



# RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE

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## Headlines

October 31, 2008



### *The Time Is Now!*

The Student Food Drive is taking donations of canned and non-perishable foods until Thursday, November 6. On that day, all Rivermont donations will be taken to the Riverbend Food Bank for the official weigh-in. Our community collected over 12,000 pounds of food last year! All food collected stays in the Quad Cities to help local families. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

### *Sally Foster sale is extended*

**Giftwrap sales have been extended through Monday, November 3!**

*Thank you for your orders.*

### Daylight Savings Time



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour this Saturday night (early Sunday morning)!

### KUDOS     **Lion Pride!**

#### Manga/Anime contest

We neglected to mention in last week's *HEADlines* that sophomore **Basilia Koster** received an Honorable Mention in the recent Manga/Anime contest at the Figge Museum. *Congratulations Basilia!*

#### Advanced Placement Awards

Seven Rivermont Collegiate students have earned 2008 AP Scholar Awards based on both the number of AP Courses taken and the scores achieved on Advanced Placement Exams.

Senior **Anup Parikh** is named **Scholar with Distinction**.

Seniors **Shravan Chintalapani** and **Bradley Green** of Davenport received **Scholar with Honor** awards.

Senior **Katherine Beydler** earned **Scholar Awards**.

Graduates **Ryan Giertz**, **James Herzig**, and **Jonathan Weeks** also earned **Scholar Awards**.

Students who are currently enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will be able to advance in the Scholar standings after exams in May 2009. *Congratulations to all!*

#### Thanksgiving Cook-off Thursday, November 20th

National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a "Thanksgiving Cook-off." Families with students in grades K-12 are invited to enter one or more dishes in the cook-off. Dishes can be appetizers, main dishes, side dishes, or desserts. Enter your favorite dish! The entry cost is \$5 per dish. Return the entry form and entry fee to your child's classroom teacher or advisor by **November 15th**.

Students will sample dishes during lunch time. Prizes will be awarded for the overall favorite dish. Please mark on your dish if it contains nuts or milk products.

All entries should be at school by **11am on November 20th**. All proceeds go to the NJHS Rivermont "Extreme School Makeover" fundraiser. Contact Mrs. Schroeder [schroeder@rvmt.org](mailto:schroeder@rvmt.org) with any questions.

## Did You Know...

Hy-Vee Scrip Cards can be used at the Hy-Vee gas stations, in addition to the grocery stores? Rivermont gets 5% profit on each Scrip Card purchased through the program. Everyone needs gas and groceries—please support the Rivermont Parents' Council Scrip Program. Extra forms are available in Becherer Hall on the Parent's Council bulletin board. Please call Beth Heaney (309) 797-3253 or send an e-mail to [heaney@rvmt.org](mailto:heaney@rvmt.org) with any questions about the program.

## Saturday Morning Basketball



Students in grades 3-8 are invited to the Saturday morning basketball program. The program will run most Saturday morning beginning November 8 through March 21. Registration is

\$25 for an unlimited number of sessions.  
(Attendance at all sessions is not required.)

**9-10 AM - Grades 6-8**

**10-11 AM - Grades 3-5**

For more information see the flyer on the website or contact Mr. Knupp at [knupp@rvmt.org](mailto:knupp@rvmt.org).

## Parents' Council

Parents' Council would like to thank Bindu Alla and Seema Joshi for providing snacks in the faculty break areas during parent-teacher conferences. In addition, thank you to our book fair committee, Katie Franks, Kristel Ersan and Sarah McDowell along with all the parent volunteers. What a great success!!!

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Book Fair Safari was a HUGE success!! This fall our book sales were \$5,149.70, and we collected \$1,809.68 in *One for Book* money which bring our fair's grand total to **\$6,959.38**. That is a 73.35% increase over last year. Please give yourself a big pat on the back for a job well done.



We would especially like to thank, from the bottom of our Rivermont hearts, Happy Joe's for underwriting our *One for Books* Program. Because of Happy Joe's generosity in donating the fundraising cards, we raised over \$1,800 for *One for Books*. The *One for Books* program not only benefited Rivermont, but Scholastic matches our money and will donate \$1,800 worth of books to one of three national charities. As a result of our fundraising efforts, Rivermont's library will be receiving an additional \$1,800 worth of books.

Mrs. Ashby's 4th Grade Class is the winner of the Happy Joe's Pizza Party for the class that raised the most money for *One for Books*. The pizza party will be Friday, November 14, 2008.

Finally, I would like to thank my committee, students, faculty, and Rivermont parents for their generous support of our fall book fair. A special "Thank you" to Kristel Whitty-Ersan for her wonderful decorating talents and *One for Book* promotion materials. They were fantastic!

*Katie Franks*

*Sarah McDowell*

*Kristel Whitty-Ersan*

Book Fair Chairpersons

## Early School

### Diwali – Festival of Lights

Dr. Radhika Kolla, Arsh's mother, came to tell PreK and 7<sup>th</sup> grade reading buddies about the Hindu holiday of Diwali, or Festival of Lights. Diwali



is traditionally celebrated in late autumn. She lit dipas and showed the children how a traditional Diwali decoration is made with colored rice flour.

