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Rush to Find Out About This Year's Charity

Alese Loevlie and Emery DeLuca

The charity that was chosen for this year's Silver Rush is The Sharing Place. The Sharing Place is a grief support resource for children. The total we raised for this year's charity was \$207,667.24!!

The Sharing Place was founded in 1993 by Chris Chytraus, a mother who had lost her husband. Over the years, it has helped thousands of families through their experiences of grief, loss, and pain.

Brian Scott explains how the SBO'S came to choose this year's charity, "each of us reach out to different charities and narrow it down to a list of top ten. Once we have

Allie Wallis created the image for this year's Silver Rush charity



Image created by Allie Wallis
Photo Courtesy of Riverton High Instagram

the top ten, we choose 3 charities and discuss them with administrators. Finally, all of the SBO's talk and choose their top charity." explains Brian Scott, SBO President.

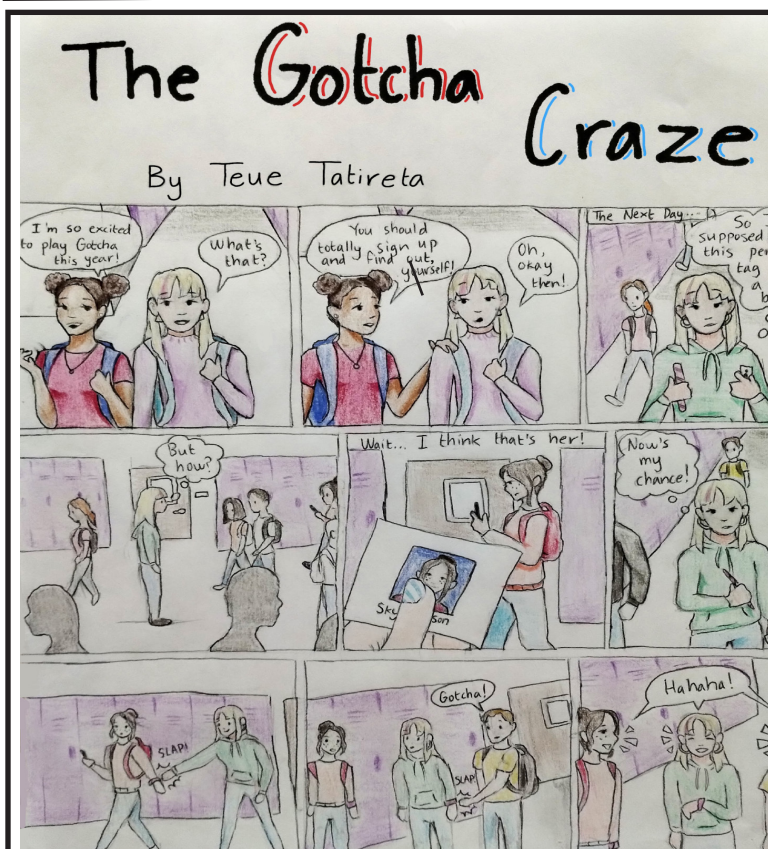
People were able to participate during Silver Rush in many different ways. Every day of Silver Rush there are new activities students and staff can participate in. Some

of those activities are Penny Wars, Gotcha, Multifarious, Odd Jobs, the Sweater Stomp, and Silver Swing

The Sharing Place website provides quotes from parents about their experience there.

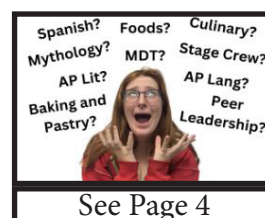
Michael, a father who lost his wife says "...Without the Sharing Place, I would be in a lot worse shape dealing with my son." "Grief hurts everywhere, especially on the inside, outside, and everywhere you go." Said 4 year old, Casey.

Like all good things, Silver Rush has come to an end. This year's Silver Rush was amazing like it is every year.



CORRECTION!!

In the article, "The History of Silver Rush" in our December issue, we published the total amount for Silver Rush 2022 as \$262,229 but the total that was actually raised was \$223,452.17. The reason why the end amount of money was different was because a local company had stated that they would be giving Riverton High's Silver Rush a certain amount of money but that money was never donated to Riverton.



