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Riverside Hosts COVID-19 Vaccination Site

In coordination with the Lake County General Health District and the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve, Riverside High School hosted a COVID-19 vaccination site for Lake County school employees on February 25.

As part of the Ohio Department of Health's Phase 1B Plan, the state has designated school staff members as individuals prioritized to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. More than 1,100 staff members from Riverside, Madison, Fairport and Painesville City School Districts — as well as employees from the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve, Summit Academy, Andrew Osborne Academy, Huntington Learning Centers, and Our Shepard Lutheran School — received their first vaccine dose and are scheduled to receive a second dose on March 19 at Riverside High School.

Earlier this year, Governor Mike DeWine announced that vaccinations would be available for personnel in Ohio schools, so long as their school districts return to in-person learning or hybrid education delivery models by March 1, 2021. Riverside has been offering two learning options

for students throughout the entire school year: a return to in-person learning and a full-time remote learning program called The Riverside Remote Learning Academy.

Throughout the school year, the District has collaborated with the Lake County General Health District to ensure we are operating our schools in the safest possible way. The return to in-person learning has been met with several

health and safety protocols put in place. These health and safety protocols include, but are not limited to:

- Requirement of face masks for all staff and students in grades K-12
- Personal portable desk shields for all students to place on top of their desk
- Hand sanitizer located throughout all school buildings, classrooms and buses
- Physical distancing to the greatest extent possible
- No sharing of supplies or materials
- No large group gatherings or assembly of students
- Limited classroom transitions
- No classroom visitors



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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.

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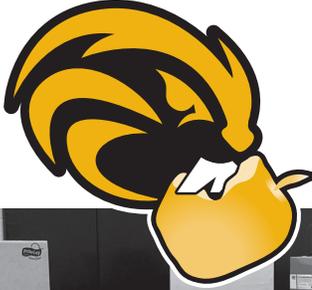
Riverside Local School District employees, along with employees from various other Lake County school districts, received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on February 25, 2021 at the Riverside Campus.

For families who were uncomfortable with returning to in-person learning, we implemented the Riverside Remote Learning Academy, where students meet online with teachers for four to five hours per day.

Administrators Dr. Christopher Basich and Mrs. Julie Weber, as well as more than 40 District staff members have led the Riverside Remote Learning Academy throughout the school year. More than 1,150 students, K-12, across the District have enrolled into the program, which makes up about 27 percent of our student body. The expectations for students in the remote learning program have been aligned to the expectations for students in the typical classroom setting where daily attendance is mandatory and students are graded on a traditional grading scale. The goal has been to mirror the remote learning day with a regular, in-person school day. Students who have been participating in the Remote Learning Academy have been eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities and athletics.

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Meal Distribution Continues



The District's Nutrition Services department has been providing meals to remote learners free of charge on a weekly basis since the start of the school year.

We'd like to thank everyone in the Nutrition Services department for going above and beyond to ensure that children are receiving healthy meals that are in compliance with all necessary regulations.

Throughout the first semester, the Nutrition Services department distributed 32,902 meals.

In addition to the meal distribution for remote learners, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced in the Fall that all in-person learners will also receive breakfast and lunch at no cost through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.



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Grant Received Toward Purchase Of Buses

We are pleased to announce that the District has received a grant of up to \$200,000 toward the purchase of ten replacement diesel school buses through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund.

bus stop arm violations and will also include four cameras placed throughout the inside of the bus.

The new school buses will be purchased and ready for service by the start of the 2021-2022 school year. These buses, like many of Riverside's current buses, will be equipped with camera

The grant will allow the District to retire ten old buses ranging from model year 2001 through 2006. As required by the grant award, the old buses will be permanently scrapped as soon as the new buses are ready to be utilized. Purchase of these new buses will result in reduced diesel emissions and improved safety for our students.

systems with high-resolution video and audio. The camera systems include two external cameras for monitoring school

“We are excited for this opportunity to accelerate our bus replacement cycle by purchasing ten new school buses with improved safety enhancements, better fuel economy, and reduced diesel emissions,” said Riverside Local School District Treasurer, Gary Platko.



Auditor Of State Awards District

The Riverside Local School District received two awards from the Auditor of State’s Office from its most recently completed financial audit for fiscal year 2020.

The first Auditor of State Award was presented to the District for its clean audit report. To qualify for the award, the District must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State’s Office in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Also, the audit report must not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Uniform Guidance (Single Audit) findings or questioned costs. Lastly, there are no financial or other concerns. Fiscal year 2020

represents the sixth consecutive year that the District received the award.

