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9th Grade Kicks Off Our New High School

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and Valerie Marin



Who would've thought 19 years ago, when Ridgeview first opened as an elementary school in the year 2000, that 15 years later, the school would expand to a middle school for the school year of 2015-16? Even more shocking, who would've thought that this amazing school would grow into a high school? Yes, that's right folks! Ridgeview Global Studies Academy is now expanding to a 9th and 10th grade! This year, we are kicking off with our new 9th grade. We interviewed our beloved Executive Director, Mr. Frier, and three wonderful 9th grade students, Ella Garrano, Carson Edmunds, and Jennifer Galdamez-Lopez.

When we asked Mr. Frier, "We know you were inspired to build a middle school, but what motivated you to extend RGSA to a high school?" he replied, "The students. The students want it, the parents want it, and we are a community school, and I felt that we needed to go to the next level, and there's always more boys and girls." That's why. When we asked, "Is it just going to go to 10th, or are you thinking of making it go past that to 12th, and if so what's your reasoning?" Mr. Frier responded with, "The Ridgeview Global Studies' School Board only said yes through 10th right now. Whether it will go further, I don't know." After, Mr. Frier started to explain some of the problems behind it, including the 15 acres, and the infrastructure. Also, other things would have to get approved. He stated, "My goal is to do one thing at a time. Let's get the building up and running, and then we could approach that, but right now I would have to follow the board's wishes. If they decide something different, we will work from there. Otherwise, we will work with colleges and try to do dual-enrollment, and stuff like that."

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NEWS FOR STUDENTS, WRITTEN AND REPORTED BY STUDENTS.



Meet Your Newspaper Team of 2019-20

Back row from left: Sarah Correira, Kalen McDermott, Alejandra Duran, Nelyanis Melendez-Cintrón, Crystal Montero Lugo, Mrs. Lovizio, Darlenis Nunez, Savannah Remp, Adrialisse Figueroa, Cole Abruzzese, Annette Odupoy
Middle row: Erona Shashivari, Niema Toki, Valerie Marin, Briana Velez, Monica Clermont, Allison Barrera, Maximillian Vasquez Fuentes, Yasiel Carrero Rios, Julius Sanabia
Front row: Bailie Bornemann, Riley Roberts, Angiolina Giusto, Camila Labarca, Ainhoa Aguiar Ortiz
Not pictured: Ana Paz



Mr. Frier, Executive Director, smiles as he welcomes everyone to the middle and high school campus.

Meet Your 2019-2020 Newspaper Team

Written By Bailie Bornemann,
Sarah Correira, and
Annette Odupoy

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! It's the 2019-20 school year with a new roster of seventh grade news reporters. Lead by Mrs. Lovizio, we began by finding out what she thinks about this year's newspaper team. She smiled and said, "Dream Team. This year's group of reporters are eager to learn, ready to take responsibility for writing quality articles, and have really strong interpersonal skills." We asked how Mrs. Lovizio plans to build on what her students are bringing to this elective. "There are several things that are important to master when creating a school newspaper. Students need to learn about time management, have training in article writing, learn to take quality photos, write meaningful captions, and in the end, collaboratively producing an online student published newspaper. It is also important that my students have fun but stay focused and accurate in their reporting."

Let's hear what some of Ridgeview's newspaper predecessors had to say about this elective. Starting with now ninth grader, Noemi Casique, we asked what her most valued memory of newspaper was. She answered with, "Going around campus, interviewing teachers and the students, and seeing all of the interesting things that happen around school." Another question we pondered was why she picked the newspaper class. Noemi replied with, "I thought it was going to be a fun elective, and it was. It's really exciting to be part of a class."

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Meet the Newest Editions to our Middle and High School

Written By
Alejandra Duran, Riley Roberts, and Erona Shashivari

Ridgeview just got even better! The new middle/high school staff members are making Ridgeview feel even more like home! Check out a little more about our new staff members.

- 1. Why did you choose to go into this profession?
- 2. How many years have you been in this profession?
- 3. What do you like about Ridgeview so far?
- 4. What is a fun fact/hobby that you'd like to share?

Ms. Paz- 6th Grade World Cultures, ESOL Teacher



"I chose to teach because I knew I wanted to work with children and make a difference in their lives."
"20 years"
"I love how students are more independent."
"I love cows."



Mrs. Blanchard- 9th Grade ELA, Debate



"I really like to help people and I feel like I can sometimes explain or break down things in a way that students will understand and I really like getting to know all of your personalities."
"3 years"
"Everyone is friendly, both the teachers and the students. I like that it's small, so everybody knows everybody. It just seems really organized."
"I used to ice skate when I lived in Missouri."



Mrs. Eddy- School Nurse



"I always liked helping people and I thought medicine was interesting. My mom was always a nurse, and I wanted to be just like her."
"19 years"
"I really like the students and people."
"I love scary movies and Halloween."



Ms. Balgeman- 7th Grade Math, Algebra 1A



"I like helping people learn and I love working with kids."
"3 years"
"I like the students and the teachers are like family."
"I've read close to 200 books in the past 3 years."



