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Principals Corner



Parking, Attendance and Flu . . . oh my!

I am proud to be the Principal of Riverton High School. I am continually impressed with the caliber of people I work with here at Riverton High School.

Our faculty and staff are dedicated to providing the best educational experience possible while providing a positive atmosphere. Riverton High School in only ten years of operation has become well known for the character of our students, academic excellence, and strong extra curricular programs. We have set a standard for caring with our annual "Silver Rush" fundraising drive.

I hope to help our patrons understand some of our policies. I am fortunate to have been here for the last seven years, and understand the reasons for the establishment of the policies now in place.

Attendance: I love this policy. Four years ago we instated our attendance policy along with attendance school. We have kept track of grades and other statistics during this time. We have had a marked improvement in GPA's. We have fewer students roaming the halls, and a better learning atmosphere. Students are learning to take responsibility for their educational experience, and not becoming "fence sitters". Students are learning that they would rather be in class than spending an hour at Attendance School.

Parking: Riverton High has 850 parking spots for 3000 students, and 220 faculty and staff. We have explored every solution possible. The new Herriman High School will alleviate some of our problems; however we will not be able to add more parking stalls. This problem is not going to go away.

Just as State and local leaders are encouraging citizens to conserve energy by carpooling, public transportation, walking, biking, we are asking that our students do the same. We have school buses that are not full for those who live two or more miles from school. Those who live closer than two miles are considered able to walk, or ride a bike to school. The only solution is for all of us to ask ourselves how we can individually become part of the solution.

Flu: We have had inquiries from individuals about swine flu. With a population of 3000 students, there are always students home sick. This year has been no different than

(Principal cont.) any other year. We ask that you follow established guidelines for disease control. 1. Keep your student home when they are sick. 2. Wash hands often. 3. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. 4. Stay away from others who are sick. There is information on the CDC website to assist you; visit www.cdc.gov or www.flu.gov.

Finally, I want to thank all of the students who have spent their first quarter proudly representing our school in a variety of extra-curricular activities.

I am grateful for the constant flow of positive comments and emails I receive from patrons of other schools. They are deeply impressed with our students, and the way they conduct themselves at school activities. I view that as a direct representation of the kind of students being raised in this community. I thank all the parents, teachers, and community leaders for their positive influence, and the example they set for our students.

Riverton Passes Required AYP Testing

Each year, all schools in the state of Utah are required to administer standardized testing to all students. The tests are also part of the annual Federal Yearly Progress Report. The AYP report is a requirement of the U.S. No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Riverton High School passed in all the required subjects; math, science and language arts.

BOYS BASKETBALL INFO

FALL OPEN GYM began on Tuesday, October 6th. There are 8 more sessions throughout October and the first week of November. Registration flyers are available on the team website www.rivertonbasketball.com. Tryouts will begin on Monday, November 9th. More details to come on the website soon.



Driving Ranges

Assume ranges will be held daily!!

Steve Galley Drivers Ed. Instructor

It is important that we provide safe, effective range instruction in the for our driver education students. The driving range is contained within the MAROON (they may be painted a different color in the next 2 weeks!) colored parking stalls in the northwest area of the large north parking lot. All other stalls on school property are painted yellow. Driver Education ranges are conducted almost every school day between **2:30-6:00 p.m.** and Saturdays/school holidays throughout the year in the north parking lot. Students with valid parking stickers must remove their vehicles from the MAROON parking stalls immediately after school. Signs informing students and patrons of this policy are contained in the parking contract and are also posted on the range. Public address announcements are *sometimes* made as a courtesy to students and patrons. *R.H.S. Dr. Ed. instructors do not enjoy issuing parking tickets or calling tow trucks!* But, if your vehicle is parked in a MAROON stall, it may get ticketed, towed, or even hit. Towing charges may cost you \$75-\$150!! **WHEN IN DOUBT, ASSUME A RANGE WILL BE HELD.** Thank you very much for your help!



Parking Violations Enforced

As of Sept 2, parking citations will be issued. There is a \$20.00 fine for each offense. If the fine is not paid within 15 calendar days, a \$5.00 late fee will be assessed to each citation. Lost citations will not excuse one's obligation to pay the fine. 2) If outstanding fines are not paid, and additional tickets are accumulated, a vehicle will be immobilized (booted), and a fee of \$30.00 will be assessed until the outstanding balance has been paid. Failure to respond within 24 hours will result in the vehicle being towed at owners' expense.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tryouts for Girl's Basketball will be held November 9th -11th 2009.....Individuals grades 9-12 interested in trying out for one of the high school teams must attend a Tryout Information **Meeting** with a parent. This will be held Thursday November 5th at 8:00pm in the River-ton high auxiliary gym. Additional information about girl's basketball can be obtained by contacting Coach Ron Ence. Email coach Ence at ron.ence@jordan.k12.ut.us



