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Did Someone Say, "Food," Nearby!?

Carolina Demelo

As highschoolers, we have quite the appetite, and at this time of year we're always tired, and really just need a little motivation sometimes-- I know I do--and what better comfort than warm, tasty, and perfectly filling food? When it comes to food, we often don't think we have many options. Sure, Chick-fil-A and Wendy's are great, but what about something different? Turns out, there are lots of different places around that can satisfy our cravings!

MOD Pizza offers personally customized pizzas with unlimited toppings for the same price! You can't go wrong with pizza, so why not try it out? They offer extra sauces as well, such

as pesto drizzle, smoked barbeque sauce, their tangy balsamic glaze, among other options. You can get them baked with your pizza, letting their flavors melt into it, or you can add it on after, or even use it as a dipping



Photo by Gabriela Demelo
Preparing to gobble up Aubergine's Rio Bowl

sauce to break the flavor.

This next one's for the almond-mom-raised, like me. Unlike my mom's cooking, the food at **Aubergine's** is both a flavorful and hearty, yet healthy option! They offer bowls, pizzas, cheesy



Photo by Lauren Mukic
Saffron Circle has irresistible curry

sandwiches, refreshing smoothies, acai bowls, and more. They are also well known for their softly baked, yet crispy Brazilian cheese bread. Just like Chick-fil-A though, it's closed on Sundays, which of course, is when I crave it most.

This last option is a bit more expensive, and definitely more of a date spot, but if you wanna sweep a girl off her feet, this is the place to bring her. **Saffron Circle** is an Indian food place that offers a variety of creamy curries, grilled entries, and of course, warm and fluffy naan.

They say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Well, at least in this case, the same stands for us ladies.

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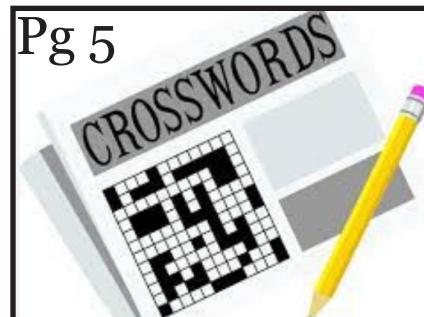
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CALLING ATTENTION TO CELL PHONES: JSD SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDERS MAKING A DISTRICT-WIDE POLICY

Alese Loevlie

As technology is progressing, phone use is becoming more prominent in schools which is why the Jordan District School Board had a meeting on whether or not they should implement a district wide policy. Because this is also something the state legislature is discussing during the 2024 Session, the board decided to put a hold on the decision so they could wait to see what the legislature decided, first.

Since Covid, most schools provide computers for students to use during class. The use of computers in schools has opened a door for less of a need for students to have cellphones in class-since what teachers did to try to incorporate cell phones in their instruction, can mostly now be done on the chromebooks.

Phone use in schools can be problematic. Kelli ChristyFrank, English teacher, says "We think that we are multi-tasking but in reality, we're just doing poor quality work on everything we're doing."

Each teacher at Riverton High has a "policy" of their own, whether they want students to put their phones in a pocket on the wall or in their backpacks or keep them in their pockets/ on their desks.

At Riverton High teachers have a variety of ways of dealing with phones on their own:

Math teacher, Nikki Carver, says "My policy is that I want phones away during instruction; during tests, students put them in a pocket to prevent cheating."

English teacher, Josie Rivera, says "Students put their phones in a pouch on

my wall and I take attendance. If a phone isn't there, the student loses 5 participation points out of 50"

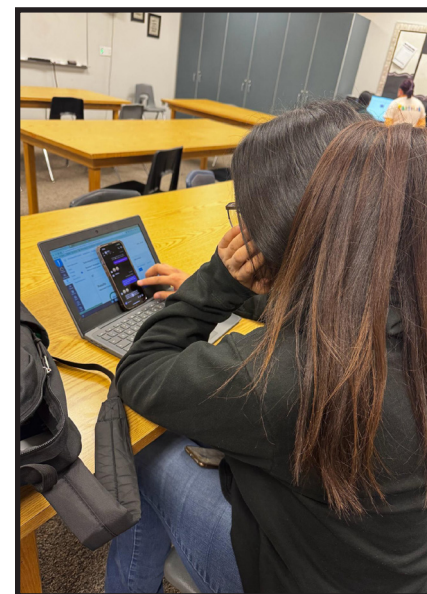
ASL teacher, Becky Tueler, says "Students put their phones in a pocket at the beginning of class, the number on the pocket correlates with the number on their chairs."

