at home just seemed great." While Riverview ended the season with only 2 wins the team played hard the whole season and won as a family.



photo by Madyson Demian

# Halloween Fun and Frights

by Taylor Day

Halloween is a highly anticipated holiday for students at Riverview High School, and this year was no different. Many students like to either go out and trick or treat, or stay in and watch a scary movie. Senior Amanda Roque prefers a spooky night. "I would rather go out on Halloween, I went Trick-or-Treating with my best friend Kenzie, we wore matching Pokemon costumes in my neighborhood," Roque said. The costumes were a hit and a great way to spend their final high school Halloween. Others spent the night doing more scary and thrilling activities, like haunted houses. Juniors Amelia Castro and Christian Johnson like the haunting and chilling parts of Halloween. "Chris and I went Trick-or-Treating and went to a haunted house that was based on Perpetrators, we'd rather go out on Halloween," Castro said. Adding a bit of scare to their Halloween activities makes the night more exciting and adventurous. Whether it was about dressing up with friends and collecting candy or daring to step into a haunted house, Halloween at Riverview High School was a night filled with fun, frights, and memories that students will remember.



photo by Briyana Smith

# Shark Support

by Lylliana Wyatt

Here at Riverview one of the number one priorities is to ensure the safety of our students on campus. A poll was taken of over 100 students to gain insight on how students feel at school, and over 70% said they felt unwelcomed. So what do we do to make people feel more welcome:

- "I think we should stop focusing on dress code and start focusing on what people are saying to other people," Miya Boynes, 10 said.
- "I think there's a lot of gun violence right now and doing more drills might help make us feel safer," Amelia Castro, 11 said.

Overall we at Riverview High School are determined to turn your school experiences around and improve our environment. If you have anything you would like to see changed contact our principal or any other school staff members to talk to them.

# Fashion opinions of Riverview High School Students

by Mordecai Shackleford

Fashion has become an obvious staple of being a student at Riverview High School, if you don't fit the norm you tend to stand out. Students see as the current "trends" in Riverview in many different ways.

"Lots of cool baggy jeans and Graphic T-shirts," Alanna Thompson(11) said. Graphic T-Shirts have become almost an essential for students and staff, you won't turn anywhere inside the school and not see someone(s) wearing one. Country Fashion trends were something that could be seen around campus. "I am HIGHLY favorable on this," Hannah Glenn said. Some fashion trends are just hard to wrap your head around. "I don't like people who don't try in their appearance of presenting themselves well," Thompson said. While others trends stick out to people who may not take part. "I don't like when people sag not just like, regular sagging but when their pants are so far down you can actually see their whole butt," Glann said. Students of Riverview take their fashion opinions very seriously. "Baggy jeans and people who have their pants low with their underwear showing," Chaz Hankton said. Big belts and fluffy shoes are commonly seen around campus and many students are huge fans of accessorizing outfits and just adding that nice touch of bling, it makes things way more visually interesting. As for now the current trends in fashion seem to be big shirts, big pants, and your underwear showing. Let's hope there some improvement to come in the future.



photos by Mordecai Shackleford

## 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

### Student Closet

We are accepting donations!

Are you a RVHS student in need? Let us know!

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

Items can go to room 235A or the main office.  
Questions: Shelley.Hunsucker@cps.net

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  
Teachers: Moss, Pinzino, Chandel, Childs, Morgan, Smith, Bogart, Koester



# SHARK ENCOUNTER STAFF



**Briyana Smith** is a staff writer 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.



**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.



**Lyllyana 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.