Mr. Baker- DVP, Engineering, Digital Design, Digital Art



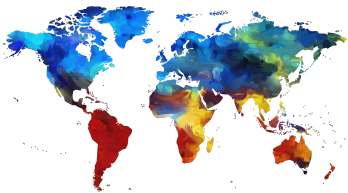
"I figured it would be a good opportunity for kids to express themselves through film and all the other stuff like photoshop."
"4 years"
"The kids make it really fun."
"I'm the writer/researcher for Game Theory and Film Theory."



Ms. Griffis- 8th Grade Science, Medical Detectives



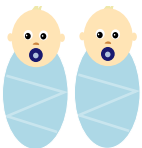
"It was a lifelong dream of mine to teach and my mom was a teacher."
"13 years"
"I love everything here and it's the best."
"I have lived in 5 different states."



Mr. Smith- Civics, Drama



"I chose to teach because I wanted to help kids, and I've wanted to teach since the 7th grade."
"16 years"
"Ridgeview is so much better than other schools. The students are so nice and happy."
"I have a twin."



Mrs. Ramirez- Chorus, Spanish



"I always loved chorus, when I was in high school. I took chorus, and so I loved it. And then, Spanish is my language, and I just feel like it's a part of me."
"8 years"
"I really like the staff and students and how they make Ridgeview feel like home."
"I used to sing at church."



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Team Sports at R.G.S.A.

Boys' Soccer Team

Written By Cole Abruzzese


The 2019-2020 RGSA soccer season has just kicked off, and they are ready to win! The coaches, Coach Ani and Coach Izzo, along with the players are also very excited for this season. The coaches have been working hard to get their team ready for this year.

I began with one of the leaders of the school soccer team, Coach Izzo. This being my second year on the RGSA middle school soccer team, I got to look at this from a newspaper reporter's point of view. I was curious to know what his thoughts were on the strengths this year's soccer team possesses." We have a lot of players that have played with each other in recent years, so we have good chemistry. Also, we have new talent with the sixth graders," responded Coach Izzo. My next question I asked was, "What skill do you think this year's team is really going to have to strive to do to make our team better?" "Defense. We need to make sure that no team can score." Coach is determined to lead his soccer players through to a victorious season.

As a returning seventh grade player on the team, I wanted to know two of my teammates perspectives. I thought it would be interesting to compare the thoughts and motivation of a returning veteran player in 8th grade, and a newer 6th grader. The first player I interviewed was Ryan Sandor who is in 8th grade. My initial question was, "How long have you been playing soccer, and what strengths do you think you bring to the team? He answered with, "I have been playing soccer since I was 10, and I bring leadership and control in the mid-field." The second question I asked was, "With Discovery being one of our main rivals in soccer, we all know we want to beat them, but what will it take in your opinion?" "I think communication and good passing. Also, if we get down on ourselves, we have to pick ourselves and our teammates up."

Next, I interviewed Carson Camp who is in 6th grade. I asked him the same questions, but got very different responses. He explained he has been playing soccer for six years and his strengths in soccer is his footwork. Carson also replied that even though he has never played against Discovery yet, he thinks passing and communication will help us win.

If you get a chance, come out and cheer our 2019-2020 boys' soccer team on to victory!



Top row- Coach Izzo, Enzo Zuniga, Ryan Sandor, Kailer Lee, Lucas Marquezini, Javier Vargas, Mathias Kloster, Thomas Nikel, Ardi Latifi, Zakariya Driouech, Coach Ani

Middle row- Max Randles, Luis Romero, Cole Abruzzese, Fabio Zuniga, Geriel Vega, Aiden Metalia, Derick Diaz Ortiz

Bottom row- Ben Lyons, Angelo Romero, Ian Sandor, Carson Camp, Cameron Lyons, Ismael Driouech

Not pictured- Seth Morabito

Girls' Volleyball Team

Written By Crystal Montero, Ana Paz, and Darlenis Nunez

Coach Hovious and the volleyball team started off the year strong with athletics here at Ridgeview. The girls possessed a lot of energy and motivation throughout the season. Here is what Coach Hovious had to say, along with the season and her students athletes.

Q1: If you could teach someone something about volleyball, what would you teach them, and why?

Faith Gouty: "You need to know how to work as a team because it's really important."

Dixie Carver: "Well, I would consider teaching them the main things. You need to help them learn."

Michelle Monroy: "I'd do passing because it's basically the basics of what you have to learn to do to play volleyball."

Q2: What would you say is your strength on the volleyball team?

Faith Gouty: "Passing. I can communicate well with my other teammates on the volleyball team."

Dixie Carver: "Well, I kind of consider my strength as setting because it's easier to pass."

Michelle Monroy: "Serving. You throw it up and you hit it up with your palm, so it's much easier."

Q3: What motivated you to join the volleyball team?

Faith Gouty: "All my friends were on it. It's fun and fresh. It's a positive environment because everyone is cheering for you."

Dixie Carver: "Last year I tried out for volleyball, but I didn't make it. So, it motivated me to try harder and make the team."

