



RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE

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Headlines

Mark your calendars....

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 26th from 3:00-8:00 P.M. and Friday, March 27th from 8:00-noon. To schedule appointment time with your child's teachers simply sign up in the notebook at the reception desk in Central Hall.

Summer Opportunities!

More opportunities on pages 3 & 4.

Walnut Grove Pioneer Village and Scott County Conservation Board are sponsoring Summer Day camp for children 6 years to 11 years of age. Sessions are 9:00-3:00 P.M. for one-week sessions beginning June 8th through August 7th. Cost is \$90.00 for one session, each additional session for the same child is \$85.00. Early bird drop off at 7:30 A.M. is available for an extra fee. To enroll or for more information visit www.scottcountyiowa.com/conservation

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 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.

Parents are encouraged to wear International Costumes!

Note: If you are bringing a dish for the festival, please turn in your recipe to Tammi Burrell at the front desk in Becherer Hall by Thursday morning.

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@rmvt.org.

KUDOS **Lion Pride!**



Kindergartener **Nandani Reddy**, and Second Graders **Niki Joshi, Lauren Schroeder, Mahum Haque**, and **Aditya Shah** all completed the 2009 Winter Reading Adventures Program sponsored by Bettendorf Public Library by reading an impressive **fourteen** books. *Congratulations to our awesome readers!*

Pancakes for everyone!

Once again, Pancake Tuesday was a great success. Thank you to Amy Lucas and her volunteer cooks/servers: Jennifer Kearney,



Cindy Witt, Lake Chotiprasidhi, Tracy Paxton, Rebecca Banerjee, Heidi Storl, Anne Goodman, Brian McVey and Kathy Brindle.
Laissez les bons temps roulez!

Lower School

Math a Thon

Lower School students are raising money to help children battling cancer through St. Jude's Hospital Math A Thon. Participating students contact friends and relatives willing to sponsor them either by pledging a fixed amount or by pledging an amount per math problem completed. Then the fun begins. Youngsters complete the Math a Thon booklet, collect pledges and return the money to school by March 13th.

Boy Scout Parent Committee Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2009, 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.
Parents of boys in grades 1-5 interested in joining Boy Scouts are invited to attend the first Parent committee meeting.



Schedule

- 6:30 Group planning of initial events
- 7:20 Training of leaders and parent volunteers

All Boy Scouts

Any boy interested in becoming a boy scout & their parents are invited to...

Breakfast with the Boy Scouts
Friday, February 27th
7:45 A.M. - 8:15 A.M., Central Hall
Juice, doughnuts, coffee, and fruit

Boys will make a Boy Scout Backpack tag.
Boy Scouts—wear your shirts if you have them!

Middle & Upper School

Café on Vine Update

In December the 6th grade asked the Rivermont community to help collect winter wear for the less fortunate of the Quad Cities. We also asked for monetary donations that would help buy a wonderful pasta meal for the patrons of Café on Vine in Davenport, Iowa. The day we were to serve the meal and distribute the warm winter clothes it snowed and school was cancelled so we were unable to make it to the soup kitchen. Though the meal and winter wear had been dropped off the day before the snow, the 6th grade didn't get to serve the meal at Café on Vine.



Thanks to Melissa Sears and Amy Telleen who drove us on Friday, February 6 to Café on Vine, the 6th grade was eventually able to prepare the table settings, serve the meal and clean up for Café on Vine. We served approximately 100 people in a two hour period. Everyone came with smiles on their faces. Patrons chatted with the students while the kids served food, cleaned tables and carried trays. As their teacher, I was incredibly proud of the way our students handled themselves with the patrons and the different situations and conversations that arose.

This was a positive experience for everyone. We highly recommend donating your time to a cause that is close to your heart. We learned many things, but most of all we realized that all ages can help people. Giving is about time, talent and treasure.

Many thanks to the Rivermont Community for the bags of warm weather wear and the money for the marvelous meal we were able to deliver back in December. It goes to show Rivermonters are participants! No sidelines for us!