Social Studies teacher, Shane Busdicker, says "My policy is simple. Have it out when you're supposed to, put it away when you're supposed to"

Currently, teachers have a variety of policies to help their students know what to expect when they become adults, to get their student's respect, and to help their students to succeed. We will see if there will be a more consistent policy led by the school, district school board, or the state legislature.

Whatever decisions are

made, we can be sure that those in charge have our best interest at heart...even though it can be painful to part with our phones for a bit!



Ty Tsosie distracted from their school work while texting their friend.

Photo by Lukas Clevenger



Some teachers at Riverton High use calculator pockets to keep students' phones out of reach.

Photo by Alese Loevlie

Get Ready to Sing, Dance and Act at MDT Auditions!

Raylee Jensen

MDT auditions are quickly approaching on March 18th and 19th. They will take place at 2:30 in the drama room.

But what is MDT? MDT stands for music, dance, theater. The class is held during 7th period.

In the class, they prepare and perform a Broadway review with lots of different numbers from different musicals. They also put on a spring musical with just the class.

The MDT program at Riverton High School is run by Mr. Clin Eaton.

The audition is a two day process. All wishing to audition must prepare 2 audition cuts to sing on day 1. Audition cuts are 16-32 bars each around 30 seconds that are contrasting pieces of music. The songs must showcase your voice and your range. On day 2, you learn a dance combo.

Senior member of MDT, Zayden Gates, said "I love MDT because there is such a community in the class. Everyone is so supportive of each other and wants each other to succeed."

When asked for audition advice, senior, John Peter Allen, said "If you get completely lost in the dance audition, just rock out and hit the last pose confidently".

Candin Rio recommends to "Practice your song as much as possible. The more memorized you are with a song the better you'll do even if you're terrified and nervous".

Derek Smith recommends to "Just have fun with it, get loose, get into it".

MDT is a great way to get involved, learn new talents, and make new friends! Good luck to anyone wishing to try out.



The MDT company on stage
Photos Courtesy of Mia Bagley and family



The Importance of Being Earnest was very well performed by RHS students

Photo Courtesy of Constellation Stage and Screen

RHS Drama Club Once Again Performs An Amazing Play

Aubrey Drussel

The RHS performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest* just recently ended on February 26 after performing for 4 days. The play was put on by their exclusive and amazing cast of: Cade Snarr, Morgan Walker, Zaden Gates, Micah Wixom, Elizabeth Birkner, Ellis Eaton, Taya Faragher, Jimmy Empey, and Danielle Whisamore.





This play is a classic comedy and is incredibly fun and enjoyably chaotic. It follows two people who both take on the same fake identity of a man named Earnest which, of course, causes much confusion.

Oscar Wilde, the author of *The Importance of Being Earnest* wrote his play to be "a trivial comedy for serious people". It was both a satirical critique of the Victorian era and values and just something to give people a good laugh at a difficult time in Wilde's life. It's now regarded as a classic and a masterpiece by many people and is still hilarious to modern audiences.

This play is truly a work of art, and our drama club really showed that. So let's give our cast, and our often overlooked theater technicians, another round of applause.