Michelle Monroy: "It's a fun sport, and you have something to do after school."

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Varsity Team -
Back row from left: Janitza Rosa, Riley Graves, Hailey Beach, Mia Baumer, Mallory Frese, Autumn Moore, Bella Altenbaugh, Ramilesh Mejia, Olivia Delgado, Andrea Robayo,
Front row: Solie Williams, Ashley Barrios, Arianna Lesch, Faith Gouty



JV Team - Back row: Amayali Adams, Jade Taylor, Makayla Severson, Lilly Lyons, Rachel Spor, Sienna Gray, Erona Shashivari, Aniya Atkins, Niema Toki, Adrialisse Figueroa, Marissa Beach. Front row: Caitlyn Streck, Briana Polanco, Brianna Rodriguez, Dixie Carver, Mikeyla Hill

Team Sports at R.G.S.A. (continued)

Cross Country Team

Written By Allison Barrera and Julius Sanabia

Let's run right along with the 2019-2020 cross country team. First off, we interviewed Mrs. DePriest, the running coach. We began by stating, "To be on the cross country team, you must have a love for running." Mrs. DePriest replied with, "I personally love the peace and solitude of running. I love being able to find, push, and beat my own personal bests. When I see an option to go running it doesn't seem like a chore, but more like an opportunity to see what I am capable of doing." Next, we wanted to know what are some training and conditioning skills runners must be aware of. "Mrs. DePriest stated, "Some of the training and conditioning runners must be aware of are terrain, breathing control, hydration, pace and spatial awareness to name a few. The different terrain that runners could face are sand, mud, loose or packed dirt, grass and pavement. Knowing how to maintain your personal pace through practice and breathing control. This ensures that you "don't run out of gas" at the end stretch. Hydration, hydration, hydration!!! This prevents cramps, soreness, and dehydration during practices and races." We wanted to know the differences between cross country and track. Mrs. DePriest explained that, "Cross country is a team or solo running sport that is a distance of 1.8 miles for middle school athletes. It can be across all different terrain that is marked and timed by an electronic chip timer or a team of finish line timers. Track is a team that focuses on different race length for both individual and relay teams. There are the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1600m individual races. For team relay there are the 400m relay and the 1600m relay. Track also includes long jump and shot put."

Let's dash right along to some student athletes on the cross country team. We first interviewed Brianna Baez. "What motivated you to run long distances?" Brianna said, "It gave me stamina if I wanted to try other sports." Next, we asked Katherine Zapata, how she feels after she has completed a long distance running course? "I felt good, a little tired and sweaty, but I felt really good." Finally, we decided to ask Jayden Nieves, "How has Mrs. DePriest impacted how you run this season?" "She has told us not to sprint as soon as the race starts. Also, if you have a cramp, put your hands on your head."



RGSA Cross Country Team
Boys

Jonathan Vargas, Braedon Guilfoil, Dorian Desmond, Kelly O'Reilly, Matthew Burgess, Sebastian Ramirez, Jayden Nieves, Nicholas Kurihara-Taylor, Garret Miller, Yassine Bensioua

Girls
Faith Gouty, Katherine Zapata, Brianna Baez, Kiera Silva, Mikhaela Dominicci, Yadeline Gonzalez, Sharlisse Aldaco, Auriannie RIVERA



Cheerleading Team

Written By Adrialisse Figueroa and Savannah Remp

Give it up for RGSA's 2019-2020 cheer squad!!!!!! First, we decided to interview one of their coaches, Mrs. Merck.

Q- What do you think of the new dynamics of the cheerleaders this year?

A- Mrs. Merck: "I think the dynamics this year are very positive, and the girls work very well together, which makes it very easy to coach them, and we are already ahead more than we were last year."

Q- What are some new skills and stunts you are working on perfecting right now?

A- Mrs. Merck: "Right now our, they are working on their one legged arabesque and tick-tocks, where they switch legs, and we are going try to put this in our routine and kind of even excel from there."

Q- What competition is the most challenging and why?

A- Mrs. Merck: "Last year, we had a competition in January, and we had about ten middle schools there, so that was the most challenging last year. This year, one of our first ones, in November, we will have about six or seven middle schools there, so we've got to gear up and get ready for that one."

Next, we decided to interview two cheerleaders, 7th grader Sofia Perez Moux and 7th grader Mackenzie Dech, to get their perspectives.

Q- What motivated you to want to apart of this year's cheer team?

A- Sofia Perez- "My friends said it was fun and I wanted to to try it out, to try something new. I wanted to do a sport that didn't include an actual ball and I thought this would be the sport."

A- Mackenzie Dech- "Well the cheerleaders, they're really a community and we're all like sisters. We go practically everywhere with each other, and we just love what we do."

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Back row from left: Aminah Ortiz, Hannah Bibby, Sofia Perez Moux, Ramilesh Mejia, Kiera Rene, Jalissa Duvivier, Norah Laureore, Brihanna Ahmetaj, Mallory Frese, Isabella Cartwright, Valerie Marin, Camila Labarca, Angiolona Guisto.
Middle row: Mackenzie Dech, Ainhua Aguiar, Briana Velez, Calie Ludwig, Savannah Moore, Mackenzie Connole, Liann Santos.
Front row: Emma Carpenter, Leenai Arroyo
Not pictured: Leisel Tinoco

Student Government in 9th Grade

Written by Ainhua Aguiar and Briana Velez

This year, Ridgeview has opened its doors to not only high school, but to Student Government. It is intriguing how much we have expanded so much; we keep getting better and better. Our Student Government instructors are Ms. Celani and Mrs. Herrmann. "What are your hopes for the Student Government?" Mrs. Herrmann responded, "Our goal is to increase student morale, to make students more excited to come to school, and to have more fun things to do while we're here."

Drum roll please! Introducing for the very first time, our Student Government at Ridgeview. President: Judy Laure, Vice President: Amira Melendez Carrillo, Secretary: Ruth Celestin, and Historian: Lauriska Dulcine. Our ninth grade representatives are: Kelsey Correia, Brandon Barrera, Aleena Ali, Donnatella Masson, Melania Marklingham, and Alexander Bornemann. Congratulations to our first team of Student Government officers!

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Read, Look, and Learn Scavenger Hunt



Let the scavenger hunt begin! Read, look and learn about all of the great things taking place at our school.

- 1.) How many 7th grade students are in the newspaper elective?
- 2.) What does SYATP stand for?
- 3.) Who has read close to 200 books in the past 3 years?
- 4.) Our cheerleaders have a competition and participate in a Toy Donation Drive at what school?
- 5.) How many middle and high school staff members participated in the volleyball game against the Varsity Volleyball team?
- 6.) Who teaches the novel unit "Percy Jackson?"
- 7.) What motivated Mr. Frier to expand RGSA to include a high school?
- 8.) Donations were split 50/50 between which two organizations?
- 9.) Do the 9th graders interviewed like their new dress code?
- 10.) What skill does the soccer team need to strive to do better so they can be more successful?
- 11.) This ensures that you "don't run out of gas" at the end stretch. What three words follow this statement?
- 12.) What staff member stated he has a twin?
- 13.) Who is the female athlete that participated on the volleyball and cross country team?
- 14.) Who are our business partners that help sponsor the newspaper?

Student Spotlights



Ayah Hamdan

Congratulations to 9th grader Ayah Hamdan for being chosen by Mr. Blanchard for this month's Student Spotlight. Ayah enjoys attending RGSA. "My favorite thing about Ridgeview is the teachers. They are very hardworking, helpful, and guide you to a great and successful future." When asked what motivates her as a student here at school, she responded, "My friends and fellow classmates motivate me to do my best."

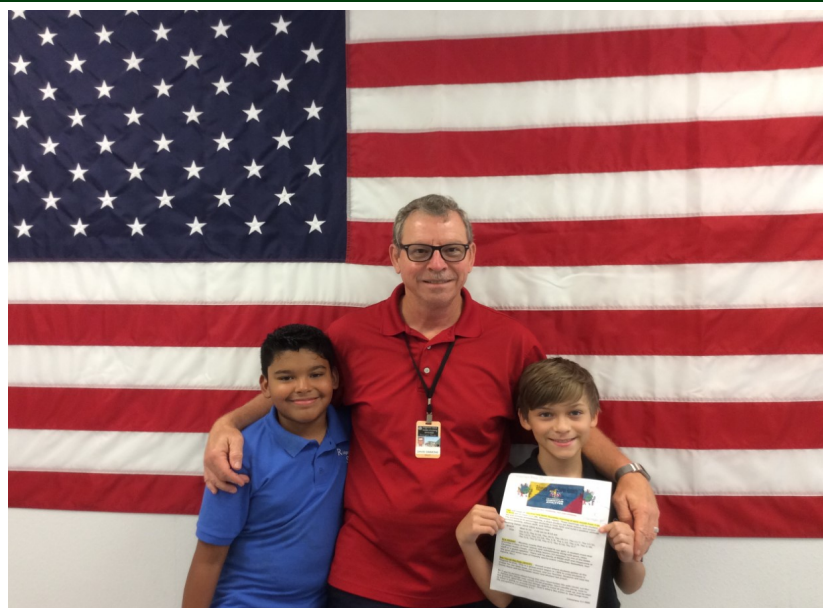


Shelby Pollock

Congratulations to 7th grader Shelby Pollock for being chosen by Mrs. Nesvacil as this month's Student Spotlight student. Shelby has nothing but positive things to say about RGSA. "My favorite thing about Ridgeview is the staff, the students, the classes, and the teachers. The teachers are really nice, and the students don't get in fights." When asked what motivates her to be a good student, she responded, "The teachers because they help me get smarter. They also encourage me to do my best and get good grades."

FCA Fellowship Meetings

Transcribed and Written By
Yasiel Carrero Rios and Maximillian Vasquez



On the left is Maximillian Vasquez, in the middle is FCA Leader, Mr. Simmons, and on the right is Yasiel Carrero



Left: Wednesday, September 25th was our annual "See You At The Pole" event.



**Open to ALL students,
not just athletes**

FCA will meet on **the first and third Thursday mornings of each month from 7:45 to 8:10 am** in room 212 (Mr. Simmons' room). These meetings will be student-led and include announcements, a short student-led Bible lesson, and prayer. The purpose is to encourage students in their faith and build a positive attitude toward parents, school staff, and fellow students.

Meeting Dates: 2019-2020 School Year

SYATP - Wed. 9/25-7:45 am to 8:10 am

FCA- Thur. 9/5, Thur. 9/19, Thur. 10/3, Thur. 10/17, Thur. 11/7, Thur. 11/21, Thur. 12/5, Thur. 12/19, Thur. 1/9, Thur. 1/23, Thur. 2/6, Thur. 2/20, Thur. 3/5, Thur. 3/19, Thur. 4/2, Thur. 4/16, Thur. 5/7

FCA FRIDAY - Monthly events that are held in our gym. A student event that provides a time of food (pizza) and refreshments along with good, clean Christian music (loud), and a Bible lesson (15 minutes) by one of the RGSA staff members or a guest speaker. There will be plenty of RGSA staff and chaperones in the gym and some type of friendly sports event (volleyball, basketball, four square, etc.)

See You At The Pole (SYATP) - Annual event where students gather at the flagpole to pray. This is a global event begun in 1994 to unite students in prayer for our daily lives, our school, and our families. Students will lead the event; there will be Christian music and student-led prayer.

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going around Christ- that's where the action is. See things from His perspective (Colossians 3:1).

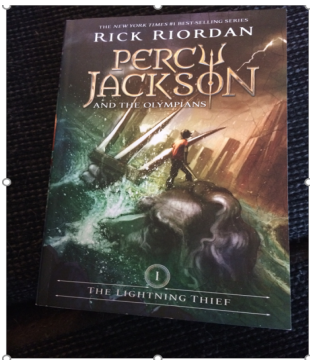


Cheerleading Competition Schedule TBA on Times

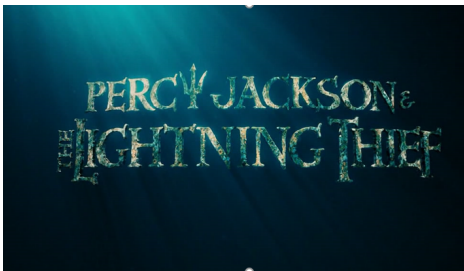


All you cheerleaders, RGSA fans, and family. get yourselves ready for the **November 20th @ Webber Cheer Showcase!** This will be held at Webber University 1201 N. Scenic Hwy., Babson Park, FL 33827. On **November 23rd**, come join in the fun **@ Kaliegh Ottis Memorial CheerFest** held at Lake Mary High School, 655 Longwood Lake Mary Rd., Lake Mary, FL. Get warmed up for the **December 14 Hornet Classic** at the Bishop Moore High School, 3901 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL. ****Toy Donation Drive****. It's going to get a little hot on **January 11, 2020 @ The Husky Challenge** starting at the Hagerty High School, Orlando. Wrapping up the competition season, come on out on **January 16, 2020, for the Senior Showcase @ Lakeland High School**, 726 Hollingsworth Rd., Lakeland.

7th Grade ELA Novel Study on "Percy Jackson"



Written By
Kalen McDermott and Nelyanis Melendez- Cintron



This year, all of the 7th grade students read a book called "Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief." The week of the August 26th - September 5th, the students had Cabin Projects due. The cabins had to resemble the God or Goddess the students picked from the novel. The teachers, Ms. Celani, Mrs. Merck, and Mrs. Nesvacil, picked this book because it's a story about a boy whom all of the students can relate to. The 7th graders followed him through his journey of becoming a hero. The students love the protagonist, Percy, and they really felt a strong connection to the character. Many said they felt they were accompanying the boy during his quest. One teacher told us that the Cabin Project gave the students a really good chance to explore theme, story elements, and symbolism. It's a really good, fun way to show that they understand what terms mean. Plus, It's better than writing an essay. All of the students reading this book are having fun and learning a few things by reading about this epic quest. With that in mind, the students have a great imagination to explore new challenges and try new things. So, congratulations to all of the kids and their amazing projects!



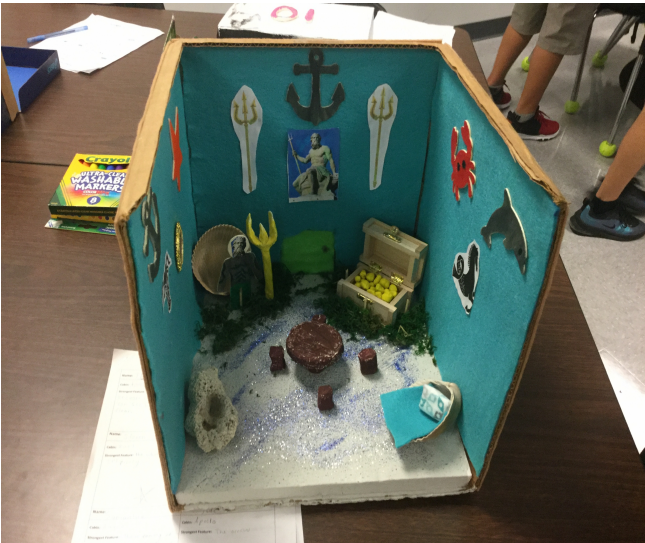
Ares' cabin created by
Victoria Mejia Nieves



Demeter's cabin created by
Joseph Gardner



Poseidon's cabin created by
Bailie Bornemann



Poseidon's cabin created by
Gabriela Hodgein



Demeter's cabin created by
Sofia Perez Moux



Poseidon's cabin created by
Ismael Driouech

New Class of 6th Graders Join Middle School

Written By Ainhua Aguiar and Briana Velez

A warm welcome to the new 6th graders! To learn how their new experience has been, we asked 6th graders, Zachary Cause, Kaylee Kelly, and Meenali Sakatos questions about their ups and downs of being new middle schoolers. How has the transition been for you from elementary to middle school?

"It's gotten better because I like how you can free-roll for three minutes, whereas in elementary, you have to be in one line in one place." -Zachary Cause.

"It was ok because last year the 8th graders from NJHS gave us a tour which made it easier and then on orientation, I figured out where to go." -Meenali Sakatos.

What have you enjoyed most in middle school?

"I have enjoyed the freedom, like when you get to go to different places. For example, you have to have a teacher tell you where to go, and follow them, whereas in middle school, you can stop and talk to friends." -Kaylee Kelly

"Everything! My favorite classes would be math, my elective, U.S History, and ELA." - Meenali Sakatos

What has been the greatest challenge you have faced?

"Getting adjusted to the fact that I have to remember stuff from each class. In elementary, you can always go back and ask for help on a specific subject, but in middle school, you have to ask in the period of time you have before you have to leave to go to the next class." -Kaylee Kelly

"Homework, and work in general because you don't have a lot of time, usually in history or math." -Zachary Cause

Now you know how some of our 6th grade additions feel about this new chapter of their lives, middle school.



Meenali Sakatos and Kaylee Kelly posing for their first picture as new middle schoolers.



Zachary Cause smiling for a mind blowing article in the newspaper.

Astronomy Elective

Written By Monica Clermont and Niema Toki

Shooting stars, constellations, meteorites, and imagination. These are some things that might spark your love for science and the six grade elective Astronomy. Mrs. Parsons, a six grade Astronomy/Horticulture teacher, taught science at the elementary level first. When she heard of the opportunity to teach at the middle school, she didn't hesitate to make the move. Mrs. Parsons came up with a idea to begin an Astronomy elective and dive deeper into science. Their focus of studies this year will begin with a presentation on planets, constellations, and galaxies. A second component to this elective includes horticulture. The elective will be planting their garden later this school year.

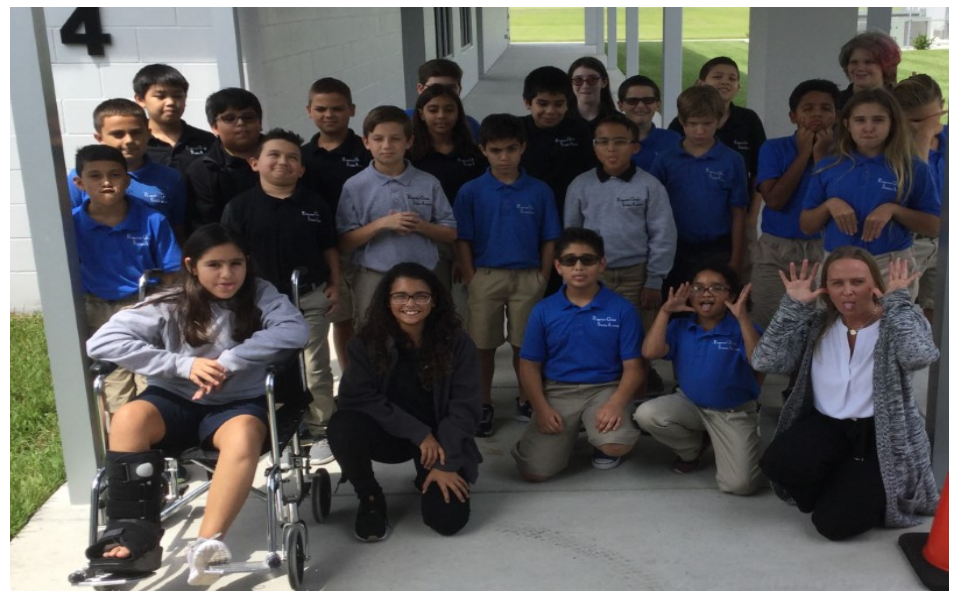
Two six graders, Breanna Shupe and Benjamin Lyons, eagerly talked about their seventh period elective. "I noticed in the fifth grade we didn't learn much about astronomy or horticulture. So, I decided I should probably learn more about these subjects. I don't really know much about astronomy, but I do know a lot about horticulture because I have a garden at home. I grow small tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, fruits, and carrots. We tried to grow watermelons, but they only grew onto small ones. I like gardening, but it's a lot of work. You have to water the plants everyday. On the bright side, it's really fun though."

