



RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE

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Headlines

Dear Rivermont community,

I am delighted to report that the Board of Trustees of the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) has re-accredited Rivermont Collegiate. As an accredited member of ISACS, we are also accredited by the North Central Association.

You will remember that in October, we were visited by a team of independent school professionals. In anticipation of their visit, the School prepared a complete report of its operations. While the members of the visiting team were our guests, they visited classrooms, met with parents, students, trustees, faculty, and staff to gain a comprehensive understanding of our school. The visiting team in turn wrote an equally complete report of their findings. Their report, along with our self-study, was presented to the ISACS Board to determine our re-accreditation.

Some of the words and phrases used by the team to describe Rivermont include: dedication, commitment, support, friendly, honest, highly personalized, diversity, 100% participation, successful, increased communication, well-informed, involvement, integration of core values, appreciation, ingenuity, collaboration, pride, active, unified community, unfailing commitment to respect, *multicultural education* is simply *education*, service and community involvement, variety of offerings, flexibility, dedication to whole child, cooperation, student leadership, trustees' commitment, creative use of space, parent engagement and a visibly familial, welcoming, and nurturing environment.

The ISACS visiting team recorded the following major commendations of Rivermont.

- Positive and respectful climate, reflected in the School's commitment to creating a

familial atmosphere and actively celebrating diversity and promoting equity.

- Steadfast faculty for their persistent and unyielding dedication to the students, the programs, the School, and its mission.
- Adherence in theory and in daily practice to the School's mission and philosophy statements.
- Impressive array of student opportunities which foster a sense of community and promote leadership in academics, school-wide activities, and citizenship.
- Constituents' open display of respect for and confidence in the current Headmaster's leadership ability and vision.

Congratulations to the entire Rivermont community for working together to accomplish the marvelous things that happen on this campus each and every day. It is both affirming and encouraging that the Visiting Team and the ISACS Board recognize the quality and value of Rivermont and we acknowledge that their comments and suggestions will only make us better.

Thanks once again to everyone who participated in this re-accreditation process. The list is a long one only confirming once again that at Rivermont there are no spectators, only participants!

Enjoy a restful and safe Winter Break,

Rick St. Laurent
Headmaster



We want to hear from you!

Don't forget to complete the online
Parent Satisfaction Survey at:

<http://surveybuilder.nais.org/SB/Questionnaire/login.aspx?SurveyID=507>

Saturday Morning Basketball



Students in grades 1-8 can still join the Saturday morning basketball program. The program runs every Saturday morning until March 21. Registration is \$25, each registrant will receive a Rivermont basketball t-shirt.

9-10 AM - Grades 5-8 10-11 AM - Grades 1-4

For more information contact Mr. Knupp knupp@rvmt.org.

Concordia Summer Camps

Do you want your child to be fluent in another language? Try Concordia Language Village Summer Camps where they can participate in a rich immersion experience. Programs are available for students of all ages as well as families. Concordia offers great summer programs for 1-2 weeks or even 4 week sessions for high school credit. Experiences will include passports, authentic food, songs, dances, sports, hikes and other engaging activities. Concordia summer programs offer a variety of languages from Finnish, Japanese to Portuguese, and of course, French and Spanish! Early bird discounts and scholarships available through February 28.

www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org.

Junior Achievement is looking for volunteers!



Volunteers teach Junior Achievement curriculum while sharing their experiences with elementary students. The classroom volunteers transform the key concepts of the lessons into a message that inspires students for future success. Junior Achievement staff provides training (approximately one hour) and materials needed to implement classroom lessons and activities. The time commitment is 5 classroom visits, at 30-45 minutes each, throughout the spring semester.

If you are interested in becoming a Junior Achievement volunteer, please contact Sue Johnson at 309 277-3913 or sue.johnson@ja.org.

Recycle your **clean, Iowa Deposit** aluminum cans and glass bottles by dropping them off every Friday morning in the barrels near the student drop off sites in the circle and on the backside of Becherer Hall.

International Week

Rivermont will be celebrating International Week March 2-6. Students will learn about world cultures as well as words from other languages. We are looking for parents and student volunteers who would be willing to share

their culture and customs with Rivermont students of all grade levels throughout the week. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Fee at fee@rvmt.org.

