

Dear Riverview Parents,

We hope you are well. We have had magnificent weather this week, so we hope you can get outside and enjoy it. Below are a few important items for your consideration:

- 1. Girls Basketball Home Playoff Game Our Varsity girls' basketball team will be hosting a first round WPIAL playoff game this Monday, February 20th, at 7pm. You can purchase tickets in advance on the GoFan WPIAL tickets website (students \$5; adults \$7). All tickets purchased at the door will be \$7. It's awesome that we get to host a HOME playoff game, so let's make a big deal of it and pack the gym with fans to cheer on our Raider girls!
- 2. Parent Career and Cultural Heritage Inventory If you are interested in possibly speaking to students about your job, career, or ethnic background, please take three minutes to fill out a short survey sent to parents via email. Our goal is to create a parent inventory of contacts that we can share with students and staff to aide in their college and career development and their understanding of diverse cultures. We thank you in advance!
- 3. Online Bullying Report Form We do a great job of supporting students at Riverview. To add more resources, however, we have added additional online bullying report forms on each school's individual websites (they are located in alphabetical order on the left hand panel). Each school is planning (or has already delivered) presentations to let the students and staff know about this additional reporting mechanism. The important thing is to encourage students to report ANYTHING they feel may be wrong to a trusted adult. If they are not comfortable contacting a trusted adult in person, they can utilize our Safe to Say portal or these online bullying/cyber bullying forms. Please talk to your children about the importance of reporting important information to a trusted adult. Thank you!
- 4. <u>Teen Vaping</u> We are constantly working to protect and educate our students on the harmfulness of vaping. The vaping cartridges can now have TCH (marijuana) in them, which is even more worrisome. At the Junior-Senior High School, we have installed multiple vape sensors throughout the buildings as way to deter this behavior. In addition, we are always searching for ways to educate students and to help them steer clear of the pressure to vape. We ask that you talk to your children at home about the harmfulness of vaping tobacco or cannabis and support our work at home. Here are some resources you can use to guide those conversations: <u>National Institute of Health: Understanding the Risks of a Rapidly Emerging Trend</u>; <u>Tobacco Resistance Unit: E-Cigarettes</u>. If you need more resources, please reach out. We have plenty of them.
- 5. <u>Free Covid-19 Tests</u> As you know, we are still dealing with limited cases of Covid-19, as well as a host of upper respiratory and flu viruses. If your child is exhibiting symptoms, please keep them home and contact the nurse and your primary care physician immediately. We also received a new shipment of rapid



antigen tests, which are available for your children and your family. They are in each school's main office and are yours to take.

That's all for this week. Please remember that there is **NO SCHOOL on Monday** and try to make arrangements to attend our playoff game on Monday night! Thank you for your continued support of the Riverview School District and please continue to stay happy, peaceful, and safe! Go Raiders!

Sincerely, The Riverview Administration