~ Breanna Shupe



"I have known Mrs. Parsons since kindergarten, and I love her class. This year I would like to be enlightened more about galaxies, constellations, planets, and dwarfs. I'm also excited for the horticulture part of the class because we get to go to the green house and garden plants, vegetables, and flowers. We also are making salads."

~ Benjamin Lyons



Mrs. Parsons and her 2019 - 2020 elective class are showing off their silly poses.

New High School at R.G.S.A (Continued from Page 1)

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After, we interviewed our superb 9th graders, we then asked, "Why did you choose to stay at Ridgeview, over going to a different high school?"

"I stayed at Ridgeview because it was a lot easier to get here and back and it's just a nice school." -Ella Garrano

"I chose to stay at Ridgeview mainly because it's easier for my family and it's an all around better school." -Carson Edmunds

"I believe that this high school has a lot to give. It has a lot of advantages, and I just feel like it was best to come here. Mainly because I live nearby. It's easier to travel. They also have the best education here, and my parents believe so too." -Jennifer Galdamez- Lopez

Moving along, we asked, "What would you like to see happen in the new high school, such as activities, clubs, and sports?"

"I don't know what specific clubs or activities, but I hope there are lot of them." -Ella Garrano

"I'm not really sure about what I'd like to see happen, but I'd like to have a new building. Right now, it doesn't feel much different than middle school did." -Carson Edmunds

"Well, a lot of things, but mainly I'd like more pep rallies, clubs, and more entertainment. Also, more using our phones and things like that are what I hope to see." -Jennifer Galdamez-Lopez

Last but not least, we asked, "What do you think about the new dress code in high school?"

"I think it's a lot more comfortable than it was last year." -Ella Garrano

"I like it! It is definitely different. You feel different around everybody else." -Carson Edmunds

"I think that it is not bad. I mean like less bullying happens, since for example, other schools just allow their high school students to wear whatever. This is not okay because I feel like conflicts can occur. The jeans are nice for our dress code, too." -Jennifer Galdamez-Lopez

These ninth graders are very excited to begin their high school experience here at Ridgeview! It's a place many call their second home.



Nick Piotraczk and Carson Edmunds help out in the recycling efforts here at RGSA.



Amira Melendez and Ella Garrano pitch in on the recycling project also.



Left to right: Jennifer Galdamez-Lopez, Carson Edmunds, and Ella Garrano

These high schoolers are confident they are going to have an epic year as RGSA's first class of 9th graders.



Newspaper Elective (Continued from Page 1)

Next, we moved onto interview 8th graders, Carmen Araujo and Salvatore Gallizzi. Carmen fondly remembers being a part of the newspaper team. "I liked going around the school. But my favorite memory was when we all went to Cici's Pizza together at the end of the school year." She explained she chose the newspaper elective over all of the other electives because she wanted to be a good journalist for high school. Writing is a hobby of hers as well. Salvatore Gallizzi gave some interesting responses when we talked with him about this class. "Well, my favorite memory is it was really fun. I got to talk to my friends, partner up to do work, go the elementary school, and interview teachers and students." He goes on to explain that he chose newspaper because it sounded interesting, and he felt like it's better than sitting down and writing an essay. "I knew newspaper would enhance my writing skills." Lastly, we asked Salvatore his favorite part of this elective. He elaborated with, "Getting to work together as a team and looking at the finished product."

As you can see, this elective has left some impressionable memories on its past newspaper team students. Let's now take a look at what the successors have to say about why they chose this particular elective.

"I chose newspaper because I'm interested in telling people all about what's happening around school." ~Alejandra Duran
"I chose the newspaper elective because you get to improve your writing, have fun, meet the staff or kids, and be creative." ~Ainhua Aguiar
"I chose the newspaper elective because I wanted to have a different experience and know what it is like interviewing the school and writing about it. I also heard lots of positive things about this elective from the eighth graders." ~Camila Labarca
"I chose newspaper because it was different than other electives. You can improve your writing skills, meet the staff, and I really enjoy being in Mrs. Lovizio's class." ~Briana Velez
"I chose newspaper because it will expand my social skills." ~ Savannah Remp
"The reason I chose newspaper is because I felt like I could build confidence in this class." ~Sarah Correira
"I chose the newspaper elective because I like to write, and writing articles is a way I pursue that hobby. I also like to take pictures, which taking pictures for the articles would allow me to do."
~ Adrialisse Figueroa
"I chose the newspaper elective because I get to see friends and teachers, and I can meet new people and be active."
~Darlenis Nunez
"The reason I chose newspaper is because I wanted to learn more about the school and help the school also learn more."
~Annette Odupoy



Cole, Yasiel, Max, Adrialisse, and Savannah hug it out as they work on their articles.



