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COMMUNITY

Riverside Local Schools Update

This Spring, the entire world was met with unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 global health crisis.

The pandemic had a significant effect on our District and our community. Our mission during this time was to provide a meaningful education and emotional support for more than 4,200 students while trying to make the best out of an unfortunate situation.

We realize the past few months have been an extremely difficult and stressful time for everyone, but we are impressed with how our staff, students, families and community members rallied together to navigate through this crisis. We are proud of what we have all accomplished in the final months of the school year.

At the same time, we are saddened for our seniors who did not get to experience several senior traditions, our spring athletes who did not get to compete competitively and all of our students and families for missing out on months of socialization and normalcy.

Administrators and staff are hard at work planning for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. We are planning for the best practical protocols for physical distancing as well as proper sanitization and cleaning of our buses, classrooms and buildings.

We have also been in

contact with several PPE providers to ensure we have all the equipment needed once we do return to school.

In addition, it was important that we reached out to parents for their input. Parents were emailed a survey on June 18 so we could analyze their feedback. More than 2,000 parents completed the survey and we'd like to thank everyone for their input.

As we continue to plan for the 2020-2021 school year, we will be taking Governor Mike DeWine's recently released guidelines and recommendations into consideration.

We will also continue to work with the Lake County General Health District to ensure that we are following all proper health and safety protocols when planning for the school year.

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. We will communicate plans for the school year with all families in the very near future.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as the COVID-19 health crisis remains a fluid situation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Superintendent's Office. We encourage everyone to visit our website or follow our social media accounts for daily updates.

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*Senior
Class*
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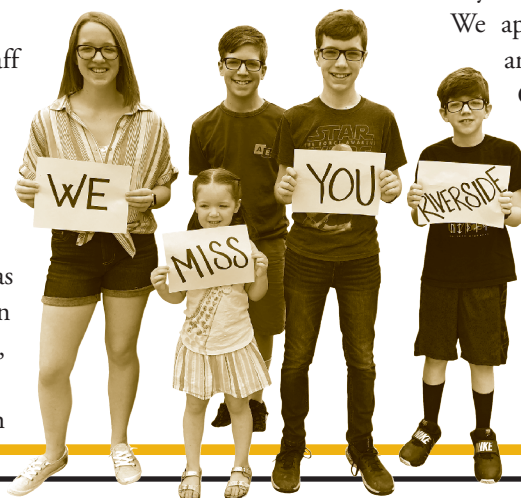


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Our MISSION . . .
Through a culture of
excellence, immerse
students in educational
opportunities and
empower them to excel in
an interconnected world.



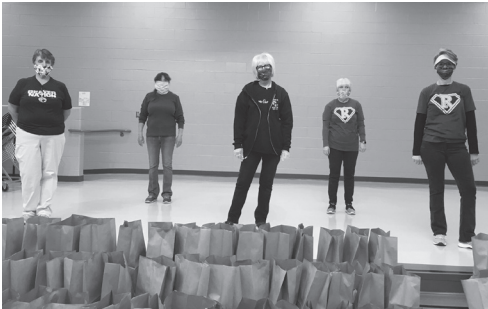
Faithfully Feeding Families

Despite the school buildings being ordered to close, the District's Nutrition Services Department has continued to feed children since the end of March.

Under the leadership of Michelle Gifford, Director of Nutrition Services, pre-packaged meals have been served between 11 a.m. and noon on Mondays and Wednesdays at Buckeye and Riverview elementary schools to children under the age of 18 regardless of their school district or enrollment

status. Nearly 33,000 meals were distributed through May. The meal service program will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays through August 31.

We'd like to thank everyone in the Nutrition Services Department for going above and beyond to ensure that children in need are receiving healthy meals that are in compliance with all necessary regulations. The staff has been creative to come up with the best options due to food availability and packaging and distribution issues all the while following social distancing and sanitation protocols in the kitchens and during the meal pick-ups.



Students Give Back!

Many students across the District found ways to give back to the community in meaningful ways during the COVID-19 health crisis. From making face masks and donating care packages to organizing food drives and cheering up hospital patients and frontline workers, our Riverside students stood tall with their caring acts of kindness!



DISTRICT

Remembering Jim Haffa

On March 26, the District lost Jim Haffa suddenly and unexpectedly. Jim was our Director of Operations/Transportation and was a tremendous asset to the District. He provided great leadership and adored his Transportation staff. He also worked tirelessly with all the other District Departments and Administrators on

a wide array of projects and was extremely well liked and respected. This is an enormous loss for our District. Jim was a Riverside graduate and also a community member who lived in the District. He leaves behind two children, AJ and Mason, and his wife, Julia, as well as countless friends and family members.



Jim Haffa

Financial Impact Of COVID-19

On May 5, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine announced significant cuts to Ohio's budget totaling \$775 million for fiscal year 2020, which ends on June 30. These cuts were announced to offset the loss of income tax revenue and sales tax revenue to the State of Ohio due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Public school funding faces the largest cut of \$300.5 million or 3.7%. Unfortunately, these cuts are not evenly weighted among school districts. Riverside's state funding is being cut 13.4% or \$1,119,055. The nine school districts located in Lake County are being hit particularly hard, losing a total of \$6,629,551 in state funding.

These budget cuts were announced in the second-to-last month of the fiscal year when it is too late to make any significant budget adjustments. Funding is distributed by the State of Ohio in 24 payments throughout the year. There were only three payments left when the cuts went into effect. Therefore,

Riverside's funding cut far exceeds its remaining payments resulting in the District owing money back to the State that it has already been paid. There are approximately 90 school districts in Ohio in the same predicament.