SITH: RHS Third Quarter Thoughts

Aubrey Drussel

	Why do you think there is a third quarter slide (students losing motivation and dropping grades during third quarter)?	2-aWhat do you do or suggest doing to get through the slide? 2-bDo you feel like the mental health day helps with the slide	Do you think that having more breaks during third quarter would be helpful or harmful for this, and why?
 Sophmore: Trenton Lowe	"I think there is a third quarter slide due to the winter season making people feel more sad and less motivated"	2-a"Having a good working environment helps me, personally. If there were less mind-challenging assignments and assessments, like how the beginning of the year is" 2-b"I do think that getting a break from the stressful and overwhelming schoolwork is very helpful and afterwards my energy is rejuvenated."	"I do think that having a couple more would be helpful, but too much of anything can be overwhelming. I personally enjoy school for its social aspect."
 Junior: Carolina Demelo	"It's so hard to keep up motivation when you've already worked so hard for so long, and feel so tired. Then you remember you're only halfway, and it'll only get harder. It's hard to keep	2-a"Definitely balance out your work ethic, it's better to get less done in general than to go between bursts of energy and getting nothing done" 2-b"Yes, because it's something to look forward to. Limiting your vision to the next best thing feels much easier than the entire picture."	"Maybe harmful. It would make third quarter longer, and would end up having the same effect. It's better to just violently force yourself through it to get it over with."
 Senior: Meghan Fowles	"I think the reason why slide happens so heavily in this quarter is because, like me, most students are done; they are burnt out but can't afford to take a day off of school."	2-aFowles made no comment 2-b"I have to take mental health days especially In third quarter; otherwise, I go to school without the ability to learn anything, and I'll just be going through the motions during the day."	" I think having a break would be helpful. This quarter is always the longest, and I believe it's due to the lack of breaks. I also think it would help with things like Seniors actually going to class and other students too"
 Teacher: Ms. Carver	"I think one reason is it is winter. That really does affect people's mood and motivation. Another reason is students just give up as they seem to have tried the first two quarters and it didn't do anything for them."	2-a"I really try to always tell students to never give up. In my lessons I try to be more energetic. Although it's hard to change some students' attitudes, I try to show that I have not given up on them. I also send more emails to students who I have not seen or am concerned about." 2-b"I think it does help as it brings awareness to mental health and it also gives a break when we don't have a lot of breaks this quarter."	"I don't know if this would be more helpful or harmful to have more breaks. A way it could be helpful is feeling renewed to keep trying. A way it is harmful is we would not get out until later in June. I see more attendance issues the closer we get to May than now."

Hope For the Future

Nex Seguin

We're about half way through the 3rd quar-

ter now and we've had a Health and Wellness Virtual day February 9th The Hope squad consists of fellow students that can be friends for when you need one. They also are having their Hope

Week from March 4th-8th with the Hope Walk on March 9th, which is a Saturday. Plan on attending this great experience.

Join us March 9th as we walk for suicide prevention
Photo courtesy of Riverton City's



ACT Testing:
How You Should
Act On It

Breanna Tsosie

The second semester is near its halfway point, and that’s when testing starts to settle into the minds of Riverton High’s students. AP Testing, the ACT, and even finals for our daily classes are now being brought to our attention... though there is one whose only audience is the juniors. Coming up in March before our final quarter of the year begins, the ACT Testing will take place for this year’s juniors.

This year’s ACT Testing will be digital, The rumors were confirmed by test co-

ordinator, Heather Parry, the test will be digital. Testing may not be on paper but it will still be the same. The test will be covering subjects such as math, science, reading, and English.

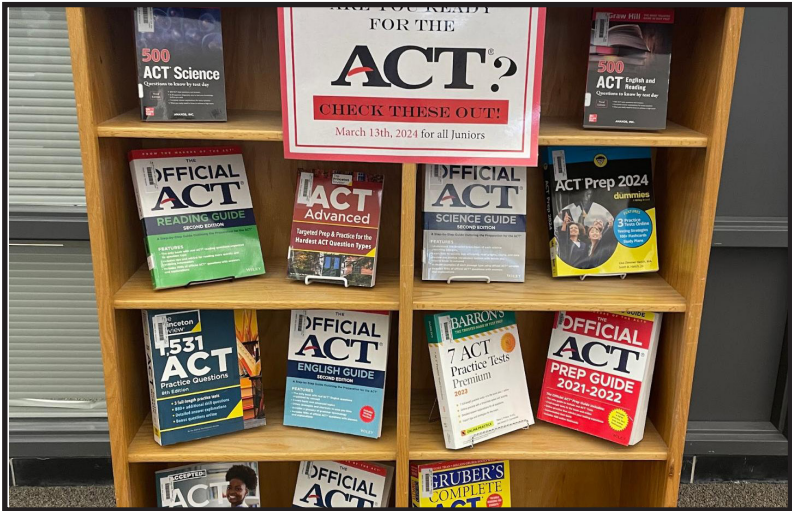
There will be no writing portion in school on the 13th, though you may request to take that part of the test on the ACT site for an additional test.

The ACT is a test you can retake for a fee, but there may be many who do not want to do that. So if you’re aiming to get a good score the first time, Mr. Au suggests taking practice tests. From there, you will be able to tell what you need to work and practice on. However, don’t overwork yourself. Keep a pace

you are comfortable with and go with that.

Many may be wondering why the ACT test is so important and why it is mandatory to take it your junior year but there is a simple answer to that. It is a gauge for college skills and expectations. The legislature

has also decided that this is to take the place of junior end-of-level state-required testing. It is not all about memorization but about your ability to do such things college will have you do as well as what the world expects us to be able to do after high school.