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Wrapping Up Our First Semester Sports!

Teue Tatireta

As the first semester begins to wrap up, we look back at many events and moments that made our year better or became a permanent memory in our lives. For some, those instances include sports! Though the school year has only been in session for a couple of months, our sports' teams have made many accomplishments, which included some of the following:

Girl's Soccer

This year Girl's Soccer had 16 games and won 9 of them! Winning more than half the games they played!

Girl's Tennis

Girl's Tennis had 11 games this season, which has led them to soon participate in state competition! Addie Hansen made it to quarterfinals in 1st singles tennis at the state tournament.

Girl's Volleyball

Girl's Volleyball had 18 games, finishing off with Herriman High as their last game of the season. They had a great season overall!

Girl's Basketball

Our Girls Basketball team beat Roy 56-52. Boys Basketball beat Fremont 57-54.

Cheer Team

Our cheer team has qualified for nationals as well!



Our Girls Volleyball team all huddled together while having a blast!
Photo by Natalie Roberds

Riverton Cross Country Closes With a Rare Accomplishment

Garrick Bowers

Riverton's Cross Country team has been training since the beginning of summer with Coach Chase Englestead. The team proved their training when the varsity boys made it to the prestigious Nike Cross Nationals, and the varsity girls won the region championship.

Every year, the cross country team gets to run at Nike Cross Regionals in Arizona, where teams and individuals from Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada all come to race. Riverton's varsity boys took third place, and Sam Ghiz took third, individually, after a powerful race. Ghiz said, "Going through my head at my NXR race was just trust all my training and realize that I [could] compete with the guys in front of me, and once you realize that, nothing will stop you from your goals."

Excitingly, on December 2nd, the varsity boys qualified to race at Nike Cross Nationals (NXN) in Oregon at Nike Headquarters and compete against the fastest schools in the nation. Even with a muddy course, the boys took ninth place and were ranked 9th nationally by DyeStat.

The varsity boys received loads of Nike gear like Dragonfly racing spikes, Nike Invincibles, and Nike Dunks. The varsity girls became region champions when they placed 1st at the Region Championships. Junior, Mya Oyler, took first place with a 27-second lead. Oyler said, "With my team

supporting me, there's nothing I couldn't do; it still feels like a vivid dream that I won, but I'm so grateful for that race because it shows that all the long hours and hard work I put in had paid off."

The team also had the opportunity to race at Footlocker West in Walnut, California.



Riverton's cross-country boys compete against the fastest teams in the nation and take ninth at Nike Cross Nationals (NXN).

Photo Courtesy of John Nunley



Melanie Anderson (Left) and Mya Oyler (Right) celebrate their win as the new region champs.
Photo Courtesy of Sarah Lefgren.

Girls Swim

The Girls Swim team beat Corner Canyon, taking 3rd place at the Jordan District Invitational along with our Boys Swim team! The boys team also beat Herriman, separately.

Boys Cross Country

Our boys XC team placed 9th at Nike Cross Nationals (NXN), finishing the season top 10 in the nation!

Riverton's Boys Cross Country team took 3rd place at Nike Cross Regionals (NXR). The Girls Cross Country team took 13th in a highly competitive championship race, changing school history with this being the first time both boys and girls qualified for the championship race! Girls Cross Country also achieved 1st at Region! Mya Oyler and Chloe Swain took 41st at Cross Country Footlocker as well!

Boys Golf

Riverton's Boys Golf team finished 12th place at state, while Jaxon Erickson took 3rd place in the individuals!

Boys Wrestling

Riverton's Boys Wrestling team took 4th of 32 teams at Salem Hills managing to achieve six top-four placers, including: Kalob Baker who placed 1st, Easton Olson Sam Moody, and Gage Watt, placing third, Carter Olson and Dylan Shafizedah placing fourth!

Congratulations to all of the students who have put their heart and souls into representing Riverton High School in sports! Our semester was filled with outstanding achievements! We now look forward to the new sports starting next semester to see how well and far they progress in the new year!



Our cross country team members at XC camp in August, all in smiling unison!

Photo Courtesy of Janel Warren

Change Brings Growth to the RHS Volleyball Team

Heidi Perez Perez

The RHS Girls Volleyball team has experienced some change this year with a new coach and about half of their 13 player team being new, as well. Amidst this change many positive things have happened.