Greetings from Sophomore Acade-

Sophomore Academy is a great way for students to focus on core academics, as well as be a part of exciting events and activities. This year, we are off to a great start. On September 29th, we held our first academy social activity. We organized a BBQ after school. This gave students the opportunity to get to know each other in a comfortable environment. We are looking forward to the first round of academy awards where we will honor students for excellence in academics, perfect attendance, and overall positive spirit. We are also excited for our field trips. Our first field trip will take place during second quarter, and we will provide more information in the near future. We want to remind students and parents to be sure to pay the academy fee by the end of first quarter (Oct. 29th). The cost is \$20.00, and it covers the transportation costs of the field trip, as well as the academy t-shirts.

SKILLS USA

Congratulations to all Skills USA officers who attended Utah Leadership Training Institute in Park City Oct. 8-10. All who attended earned their Statesman Pin!

Harrison Bush (President), **Aaron Kunz** (Vice-President), **Steven Wood** (Secretary), **Daniel Schouten** (Reporter), **Jessica Davis** (Treasurer), **Christy Darling** (Historian), **Josh Scott** (Parliamentarian), **Nate Staker** (Student Senate), and **Brock Mower** (Auto Liaison). The advisors who attended (Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Massic) were proud of the students conduct and accomplishments

PTSA NEWS

REFLECTIONS 2009/2010

"Beauty Is..."

Show us how you see beauty using your favorite medium:

Visual arts, 3-D Art, Photography, Literature, Dance, Music, Film/Video, & Theatre.

Entry forms and rules in the office or online at www.utahpta.org

(One entry per category; original work of one student.)

All entries should be turned in to the Media Center **by Wed, Oct. 28th.**

Awards given at Dance Assemblies on Nov. 24th

Special recognition for all who enter, plus additional awards for those going on to Council.

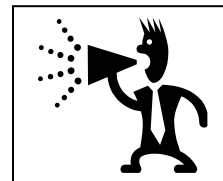
Any questions? Contact Angela (801-631-7780) or Brenda (801-254-1223)

Show your "school spirit" with . . .

RHS Hoodies & Pajama Pants !

\$25 Hoodies

\$20 Pajama Pants



Don't forget to buy your 2009/2010 Riverton Sweatshirts! They make great Christmas presents. We have them in black or white in lots of sizes, but they are going fast! Hurry, call Jill Campbell at 801-495-3995 or email at soupermum@msn.com to get yours today!

We would like to send out a HUGE
"Thank you" to ***Mimi's Café*** for providing (do-
nating) wonderful carrot bread for our PTSA Road
Trip!

Heroes of the Month

Faculty/Staff Tiffany Edwards affects nearly 2000 students' lives each day as the lunchroom manager. As manager, she supervises nearly two dozen staff members who prepare food and work as cashiers, Tiffany strives to ensure that each of the students and staff members she feeds daily get a delicious, nutritious and high quality meal.

Those she works with say that she is a great boss, who takes pride in all aspects of her work. She organized and patient boss, who cares about each person she works with. She wants those who work and eat in the Riverton High cafeteria to feel like they are in a place where they belong.

Tiffany knows that when she and her staff are happy and taking pride in their work, those she feeds have a more positive eating experience. Her kitchen feeds more students than any other school in the state, and yet the food is always high quality and the environment is clean and inviting. More than one coworker has pointed out that she never loses her sense of humor—quite a feat in her position. She is also quick to point out that it is her staff that does such a wonderful job, and refuses to take credit.



Student Senior, Chelsea Newman is a kind, fun-loving, and generous person. She gives large amounts of her time, in and out of class, to assist other students. She is a peer tutor for students with significant developmental challenges, as is especially patient and kind to her assigned students.

Garret Oakley says that she often offers to help with book Club responsibilities although she is not required to. Chelsea is also a reliable and helpful teacher's aide. Teachers she works with say that she is worth her weight in gold.

On the lighter side, she is a puzzle-cube game champ. She's collected dozens of games and plans to expand her collection. Friends claim her to be a cheerful fun-loving person.

Brittany Hathaway, a senior at RHS says that whenever she sees Chelsea, she is smiling and making those around her feel happy and at ease. She often helps others who are having a rough day to feel better.

Don't miss an opportunity to get to know this caring, fun person!



Theatre News!

