



Dear Riverview Parents,

Happy Tuesday. The school year is speeding by and we are already approaching the Halloween weekend, if you can believe it! We hope you and your family are safe and well. Please read through the following important reminders for this week:

1. **Welcome Mr. Newell** – Our new Jr-Sr High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Scott Newell, will be starting next week on November 1st. He comes with great experience and will be a fabulous addition to the Staff. We are excited for his arrival! Please give him your usual warm Riverview welcome if you get a chance. Below is his official press release (posted on our District webpage and our Facebook page)

[Scott Newell Press Release – Riverview Jr-Sr HS Assistant Principal](#)

2. **End of 1st Quarter – this Friday** - This Friday marks the official end of the first quarter! Please encourage your children to do everything they can to turn in missed assignments, take a close look at their grades in eSchool, and make sure their ducks are in a row before final quarter grades are calculated and posted this week.
3. **Covid-19 PCR Testing** – As we have mentioned previously, we have partnered with the State Department of Health to provide free PCR Covid-19 testing for all Riverview students and staff! If symptoms arise, please communicate with our Health staff. We will walk parents through a quick questionnaire and consent form, and can administer the test in our very own health offices. This is a great resource for families. The test is an easy-to-use saliva test, and test results should come back quicker than a more traditional testing facility. Contact your school nurse for additional details.
4. **Vaccinations** – As you may be hearing in the news, we believe that the FDA will provide emergency approval for the Covid-19 vaccinations for children 11 years and younger within the next week or so. This will be a great benefit to schools, and when this approval is solidified, we encourage all families to vaccinate their children as soon as possible. We will most likely partner again with Plum to provide easy access to vaccination. Booster shots are also available for most adults, and we encourage those as well. The science still suggests that

vaccinations are safe, effective, and have been studied for many years. Each week, we sit on meetings with some of the top doctors in the country, and they report that deaths and hospitalizations are almost solely occurring in the unvaccinated population. Therefore, we implore you and your families to get vaccinated and keep yourselves, and those around you, safe. This will allow us to keep the schools open and operational as well, as fully vaccinated students with no symptoms DO NOT have to quarantine. This is an additional benefit.

5. **Virtual Instruction Day** – As you know, we decided to hold an *in-school virtual learning* day that occurred last Thursday. Our goal was to prepare students for school closures due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. We believe that the day went well, and we were able to troubleshoot and solve many issues in advance. Please talk to your children about this experience and be ready for online instruction as the holiday season continues to approach and weather-related closings become a reality. We will hold all snow days as virtual learning days this winter.
6. **School-Related Inquiries/Protocol** – Educating children requires a team approach. We are here to serve you and your children's needs, and as such, will make ourselves available to you for all issues related to school. If you need to contact a staff member, our policy is to respond within one business day of your inquiry. Please be respectful, however, of the Staff's time/constraints/family life/etc., and try to contact them during the work week before 5pm, if possible (if your schedule doesn't allow, certainly make contact as you see fit, but realize that the response will most likely occur during the next business day). If your child comes home with an issue, give us the benefit of the doubt, assume that we have the best interests of your child at heart, and contact the person they had an issue with first. This will allow you to gather all pertinent information prior to passing judgment. If your issue is not resolved after your initial inquiry, simply contact the Principal, and head up the line accordingly. However, we find that most issues are resolved shortly after initial contact. Thank you in advance.
7. **Paraprofessionals** – We still need additional support! If you or anyone you know has at least three hours during the day to devote to supporting our school aged children, please contact us right away. Serving the District as a paraprofessional is an honorable and rewarding way to spend your time, and we would love to have you. We still have a couple of open spots, and we would love to fill them. Come work with us!
8. **Important Upcoming Events** – Below is a list of upcoming events, including playoff games, etc.:
 - *Tuesday, October 26th – WPIAL High School Girls Volleyball Playoff Game vs. Union – Seneca Valley High School – 6pm*
 - *Thursday, October 28th – WPIAL Cross Country Championships at Cal University (girls at 11am, boys thereafter)*
 - *Friday, October 29th – Fall Celebrations at both Elementary Schools*
 - *Friday, October 29th – Bon Fire - 7pm - Riverside Park (weather permitting)*
 - *Saturday, October 30th – Boys Football Senior Day game vs Springdale – Riverside Park – 12pm*
 - *Monday, November 1st, 2021 – Clerical Day – No school for students*

- *Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021* - Professional Development Day – No school for students
- *Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021* – District Wide Parent Conferences – No school for students
- *Wednesday, November 10th, 2021* – Riverview 50th Anniversary Day – Day 50 of the school year -- District Wide Dress up day (dress up circa 1971)
- *Wednesday, November 24th, 2021* –First Day of Thanksgiving Break – No school for students through November 29th
- *Monday, November 29th, 2021* – Last Day of Thanksgiving Break – No school for students

Thank you for an exciting and productive first quarter, and please continue to stay happy, peaceful, and safe.

Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration