



# SIDE NOTES

*Students Initiative for Developing Excellence*  
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## WINTERFEST

SIDE Students make an appearance at the elementary schools

With the way Winterfest was developed, no one could have guessed that this project would turn into something so amazing. In early October, second year students started to brainstorm ideas for their beloved Halls of Holly project. Unfortunately, it was not that easy. Between resources, the timeline, and covid- It was determined that Halls of Holly was not going to be Halls of Holly. It was time to think outside of the box.

So, what happens when you ask a class of eager juniors and seniors to find a way to make this work? They get creative. It didn't take long for our Seniors to suggest that the SIDE members take a visit to the elementary schools instead of inviting everyone on to campus.

# WINTERFEST CONTINUED...

So what would the theme be? Christmas and the holiday season were no longer an option. There needed to be something that worked with the timeline and engaged a group of children, ages varying from 6-12.

How about the Winter Olympics? Bingo. Winter Olympic themed crafts and mini games, all individually tailored to the desired age group. Members guided the students on how to craft their own olympic torch, played balloon "ice hockey" and participated in many different exciting games.

Not only was it exciting to get to visit and interact with the students, but it was meaningful. The members of SIDE were able to leave a positive lasting impact on the students, all while connecting with them and making their own fun memories. This experience was meaningful for both parties and promoted school pride and unity.



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Throughout Winterfest, SIDE members visited over 60 classrooms, traveling to each of the four elementary schools in the district.

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# What is happening in SIDE?

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## New Podcast Studio

Previously working out of an occupied classroom, Recognizing RHS was able to secure a new semi permanent location to turn into their studio for the remainder of the school year. These photos show their newly transformed space.



## THE PROJECTS...

### Ready Routes

Seniors Sophia Chohski & Bryce Weber  
Click [HERE](#) for their website.

### Log Lingo

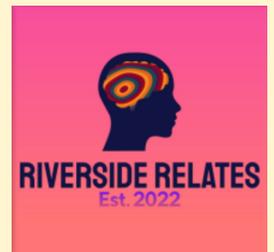
Seniors Henry Busch & Zach Everts  
Episodes are delivered to student emails.

### The Care Closet

Seniors Carmella DeMarco & Paige Veselko  
Click [HERE](#) to donate to the Care Closet

### Riverside Relates

Senior Sam Leber created RR as a group that focuses on the mental well being of our campus. Follow on Instagram @riverside\_relates.



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## Community Service: Torchlight

**TORCHLIGHT**  
**YOUTH MENTORING**

What?  
- Volunteering at elementary schools  
- After school hours  
- Games, crafts, etc.

Why?  
- **GET SERVICE HOURS!!!**  
- Gain mentoring experience

Want to help out?  
Email Maddie Brown for info: [22brownm@riversideschools.net](mailto:22brownm@riversideschools.net)

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Want to earn your community service cord for graduation? Seniors Madison Brown & Hallie Lawrence have been working with Torchlight this past nine weeks to learn their purpose and see how they can help our own campus students

If you like working with children, have transportation, can commit to a day or two after school, and want to earn some hours, contact Madison or Hallie.

### JTL Fund

Seniors Emma Tomaszewski, Alli Buttari, Jordan Klimkowski, and Malayna Seibert have been helping to support the JLT Fund this year. Want to learn more? Visit <https://thejltfund.org/>

### 68 Hours of Hunger

Seniors Isabel Scott, Nani Taylor, and Logan Zinsner collected nonperishable items for our local 68 Hours of Hunger chapter while educating our staff and students on their work. Want to learn more about 68 Hours of Hunger? Click [HERE](#).

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# Recognizing RHS / Tour of Lake County

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## Episode Fourteen

Join current hosts Lexie, Alex, and Raegan as they interview the future hosts of Recognizing RHS! Mer Vosicky, Andrew Pular, Rosie Bennett, and Seth Moore join us this week to tell the listeners a little bit about who they are, what they are involved in, and their plans for the future of the podcast!! A super fun and unique episode, be sure to give this one a listen!!



Staff and Students featured in episode two of the Tour of Lake County Featuring Fairport Harding High School

## TOLC Episode Two

Join the hosts of the Tour of Lake County as they travel over to Fairport Harding High School and speak to a variety of student and staff representatives. Located on Lake Erie in Lake County, Ohio, Fairport is the ideal lakefront town with the shops, school, community and lighthouse to prove it!! Be sure to give this super informational and insightful episode a listen. The Fairport culture is not one you want to miss!



Future podcast hosts and episode fourteen guests Rosie, Mer, Seth, and Andrew!

## Episode Fifteen

Join our hosts as they bring you your weekly student and staff shout out, the weekly rundown, and a super energetic and fun interview with basketball coach Mr. Grendel as well as seniors Ben Hamilton & Scott Cavell. Listen as they recap their season and tell us their future plans as they enter the end of their senior year.

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