The team ended the season winning 6 games out of 24. Senior Kiara Doucette who plays outside hitter said that she felt really good about this season, even though 6 wins may not feel like a lot, because it is such a competitive region. She feels much of this is because of how well this team of girls communicate.

Another reason the team performed this well could

be due to their workout/practice routine that the new coach, Elaine Gibson, has them do: drilling and repping everyday while every Friday, lifting weights and running a couple of bleachers in order to improve day by day.

While both Doucette and Coach Gibson are happy with this season, Doucette says her favorite part of the experience is "when you step on the court and have a crowd cheering for you, we're so in it, it's like so amazing- the adrenaline rush, I guess". The Boys Volleyball team plays in the spring. Be ready to cheer them on.

The girls volleyball team at a home game.

Photo Courtesy of Riverton Yearbook - Ethan Sorensen



Act Fast and Sign Up For This Class

Liliya McDaniel

Sophomores and Juniors will soon be signing up for next year's classes. It's time to start thinking about it. Here are some great options to keep in mind!

1. MDT

Love to dance? Sing? Act? If so, join MDT! Through this class you will get better at dancing, singing, and acting. You will experience Broadway tours (along with other shows) and learn what professional actors do. MDT students perform a big Broadway revue and their own Spring musical. Audition for MDT in March!

2. Stage Crew

If being on stage is not for you, be a part of all the backstage activities. You will run everything in the RHS auditorium. This means painting, designing, and becoming problem solvers. Stage Crew is a group environment, so you will be working with other people.

Stage Crew needs more students who are comfortable with power tools and heights. Join the class and "develop skills and talents you didn't even know you had." If this sounds like you, email Mr. Eaton.

3. Foods, Culinary, and Baking & Pastry

If you like to cook, Foods, Culinary, and Baking & Pastry is the class for you! Even if you don't like cooking, after high school everyone needs to have the basic skills to survive. Foods will provide you with that knowledge, and as a plus you will be making delicious meals.

These classes are hands-on and full of good food! If you took Foods 1 in middle school, you can go straight to Culinary 1.

4. Peer Leadership

During 8th period, you can take the Peer Leadership Team where you will have "the opportunity to develop leadership skills, provide service to their peers and the community."

Some of these activities include going to Kauri Sue and working with the students with special needs. For Silver Rush, the class "educates the student body about the charity and the issue it supports" You will have a lot of fun, develop lasting friendships, and gain valuable skills. Plus, it looks great on resumes.

5. Spanish

Why take Spanish 1 and 2? You will improve your memory and critical thinking skills. Taking Spanish will help you communicate in any language. It will "open your eyes to new cultures and experiences." If that's not enough, it increases your chances of getting a job. And, oh yeah, it's fun!

In the class you learn basic communication skills in Spanish and learn "interesting facts and information about the Spanish culture around the world."

6. Mythology

Want to take a fun English class where you will get to read cool stories? Take Greek Mythology and/or World Mythology. This class provides mythology in a way that isn't boring.

If you show up, little homework is involved. You will want to be in class because it's super fun. This class provides you with the knowledge of many mythology references in modern media that you didn't recognise before. You will get to choose your own projects and learn how to think and talk about stories. As a senior, these classes will count as English credits.

7. AP Lit

Taking AP Literature (AP Lit) will make you think and "thinking makes you smarter and being smart is fun." AP Lit is no harder than any other English Class. Unlike other English classes, it just has a different focus.

While you will be staying busy in class, it's not hard. Homework for this class is mostly reading. The stories you will read in the class can be complex, but are fun to read and talk about.

If you are worried about passing the test, don't be! 99% of students who took this class passed the test. Even if you don't pass, it's a fun and interesting class to take!

8. AP Lang

AP Language and Composition (AP Lang) will prepare you "for college skills, regardless of the field you plan on studying."