Fortunately, the District has been building cash reserves in recent years due to sound fiscal management and preparation for potential financial uncertainties. The District will receive \$426,070 in net funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by the Federal government in March. Additionally, Ohio House Bill 164 was signed into law on June 19 that will return \$181,480 of the original funding cut of \$1,119,055 back to Riverside. Due to these factors, the District will be able to withstand the net funding cut without going back to the voters for an increase in taxes. Details regarding further cuts for the next fiscal year beginning July 1 are still unknown.

However, state officials have said to expect a cut of at least the same amount or more. Riverside is estimating an 18% cut for the coming fiscal year.

Looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year, there are many unknown factors that will have significant financial ramifications. As of the date of this writing, we are still awaiting further guidance regarding the requirements and restrictions that will be imposed upon public school districts and determining best practices to operate a safe environment for all students, teachers, and staff. Discussions and planning are ongoing at this time.

For additional financial information regarding the Riverside Local School District, including monthly financial reports, audited annual financial statements, tax levy information, and the District's five-year forecast, please visit the Treasurer page on the District's website at www.riversidelocalschools.com/TreasurerCFO.aspx

District Facilities UPDATE

Hale Road Elementary: The District and the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve agreed to terms in February for the purchase of the entire Hale Road Elementary property.

The Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve agrees to pay the District a total of \$110,000 over the

span of the next three years.

The Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve is using the Hale Road building to facilitate multiple cross-district programs throughout Lake and Geauga counties.

Hadden Elementary: The District and the Governing Board of the iStem Early College High School and its Fiscal Agent, the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve agreed to terms in June on a lease.

The entities agree to pay the District \$70,000 per year for

the next two years effective July 1, 2020. The building will be used for iStem Early College High School.

The back portion of Hadden Elementary was sold last December to Painesville Township for \$40,000 and will remain a public park.

Leroy Elementary: A public auction of Leroy Elementary was scheduled for April 3, however due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the auction was cancelled and has not yet been rescheduled.

Phase II of the District Facilities Plan: The Board of Education has agreed to not pursue a bond levy for Phase II this November.





CONGRATULATIONS!

Head Of The Class Of 2020

■ Logan Bell

Valedictorian,

Class of 2020

Parents: Matthew and

April Bell

Siblings: Madison

(20), Samantha (15)

Residence: Painesville

Township

Elementary School:

Buckeye

Middle School:

LaMuth

Most Challenging

Class: Organic

Chemistry at Lake

Erie College, taught by Dr. Tedesco. The course was difficult because the kind of thinking necessary to succeed combined rote memorization with a lot of fuzzy logic, and this was foreign to me. I'm more mathematically minded, so I was frustrated that I couldn't start with a few basic principles and logically derive solutions to all the problems.

Extracurriculars: National Honor Society, Riverside

Math Club, Cross Country

Extracurriculars (non-school): Lakeland Math Club and

Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, USA Mathematical

Talent Search, Independent Research and YouTube

Videos, Solo Trail Running

College Plans: Stanford University

Major: Mathematics and Computer Science

The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local

Schools: The willingness of the teachers and staff to help students pursue their academic and extracurricular goals.

Advice for future Riverside graduates: Don't be afraid to seek help or advice from your teachers and counselors. They all have experience, resources, and knowledge that they will share if you ask. Also, try to keep yourself balanced. Spend time every day improving your mental, physical, social, and spiritual health, whatever these mean for you. Finally, don't model your life around adorning your college application. Be curious and pursue something exciting; your resume will grow naturally.

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■ Logan Bell

■ April Boffa

Valedictorian, Class of 2020

Parents: Lou and Joan Boffa

Siblings: Vincent (23)

Residence: Painesville

Elementary School: Melridge

Middle School: LaMuth

Most Challenging Class: AP U.S.

History. It was the first AP class I took and I really had to apply myself in order to be good in the class and on the AP test.

Extracurriculars: GSA

Extracurriculars (non-school): Archery,

Karate, Photography

College Plans: Bowling Green State

University

Major: Undecided, but leaning toward Psychology and Research

The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local Schools: The community and school spirit was inspiring.

Advice for future Riverside graduates: Don't give up you'll get there!

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■ April Boffa

■ Cassandra Jordan

Valedictorian, Class of 2020

Parents: Jeff and Donnelle Jordan

Siblings: Mandy (21)

Residence: Painesville Township

Elementary School: Madison Avenue

Middle School: LaMuth

Most Challenging Class: AP Physics.

The concepts and applications were the hardest for me to understand out of all of my classes.

Extracurriculars: Varsity Volleyball

Extracurriculars (non-school): Club

Volleyball

College Plans: Illinois State University, where I will play volleyball.

Major: Exercise Science

The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local Schools: The amount of teachers that care about the kids as more than just students and that they make an effort to form deeper bonds with them.

Advice for future Riverside graduates: Be kind and respectful to everyone you meet and try new things!

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■ Cassandra Jordan



Valedictorians And Salutatorian

■ Carly Sanders

Valedictorian, Class of 2020

Parents: Curt and Sheri Sanders

Siblings: Tara (39), Trisha (38),

Tiffany (31)

Residence: Painesville City

Elementary School: Hadden

Middle School: LaMuth

Most Challenging Class: Algebra 2

Honors. It was the first time I had trouble understanding math and I hadn't figured out how to study for a math test yet.

Extracurriculars: Cheerleading, Choir, Theatre, SIDE Leadership, National Honor Society, Greenhouse Club

Extracurriculars (non-school): Dance at Fairport Dance Academy

College Plans: Ohio Wesleyan University, where I will continue my cheerleading career.

Major: Double major, Botany and Biochemistry.

The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local Schools: The teachers! Every teacher I have had has made it their personal mission to guarantee my success. They also get to know their students on a more personal level.

Advice for future Riverside graduates: Study hard, but don't miss out on all the fun high school stuff! You are more likely to regret not spending more time with your friends than one bad test grade.