The second award relates to the Auditor of State’s new Star Rating System (StaRS) for monitoring transparency in government. School districts and other public entities are audited and assigned a star rating ranging from zero stars to four stars. Entities that are compliant with all Sunshine Law requirements will receive one star. Additional stars are awarded to entities that implement additional best practices as defined by the Auditor of State. For fiscal year 2020, Riverside received a four-star rating indicating the highest achievement in open and transparent government for implementing five or more best practices. More



information regarding the new Star Rating System can be found on the Auditor of State website at <https://ohioauditor.gov/open/stars.html>.

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.



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More Ohio Teacher Leader Liaisons

Congratulations go out to Riverside teachers Katie Leinweber and Erin McBride for being selected by the Ohio Department of Education as Ohio Teacher Leader Liaisons.

They join Laura Augustine, Christopher Basich and Richard Schmidt, who were selected last year.

As an Ohio Teacher Leader Liaison, they will gain knowledge and skills related to trust-building, communications, feedback



Department of Education

and use of data as well as acquiring understanding of state government roles and processes related to education.

The teachers that were selected will work collaboratively with the Ohio Department of Education, engaging in two-way communications and feedback about current and future education topics related to *Each Child, Our Future*, Ohio’s Strategic Plan for Education.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Spelling Bee Champion Crowned

Congratulations to LaMuth Middle School 7th grader Tommy Lindic for winning the District Spelling Bee. Riverside Campus eighth grader Katie Meinke finished in second place. The District Spelling Bee is a competition between the 4th through 8th grade spelling bee champions. Congratulations to all the participants!



4th Grade Champ:
Kaydence Linden
5th Grade Champ:
Auria Bailey
6th Grade Champ:
Elyse Champa
7th Grade Champ:
Tommy Lindic
8th Grade Champ:
Katie Meinke

RIVERSIDE CAMPUS

Student Athletes Sign Letter Of Intent

Congratulations to the following Riverside High School seniors for signing their Letter of Intent to continue their academic and athletic careers in college.



Trent Babcock, Ohio Northern Univ., cross country/track & field



Ethan Brennan, Ohio Northern Univ., baseball



Cheyenne Durda, Stetson Univ., cross country



Jamir Francis, Gannon Univ., football



Cayman Locher, Madonna Univ., football/track & field



Dom Lulow, Univ. of the Cumberland, lacrosse



Jen Sivak, Bucknell Univ., volleyball



Matt Spofford, Eastern Illinois Univ., football



Mason Stephens, Youngstown State Univ., track & field



Kaden Tinner, Mount Vernon Nazarene Univ., lacrosse



Matt Watson, United States Air Force Academy, football



Dylan Yowell, Gannon Univ., football

Newest NHS Inductees Honored

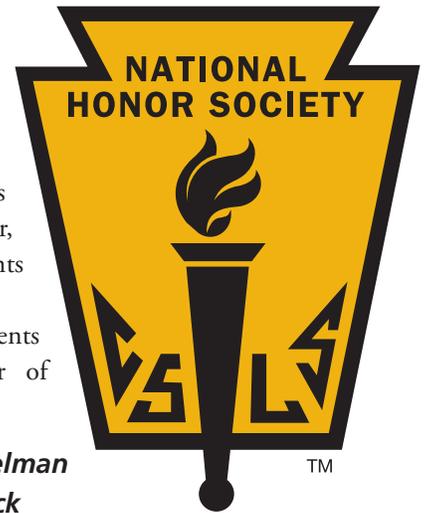
Riverside High School is proud to announce its newest inductees into the Dr. Mary Allen Porter Chapter of the National Honor Society.

To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards of leadership, service and character. Members of the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes that met the G.P.A. requirement and completed the NHS packet were evaluated by the five-member Faculty Council.

Leadership is based on the student's participation

in community and school activities, as well as an appointment or election to an office. To meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in three or more service projects in the school or community. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty.

Congratulations to the 30 students inducted into the Riverside Chapter of National Honor Society this year.



Magdalena Barkoot

Kyle Barnes

Abigail Bauer

Emma Brennan

Madison Brown

Angela Caswell

Hayley Conley

Emily Corsaro

Gina DeMichele

Maya Jeras

Caitlin Johnson

Abigail Kallay

Jonathon Koritansky

Matthew Lehner

Megan Lehner

Aidan Leopold

Andrew Leopold

Amelia Matejka

Mitchell Parker

Hailey Pollock

Margaret Rozelman

Zoe Seabeck

Jacob Segulin

Emily Selan

Sean Stevenson

Samantha Volpe

Meridan Vosicky

Alayna Watrous

Emily White

Lauren Wolf

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Online Fee Payment Through *Infinite Campus*

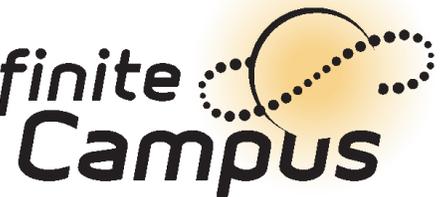
Online payments via electronic check can now be made through the Parent Portal of Infinite Campus with no additional service fee. This includes adding funds to a lunch account as well as payment of school fees, pay-to-participate fees, latchkey fees, preschool tuition, and other miscellaneous fees. The District made the decision to waive the service fee for electronic check payments as an added convenience to families and reduces the amount of cash and checks handled by District personnel.