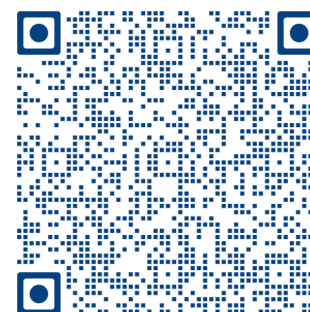
More than 90% of students get an A because your teacher will work with you to make sure you are successful. Regardless of your grade, this class will, guaranteed, make you a better and more confident reader and writer.

No matter your score, or if you took the test, this

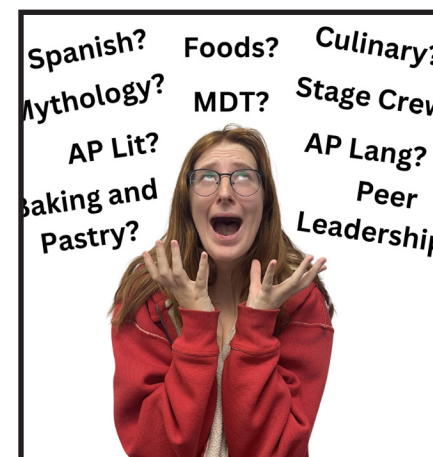
class will prepare you for college. Thinking critically, engaging with different perspectives, and being able to successfully be a part of arguments is part of this class.

On top of everything else, you will gain the skill to prioritize school and still have a life. You should, "give yourself and the course a chance."

Any student can take this class, and if you are interested, talk to Ms. Thompson or your English teacher.



Scan these QR codes to learn more about your English options
Courtesy of Ms. Edwards



Not sure what class to take?
Consider some of these fun classes.

Photo by Liliya McDaniel

Student Guide to the Quarter 3 Slide

Lukas Clevenger

Quarter 3 is just around the corner, and for most it's the hardest part of the year. With grades and motivation both being harder to maintain, many students struggle to keep up on their work. While quarter 3 might feel impossible to deal with, there are many different ways to handle this slide.

Mental health is something most people fear talking about, but the truth is we all face struggles and

stress in some way. While it may seem like most students aren't stressed about school, "61% of teens say they feel a lot of pressure to get good grades" (Pewresearch). This can lead to even worse grades if not dealt with.

One way of handling this slide is by not waiting until the last moment to do all your homework. While it happens all too often, procrastinating can really affect your grades and

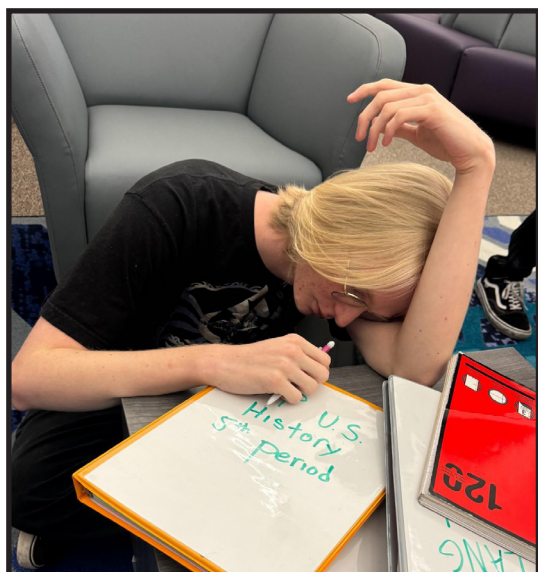
your mental health.

Being caught up on your work can have a positive impact not just on your mental health but also your physical health. Not having to worry about grades and tests can be the best feeling in the world.

Having a clear schedule for when you work and when you take a break can help you maintain balance. This can positively affect your mental health in many dif-

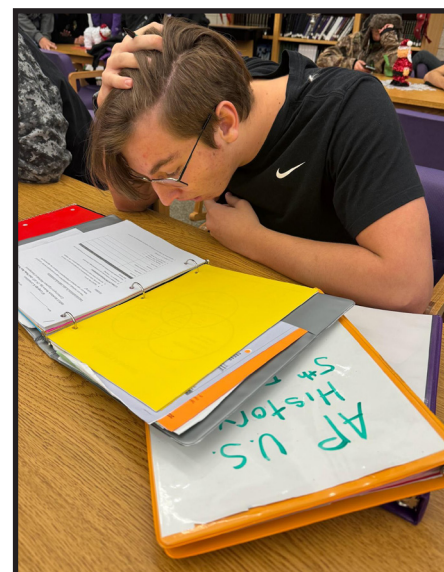
ferent ways such as giving your brain a well needed break, and helping maintain consistency.

