



# RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE

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## Headlines

### KUDOS **Lion Pride!**



Congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped make this year's auction such a great success. So many families, friends, students, faculty, and staff pitched in to prove once again that at Rivermont there are no spectators, only participants! **Oh The Places We'll Grow!**

Congratulations to the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade National History Day State qualifiers for their outstanding accomplishment last week at the state competition in Des Moines, Iowa. **Christopher Mbakwe** and **Vivek Bobba** won alternate to nationals! Their documentary was entitled, *Malcolm X: The X That Marked a Nation*. **Pavane Gorrepati**, **Christine Mbakwe**, and **Meghana Pagadala** won the judge's choice award for the best performance with historical significance! Their performance was entitled, *Ida B. Wells: The Voice That Broke the Silence*. All of these students represented Rivermont with academic excellence!

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 National Junior Honor Society Officers:

- President – **Darsani Reddy**
- Vice President – **Shravya Pothula**
- Secretary – **Helena Barber**
- Treasurer – **Victoria Mbakwe**

### Alumni News



#### From the Class of 2000

**Maggie Claudy** will attend the University of Chicago this fall studying for a Master's in Urban Education.

**Jon Cell** will be attending Harvard University this fall for his MBA.



*Maggie and Jon at their 2000 SKSM graduation!*

### Cub Scout Parent Committee Meeting

Parents of all boys in Den 1 and 2 are invited to a committee meeting to discuss the Cub Scout summer plans and evaluate our progress to date. The meeting is Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in Central Hall.

### Physicals for Rivermont Collegiate Student-Athletes

Drs. James and Anne Petre will be at Rivermont on Monday, May 18 to conduct physicals for students who plan to participate in sport programs at Rivermont in the coming year. Middle School students, those entering grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade may participate in girls volleyball, boys & girls basketball, and boys & girls track. Students entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade may also participate in our track program. Students entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate in an after school soccer program in May of each year and will compete in Rivermont's 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade track meet.

To reduce the wait time on the 18<sup>th</sup>, please plan to arrive at the following times:

Entering Grade	Time
4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 p.m.

If you have more than one child in need of a physical, please bring them at a time that is convenient for you.

### May Soccer at Rivermont Collegiate

Coach Knupp will be conducting FREE after school soccer clinics for Rivermont students in grades 4-8 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on the following dates: May 13, 18, 19, 20, and 27. Contact Coach Knupp at (563) 468-3504 to register your child.

## Lower School

William Desmond (Marta Storl-Desmond's father) conducted an historical music class this week in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. A life long student of music, two instruments that Mr. Desmond plays are the banjo and the guitar. He played and sang Civil War Era pieces for the class and added to their knowledge of that time period with musical and historical information. He also shared coins from the time period that were his grandfather's. He dressed in time period clothing (he personally made the frock that he is wearing in the class picture). Do you know what Goober Peas are? Ask any fifth grader. They will be able to tell you.



## Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

### May

- 10 Mother's Day – *Have a great day Moms!*
- 11-15 Advanced Placement Exam Week
- Lower School Art Exhibit in Central Hall**
- 13 Parents' Council Meeting, 5:00 PM**
- 14 SpringFest Concert, 7:00 PM**
- 15 MS/US **Imp-Tiger** Day  
Last Day for Seniors
- 17 Strings Recital, 2:00 PM in Auditorium**
- 18-29 Senior Projects
- 18 Athletics Physicals, 6:30-9:00 PM
- 20 Grades 4 & 5 Track Meet at Augustana
- 25 Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
- 28 K-Grade 5 Party, 3:30 – 4:30 PM
- 28-29 Grade 6 Chicago Trip
- 29 Upper School Finals Begin

### June

- 1-2 Upper School Finals
  - 2 Lower School Imp-Tiger Day**  
**Open Tour, 8:30 – 10:00 AM**  
**Young Scholars Open House, 10-11 AM**  
Computer Club Party, 3:30 – 6:00 PM
  - 3 Lower School Promotion, 9:00 AM**  
**Middle & Upper Schools Awards & Recognition Ceremony, 10:30 AM**  
**Senior Dinner, 6:00 PM**
  - 4 MS & US Day Trips
  - 5 Senior Project Presentations, 9:30 AM**  
**122<sup>nd</sup> Commencement, 4:00 PM**
  - 6 Class Reunions for 1987-1991
- Parent events are in bold & Early Dismissals are underlined.



## A Preview of the 2009-10 School Calendar

### August 2009

- 17 First Day of School (K-12)– Dismiss 11:30 AM
- 18 Middle & Upper School Orientation Retreat  
First Day Junior Kindergarten & 2-Day PreSchool
- 19 First Day 3-Day PreSchool
- 27 **Back to School Night & BBQ**

### September 2009

- 7 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- 22-23 School Picture Days
- 24 125<sup>th</sup> 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
- 4 123<sup>rd</sup> Commencement, 4:00 PM**