International Food Festival

Friday, March 6th

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Becherer Hall

Sample dishes from around the world prepared by our own Rivermont families.

Create your own culinary delights at the KIDS Cuisine table in the cafeteria.

Enter the Great Cookie Bake contest and collect \$25 if your cookie wins.

Parade of Nations, Celebrity Chefs, and live entertainment on stage!

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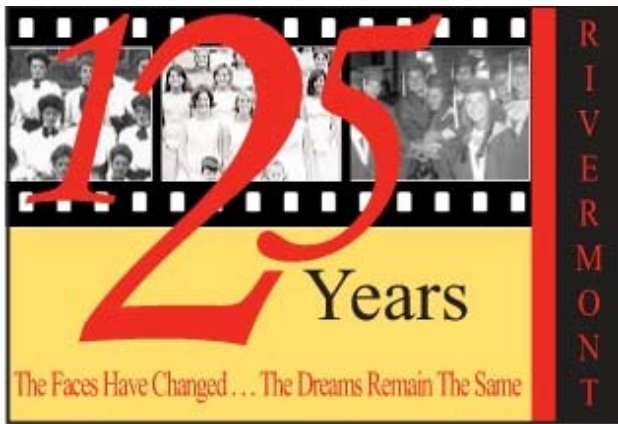
Contact Admission Director

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Coming Soon

The Annual Fund Classroom Challenge!

Students will bring home information on Monday, February 23!

We are aiming for 100% participation



Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

February

- 14** **Saturday Basketball, 9-11 AM**
Varsity Basketball at Bettendorf, 12 PM
- 14-22 Winter Break (Office open 8AM-3PM)
- 19** **District Tournament**
Varsity Basketball at Prince of Peace, 7 PM
- 21** **Saturday Basketball, 9-11 AM**
- 23 Classes resume
- 24 Pancake Tuesday
- 25** ☽◆♣◆✕□■ ○♣♣◆✕■♣, **8:30AM**
- 26** **Kindergarten Jumpstart Brown Bag Lunch, 11:30 AM**
- 28** **Saturday Basketball, 9-11 AM**

Parent events are in bold & Early Dismissals are underlined.



A Preview of the 2009-10 School Calendar

August 2009

- 17 First Day of School – Dismiss 11:30 AM
- 17-18 Middle & Upper School Orientation Trips
- 27 **Back to School Night & BBQ**

September 2009

- 7 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- 22-23 School Picture Days
- 24 125th Anniversary

October 2009

- 9 First Quarter Ends - Early Dismissal at 11:30 AM
- 22 Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM
Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3-8 PM
- 23 **Parent-Teacher Conferences, 8 AM – 12 PM**

November 2009

- 25 Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day
Early Dismissal 11:30 AM
- 26-29 Thanksgiving Break

December 2009

- 16-18 Upper School Exams
- 18 Second Quarter Ends
- 19-1/3 Holiday Break

January 2010

- 4 Classes Resume
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL

February 2010

- 11** **Academic Fair, 6:00 PM**
- 12 Ski/Bowl Day
- 13-21 Winter Break
- 22 Classes Resume

March 2010

- 12 Third Quarter Ends - Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM
- 25 Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM
Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3-8 PM
- 26 **Parent-Teacher Conferences, 8 AM – 12 PM**

April 2010

- 3-11 Spring Break
- 12 Classes resume

May 2010

- 1** **Annual Auction**
- 27-6/1 Upper School Exams
- 31 Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

June 2010

- 5/27-1 Upper School Exams
- 2** **LS Promotion, MS/US Award Ceremony**
- 3 Middle & Upper School Trips
- 4** **123rd Commencement, 4:00 PM**



Oh, The Places We'll Grow!

RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE

125 Years & Still Growing!

Saturday May 3, 2009

Save The Date!

Rivermont's Annual Dinner/Auction!

Red Crow Grille!

Silent Auction!

Live Auction (Only 10 Amazing Items)!

And Announcing . . . *Is De!* . . .

Boys' Only Beer Garden!

**(Jim Brindle is chairing the Beer Tent -
why don't you volunteer to share the fun?)**

Watch the mail for donor and sponsor forms!

Next Auction Meeting

Wednesday, February 25th - 8:30AM - Cafeteria

Come & Join The Fun!

Coffee & bagels provided!