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Getting Back in the Groove

By: Serenity Scott

On Oct.5 2024 The State of Florida was hit with cat 4 Hurricane Milton. Students were out of school for 11 days between the back to back hurricanes. Schools had broken windows, doors and even roofs that caved in. During the hurricane some people had no power and couldn't contact family or friends. "When the hurricane hit, I was a little worried about my friends, but we were able to stay in contact," said Aliyannah Rice, 11. On Oct.17 2024 Schools reopened to the students. Having 11 days of no school can take a toll on a student because they can forget what they were taught, messed up sleep schedules and lack of knowledge. People believed that the hurricane wasn't going to be catastrophic. "My viewpoint going into the hurricane was confusing because people were telling me different things," said Nyla King, 11. Coming back to school after such a long break is hard and it takes a while to get back to the way things were before. "My first assignment back was hard, I couldn't focus on my work, I was so used to getting it done right away, but I fell back," said King, 11



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No Exams this semester

by Makeila Peart

After missing a total of 11 school days from the 2 hurricanes, (Helene and Milton) students and staff are now trying to get back acclimated. "Everyone had to find their new pace and new normal within," said Isabella Morals, 12. Adjusting to the new schedule and having no exams this semester after the district made the decision has proven to be tougher than thought.

Many students and staff recognize the impact it has to them and grades. "I don't think it's going to impact me whatsoever, because I'm not being evaluated on any of the exam scores on if they did it or not," said Mr. Pinzino, Head of the science department. Making it known his only worry are his students "I think the only negative would be on the student's behalf." he stated. While having no exams may seem like a bad thing to some, others disagree. This change may or may not impact their grade depending on how they did during the semester. "I'm feeling really good because I've been nervous to do exams, so like knowing that I don't have to makes me feel really good," said Traci Salzido, 9. The feeling of relief with the new change has been a holiday treat for many.

SHARK SPORTS



Photo by Natalie Ashline



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New Beginnings

by Natalie Ashline

On Thursday, Nov 5, Winter Guard stepped foot onto the new floor of the season. This marked the beginning of the 2024-2025 season.

"I am excited for my first performance," said Kaliyah Farquharson, 9.

Students work hard as a team to prepare for their first competition on Monday, Jan 27.

"I chose it because it is going to give me a challenge and it enables me to learn something new," said Aliyanah Rice, 11.

All 21 members of this team grow with every practice, making a large impact on their lives.

"It has shown me that there is so many people that can become your family that you never really thought was even possible," said Rice, 11.

Riverview vs. Newsome

by Brianna Cookson

The Riverview High School basketball team played their seventh game of the season Tuesday night. The game ended with a 41-35 score which our team unfortunately lost.

"Cause Newsome was undefeated, and we were able to hang right there with them," said Taj'drick Randolph, 12

They played a good game overall and it is still clearly an accomplishment to see them have that close of a game. Though of course it's important to acknowledge where improvements could be made.

"As a team, frankly, we just have to make the open shots. we lost that game solely on missing shots and forcing turnovers. If we fixed those two things, we win that game," said Ryan Torres, 12

They now can use that knowledge to secure a win next game.

"From this game I think we'll take away the little things that stopped us from winning. Those small turnovers, the missed layups, the fouls, and even the tech at the beginning of the game," said Jaiden Woodson, 11



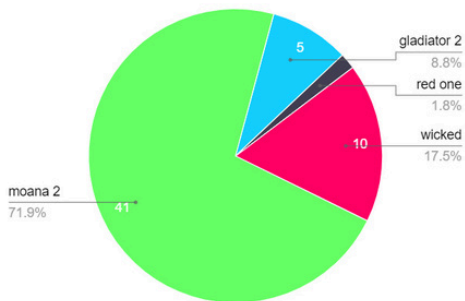
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MOVIE POLL OF THIS YEAR

Pie Chart



Holidays at the Movies

By Emma Hillgruber

The four most highest rated movies of this year are Moana 2, Wicked, Gladiator 2, and Red One. But what are the movies the students most excited about? With the votes of 53 students here in Riverview High School, the seemingly most popular or most excited about movie of this year is...Moana 2.

Clubs

By Sara Ramar

Clubs at Riverview High School are designed to spark curiosity, foster personal growth, and bring students together through engaging activities and meaningful contributions to the school community-all while making learning exciting and fun.

Alli Mckinley, 11, shared her enthusiasm for the new Culinary Club, saying, "I love how open and close we all are no one is really left out and it's very interactive and hands on when it comes to the PowerPoints and more things. It shows how everyone including me can have representation of their culture in food form."

Cynthia Perez, 11, reflected on her time in the Spanish Honor Society, saying, "This club helped me get more in touch with my culture and I like how we're all together and we can share our experiences in our different cultures. This club also helps me realize every Hispanic is not the same and they all have different meanings like different words.

Zahaan Karim, 10, voiced why she joined the A.S.I.A. Club and why she likes the club, saying, I'm meeting people that I can learn about their cultures as well as like share my own. The club really teaches me more about others and their experiences and helps me socialize with other people."



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Photo by Sara Ramar

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!

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

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

SHARK ENCOUNTER STAFF



Natalie Ashline is a junior at Riverview High School. She is a former Journalism student and is currently a staff member of the Shark Encounter newspaper. Natalie's role as a staff writer leader is to write stories, take photos and help publish. 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.



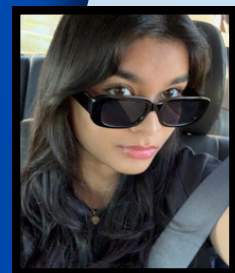
Brianna Cookson is currently a member of the Riverview High School newspaper staff Shark Encounter. She is considered honest to a core as a person and has the ability to properly communicate ideas without causing unnecessary conflicts, which is important to have when writing on current or important events. When not doing newspaper work, she is enjoying art, reading, and just spending time outside and with people close to her.



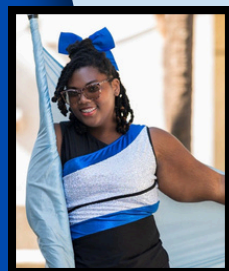
Emma Hillguber is a staff writer for the Riverview shark encounter in her second year in Journalism. She uses programs like Microsoft and Canva to help make her work. She is in classes such as AP World History and honors class. As a staff writer, she values using techniques and working carefully in order 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 is considered Funny, Smart, kind and caring. 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.