Congratulations to EVERYONE that went to Utah Shakespeare High School Competition held at Southern Utah University from Oct. 8-10, 2009. Riverton High took down a group of 53 people- and had a great time. Special congratulations to the following individuals:

1st Place Costuming: Stephanie Ellis (out of 30 people)

2nd Place Technical Olympics- Stephanie Ellis, Andrew Nokes, Mike Adler, Emily Bryan, Deven North, Mariah Colbert and Keith Ramynke (out of 30 schools)

2nd Place Monologues- Matt Baxter (out of 47 people)

1st Place Dance Duo- Jeni Bowman and Taylor Herd- choreographed by Elizabeth Hansen

2nd Place Dance Ensemble- Choreographed by Taylor Herd.

Also, special recognition to the Dance Ensemble who will be performing in front of over 3000 people at the final awards showcase, and to Dylan MacDonald and Jenn Ridley who performed their scene from *The Tempest* at a Production Showcase.

Les Miserables

Nov. 19-23

The School Musical, "*Les Miserables*" (see flier) will be performed Nov. 19, 20, 21 and 23rd at 7:00pm in the RHS Auditorium. This show will involve over 150 student actors, musicians and technical crew. Tickets are \$7.00 for students and \$8.00 for adults and will go on sale the beginning of November. Come see this classic Broadway hit put on by some of Riverton High's most talented students.

Students that are interested in attending the Utah Theatre Conference in January can pick up an info letter from Ms. McGuire or Mr. Eaton in the Drama Room. A deposit of \$30 is needed before Dec. 12th to reserve your spot. The conference will be held at UVU Jan. 21, 22 and 23rd. Seniors theatre 4 students can apply for theatre scholarships at the conference.

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The Girls' Softball team is selling spirit blankets.. (They do not say softball on them.) There are only 200 blankets to be sold. Once gone they are gone. Purchase in the main office for \$50.00. Bring the receipt to room 1526. They are queen sized and made of plush fabric. Any questions call Emily Bateman 256-5800 ext. 4814. Thanks for your support



Share Your Photos with the Yearbook

A note from Brent Cox, Advisor

Ever ask yourself, "Why did they use that photo in the Yearbook?" And then thought "I totally have some better pics they could have used..." Ever said that to yourself? . . . Or to Mr. Cox **AFTER** the book came out?

(I love those phone calls!). Please share your excellent photos of your student's groups, activities, and performances! We love to have more choices to include in the book, and although we won't promise we will use yours, we will certainly try to include them! Simply point your web browser to www.hjeshare.com and enter the school code of 2018066 (dumb code, but it's automatically generated!). Then you can follow the prompts and upload those memories. Thanks for your help this year.



RHS Counseling Corner



11th Grade SEOP's - Attention Juniors and Parents:

Our annual Student Educational Occupational Plan (SEOP) Conferences will be held beginning November 2 and continuing into December and January. You will receive a letter in the mail a couple weeks prior to your scheduled one-on-one meeting with your counselor. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss graduation requirements, post high school plans, and to answer any questions you may have.

College Tour Day (Seniors – Oct. 29th):

Representatives from all of Utah's public and private non-profit institutions of higher education will be here on Thursday, October 29th, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All seniors will have an opportunity to participate in a general brief session covering admissions, scholarships, and financial aid, followed by participation in three different institution break-out sessions. Seniors are encouraged to bring any questions they may have regarding institutions of interest, as they will have an opportunity to meet directly with collegiate advisors from each school.

PLAN Test (Nov. 4th, 2009) – Sophomores:

Any 10th grader who plans to attend college and is interested in practicing for the ACT is encouraged to sign up in October to take the PLAN Test. The cost is \$10.00, and the maximum allotment of PLAN participants is set at 200. Registration will be first come first serve. Sign up for testing will begin mid October in the main office. This "pre-ACT" program helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years. The second week in October, all sophomores will receive a presentation regarding the "PLAN" in their Language Arts classes.

Next ACT Test Dates (Dec. 12th):

The next ACT (Academic College Test) will be given on **Saturday, December 12th**. Online **registration** is due by **Nov. 6th** (late registration due by Nov. 20th). Any senior interested in attending college next fall should plan to take the ACT. Colleges use both a student's GPA and ACT score in determining a college admissions index score, which is used for admissions acceptance, scholarships, and course level placement. Registration is available online at act.org or by picking up a registration packet in the RHS Counseling Center.

RHS Counseling Center Website:

A reminder that any information that pertains to college planning, scholarships, career planning, make-up credit, post-high school information, testing information, calendar, and other related individual planning information can be accessed through RHS's Counseling Center Website at <http://rivertonhigh.com/counseling>. Scholarships will be posted with related deadlines throughout the 09-10 year, so check back often!

New High School in Herriman Survey for Students (opens Fall '10):

If you are a student who lives in Herriman and want to have input on your school colors and mascot, visit <http://schools.jordandistrict.org/newjsdhigh/> to complete the survey. Have a say in your new school!!!