■ Carly Sanders

■ Nathan Keller

Salutatorian,

Class of 2020

Parents: Rick and Jillian Keller

Siblings: Honora (17)

Residence: Concord Township

Elementary School:

Buckeye

Middle School:

LaMuth

Most Challenging

Class: AP Chemistry

because Mr. Lark

writes challenging tests.

Extracurriculars: Riverside Regiment, Pep Band,

Lacrosse, National Honor Society

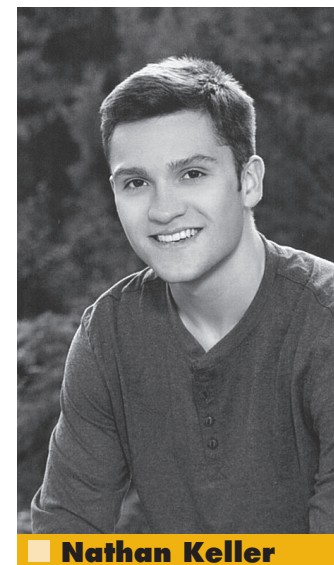
College Plans: Kent State University

Major: Chemistry

The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local

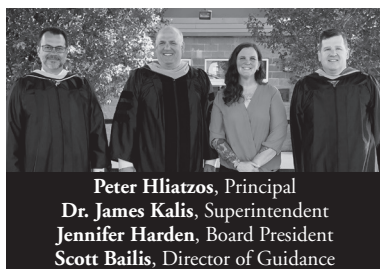
Schools: Friday nights at the Riverside Stadium.

Advice for future Riverside graduates: Get involved and have fun!



■ Nathan Keller

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Peter Hlitzos, Principal
Dr. James Kalis, Superintendent
Jennifer Harden, Board President
Scott Bailis, Director of Guidance

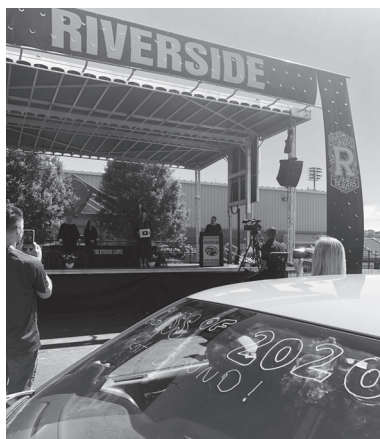
Congratulations!
CLASS of 2020



This year's graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 was unlike any other in the history of Riverside High School.

Following guidelines and directives from Gov. DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health, Riverside High School held a drive-thru outdoor stage walk on June 13 and June 14.

Visit www.riversidelocalschools.com and follow @RLSD_Beavers for details when the **2020 Virtual Graduation Ceremony**, complete with stage-walk video footage, images, and pre-recorded speeches, will be available for viewing via the District's YouTube channel.



District staff members gathered at Riverside High School on June 12 to give the Class of 2020 a Senior Send-Off prior to their graduation.





CONGRATULATIONS!

The Graduating Class Of 2020

Class Officers

President

Nicholas Kalb

Vice President

Tatiana Alston

Vice President

Grace Klein

Vice President

Gabriel Richner

Class of 2020 Representative

Avery Campbell

Class of 2020 Representative

Tyler Weber

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Sabrina Rose-Marie Ackerman
Erin Kristina Adkins #1 LCCA
Jacob Daryl Albu
Tatiana Symone Alston N3 CS SP
Francesco West Amato
Michele Ann Andrews
Branden Marshall-Habas Ardillo
Patsy Asamoah-Addo N3 CS
Raphael Nana Asamoah-Addo
Kevin Roger Bahner
James Robert Baker
Grace Ann Baluch SP
Erin Elizabeth Barrett
Grace Faye Barron
Paige Marcella Beckwith
Annika Adele Behrend N3 CS SP
Logan Matthew Bell #1 H N3 LCCA
LCCS CS
Olivia Christine Bell SP
Emma River Grace Berzonsky
Ethan Cole Besselman #1 H CS
Patrick John Biats
Hailey Elizabeth Bishop
April Rose Boffa #1 H
Emily Ann Bogdanski #1 H N2 CS
Sabrina Ann Bogert
Brandon Michael Bonk
Giovanni Michael Bottiggi
Sean Patrick Bowyer H SP
Dylan Paul Boyce
John Matthew Brancel
Cassidy Leigh Breach H
Aaron David Bucholtz
Andrew Jacob Bukovesky
Katarina Jade Burkhammer H N3 CS
Chloe Reily Burr
Elizabeth Isabelle Busch H
Lauren Claire Bush #1 H N2 CS
Chyle Thomas Bythway
Maria Ines Calderon-Morales
Flynn Glema Cammerata SP
Celeste Jade Campagna
Avery Rebecca Campbell H CS
Cheyenne Rene Caranci
Joshua Matthew Carducci
Pearl Catherine Carey
Nya Sage Carlucci
Erica Grace Carroll H
Andrew Michael Cesnik
Andrea Nicole Check H N3 CS
Joseph Michael Coleman
Nathan Arthur Collins
Kiley Rae Compton SP
Madison Taylor Conn
Paige Joan Contorno H N3 CS
Margaret Mary Conway H
Bradyn Andrew Crum N3 CS
Sydney Tatyanna Cummings

