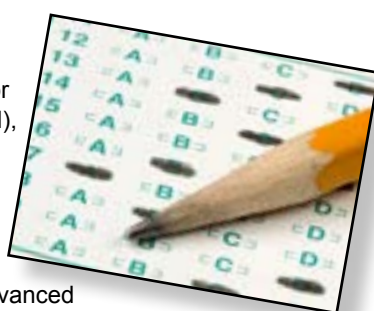


## Riverview School District **ENEWS**

### RHS Students See Increase in Test Scores

Great news for Riverview students taking the AP exam! AP, or Advanced Placement courses, prepare students for the next level with increased rigor and a college-like academic experience. Students who score a 3 (qualified), 4 (well qualified), or 5 (extremely well qualified) on the AP exam, can earn college credit. The number of students scoring a 3, 4, or 5 increased by 10% from 2014 to 2015!

Our underclassmen also saw some significant increases on the Keystone exams. Students in grades 7-10 take the Algebra I exam after they complete the course. Because of their hard work, we saw growth of 10% in Advanced and Proficient scores. Even more impressive, we had growth of 17% in Advanced scores! Not to be left out, the Biology students grew their Advanced and Proficient scores by 7%.



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### **STEM in the Classroom**

Foreign language teacher, Ms. Rachele Poth, consistently uses technology, including a tool called Piktochart, to support student learning. After the marketing team at Piktochart discovered how Poth implements the tool, Piktochart partnered with <http://90seconds.com.au/>, a video company, and chose Ms. Poth as the subject for a video. During the process, Piktochart filmed Ms. Poth while presenting at the ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) Conference held in Philadelphia this summer. Poth is also featured in a Back to School blog. Students who have used Piktochart this past school year are also included in the story. Students use the tool in Spanish and have shared their work at several technology showcases this year. Video: <https://youtu.be/WGeEBQUDK38> Blog: <http://piktochart.com/backtoschool-how-i-teach-a-language-class-with-infographic-visuals/>



### Renowned Children's Author Visits Riverview

On October 9th, renowned children's author Bruce Coville visited the Pittsburgh area. In connection with the Mystery Lover's Bookstore in Oakmont, Tenth Street Elementary hosted Mr. Coville as he visited book stores and the Carnegie Libraries. Students in 5th and 6th grade from both Tenth St. and Verner Elementary Schools had the opportunity to discuss his books, learn about how he began his career as a writer, and ask questions.

Coville's first published story was *The Foolish Giant*. He is most famous for his *Unicorn Chronicles* series, *My Teacher Is An Alien*, *Aliens Ate My Homework*, and *Magic Shop* series.

### Cross Country Teams Headed to Hershey

The Riverview Girls Cross Country team placed 8th at the PIAA State Championship in Hershey on Saturday. The 8th place finish tied for the highest finish in Riverview History and was the 2nd highest among teams from the WPIAL. The Girls were led one final time by Molly Kennedy who finished 10th with a time of 20:00. It was the 3rd state medal for Molly – no other Riverview athlete has ever won more than 1. Congratulations to Molly and the rest of the girls team: Jenna Joseph, Erin Joyce, Meredith Kocur, Izzy Komaniak, Maddie Kocur and Gretchen Loeffler.



The Riverview Boys Cross Country team finished 14th at Saturday's State championship. Ben Barnes and Mike Komaniak each earned top 100 finishes, with Ben missing a top 25 medal by 1 second. Congratulations to Ben, Mike and the rest of the boys team: Dan Fawcett, Tyler Aber, Ryan Cecil, Sean Sliben, Ricky Smith and Ben Lazor.

### **Lady Raiders**

The girls soccer team wrapped up it's best season in years on Saturday October 24th with a 1-0 first round playoff overtime loss to South Allegheny. The Lady Raiders finished the season tied for 3rd with Springdale in Section 4 A, with a section record of 10-6-0, and an overall regular season record of 12-6-0 (0-1 in play-offs). The Lady Raiders scored 52 goals this season and had 46 against, however 18 of the goals against were scored by WPIAL champion Greensburg Central Catholic. This year, the Lady Raiders really closed the gap between themselves and some of the class A top teams, especially Springdale (lost 3-2 on a late goal) and Shadyside Academy (WPIAL 3rd place, lost 2-1) who consistently would win by 5+ goals the previous three years. The Lady Raiders plan to build off this success and compete for a higher playoff seed next year!