Payments can also be made using a credit card but will continue to be subject to a \$2.49 service fee per transaction. This helps offset the credit card processing fees incurred by the District. Infinite Campus accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover credit cards. The District will also continue to accept payments via cash, check and money order

as well.

Infinite Campus uses a highly secure third party "PCI DSS Level 1" compliant payment vendor. This means the vendor meets the highest level of compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards while also processing more than six million transactions per year. No payment information is stored directly in Infinite Campus and District personnel cannot access sensitive credit card and banking information.

The Parent Portal link for Infinite Campus can be found on the District's website under the Parents tab. Once in the Parent Portal, users can view outstanding fees, lunch account balances, and payment history by clicking on the Fees tab in the left-hand column.



No Added Service Fees

Thanks!

The District would like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for the following donations, which were approved by the Board of Education between July 2020 and February 2021:

- **JEMM Construction, LLC** for donating \$500 to the Riverside Veterans Memorial Fund
- **Kay Weitzel Deighan** for donating \$100 to the Riverside Veterans Memorial Fund
- **Nadine Pope** for donating \$200 to Riverside High School's Student Initiative for Developing Excellence (SIDE) leadership program
- **Andre and Diane Dominick** for donating a Pentax camera and lens to Riverside High School
- **EMI Corporation** for donating \$4,000 to the RAVE Program
- **Riverside Band Boosters** for donating \$191,904 for the purchase of new marching band uniforms
- **Mentor Rotary Foundation** for donating \$400 to Riverside Drama

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Registration For 2021-22 School Year

Preschool . . . Riverside Local Schools manages its own inclusive preschool program for children ages 3-5. The program serves both typically developing preschool children as well as preschool children with disabilities.

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open, however spaces are extremely limited. Due to COVID-19, registration is by appointment only. Please contact District Registrar Crystal DiFranco at (440) 358-8204 or by email at crystal.difranco@riversideschools.net to schedule a registration appointment.

To be eligible for preschool, children must be 3 years of age on or before September 30, 2021 AND must be potty trained. The cost of tuition is \$100 per month/per student. The first month of tuition, as a deposit, is required upon registration.

The preschool program will have AM classes (8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.) and PM classes (12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.) Monday through Thursday.

Preschool will be located at Melridge and

Parkside Elementary Schools although locations of the classes are subject to change.

The preschool program is licensed by the Ohio Department of Education and follows a state-approved curriculum that is aligned to the Ohio Early Childhood Content Standards. The goal is to prepare all children for kindergarten by implementing all five developmental domains; fine/gross motor, communicative, adaptive, cognitive, and social/emotional. In addition to the five developmental domains, children will learn how to compromise, be respectful to others, and problem solve. Preschool provides a place where your child can gain a sense of self, explore, play with peers and build confidence. The preschool teachers are licensed by the Ohio Department of Education.

For more information, and to print out a registration packet, visit www.riversidelocalschools.com.

Kindergarten and New Students . . .

If you are new to the Riverside Local School District or have children entering kindergarten, you must register your children online at www.riversidelocalschools.com. Please note, kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year will open May 3. Parents and guardians no longer have to visit the Board Office to register their children. However, if you do not have access to a computer or the internet, you can make an appointment with Crystal DiFranco to register your child.

To complete the online registration, visit www.riversidelocalschools.com and click on the

Registration Information link under the Parents tab. You will need: birth certificate, proof of residency, custody papers (if applicable), driver's license or photo ID, immunization records, and current IEP and ETR (if applicable). Some of these items will need to be scanned and uploaded to the Online Registration. If you do not have the ability to upload documents, you can still complete the Online Registration, but the required documents must be submitted in person to Crystal DiFranco at the Board Office. The District cannot finalize or accept the registration without the required documents. Appointments can be made with Crystal DiFranco by calling her at (440) 358-8204.