It's good to pace yourself and organize your work so it doesn't feel like too much. Being overwhelmed with work can feel like the worst thing in the world, but if dealt with correctly, school can feel a little less stressful. By keeping a good balance between grades and your mental health, you are sure to thrive.



Orion Coconour falls asleep while doing English Homework
Photo by Lukas Clevenger

Just Enjoy The Ride!



Kayden Schuenman Struggling to study for history class
Photo by Lukas Clevenger

2 RHS Football Players Reperesent the Team Well

Tymira Tsosie

Here at RHS we have many sports that get so much love and support from our students and staff, and one of them, is football, so Silver Scribe would like to introduce two players: Miki Moleni and Jonas Tuimaseve.

Moleni was born and raised in West Valley City before he moved to Riverton about a year and a half ago. Growing up, Moleni's favorite football player was Peyton Manning. He remembers that as a kid he loved to watch him play.

When Moleni first got to Riverton right after the 2022-2023 football season, he would go out every day at a local park for around an hour and a half practicing and working on his speed and agility. After all that time and practice, he made the position of being Riverton's Wide Receiver, which meant that most of the time he was on the outermost part of the field running certain routes.

"My favorite football moment was senior night when I got to walk out with my parents onto the field," Moleni says as he talks about his favorite moment. Some things about Moleni that some people might not know is that he plays rugby, is also a boxer, and he likes to hang with his friends more than anything.

Everybody has some type of motivation to do the things that they love to do. When Moleni was playing football for Hunter, 3 of Moleni's cousins were badly injured, sadly 2 of them passed away and the other cousin had only 1% chance to survive. He survived the injury and is now recovered. So Moleni's moti-

vation for playing football is for his cousins. "Sometimes you must hurt in order to know, fall in order to grow, lose in order to gain because life's greatest lessons are learned through pain" Moleni's quote from Naruto.

Jonas Tuimaseve plays football and guitar for the Varsity Jazz Band. Also, here and there he would play a little bit of rugby for fun, mostly. While Tuimaseve was growing up, Tua Tagovailoa was Tuimaseve's favorite football player. "Tua Togovailoa is very humble and he believes in God," Tuimaseve says about Tua Tagovailoa.

Tuimaseve would spend about 3 hours each day practicing. After all that time and energy, Tuimaseve became a part of Riverton's defensive end, which means he is basically on the line of scrimmage, and is lined up on either the inside or outside of each offensive tackle.

"Senior night win, it felt nice to get our first dub," Tuimaseve says as he talks about his favorite moment.

Seeing how hard Tuimaseve's teammates and coaches worked, how they all had the confidence and belief in each other, motivated Tuimaseve to walk alongside them and create many memories and gain more confidence as a team.

Tuimaseve shares this advice: "You can be the perfect size but if you don't believe in yourself, you won't play great. DO NOT compare yourself to others. Stay in your lane and focus on becoming the best version of



Moleni ready to run the routine he practiced for
Photo courtesy of Miki Moleni

Introducing Riverton's New Football Coach

Breanna Tsosie

With the new school year, new additions were made to RHS one being a new coach, James Freeland.

Freeland was born and raised in Texas. he had played football from the age of 4th grade and throughout high school and college. He is the head football coach of the team and what made him become the football coach was that both of his parents were teachers and that made him want to become a teacher along with becoming a coach. Freeland began coaching in his college years when he was given the opportunity to coach at a local high school. They went to State Championships in the first two years. These wins were what got Freeland hooked on

the idea of coaching sports.

Even his kids, of whom he has five, have his athletic ability and are doing well with it. His children include a daughter who has a record-setting shot putter, an NFL player, a college volleyball player, and two younger ones who are bound to make their mark in the world as well.

A highlight for Freeland was when the team ran out to the pack of students. Another highlight moment of football was the camaraderie of the team and the locker room.

When asked about his first year at Riverton, Freeland replied "First year at Riverton was incredible. The kids and players were everything I'd hoped for. They all played so hard and were positive the entire year."