Start studying for the ACT with these helpful guidebooks in our Riverton Library!
Photo Courtesy of the Official ACT Website

-Across-

- 2. The longest break in Q3
- 3. Sport played indoors with a tall hoop
- 5. The green holiday
- 8. Sport with flags and rifles
- 9. Cutoff in the middle of the quarter

-Down-

- 1. A holiday all about love
- 2. Valentines dance in February
- 4. A test scored out of 36
- 6. Bad weather that makes it hard to drive
- 7. Junior dance in April

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Riverton High Starts Up a Diversity and Multicultural Club

Liliya McDaniel

This year, Riverton High introduced the Diversity and Multicultural club. It meets once a month in Ramjoué's room, 2404. The meetings usually happen on Tuesdays or Thursdays. The members work hard to make sure it doesn't land on a day where another club has an activity because they want everyone to be able to attend. The club officially started in October and has had three meetings so far. For February, they had an event for Lunar New Year.

Sage Jenson, the founder of the club, wants students to see themselves in education. If you don't see yourself in education,

then you start to wonder where you fit, and then making change is much harder. You won't want to make change if you feel like you don't belong. This club is the first step to helping all students feel comfort-

able with who they are.

Along with wanting to make change, the Diversity and Multicultural Club is also just a fun place to learn about people, cultures, religions, experiences, and so much more. When you get to

meet with people and talk about who they are and what their lives are like, you learn so much. People want to share their cultures and just because someone's traditions might be different than yours, doesn't mean they are bad. We are all human, meaning that one person is not better or worse than another, they are just different.

To get informed about upcoming events, check the bulletin board in the commons, the tv announcements, and morning announcements. If you want to join the club, or come to the next activity, then just show up. Everyone is welcome!



The Diversity and Multicultural club is a brand new club at Riverton High School

Photo Courtesy of Ethan Sorensen

Riverton's SilverScreen Represents The School

Lukas Clevenger

This year the Video Production 2 class reintroduced a new school series called SilverScreen.

SilverScreen is an episode-based series that's purpose is to show off all the amazing things our school participates in. From school promos, to student life segments, SilverScreen was made to represent our school in a fun, personal video format. The teacher of the class,

Joshua Luchs, said that the three main focuses for SilverScreen are: representation, information, and entertainment. These

three things are important to make a clear and unique video for school.

Video Production is a way for students to show

off their creativity and explore aspects of art they wouldn't otherwise get to show off. In SilverScreen, students will select a segment they are interested in and will be grouped up with their classmates to make a unique video about what's currently happening at the school.

People should join SilverScreen because it's a lot of fun and it helps you to connect with the amazing community that our school has. Encourage your teachers to show these in 1st or 5th period.



Logo for the school series
Photo Courtesy of Joshua Luchs



Students record for a class video
Photo Courtesy of Joshua



Color Guard Season Is In Full Swing



Raylee Jensen

The Riverton Color Guard's busy season has begun! Their first competition was on January 27th at West Lake where they placed 7th in their division. Another competition was on February 3rd at Herriman High. They placed 5th overall, 5th in movement and design, and 2nd in equipment.

The colorguard is a dance team run by two coaches Erin Williams and Maria Rivas. They perform with flags, rifles, and sabres. Because there are 3 separate color guard teams, the comps most likely take all day, up to 12 hours. They take a bus ride together to the school and then get ready in their costumes, makeup and set up the floor.

The awards are later that evening and then the team takes a bus ride back. The

tryouts are at different times depending on what season you want to join. It's not necessarily a tryout, they will teach you everything you need to know as long as you are willing to give your time and effort.

Sophomore team member Allison Chatterley, wants people to know that "The colorguard does not receive as much support as many other sports but we work just as hard". Bethany Snow urges others to join "It is a really fun experience and anyone is welcome, it requires no previous experience and everyone progresses according to the amount of effort they put in".

The Riverton Color Guard would love your support this season as they keep representing our school this season!



Color Guard performing at their September Competition

Photo Courtesy of Maria Rivas



The Color Guard is a fun group to be apart of

Photo Courtesy of Maria Rivas

Important Dates:

*February 10, Farmington High School
February 17, Provo High School
February 24, American Fork High School
March 2, WGI Regionals @ Roy High School
March 16, Lehi High School
March 30, Championships @ Roy High School*

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue-You Went to Sweethearts, too!?

Carolina Demelo

Valentine's day was just around the corner, and with a big bang like the sweethearts dance to start it off, it was great! For the royalty, Mari Barlow took the queen's crown, while Sterling Johnson was crowned as King!