Riverside Local Schools District Calendar

2020-2021 School Year

March	26	Friday	End of Third Attendance Period
March	29	Monday	Spring Break begins (through April 5, 2021) – no school
April	6	Tuesday	School re-opens Tuesday, April 6, 2021
May	27	Thursday	Last day for Seniors
May	28	Friday	Memorial Day Break (through May 31, 2021) – no school
June	1	Tuesday	School re-opens Tuesday, June 1, 2021
June	4	Friday	End of Fourth Attendance Period. Last day for students
June	6	Sunday	Commencement

2021-2022 School Year

August	25	Wednesday	Kindergarten Orientation
August	26	Thursday	First day of school, classes begin for Grades 1-12
August	26	Thursday	Kindergarten Screening and Preschool Orientation
August	27	Friday	Kindergarten Screening and Preschool Orientation
August	30	Monday	First day of school for Kindergarten and Preschool
September	6	Monday	Labor Day – no school
October	8	Friday	Fall Break, no school – NEOEA Day
November	1	Monday	Teachers’ Professional Development – no classes
November	2	Tuesday	Election Day / Teachers’ Professional Development – no classes
November	24	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Vacation begins (through Nov. 26, 2021) – no school
November	29	Monday	School re-opens Monday, November 29, 2021
December	17	Friday	Teachers’ Records Day – no classes
December	20	Monday	Winter Vacation begins (through Dec. 31, 2021) – no school
January	3	Monday	School re-opens Monday, January 3, 2022
January	17	Monday	Martin Luther King Day – no school
February	7	Monday	Teachers’ Professional Development – no classes
February	21	Monday	Presidents’ Day – no school
March	21	Monday	Spring Break begins (through Mar. 25, 2022) – no school
March	28	Monday	School re-opens Monday, March 28, 2022
April	15	Friday	Spring Vacation begins (through April 18, 2022) – no school
April	19	Tuesday	School re-opens Tuesday, April 19, 2022
May	27	Friday	Memorial Day Break (through May 30, 2022) – no school
May	31	Tuesday	School re-opens Tuesday, May 31, 2022
June	3	Friday	Last day for students

Stay Connected!



www.riversidelocalschools.com

Riverside Local Schools welcomes you to visit the website often where students, parents and community members can easily obtain news, updates, highlights, calendar events, forms, information on each school and its teachers and a lot more. There is also an **electronic newsletter** sign-up form on our website for those who register their e-mail address. Every Sunday, the website will send you an update of news and calendar events for the District and its schools.

The District also has several social media pages including **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **YouTube**. Search for Riverside Local Schools to better follow what is going on within the District on a daily basis.

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New To The District?

Parents and guardians can enroll their children into the District online at www.riversidelocalschools.com. Click the Registration link under the Parents tab on the homepage.

NOTE: Hazardous weather and/or other unforeseen circumstances may force an alteration of this calendar in order to comply with State law. In the event weather or other calamities require additional hours of student attendance, those hours will be added commencing Monday, June 6, 2022.

Looking For Work?

The District is looking to hire and train **substitute bus drivers** and **aides**. If interested, apply at the Riverside Transportation Office: 585 Riverside Drive, Painesville OH 44077 or call (440) 357-5571. The District is also in need of **custodial substitutes**. Day or evening shifts are available. If interested, please call (440) 357-1556. If you are interested in being a **substitute teacher** for the District, you can submit your application through 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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440-352-3854

Parkside Elementary

Mr. Timothy St. Clair, Principal
12428 Concord-Hambden Road, Concord, Ohio 44077
440-358-8750

Riverview Elementary

Mrs. Traci Shantery, Principal
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RIVERSIDE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Hall Of Fame Inductions Scheduled To Return

Join Today!

Due to the global pandemic, the annual Riverside High School Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was cancelled in the fall of 2020. The Riverside Alumni Association is currently planning to resume the tradition in the fall of 2021.

The Riverside High School Hall of Fame began during the 1995-1996 school year as a way to recognize athletic accomplishments during and after a student athlete's playing career at Riverside High School. This category of the Hall of Fame also recognizes the great coaches who have guided and developed our student athletes.

The Alumni and Faculty/Staff categories were added a year later. The Alumni category of the Hall of Fame recognizes graduates who have gone on to have successful careers or those who have dedicated their lives to the public and community. The Faculty/Staff category honors those who have demonstrated outstanding classroom results or reached out to help students prepare for their future.

For more information on the Riverside High School Hall of Fame, please visit www.riversidealumni.com.

Lifetime membership in the Riverside Alumni Association is just \$25. The Alumni Association fosters fellowship that mutually benefits the Riverside community and its alumni by providing:

- Scholarships to Riverside High School seniors
- Recognition of achievements through the Hall of Fame
- Assistance with class reunions
- Networking opportunities
- A bridge between current students and alumni

Please note: The Annual Riverside Alumni picnic set for August 14 has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

For more information on the Riverside Alumni Association, and how to join, please visit www.riversidealumni.com.