Riverton High is excited to have Coach Freeland!



Freeland walking on the field with a few of the football players
Photo Courtesy of Coach Freeland

A New Smiling Face at Riverton High - Ms. Gonzalez

Raylee Jensen

Ms. Gonzalez is a new Social Studies teacher this year at Riverton High. She teaches both US History and US Government.

Ms. Gonzalez loves “how welcoming and supportive everybody is (the parents, administration, coworkers, and my students)”.

Previously, she taught in Miami, Florida at Campbell Drive K-8 Center, MAST Academy, and Carrollton School of



Mrs. Gonzales and Penny on an adventure.
Photo courtesy of: Genevive Gonzales.

the Sacred Heart. She has taught US History, World History, AP Gov, AP World History, Psychology, and even Pre-K.

For her education Ms. Gonzalez attended Florida State University

where she received a Bachelor's degree in history and a Masters degree in Library and Info Science. She also attended Florida International University for a Mas-



Mrs Gonzales eager to teach her new students.
Photo courtesy of: Lifetouch Inc.

tars degree in History.

Having just moved from the very flat city of Miami, Ms. Gon-

zalez is loving learning the ways of hiking and skiing in Utah!

She loved hiking with her dog, Penny, who sadly passed away about a month ago.

In her free time Ms. Gonzales loves to play all things Nintendo. Currently she is playing Super Mario Wonder for which she gives “a 10/10”.

As a kid, Ms. Gonzales did cheer and just recently joined an adult gym to practice her tumbling passes.

Ms. Gonzales is a great addition to Riverton High and we hope she will be with us for many years to come.

Mr. Miyake Joins Riverton High With Excitement

Garrick Bowers

Mr. (Cy) Miyake is a new teacher here at Riverton High who teaches US History and World History. He is excited to join Riverton and hopes to stay longer.

Mr. Miyake is a fan of the San Francisco 49rs and grew up in Orange County, California; “the land of Disneyland, sunshine, and ocean views,” he says. Growing up, history seemed to be a passion to Miyake where he



Mr. Miyake proudly presents his San Francisco 49rs flag in an awesome Christmas sweater.
Photo by Garrick Bowers

succeeded as a young student. Miyake said, “I had a lot of good his-

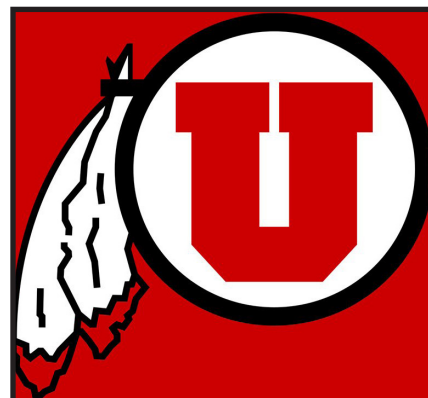
tory teachers growing up from 7th grade, 9th grade, [and] 10th grade that I aspire to be like.”

Miyake went to college at the University of Utah and Utah Tech University. “I always knew I wanted to go somewhere far away from home that wasn’t

too far away; kids, if you ever want to get out of your parents’ shadow or if you ever want to explore the world, college is the #1 best way to do that.”

Miyake also has some extended family here in Utah. He loves the breakfast places here like The Park Cafe and Eggs in the City, claiming that they are “undefeated.”

So far, Mr. Miyake’s favorite thing about Riverton High is “the collective culture of the school. I think it is a very welcoming and very kind place where people from all walks of life can... come together in a great environment.”



Mr. Miyake went to the University of Utah for college.
Photo Courtesy of 1000logos.net

Riverton's Theatre Department Offers A Legendary Performance

Carolina Demelo

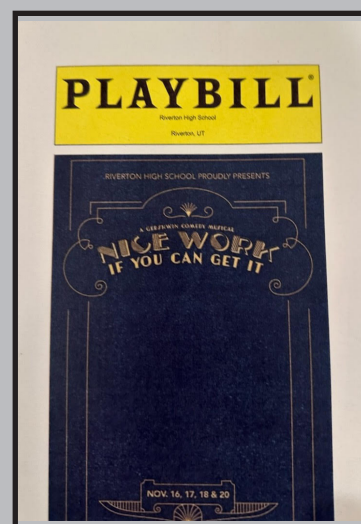
This year's school musical, *Nice Work if You Can Get it*, was beyond phenomenal. The actors did an incredible job, and so did the stage crew!