Dijana Maria Cvitkovic
Jaden Irene Danch
Montana Marie Nicole Darby
Jacob Louis Darida CS
Matthew Philip Stephen Davis CTH CS
Sarah Anne DeBacker
Nathalia Marie DeJesus Colon
Kaylee Sky Downen
Alexander Von Dowling #1
Caleigh Rebecca Duesing CS
Jason Dwayne Dunn
Trevor Paul Durst #1 H
Daniel Thomas Engert
Avery Elizabeth Ericksen CS
Christian Alexander Eveland
Madison Elizabeth Everly #1 H SP
Nicholas Aaron Kalief Fairbanks
Nathan Xavier Fenske
Alec Cole Ferrell
Savannah Marie Fiediga H
Bryce Patrick Fisher
Cierra Muenta Fitzgerald
Morgan Elizabeth Fleischer SP
Faith Marie Fogle LCCA LCCS
Sara Marie Franekic
Kaden Thomas Frantz
Tyler Joseph Frey
Shyann Claire Frye #1
Hayley Jayne Fuller
Karleigh Kristine Fulmer
Ancelma Jackeline Garcia Ramirez N CS
Vincenzo Francis Gates
Alexandra Nichole Giddings
Megan Elizabeth Gidley H CS SP
Adam John Price Giffin
Nicholas Joseph Goletz
Haleigh Isabelle Gorra SP
Abigail Christina Gradomski SP
Samantha Ann Greben
Kyra Elizabeth Grzely H N2 CS SP
Gian Carlo Guillen Barria
Elijah Haller #1 H LCCA LCCS
Kaja Alina Haller
Joshua Thomas Hannan H N2 CS
Christopher Anthony Hansen
Kaylee Ann Hartley H SP
John Aidan Hayes
Autumn Lynn Hebebrand
Sean Robert Hedger
Sabrina Evelyn Hedrick
Jared Matteo Henley
Riley Kathrine Hensley SP
Daniel Ryan Hill
Jason Nicolas Hill SP
Michael Joseph Hoffman
Hanna Grace Holen
Alex Michael Hrwatzki
Donald Matthew Hughell
Sydney R. Hulston CS
Jordan Tyler Humar SP
Ryan Joseph Humphries
Lauren Renee Hunt H N3 CS
Zoe Marlena Hunter
Vincent Armand Iaboni
Stephanie Oksanna Iorga
Colin James Jackson
Kamora Malia Jeffries SP
Quentin Daniel Jekutis SP
Sydney Ann Jekutis
Ryan Wesley Jones SP
Cassandra Lynne Jordan #1 H
Maria Guadalupe Juache Garcia
Jhoana Lizeth Juarez Perez
Samantha Ann Jusko
Nicholas Adam Kalb
Amanda Rose Kaput
Taylor Alexis Keating
Honora Renee Keller
Nathan Richard Keller #1 H N2 CS
Mary Elizabeth Kelly CS SP
Brianna Nicole Kibler SP
Carliyah Anngel King
Hunter Raymond King
Jessica Elizabeth Kish #1 H N3 CS
Grace Elizabeth Klein H N3 CS SP
Julia Marie Klesch
Michael Zachary Knack SP
Noah Joseph Kneier
Miranda Rachel Kochever
Edgar Michael Kokos
Sophia Diana Korelec
Autumn Rose Kovach H
Sara Elizabeth Kovalchuk #1 H N3 CS SP
Emily Juliana Kray SP
Angelika Marie Krcal #1 H LCCA
McKayla Lynn Lange N3 CS
Auriel Renee Larkin
Krimson Izabella Laudando
Alexander Christopher Layden
Jordan Ann Lee
Madellein Elida Lemieux #1
Alicia Wynter Lewins
Julia Marie Lewins #1 H N3 CS
Sydney Wallace Logar
Hailee Ann Marie Lohr SP
Madeline Eve Loiacono #1 H
Matthew Ryan Lucy
Mason William Mackey
Peter Emil Maczuzak #1 H SP
Niccole Elizabeth Madda
Jared Stanley Mahler N3 CS
Anna Irene Majoros H
Samuel Louis Marciano SP
Abigail Rose Marut
Brock William Marut
Madeline Rachel McCloskey H

Key	
#1	#1 Club
H	Honors Diploma
CTH	Career/Technical Honors Diploma
N	National Honor Society
N2	National Honor Society 2-year member
N3	National Honor Society 3-year member
LCCA	CCP Lakeland Community College Associate of Arts Degree
LCCS	CCP Lakeland Community College Associate of Science Degree
CS	Community Service
SP	Senior Project



Good Luck In The Future

Dakota Rene McDaniel
 Kristen Leanne McKanna LCCA
 Natalie Reine McKinstry SP
 Alec Kennedy McQueary
 Cameron Jonathon Middleton
 Jordyn Catherine Miley
 Arielle Marie Miller H
 Joseph Andrew Miller SP
 Justin Dean Miller SP
 Michalene Virginia Mlakar #1 H N3 CS
 Lauren Grace Modarelli #1 H N2 CS SP
 Chandler Mary Monahan
 Elsa Morales Llamas
 Conner Mark Moran
 Alex Michael Morin H
 Anthony Joseph Mucciarone
 Alexandra Marie Munaretto CS SP
 Tatum Jade Murphy
 Kaylee Marie Murray
 Ryan Philip Myers
 Kaitlyn Marie Naegele
 Owen Douglas Napier CS
 Raleigh Amanda Neal
 Tuyetnhi Nguyen
 Danielle Faye Nobbe #1 H LCCS
 Ryan Patrick O'Connor
 Alexandria Bernice Ohmes SP
 Daniel Oliva
 Reece Bradbern Olson SP
 Kathryn Rose O'Neill
 Cesar Eduardo Pacheco
 Ana Elizabeth Pacheco-Mena
 Eliana Morgan Palermo H N3 LCCA CS
 Sebastian Manuel Palomino
 Gregory Louis Pastor-Hall
 Ravi Ashok bhai Patel
 Sonia Marie Patel
 Karleigh Ann Payne
 Jason Edward Paynter
 Richard Daniel Pearce #1 H
 Sydney Gabrielle Pearlman N2 CS
 Joshua Kevin Pentek SP
 Tyler Anthony Percie H CS
 Sincere LeeAnna Perkins
 Andrew Edward Pethel
 Emma Grace Pettine
 James Jagar Piggford
 Grace Marie Taylor Porter SP
 Julia Grace Powall SP
 Kailyn Michelle Pridemore
 Tyler Mathew Priem
 Madison Elizabeth Puhalsky #1 H N2
 CS SP
 Thomas James Pulling #1 H
 Brendan Ray Rakes
 Jacob Ray Rakes
 Maria Isabel Ramirez Porras N CS
 Martha Cecilia Ramirez-Palomino

