



# RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE

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## Headlines

October 3, 2008

Dear parents,

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00-8:00 P.M.** and **Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.** A conference registration book –arranged alphabetically– is located at the reception desk in Becherer Hall. Please stop in anytime before Thursday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> and register to visit with the teachers you would like to see. Then, on the conference days, teachers will be in their classrooms and will expect you at the times you listed in the registration book. Please note that Early School parents sign-up for conferences directly with their child’s teacher. Sign-up lists are posted on the classroom door.

Conferences provide important occasions to review student progress and to set plans for improvement. Thus, we feel it is essential that in grades 4-12 the student attend all conferences with the parent. Please take advantage of this opportunity to partner with the faculty for the benefit of your child. We look forward to meeting with you and working together toward excellence.

*Rick St. Laurent, Headmaster*

### The Time Is Now!

The 2008 Annual Student Food Drive has begun. Over 20 schools across the Quad Cities will be working together to collect canned goods and non-perishables for the River Bend Foodbank. Last year Rivermont collected 12,776 pounds of food. In total, the schools combined collected 837,541 pounds of food. This year the goal is 1 million!



The generosity and spirit of the Rivermont community has helped feed so many needy families

in the past. Please support our students in their goal to beat our past totals and make a positive difference in their local community!



### National Honor Society



Members of the National Honor Society at Rivermont Collegiate would like to remind the Rivermont family of their current service project, Partners in Education, which is raising funds to support Haitian flood victims. Haiti has been blasted by four storms, Hurricanes Gustav and Ike and Tropical Storms Fay and Hanna, since mid-August, killing hundreds and destroying homes and crops.

The Pancake Breakfast was a **terrific success** and NHS extends their gratitude to all who attended! Water jugs are now located in the entrances to the Mansion and Becherer Hall to collect donations. Cash, loose change, and checks (made out to National Honor Society) are greatly appreciated. Please help NHS make a difference in Haiti!



A man carries water bottles donated by the World Food Program in Gonaives, Haiti.

Haitian women carry bags of food donated by the World Food Program after flooding in the town of Gonaives.



## Fall Campus Beautification!



Friday, October 10, 10–11 AM students and teachers will be doing outdoor projects on the campus. Parents are welcome to come and join in the fun of keeping our beautiful campus a Quad City jewel.

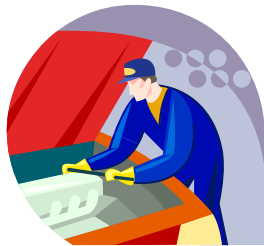
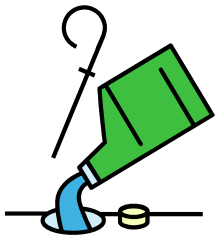
This year we will be collecting **yellow daffodil bulbs** to plant on campus. You may drop off your bulb donation in the wheelbarrow in Central Hall

## Trick or Treat

On Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 p.m. the US StuCo will be taking kids (grades 1-5) trick-or-treating. A donation of 10 cans per person or 15 cans for a family is requested. All proceeds go to the Student Food Drive.



Permission slips will be available from the classroom teachers. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Knupp at ext. 316 or [Knupp@rvmt.org](mailto:Knupp@rvmt.org) or Ms. Dao at ext. 313 or [dao@rvmt.org](mailto:dao@rvmt.org)



## Rivermont Night School—Basic Car Care

On October 20 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mr. Knupp's personal mechanic will be on hand to teach the basics of car care. We'll learn how to check the fluids, make sure the tires are in good condition, and how we should prepare the car for winter. We'll also have a quick tire-changing lesson. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers and, as always, some great refreshments. The program is designed for upper school students and adults.

## Don't Even Think About It: The Basics of Netiquette



- Don't SHOUT in all caps.
- Remember: The person on the other end of a digital communication can't see your expression or hear your tone of voice.
- Cool off before responding to messages in anger.
- Check messages for misspellings or misstatements.
- Respect others' privacy and your own (for example, don't give your number to that new MySpace friend).
- Use a clear and understandable email subject line.
- Adjust your tone and style to the situation (for example, don't use IM-speak or all lowercase letters in an internship application).
- Don't forward private messages to people they weren't intended for or copy others on replies to personal messages.
- Remember: Email is never really private and a copy may exist in cyberspace . . . forever.

## KUDOS     **Lion Pride!**



Leigh Ann Schroeder's Fifth Grade has been accepted again to do the NAIS 20/20 challenge! They are partnered with a school in Maryland and Guatemala. The topic they will be addressing is biodiversity and ecosystem losses.

## Alumni News

**Axel Larson '06** won the University of Iowa 2008 Homecoming Scholarship for "bright, promising students who demonstrate outstanding leadership to the University of Iowa and its community." As a recipient, he rode in a Corvette in the Homecoming Parade and was presented with his scholarship check at the Iowa Game on Saturday, September 27. Axel credits Rivermont Collegiate for giving



## Upper School



### From the College Corner:

Ken Wheeler of **Augustana College** will be on campus at 2:45, October 6, 2008 in the Mansion Reading Room. He will meet with juniors and seniors. Ken will have information about majors, honors programs, scholarships, and other special programs.

**College Fair** on Monday, October 13 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Rogalski Center of St. Ambrose University. **90 colleges and universities!** **Ten \$500 scholarships** will be awarded to high school students who attend the fair.

Wednesday, October 15 - Anne Gannaway of the **University of Iowa** will be on campus at 12:30.

D.J. Loerzel of **Iowa State University** will be on campus at 9:00 AM Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to meet with interested juniors and seniors in the Mansion Reading Room.

**Golden Circle College Fair**, Sunday, September 28 from 12:30 to 3:00 at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa. **150 colleges!**



## Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

### October

- 6** **Grade 6 Parents Meeting, 4 PM**  
**in the Middle School Commons**  
**Cross Country Bellevue Marquette Inv.,**  
**4:30 PM**
- 7** **Open Admission Tour, 8:30 AM**  
**Young Scholars, 10-11:00 AM**  
**Early School OctoberFest, 5-7 PM**
- 8** **Parents' Council Meeting, 8:30 AM**
- 9** **MS Girls VB at Morning Star, 4:30 PM**  
**Cross Country Central Clinton Inv.,**  
**5:00 PM**
- 10 *First Quarter Ends*  
**Joseph Bettendorf Birthday**  
Campus Beautification Day  
Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM
- 11** **Computer Optimization Day sponsored**  
**by the Computer Club – Becherer Hall**
- 12-15 ISACS Visiting Team on campus
- 13** **MS Girls VB at Hampton, 5:30PM**
- 14 PSAT – Grade 11
- 17 US StuCo OktoberFest, 3:30-5:00 PM

Parent events are in bold & Early Dismissals are underlined.



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*where there are no spectators,  
only participants!*

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