When asked if the sweat produced was worth the result, Elizabeth Birkner, who played Billie Bendix, replied, "Absolutely, It was a very fun show, and we really enjoyed performing it!" In comparison, Morgan Walker, who played Jimmy Winter said one of the things he loved most about the musical was "the unique time period the musical is set in, because it let us have so much fun jazz music and a whole bunch of fun dance music to go along with it!"

It seems that the cast had more than a little fun with their experience! And it seems to have boosted their talent, because I will never forget the soul crush-

ing disappointment I felt when I got home, went on Spotify in order to find the musical's soundtrack, only to find that the original version doesn't even come close to the one the students at RHS produced. I had a similar experience with last year's musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*. So the uncontrollable skill seems to be a trend around here.

Along with the remarkable skill in the school's musical, the story and its execution were incredibly done. Senior Aida Valdez, who played Estonia Dulworth The Duchess of Woodford commented on how "Being able to swing from a chandelier while "intoxicated" is quite the joy." If that weren't intriguing enough just to hear about, imagine actually seeing it. This year's musical was nothing short of phenomenal.



*RHS Theatre Kids
Splendidly Exe-
cute their Play*
Photo by Carolina
Demelo

*Nice Work
If You
Can Get It
Playbill*
Photo by
Kailey
Drussel



The Pack Shack: Heart of Riverton Lunch

Megan Fowles

RHS students are enjoying the PACK SHACK's traditions as well as their new options

The PACK SHACK is known for its snacks, merchandise, and specialty items. Some of these items are Pretzels, Chick-fil-A, Churros, and for a limited time Gourmet Hot cocoa. The PACK SHACK is currently great for an in-between class bite on your way to class after lunch.

The shack has been a staple of the school's lunch since its opening in 2000-2001. The shack is one of the few classes offered at Riverton High that allows their students to receive their food handlers permit which is extremely helpful for those looking for jobs/have jobs in the food industry.

This year, The Pack Shack has made a few changes that have

boosted their sales. One new addition that has been putting the school into a frenzy is the Chick-fil-A sandwiches and nuggets with sauce! The pretzels always sell out first, so stop by the beginning of lunch to check them out. Come in salted, plain, cinnamon and sugar. The shack is and will stay the heart and highlight of Riverton school lunch shack is one of the few classes offered at Riverton High that allows their students to receive their food handlers permit which is extremely helpful for those looking for jobs/have jobs in the food industry.



Rivertons rush!
Photo by Megan Fowles

Don't Make the Mistake of Missing the RHS Play

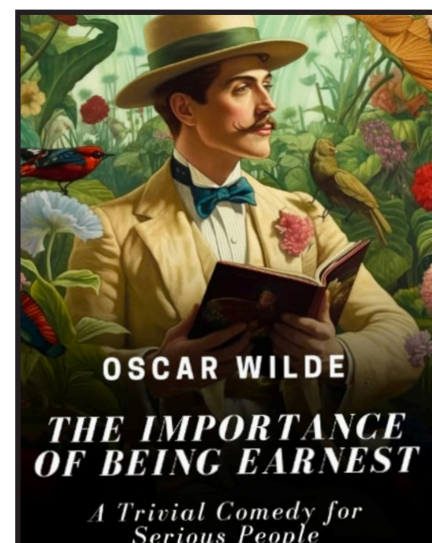
Aubrey Drussel

RHS drama club is performing the play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, by Oscar Wilde this coming February. With a small but incredibly talented cast and a twisty, fun plot, tickets are sure to sell fast. There are only 120 seats per night so make sure to get your tickets ahead of time or they'll sell out!

The play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, is a story of two men who assume the same identity which, of course, causes confusion and mayhem. With mistaken identity, falling in love, and plot twists that no one expects.

This play is sure to be a roller coaster of a perfor-

mance. Make sure to get your tickets before they sell out and we'll see you there!



*The cover of The Importance of
Being Earnest book*
Photo Courtesy of amazon.com