Tracy Paxton

From the students;

I liked seeing how they reacted to us being there. – Suhas

It was so great! I felt proud. I didn't realize there are so many people that need help out there. – Michal

The best part was everyone smiling. – Sherry Gill

It is great to help our community and our city's less fortunate. - Madeline



I discovered how great it feels to help other people and how grateful they are just to see kids like us out and helping the community. - Helena

It was really nice when people smiled and said thank you. This makes me feel good and I know I can do something to help. – Lolly



I enjoyed this experience. It taught me that there were more poor people than I thought. It also taught me that helping others feels better than helping myself. – Lauren

A little girl was listening to her music on her cell phone. She could not buy the song, but she was enjoying the small part she could listen to. - Megan

While I was there I realized life is good. I saw people walking that had nothing and were eager for just one meal. It felt really good to help others out. – Grace

I was happy to help the patrons. - Hayley

6th Grade Does Mardi Gras

We are very lucky to have Helena Barber in our class because she was raised in New Orleans, LA. Helena has talked about her fun past experiences



catching beads and dancing, shared her love of the many parades (ZULU being her favorite), dressed brightly in Mardi Gras colors and even shared her King Cake with us for her birthday (she got the baby). She misses New Orleans very much. We thought it would be fun to have our own little masked party for her.....*can you guess who is who?*

Intramural Season Schedule

Intramural Season for grades 6-12 begins on Tuesday, February 24!

Tuesday, February 24
Wednesday, February 25
Thursday, February 26

Dodgeball
Floor Hockey
Wiffleball

Monday, March 2
Tuesday, March 3
Wednesday, March 4
Thursday, March 5

Volleyball
Soccer
Floor Hockey
Wiffleball

Monday, March 9
Tuesday, March 10
Wednesday, March 11
Thursday, March 12


Volleyball
Soccer
Floor Hockey
Wiffleball

Monday, March 16
Tuesday, March 17
Wednesday, March 18
Thursday, March 19

Volleyball
Touch Football
Capture-the-Flag
Softball

The Weight Room will be open from 3:30-4:30
Monday-Thursday

Varsity Boys' Basketball Meeting,
Monday, March 2 3:30-4:00 p.m.



From the College Corner

Add some zip to your college admissions picture! Turn summer fun into a great addition to your high school resume by attending an interesting, challenging summer program. Summer programs vary in length from one week to a month or more and can be found in science, math, foreign language, writing, drama, and more. **Looking for adventure?** "Sea- High School Summer Seminars" is conducted through the renowned Woods Hole, MA- no sailing experience required, but be prepared

to do serious research. Find summer program descriptions in the Reading Room of the Mansion or go on the Web to search for “summer programs.” A sample of just some of the programs available:

Northwestern University **Center for Talent Development Summer Program** has offerings for all ages. Take a look at the extensive offerings at www.ctd.northwestern.edu

Washington University in St. Louis offers a **High School Summer Scholars Program** for rising juniors and seniors. These classes offer college credit science, foreign language, arts, social sciences, and the humanities. www.summerscholars.wustl.edu

Harvard Summer School Secondary School Program promises a “taste of college, a taste of Harvard” taking college courses in a wide variety of subject areas.

MATH AND SCIENCE: the goal of the **Michigan Math and Science Scholars High School Summer Program** at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI is to “expose high school students to current developments and research in the sciences, and to encourage the next generation of researchers to develop and retain a love of mathematics and science.” www.math.lsa.umich.edu/mmss

JOURNALISM: University of Iowa **Summer Journalism Workshops for High School Students.**

HISTORY: A Pre-Collegiate Summer Program in Early American History for juniors and seniors is available through the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA www.wm.edu/niahd

FILM: Camp Hollywood: for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students learn to write, direct, and edit a short film. Point Park University, Pittsburgh, PA

THEARTS Pratt Precollegiate Program: high school students earn 4 elective college credits in the fine and applied arts. The Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

TEST PREPARATION Looking for serious SAT Preparation? **KENT SAT +** offers 4 weeks of concentrated work for rising 9 through 12 grade students. Kent Institute, Bayside NY. Look also for online programs and programs offered in Iowa City.



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*where there are no spectators,
only participants!*
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Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

February

28 Saturday Basketball, 9-11 AM

March

March is Re-enrollment month!

2 International Week

3 Open Tour, 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Young Scholars Open House, 10-11 AM

No Erasers! First Grade Info Night, 6:30 PM

6 International FoodFest, 3:30 PM

7 SSAT, 8:30 AM

Saturday Basketball, 9-11 AM

10 Sneek-A-Peek Day

Middle School Info Night, 6:30 PM

11 Parents' Council Meeting, 5:00 PM

Select A College Major, 7:00 PM

12 K-3 Music Program, 7:00 PM

13 Third Quarter Ends

Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM

Parent events are in bold & Early Dismissals are underlined.