## Lower School

### Morning Meeting

Monday through Thursday mornings Lower School students gather with their teachers at 8:20 A.M. in Central Hall for morning meeting. This gathering is time for announcements and important recognitions. This week students in grade 4 and 5 were

recognized for their donations to Student Hunger Drive. Individual students in every grade are recognized for good citizenship or achievement. A short character lesson is a part of each meeting. Currently students are learning the Essential 55, author Ron Clark's rules for success and civility. Mr. Clark is a teacher in Harlem, New York and winner of the 2001 Disney Teacher of the Year Award. He is author of the Essential 55 Award-winning Rules for Mentoring the Successful Student.

## **Middle & Upper Schools**

### **Its Intramural Season**

Volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, floor hockey, dodgeball, touch football, Ultimate, and wiffleball!  
3:30 – 4:30 PM Watch for schedule of events:

*October 27-30*

*November 3-5*

*November 10-13*

### **College Corner:**

Megan Bush of St. Ambrose University, Davenport will be visiting Rivermont at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. All juniors and seniors are invited to the Reading Room.

### **In the Classroom:**

The College English class is currently reading Mr. Ken Kesey's novel, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Mr. Michael Freda of the Robert Young Center for Community Mental Health will be visiting the College English class on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 p.m. As a professional in the field, Mr. Freda will speak about advances in the treatment of mental illness from the 1960's, when Mr. Kesey's book was published, to the present day.

### **What's In A Name?**

The French Club has - by popular vote - decided to change its name and mission to encompass a variety of cultural groups that exist across the world. Now more appropriately named "World Culture Club," our goal is to introduce customs and traditions of one country/region/culture per month. In order to accomplish this, we will host several fun and informative activities, which will be financially supported by our bi-monthly fundraisers.

In November, we plan on focusing on Spanish/Latin American customs.

### **Rivermont Collegiate Athletic Council**

The Athletic Council was formed as the result of an action plan developed at the Pursuing Victory with Honor Summit at the University of Northern Iowa on October 8, 2008. The purpose of the council will be to advise the Athletic Director on issues pertaining to intramural, interscholastic, and club sport activities at Rivermont and to facilitate positive changes in all programs.

The council will consist of representatives of all varsity teams and two middle school student athletes. Selection will be determined by the Athletic Director and coaching staff. Meetings will be scheduled prior to the fall, winter, and spring/summer seasons (August, November, and March) with additional meetings scheduled when necessary.

#### 2008 Members

Joey VanDuynes

Archana Chintalapani  
Pavane Gorrepati  
Shravan Chintalapani

Angela Bahls  
Katherine Beydler  
Manisha Kumar

Nick Petre  
Daniel Foster-Pray  
Jimmy Weeks  
Meghana Pagadala  
Matt Newsome  
Jake Petre  
Lolly Telleen

Varsity Boys Cross Country captain  
Varsity Girls Volleyball co-captain  
Varsity Girls Volleyball co-captain  
Varsity Boys Basketball captain,  
Varsity Cross Country  
Varsity Cheerleading co-captain  
Varsity Cheerleading co-captain  
Varsity Cheerleading co-captain,  
Spirit Committee Chair  
Cross Country & Basketball  
Cross Country & Basketball  
Football & Basketball  
Volleyball & Mascot  
Basketball  
Middle School Boys  
Middle School Girls

The first meeting of the council will be Monday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

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## Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

### October

31 US Halloween Party, 7 PM

### November

- 1** **Cross-country State Meet**  
QCAEYC Conference at Rivermont
- 2** **Food Drive Dodgeball Tournament,**  
**Gym 2-5 PM**
- 4** **Open Tour, 8:30 AM**  
**Young Scholars, 10-11 AM**
- 6** Student Food Drive loading Day  
**Awards Ceremony, 6 PM**

Parent events are in bold & Early Dismissals are underlined.

## *Happy Diwali!*



**Diwali in India** is celebrated with jubilation and enthusiasm. It is one of the biggest festivals of Hindus and is celebrated for five continuous days. The third day is the main day of Diwali and is celebrated as the “**Festival of**

**Lights.”** To mark this day people light diyas and candles all around their house. During the evening Lakshmi Puja is performed to seek the divine blessings of the Goddess of Wealth. People also exchange Diwali gifts with all their dear ones and light fire crackers in the night to express their happiness. [www.diwalifestival.org](http://www.diwalifestival.org)



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*where there are no spectators,  
only participants!*

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### *Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day*

*November 26, 2008*

Come join us to celebrate the special people in our students' lives. We encourage all our students to invite these special people to come and see the magic of Rivermont for themselves.

Contact Tammi Burrell at [burrell@rvmt.org](mailto:burrell@rvmt.org) for additional invitations.