Jaren Cole Rasile
 Vincent Michael Razzante
 Ryan Joseph Reho
 Hayden Thomas Reigle
 Paola San Juana Remigio CS
 Patricia Lynn Renshaw
 Shyann Marie Reynolds
 Emma Nicole Rhoades H
 Amarion La-Shawn Rice
 Gabriel Michael Richner #1 H N3 CS
 Julia Rachelle Ringler
 Benjamin Thomas Rozga
 Francesca Annmarie Salvo
 Angelysse Marie Sanchez Colon
 Carly Marie Sanders #1 H N3 CS
 Kari Ann Schack #1 H N2 CS
 Austin Tyler Schilling
 Brett Ryan Schrauff H N3 CS
 Vanessa Marie Schubert #1 SP
 Mason Reed Schwartz H
 Aidan T. Schwarzwald
 Olivia Brooke Schwendeman CS
 Bryce James Schwenk
 Gabriel James Scott H
 Robert Lynn Sears
 Hannah Nicole Secre SP
 Christopher Edward Selleny SP
 Jessica del Carmen Serrano
 Hayden AnneMae Severa #1 H
 Michael Ethan Shaw
 Ian Michael Shea CS
 Kaisa Adele Shingleton
 Veronica Grace Shockey
 Alexis Marie Sholtz
 Michael Jeffery Siders CS
 Paul Spencer Siders N2 CS
 Miguel Angel Silva Rangel
 Madysen Louise Sinkovic H SP
 Morgan Elizabeth Sisa H
 Lauren Rose Skowronsky LCCS
 Jessica Lynn Slansky #1 H N3 LCCA
 LCCS CS
 Joshua Carter Smalley
 Alex Marianne Smith H
 Jordan Isaiah Smith
 Giana Bella Sobonya N3 CS
 Patrick Joseph Soday
 Alfonso Soto-Murillo
 Angela Emma Spreitzer SP
 Jordan Zachary Stemple SP
 Ryan Christopher Stevens
 Bridget Lynn Storey
 Olivia Paige Sutter H N3 CS SP
 Zachary Nicholas Swan
 Jasmine Oriana Switalski
 Kaitlyn Nicole Szeker CS SP
 Kaylan Diane Szoradi
 Cierra Mae Thomas

Sydney Elise Tilk CS SP
 Julia Elizabeth Tomba CS
 Kyle Steven Toth SP
 Jacob Michael Trunkley
 Nicholas Scott Turner
 Shannon Alexa Turner
 Gage Robert Vachet
 Lauren Elizabeth Valentine H N3 LCCA
 LCCS CS
 Alyssa Diane VanPelt
 Matthew Jonathan Vencius
 Patrick Joseph Vojtush
 Ethan Richard Waddle
 Ryan Patrick Walker
 Bradley Cole Wallace
 Tyler Gerald Weber #1 H N3 CS
 Melanie Faith Weirich H LCCS
 Rebecca Marie Wheeler
 McKenna Chloe Whipple H LCCA
 Dean Robert White N2 CS
 Clara Alice Wicinski
 Nickayla Dawn Wiggins N3 LCCA CS
 Mark Dylan Wilmes
 Timothy Raymond Wojtonek #1
 Grayson William Wolf
 Rachel Lynn Wolfe
 Audrey Joan Wooledge #1 H N2 CS
 Camryn Wright
 Josephine Ann Wyman LCCS CS
 Payton Nicole Young SP
 Josip Mirko Zorchets
 Maya Allison Zovko

Did You Know . . .

. . . the Class of 2020 at Riverside High School is comprised of **318** graduating seniors.

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. . . of the 318 seniors in the Class of 2020, **20%** earned an Honors Diploma (H, CTH) upon graduation.

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. . . of the 318 seniors in the Class of 2020, **19%** earned a Community Service Honor Cord (CS).

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DISTRICT

Staff Members “Graduate”

In addition to the 318 graduating seniors from the Class of 2020, the end of the 2019-20 school year marked the retirement of nine dedicated Riverside Local Schools staff members who have served the District for a combined 218 years. Thanks to each and every one for their many years of service!

Name	Position	Years*
Deborah Blauvelt	Transportation Department	40 years
Nancy Cunningham	Nutrition Services (LaMuth)	36 years
Sandra Kmetz	Transportation Operator	11 years
Dana Matson	Transportation Operator	15 years
Bonnie Nau	Transportation Operator	30 years
Sheree Shook	Special Needs Assistant	11 years
Nadine Southworth	Nutrition Services (Hale Road)	30 years
Gail Steinke	Secretary (Buckeye)	14 years
Peggy Youdath	Intervention Specialist (Riverside)	31 years
*Years of service to the Riverside Local Schools		218 years



CONGRATULATIONS!

Class Of 2020 Scholarships & Awards



Congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2020 who will be serving in the military.



