



RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE

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Headlines

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Rivermont families,

Welcome to our 125th year! This is an exciting milestone for our school as we begin to look forward to our anniversary. It is exciting to consider that our school under the names of St. Katharine's School, St. Katharine's-St. Mark's, and now as Rivermont Collegiate has been leading its students to excellence, integrity and service for 125 years. So many students, parents, faculty, staff and friends have given of their time, treasure and talent to bring us to this point. We are all indebted to them.

We've had a wonderful start to the school year! The many new additions to the campus enhance an already marvelous place. Our new staff and faculty bring dedication and expertise to an accomplished and committed group of professionals.

Please take the time to come to campus and enjoy our opening activities. This evening is our annual Welcome Back BBQ. Come with your family and enjoy some good food and great company. Nothing to prepare, just hop in the car and drive to school. Next Thursday is Back to School Night. We have redesigned the evening to make it more relaxed while giving you some important information about your son or daughter's year. The Parents' Council will host a light dinner in Central Hall at 6 PM. We hope this will make your commute to school less stressful. The Upper School Student Council will provide free childcare in the Early School rooms so you don't have to worry about getting a sitter. We have also designed the schedule to chunk more information together so you don't have to jog from one end of the campus to another. We will have special presentations on our Specials, clubs, activities, performing arts, athletics and college counseling. The evening should end at 8 PM giving you time to get the younger ones to bed and still have some time to relax. I hope that all K-12 families will be able to join us!

Rivermont continues its commitment to developing the character of its students PS-12. The Character Counts program provides a springboard of ideas and activities to help us focus on the 6 pillars:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Citizenship

Additionally, our respect rules guide our daily behaviors. Quite simply we will all ...

- Respect the learning process.*
- Respect yourself and others.*
- Respect property.*

Each year we have highlighted our cultural diversity with our visiting author series. This year's author, Ying Chang Compestine will bring Chinese culture to the Rivermont campus. The faculty has decided that it would be fun as well as educational for the entire school to bring China into all the classrooms. Throughout the year you will see, hear, and experience little bits of China when you come to campus.

歡迎你

河山中學的中國年

(Welcome to Rivermont's year of China)

Rick St. Laurent
Headmaster





Global Gathering: China fall festival at the Bettendorf Library:

The Bettendorf library has issued a brochure describing events of this year's Global Gathering which focuses on China. They have lined up some great activities during September and October. There are events and activities for everyone regardless of age. A pdf of the Global Gathering China brochure is now available on the library web page -

<http://www.bettendorflibrary.com/ggchinaonline.pdf>

Both Quad City Chinese Association and U.S. China Friendship Association members are among presenters of a Moon Festival celebration on Sunday, September 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the library. Members will read stories, poems, and present activities of interest to children and adults.



The Confucius Center will be offering classes in Chinese language at Rivermont Collegiate from 6:30 to 8:00PM on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning

September 9th. **Mr. Fan Youxin** will be teaching a level one class. **Ms. Wang Miao** will be teaching a level two class. Both teachers are PhD students at the University of Iowa and are from East China Normal University in Shanghai. Both are experienced teachers of Chinese as a second language and are highly proficient in English as well.

Check our website for more info and sign up forms.

Back to School Night Thursday, August 28

The format of the evening has been redesigned so parents do less walking (running?) between rooms. Also, this year's Handbooks and Directories will be available that evening.

Hope to see you all there!



KUDOS Lion Pride!

Congratulations to third grader **Gabe Heaney** for completing the Moline Public Library's "Get in the Game READ!" summer reading program. *Read On, Gabe!*



This is a friendly reminder that the drive through the Rivermont campus is ONE WAY only. The entrance is on Sunset Drive and the exit leads to Mississippi Boulevard.

Parents' Council

FIRST PARENTS' COUNCIL MEETING
(PTA in public schools)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008
AT 8.30 A.M. – 9.30 A.M.
IN THE AUDITORIUM (Becherer Hall)

EVERYONE WELCOME!
(INCLUDING YOUNGER CHILDREN)

Parents' Council would like to thank room parent volunteers. We still have openings in the PreSchool MWF, TTH classes and 8th grade. If you are interested, please contact Anne Goodman at 563-370-9886. Thanks!

Parents' Council '08-09 Contacts:

Co-Presidents: Kathy Brindle and Anne Goodman

Treasurer: Carrie Bowman

Secretary: Beth Heaney

Room Parents:

PS-Pending (MWF and TTH)

PK- Kristine Teitle and Anne McVey

K- Jennifer Kearney

1st- Bindu Alla

2nd- Purvi Shah

3rd- Heidi Storl

4th- Chae Porubcin and Vicki Wallace

5th- Sameera Haque

6th- Melissa Sears

7th- Sherry Maurer

8th- Pending

Upper School- Teresa Smith

From the Athletic Director

Rivermont's fall athletic programs will be in full swing on Monday. Middle School (grades 6-8) and Upper School (grades 9-12) Girls Volleyball will practice Monday through Thursday from 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. The first middle school games will be played the week of September 8 and finish with the conference tournament October 20-22. Upper School Boys & Girls Cross Country practice started this past Wednesday.

Rivermont sophomore James Weeks is a member of the Bettendorf Football Team.

Volleyball Clinics for students in grades 4 & 5 will be held on September 12 and October 3 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Rivermont gym.

The varsity boys' basketball team will participate in the fall league that plays on Sundays beginning September 14 at the West YMCA in Davenport. Open gyms are held weekday mornings from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Saturday morning basketball for students in grades 4-8 will begin on November 8. Sign ups for the basketball program will be in October.

Order forms for the physical education uniform (t-shirt & short) will be available to students who need to purchase a new uniform. T-shirts are \$7 and shorts \$13.

All students participating in Rivermont athletic programs must have a current physical form on file.

Upper School

From the College Corner:

Susan Hillmann of Earlham College will visit with juniors and seniors at 12:30 PM on Monday, September 15, answering questions about this "top-notch" liberal arts college. Earlham is often compared to the larger schools of Oberlin, Grinnell, and Beloit. Additionally, Earlham is listed in the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* as one of the 45



"Best Buys" and is listed in Peterson's *Competitive Colleges*. Earlham's strongest courses are in *Biology, English, and Psychology* with 75% of graduates pursuing postgraduate study.

Anne Gannaway of the University of Iowa will be on campus at 12:30, October 15, 2008 in the Mansion Reading Room. She will meet with juniors and seniors. Anne will have information about majors, honors programs, scholarships, and graduate as well as post graduate programs.

Know someone who should attend Rivermont?

RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE
A challenging environment.
A successful future.

Contact Admission Director
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Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

August

22 Back to School BBQ, 5 PM

28 Back to School Night, 6 PM

Light Dinner provided by Parents' Council
Free childcare provided by US StuCo

September

1 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

5 O.L.E. Day – K-12

8 Magazine Drive begins

10 Parents' Council Meeting, 8:30 AM

12 NHS Family Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 AM

17 MS & US Players' Theatre Trip

19 Fall Mini **Imp-Tiger** Day

24 SKS founded in 1884

25 Visiting Author – Ying Chang Compestine

Parent events are in bold & Early Dismissals are underlined.