Monica and Niema are focused as a team in writing.

Erona and Riley tag team with each other on their projects.



Valerie and Angiolina are very satisfied with the picture they just took for their next article.



Ana, Crystal, Kalen, Alejandra, Nelyanis, Julius, and Allison have fun collaborating together.

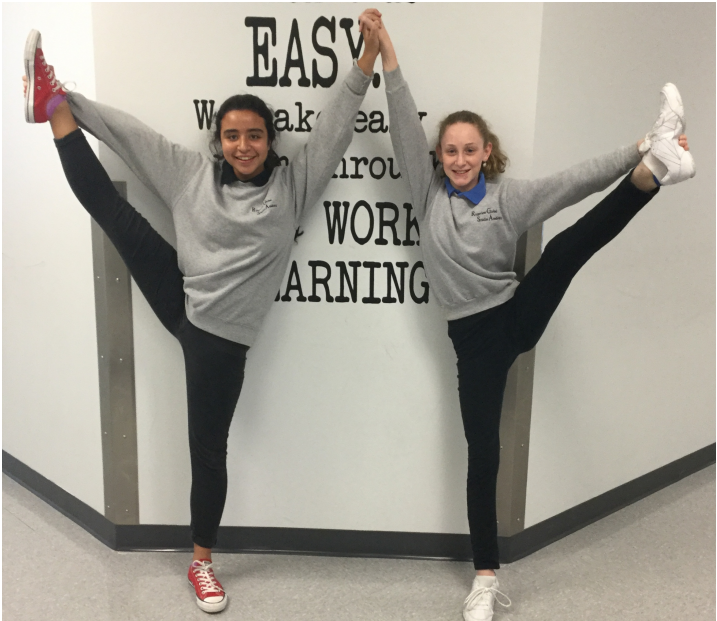


Ainhua and Briana plan out ideas for their next article.



Cheerleading Team Continued from page 4

After, we decided to ask each cheerleader an individual question.
Q-Personally how do you feel about the routines you are practicing right now?
A-Sofia Perez Moux: "I don't really feel anything specific, I just think they are very entertaining to learn, and that's it."
Q-What anticipations do you have about the cheer competitions?
A-Mackenzie Dech: "Well, I love the big crowds and how we always get to just perform on the mat and let everyone know what we can do. It's really fun to stunt, tumble and let the judges see what we can do in front of a lot of people."

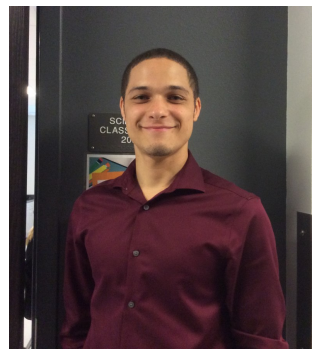


As you can see, Ridgeview has some very outstanding female athletes on this year's cheer team. Check out this season's competition schedule found on page 6.

Believe You Can and You're Halfway There. ~ Theodore Roosevelt

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Mr. Brown- Permanent Substitute



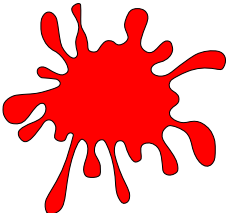
"Originally I chose to become a doctor in pediatrics. I came back here for experience with children and then I fell in love with the students and I fell in love with the education."
"Currently, 1 year."
Ever since I've attended here back when it opened, I loved the community, students, the teachers, the staff, everything about Ridgeview."
"Is it a fun fact that I don't have a fun fact?"



Mrs. Dillman- Cafeteria



"My kids go to the elementary side so being close to them helps."
"This has only been my first year here."
"I like the students, I like the atmosphere, and I like the teachers."
"I'm a natural redhead."



Girls' Volleyball Team
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Finally, we went to the source of the volleyball team, their fearless leader, Coach Hovious.

Q1: Why do you enjoy teaching volleyball?
Coach Hovious: "It's a fun game that all of us can enjoy. It involves a team, and we can work together. Volleyball is also usually played in an indoor area."
Q2: How do you decide who is best suited skill wise to play each position?
Coach Hovious: "What I do is I look at what their strengths are and I try to place them in a certain position where they can play good for themselves. It's going to be different for every person."



Coach Hovious talks over strategies with her volleyball girls during their first game.

Middle and High School Staff vs. Girls Varsity Volleyball Team Game
Staff was victorious after an epic battle between the two teams.



High school students enjoy and root on both teams during the volleyball game.

Staff huddle together for their team victory photo.
From right back row: Coach Izzo, Ms. White, Ms. Frier, Mrs. Eddy, Mr. Brown, Mr. Thacker, Mr. Smith
Front row: Ms. Bell, Ms. Smith, Ms. Spieler, Mrs. Bairley, Coach Hovious, Ms. Grau



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"Be silly, be honest, be kind." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Students and staff wore red shirts in support of the RGSA Cares 4 Rare. Donations were split 50/50 between the Tri-County Sickle Cell Disease Association and Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy.



Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy JOIN THE FIGHT. END DUCHENNE.