Jacob Albu, U.S. Army



Francesco Amato, U.S. Marines



Branden Ardillo, U.S. Army



Alex Hrwatzki, U.S. Army

Arthur F. Warren Memorial Scholarship — Jessica Slansky

Art Award, Excellence in Art — Avery Campbell, Erica Carroll, Paige Contorno, Savannah Fiediga, Bryce Fisher, Vincenzo Gates, Krya Grzely, Kaja Haller, Kaylee Hartley, Grace Klein, Julia Klesch, Emily Kray, McKayla Lange, Peter Maczuzak, Arielle Miller, Lauren Modarelli, Karleigh Payne, Madison Puhalsky, Emma Rhoades, Francesca Salvo, Madyson Sinkovic, Morgan Sisa, Giana Sobonya, Audrey Woledge

Animation Award, Excellence in Animation — Madyson Sinkovic

Auburn Career Center Award of Excellence — Grace Baluch (Teaching Professions Pathway), Matthew Davis (Electrical Engineering Prep), Owen Napier (Emergency Medical Services), Josh Pentak (Sports Medicine), Maria Ramirez Porras (Patient Care Technician), Hayden Reigle (Internet Programming and Development), Sean Velmer (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning)

Auburn Career Center Henry LaMuth Outstanding Career/Technical Student Award — Maria Ramirez Porras (Patient Care Technician)

Auburn Career Center Perfect Attendance, 1 year — Dijana Cvitkovic (Internet Programming and Development), Ethan Gorra (Automotive Collision Repair), Bryce Schwenk (Interactive Multimedia Technology), Paul Siders (Internet Programming and Development), Shannon Turner (Mobile Applications and Technology)

Auburn Career Center Perfect Attendance, 2 years — Matthew Davis (Electrical Engineering Prep), Alexander Dowling (Interactive Multimedia Technology), Michael Siders (Mobile Applications and Technology), Ryan Walker (Construction)

Buckeye Girls State — Grace Klein

CCP Lakeland Community College Associate of Arts Degree — Erin Adkins, Logan Bell, Faith Fogle, Elijah Haller, Angelika Krcal, Kristen McKanna, Eliana Palermo, Jessica Slansky, Lauren Valentine, McKenna Whipple, Nickayla Wiggins

CCP Lakeland Community College Associate of Science Degree — Logan Bell, Faith Fogle, Elijah Haller, Danielle Nobbe, Lauren Skowronsky, Jessica Slansky, Lauren Valentine, Melanie Weirich, Josephine Wyman

Computer Award, Excellence in HTML — Donald Hughell

David R. Baker Memorial Scholarship — Avery Campbell, Gabriel Richner

Frank and Pauline Vaccariello Memorial Scholarship — Jessica Slansky

Foreign Exchange Student — Kristina Simonsen (Greenland)

Graphic Design Award, Excellence in Graphic Design — Erin Barrett

John Philip Sousa Award — Mason Schwartz

Lake Health Scholarship — Gabriel Richner, Jessica Slansky, Tyler Weber

Leadership Lake County — Avery Ericksen, Grace Klein, Jessica Slansky, Giana Sobonya, Bradley Wallace

Learning About Business (LAB) — Emily Bogdanski, Jessica Slansky

Medical Mutual of Ohio Scholarship — Angelika Krcal

National School Choral Award — Ian Shea

Painesville Exchange Club Scholarship — Carly Sanders

Painesville/Mentor Rotary Clubs Male Support in a Drama/Comedy — Ryan Poje

Painesville Rotary Service Scholarship — Jessica Slansky

Renee Robison Zappitelli Community Service Scholarship — Grace Klein

Phi Beta Kappa Award — Logan Bell

Photography Award, Excellence in Photography — Annika Behrend, April Boffa, Flynn Cammerata, Jacob Darida, Alicia Lewins, Justin Miller, Michalene Mlakar, Brendan Rakes

Rita Matteo Memorial Scholarship — Jessica Slansky

Riverside High School Alumni Association Scholarship — Jacob Darida, Sara Kovalchuk, Gabriel Richner

Riverside High School Class of 1980 Scholarship — Jessica Slansky

Riverside RBI Club Scholarship — Christopher Selleny

CONGRATULATIONS!



Thanks!

... to the organizations, companies, and foundations for providing award recognition and scholarships to the honored members of the Class of 2020.

RLEA Teachers' Memorial Scholarship — Tatiana Alston, Avery Campbell, Grace Klein, Peter Maczuzak, Julia Powell, Jessica Slansky, Olivia Sutter

RLEEF – Clyde C. Hadden Memorial Scholarship — Sara Kovalchuk

RLEEF – David W. Shaner Memorial Scholarship — Tatiana Alston

RLEEF – Dr. Mary A. Porter Memorial Scholarship — Madyson Sinkovic

RLEEF – George E. Inscho, Jr. Memorial Scholarship — Sara Kovalchuk

RLEEF – Henry F. LaMuth Memorial Scholarship — Audrey Wooledge

RLEEF – Ian Minnick Memorial Scholarship — Madyson Sinkovic

RLEEF – Janice R. Wunderlich Scholarship — Logan Bell

RLEEF – Joanne McDaniel Memorial Scholarship — Tatiana Alston

RLEEF – John J. Weiss Scholarship — Nick Kalb, Peter Maczuzak, Lauren Skowronsky

RLEEF – Melissa Fankboner Memorial Scholarship — Jessica Slansky

Yearbook Award — Madeline Loiacono, Clara Wicinski



Riverside High School joined high schools throughout the state of Ohio to 'Light Up the Stadium' to shine light on the Class of 2020. On April 20 at 8:20 p.m. — 20:20 Military Time — the lights at Riverside Stadium were turned on for 20 minutes and 20 seconds to honor all of our graduating seniors.

Senior Project

Over 50 seniors participated in this year's modified Senior Project Program. The interested and eligible seniors conducted career research and interviews with professionals in their field of interest.

Thank you to our Senior Project Community Sponsors!