### **Music Teacher**

#### **Nathan Hart Wins Award**

As one of 25 teachers chosen from around the country, Hart participated in the five-week institute, *Voices Across Time: American History Through Music* on the University of Pittsburgh's campus. The summer institute focused on using American music to engage students in the history of our nation as perceived through contemporary popular songs and included notable historians and musicians from universities across the country. Mr. Hart was selected by institute participants and directors to be the recipient of the Ruth Bergad Award. The award recognizes Hart for consciously looking to incorporate issues of race, social justice, and significant historical moments into his music curriculum.

Be sure to check out the new **Fact or Fiction** section of our website  
<http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us/CommunicationHub.aspx>



### RIVERVIEW STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT

#### **Pedestrian Safety**

Several assemblies and interactive activities were held in an effort to remind students about the importance of following safety procedures when walking to and from school or just being a pedestrian.

Students at the high school were involved in an educational assembly followed by a Safe Walk through the streets. Students at Tenth Street and Verner Elementary Schools held safety parade walks following informative and energetic educational assemblies. The collaborative spirit between so many community and local stakeholders enhanced the value of this very important learning experience for our students.

pictured: Nino Tamburrino, Jessica Joseph, Jesse Demko, Mark Salvat, August Miguez, Alexis Teitelbaum, Annastasia Stevenson, Yasamin Johnson, Asher Yoho.

### **School Safety Through ALICE Training**

Riverview School District Superintendent, Dr. Peggy DiNinno and Director of Technology/School Safety, Mr. Bob Rizzo, joined Oakmont Police Chief David DiSanti, Verona Police Chief Ron McLemore, and Oakmont Police Officer Trevor Okonak, for two days of focused safety training provided by the ALICE Training Institute. Each member of the team is now certified as an Advanced ALICE trainer. The School District/Community team plans to train district employees in the use of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) concepts and practices in an effort to empower people to save their lives, be prepared, and increase survivability in the event of an active shooter incident. Attending as a School District/Community team assisted the group with being able to take a proactive approach towards planning and working together in a collaborative manner; necessary components during a real emergency situation.

### **KIDS OF STEEL**

The 2016 Kids of Steel 17-week program, which is open to students in grades K-6 and will begin on January 4, 2016, promotes physical activity and encourages healthy eating habits in children. During the program, students make nutritious choices by tasting different foods, like fruits, vegetables and beans, on a weekly basis. They also earn miles to run the equivalent of a marathon (26.2 miles). Students have the option to complete their last mile by participating in the Toyota of Pittsburgh Kids Marathon (one-mile run through downtown Pittsburgh) on April 30, 2016. Ms. Everett, Science teacher, will be running the Kids Marathon with our students. However, parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the race. The Kids of STEEL (KOS) program is free. Cost of the Kids Marathon is \$20. For more information please see our website at [http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us/tenthstretelementary\\_home.aspx](http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us/tenthstretelementary_home.aspx).

### **Commended Students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program**

Daniel Fawcett and August Miguez have been named Commended Students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2016 competition by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). "The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC.



### **THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM**

Students at RJSHS were recently introduced to The Challenge Program, Inc. during a kick-off assembly. The theme of the assembly was a team project dramatization that demonstrated positive and negative workplace behaviors to help students succeed on-the-job. Students in the sophomore, junior, and senior classes were introduced to local career opportunities. Throughout the year, they will be eligible to compete for financial awards in five areas linked with academic and workplace success: Attendance, Academic Improvement, Academic Excellence, STEM and Community Service. Jendoco Construction Corporation is the business partner at the school.

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### **Dates to Remember**

Pitt Model UN - November 9  
Tenth Street "Got Talent" Show - November 20, 6:30pm  
Oakmont/Verona Light Up Night - November 21  
Princeton Model UN - November 19-22  
Senior Class T-Shirt - November 24  
Thanksgiving Break No School - November 25-30

Keystone Algebra - December 2-16  
National Honor Society Installation - December 2, 6:00pm  
Elementary/HS Chorus Concert - December 8, 7:00pm  
Elementary Band/Orchestra Concert - December 15, 7:00 pm  
HS Jazz Band Concert - December 17, 7:30pm  
Winter Break - December 24 - January 3