The Sweethearts Dance is definitely one of the most significant school events of the year! When asked how the dance was, sophomore Raylee Jensen replied:

"Sweethearts was way fun! What stood out the most was being at the dance, and seeing everyone in our community support each other and have a great time. I loved getting to see all the girls and guys dressed up nice". On a similar note, junior, Sarah Lefgren, commented, "Sweethearts was a blast! I loved the decorations at the dance!" It seems like Sweethearts was definitely a night to remember!



RHS Students Ready For Sweethearts

Photo Courtesy of Sarah Lefgren



RHS's Sweetheart Queen and 2nd Attendant

Photo By Raylee Jensen

Catch me in a Polaroid

By Jillian Brady

catch me in a Polaroid
take this moment evermore
the evenings we share are far
too gone
but find the picture, I'll be
there

you said we'd last forever
but ever's an empty word
when there's nothing here to
capture it all
to keep our memories stored

catch me in a Polaroid
lock this moment in a frame
keep all of our precious mem-
ories
in the shoe box that you saved.

my love is like a Polaroid
everlasting to the end
but some photos are kind of
blurry
and my heart's not quite the
same

I have this box of pictures
that you gave me long ago
I keep them on my closet shelf
to keep you close at home
catch me in a Polaroid
take this moment evermore
the evenings we share are far
too gone
but find the picture, I'll be
there



*Jillian Brady loves to read,
draw, listen, and play music.*
Photo Courtesy of Jillian Brady



*Catch me in a Polaroid is one
of the poems written by Jillian
Brady.*

Image Courtesy of Jillian

Jillian's Words are Worth a Billion

Liliya McDaniel

Jillian Brady, a senior, is one of Riverton's talented writers. While driving through Christmas in Color, Jillian thought of the line "catch me in a polaroid." She kept repeating that line and decided to write a poem based around it.

She liked the idea of a polaroid because it's more permanent than a picture taken on camera. On a camera you can easily just click the delete button, but when you take a picture with a polaroid you are left with a physical photo.

One of Jillian's favorite parts about her poem is the last two stanzas. It can be read in multiple ways, but examples are a split up friendship or broken relationship. It has a sense of loss in it. She repeats the first stanza as the last to create a full circle moment.

Jillian has been writing since the 4th grade. (Well, she got a paragraph into a book she was writing for her brother and gave up.) She gave writing a book another chance in 8th grade when some of her friends started writing. While she nev-

er finished the book, she still loved writing. It wasn't until junior year that she got into poetry in her Creative Writing class. She likes poems because "we can all take many meanings from poems. Everyone can have their own opinion." She translates that to her own poetry. If her poem makes sense to her, then it must make sense to someone else, so she makes sure to write it.

For a long time, Jillian would never choose a favorite book. Now, she has decided that *The Cruel Prince* is her favorite. She fell in love with the characters and adventure. Even after reading them, revisiting the series makes her excited.

When Jillian graduates she would love to publish her writing. She would also love to start a youtube channel to help writers. She wants to create a space where there aren't any rules and people can write whatever they want.

Jillian wants others to "Write, create, and explore." You don't need to write to please others, just write what you want. Lastly, she wants people to know that "life's an adventure, so adventure."

Acquire New Facts about McGuire

Alese Loevlie

Erin McGuire is one of Riverton High's amazing teachers. McGuire has been a teacher for 26 years, 15 of them being here at Riverton. She teaches film studies 1, theatre one, two, and four, fantasy/sci-fi, and THEA1013.

McGuire's favorite thing about teaching is the different connections she's made with her students. She enjoys seeing that she's made an impact on her students' acting, confidence,

and being able to support them in different ways. McGuire knew as early as high school that she wanted to be in theatre. Sophomore, Aubrey Drussel says "She's really fun and a tiny bit chaotic but in a good way. There's a lot of discussion instead of lecturing in the class which is one of my favorite things. I can definitely say that Ms. McGuire has made an impact in my life."

If McGuire wasn't a teacher, she said "I would be a professional stage manager." If McGuire could change anything about this school, "I would add to the performing arts

spaces in the school building. It's not big enough for all the students and their activities. I'd also make sure each student knows down to their bones that they are loved, and valued, and absolutely can be successful now, and in the future." Riverton High School is lucky to have Ms. McGuire.



*Ms. McGuire brings joy to her
students' day.*
Photo Courtesy of Pepperfox-
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