A Bit of Skirt Boutique • Abbott • Adventure Subaru • Auburn Career Center • Big Creek Veterinary Hospital • Bob's Garage and Towing • Buckeye Elementary School • Candler Hospital • Carver Financial Services • Chestnut Elementary School • Cleveland Fire Department • Cleveland Police Department • Corporate Lodgings of Northeast Ohio • DMS • Doubletree Hilton • Elite Sports Performance • Geauga Medical Center • General Electric • Gray & McCrone • Great Lakes Crushing Ltd. • Janeane Grisez, Art Therapist and Counselor • Jefferson Police Department • Kim Fisher, RN • Lake County Building Department • Lake County Sheriff's Office • Lake Health • Lake Metroparks Farmpark • LBL Printing • Lyncrest Hill Stables • Madison Veterinary Hospital • Michelle Capp Photography • Micro Center • Morris Chiropractic • Northeast Ohio Vascular Associates • Ohio State Highway Patrol • On Your Way with René Travel • Pease, CPA's • Pediatric Place • Progressive Insurance • Resonanz Opera • Ridge Elementary School • Riverside High School • Shetler Office Solutions • Signature Health • Stella's Art Gallery • Step One Allstars • Stephanie Kunkler, Paralegal • Surgical Care Center • The Mill-Rose Company • Tripoint Medical Center • US Endoscopy • Willoughby Hills Fire Department



Class Of 2020 College Bound Student Athletes



Giovanni Bottiggi,
Ohio Northern
Univ., football



John Brancel,
Defiance College,
soccer



Lauren Bush,
Edinboro Univ.,
softball



Kaden Frantz,
Adrian College,
wrestling



Kyra Grzely,
Notre Dame
College, soccer



Sydney Jekutis,
Lake Erie College,
lacrosse



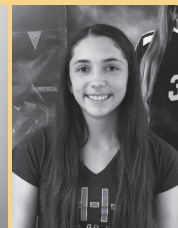
Cassandra Jordan,
Illinois State Univ.,
volleyball



Nick Kalb,
Baldwin Wallace
Univ., football



Jessica Kish,
Robert Morris Univ.,
track and field



Grace Klein,
Ohio State Univ.,
rowing



Sydney Logar,
Kent State Univ.,
track and field



Emma Rhoades,
Lake Erie College,
soccer and lacrosse



Angelica Ross,
Wright State Univ.,
tennis



Mason Schwartz,
Chatham Univ.,
baseball



Jordan Smith,
Baldwin Wallace
Univ., football



Giana Sobonya,
Lakeland CC,
soccer



Athletic Year-In-Review

Congratulations to all of Riverside's student-athletes and coaches for another successful year. Shown below are some of the more noteworthy accomplishments from the 2019-20 school year.

RIVERSIDE BEAVERS 2020 Varsity Football Schedule

Fri., Aug. 287:30 p.m.
vs. **PERRY**
Pregame Tailgate Party

Fri., Sept. 47:00 p.m.
@ **Kirtland**

Fri., Sept. 117:00 p.m.
vs. **RHODES**

Fri., Sept. 187:00 p.m.
vs. **CHARDON** *
Mass Band

Fri., Sept. 257:00 p.m.
@ **Madison** *

Fri., Oct. 27:00 p.m.
vs. **NORTH** *

Fri., Oct. 97:00 p.m.
vs. **BRUSH** *
Homecoming/Alumni Band

Fri., Oct. 167:00 p.m.
@ **Mayfield** *

Fri., Oct. 237:00 p.m.
@ **Kenston** *

Fri., Oct. 307:00 p.m.
vs. **SOUTH** *
Senior Parent Night

* Western Reserve Conference game
Home games in CAPS

PLEASE NOTE:
Schedule is tentative as of the date
of publication. Final status will
be determined by the OHSA
and the Ohio Dept. of Health.



Cross Country, Boys —

- Regional Qualifier: **Zeb Zuber**
- WRC All-Conference: **Scott Cavell**, **Bryce Weber**, **Zeb Zuber**

Cross Country, Girls —

- State Qualifier: **Cheyenne Durda**
- WRC All-Conference: **Cheyenne Durda**
- News-Herald All-Star: **Cheyenne Durda**

Football —

- WRC All-Conference: **Alex Sigh**, **Jordan Smith**, **Matt Spofford**, **Matt Vencius**, **Matt Watson**, **Dylan Yowell**
- Lake County Touchdown Club All-Stars: **Giovanni Bottiggi**, **James Bruno**, **Jordan Smith**, **Matt Spofford**, **Matt Vencius**, **Dylan Yowell**
- Lake County Touchdown Club Scholar Athlete: **Tyler Weber**

Golf —

- WRC All-Conference: **Sam Marciano**

Soccer, Boys —

- WRC All-Conference: **Jason Paynter**, **Daniel Rangel**, **Johann Rodriguez**, **Jared Rogentheim**

Soccer, Girls —

- WRC All-Conference: **Giana Sobonya**, **Audrey Wooledge**

Tennis, Girls —

- State Qualifier: **Angelica Ross**
- WRC All-Conference: **Angelica Ross**
- News-Herald All-Star: **Angelica Ross**

Volleyball — District Champions, WRC Champions

- WRC All-Conference: **Maddie Herman**, **Taylor Reigle**, **Jen Sivak**, **Kate Tracz**
- News-Herald All Star: **Jen Sivak**

Basketball, Boys —

- WRC All-Conference: **Caden Geiger**, **Mason Stephens**

Basketball, Girls —

- WRC All-Conference: **Amanda Kolar**

Swimming, Boys —

- WRC Champion: **Mason Steen** (100 Breast)
- District Qualifiers: **Trent Babcock** (Diving), **Mason Steen** (500 Free)

Swimming, Girls —

- WRC Champion: **Sammi Smith** (200 Free, 500 Free)
- District Qualifiers: **Maya Jerras** (400 Free Relay), **Grace Klein** (200 Free Relay), **Kylie Lanning** (400 Free Relay), **Jenna Leonard** (200 Free Relay), **Lauren Shambaugh** (200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay), **Sammi Smith** (200 Free (Sect. Champion), 500 Free (Sect. Champion), 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay), **Isabella Steen** (Diving), **Natasha Zahursky** (Diving)
- News-Herald All-Star, Girls Para Swimmer of the Year: **Julia Hixson**

Wrestling —

- WRC Champions: **Danny Martich** (160), **Chris Rocha** (120)
- Riverside Rumble Champions: **Kaden Frantz** (113), **Danny Martich** (160), **Chris Rocha** (120), **Tyler Wittreich** (138)
- District Qualifiers: **Kaden Frantz** (113), **Noah Kneier** (195), **Tyler Longstaff** (160), **Danny Martich** (152 (Sect. Champion)), **Gavin Richner** (138), **Chris Rocha** (120), **Tyler Wittreich** (132 (Sect. Champion))
- **Kaden Frantz**, **Danny Martich**, and **Chris Rocha** earned their 100th career wrestling wins and each accomplished their individual feat at the WRC tournament.



Online Registration / Required Online Forms

Parents and guardians are able to register their children online as well as complete required online forms by accessing Infinite Campus through the District website.

Online Registration (for new students/families): For those registering their children into the District for the first time (including Kindergarten Registration), parents/guardians will need to visit www.riversidelocalschools.com and click on the Registration Information link underneath the Parents tab. From there, find the Online Registration link with directions to begin the process. Online Registration must be completed on a computer – not a phone or a tablet.

Required Online Forms (for returning students/families): Accessible through Infinite Campus, completing the Online Forms allows parents and guardians to update primary and emergency contact information, child information, health services information, and to sign off on release agreements for photos and use of technology. It is required that parents and guardians complete the Required Online Forms, which have taken the place of the paper forms previously sent home for parents to fill out during the first week of school. Parents will also be able to log-in throughout the year to change any contact information as necessary.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not have internet access or a computer, computers will be available at the Board Office to complete Online Registration and/or Required Online Forms. For more information, or if you need to register at the Board Office, please contact the District Registrar, Crystal DiFranco at (440) 358-8204 or via e-mail at crystal.difranco@riversideschools.net.



The Riverside Veterans Wall of Honor recently received a new flag for its display. The new, independent Space Force within the Department of the Air Force was approved in the FY20 National Defense Authorization Act.

Thank You, Voters!

Thank you to all the voters in the Riverside, Madison, Painesville City and Perry school districts for passing the Lake County School Financing District Renewal Levy.

The Lake County School Financing District was created in 1990 for the purpose of levying taxes for the provision of specified educational programs and services by the four participating school districts that are part of the financing district. The ESC of the Western Reserve (formerly known as the Lake County Educational Service Center) is the taxing authority, which collects the tax proceeds and distributes them to each of the four school districts based on an agreed upon formula.

This is a renewal of a long standing 4.9-mill levy for an additional five-year period. Renewals were previously approved in 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, and 2015.

The levy generates more than \$2 million per year for Riverside Local Schools and is used for instructional expenses related to English, Math, Science and Social Studies at the Riverside Campus.

All school and community stakeholders are the winners as a strong school system lead to a desirable community. Many variables determine how well a school district performs, but nothing has more of a positive impact than community support.

Thanks!

The District would like to thank the following businesses, organizations, and individuals for their donations, which were approved by the Board of Education between February 2020 and June 2020:

- **Ian's Legacy** for donating \$100 to National Honor Society
- **Riverside Alumni Association** for donating \$200 for 2020 senior yard signs
- **RLEA** for donating \$300 for 2020 senior yard signs
- **LBL Printing** for donating stage banners for the 2020 graduation stage
- **Lubrizol** for donating \$400 for Project Hope
- **Bryan Levon** for donating \$25 to the Riverside Athletics Fund in memory of Jim Haffa
- **Aero Fluid Products** for donating \$100 to Riverside Fastpitch
- **Greg Miller** for donating \$30.38 to the Riverside General Fund
- **Various Donors through BookTix** for donating \$1,672.03 to RHS Drama

Need Work?

Substitute Bus Drivers/Substitute Bus Aides ... Apply at the Riverside Transportation Office: 585 Riverside Drive, Painesville OH 44077 or call 440-357-5571. **Substitute Custodians** ... Day or evening shifts available. Apply by calling: 440-357-1556. **Substitute Teachers** ... Submit your application via the North Coast Shared Services Alliance at www.northcoastssa.org. A Bachelor's Degree (in any field) is required as well as a clean criminal background check.

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Riverview Elementary

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DISTRICT

Welcome Deputy Rowland

The District is excited to announce that Deputy Robert Rowland will be its new School Resource Officer. Deputy Rowland is a 2010 graduate of Euclid High School and has been with the Lake County Sheriff's Office since 2016. He is a member of the Sheriff's Office Search and Recovery Scuba Diving Team and also the Marine Patrol.

Deputy Rowland currently resides in Concord Township with his wife and daughter. He is looking forward to building positive relationships and interactions with students and staff across the District.



Deputy Rowland

MELRIDGE

New Position For Principal Wakim

Gretchen Wakim has been appointed the new principal for Melridge Elementary for the 2020-21 school year. She has worked in the Riverside Local School District since the 2003-04 school year—first as a school psychologist, then as a special education supervisor and most recently as an assistant principal at Riverside Campus. Prior to working at Riverside, Mrs. Wakim worked for eight years as a school psychologist for the Hamilton City School District near Cincinnati. She holds a Bachelor of

Science degree in psychology from Kent State University and a Masters of Educational Psychology from Miami University in Ohio. She earned her administrative certificate through Notre Dame College. Mrs. Wakim is looking forward to her new role as principal of Melridge Elementary working with students, families, and staff.



Gretchen Wakim