

THE INSIDE VIEW

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RIVERVIEW GARDENS MARCHES ON

Riverview Gardens School District held its first Homecoming Parade since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic on Saturday, Oct. 1.

The parade route began at the RGSD Bus Depot on Chambers Road. It traveled North on Bellefontaine Road, East on Shepley and on to Riverview Gardens High School.

The parade featured scholars, staff, local elected officials, community members, sports teams and other activity groups.

Parade participants performed, threw candy, shirts and other items to onlookers gathered along the parade route and brought a lively spirit into the RGSD community.

On the field, the Rams defeated the Normandy Vikings 29-15.

RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

10/18 - TOWN HALL MEETING - 6PM **WESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**

10/25 - SAB MEETING - 7PM

10/25 - 10/26 PARENT-TEACHER CONF.

10/28 - NO SCHOOL / DISTRICT OPEN

10/28 - SURVEY DEADLINE

10/31 - PRO. DEVELOPMENT DAY NO SCHOOL

11/1 - TEACHER WORK DAY (1/2 DAY) NO SCHOOL

- FLU SHOTS & WELLNESS CLINIC

11/3 - CAREER FAIR | 4-7PM

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STUDENT REPS JOIN SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Riverview Gardens High School scholars Laniah Hill (center-left) and Precious Barry (center-right) were selected as the Student Representatives for the RGSD Special Administrative Board.

Hill and Barry will attend SAB meetings and provide feedback and reports from a student perspective. They will also advocate for student needs.

DR. TANYA PATTON HONORED BY URBAN LEAGUE OF STL

Dr. Tanya Patton, assistant superintendent of Student, School and Community Support, was honored at the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis' Salute to Women in Leadership Gala. The Salute to Women in Leadership Gala is an annual event created to recognize the tireless contributions of outstanding women.

Winners are selected from various professional and civic categories including community leaders, elected officials, educators, media, corporations, businesses and charities.



Tanya Patton is a dynamic educator and well-deserving of this prestigious award from the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis," said RGSD Superintendent Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams. "She is a shining example of Riverview excellence."

Patton was honored alongside Ferguson Mayor Ella Jones, actress Tichina Arnold, civil rights attorney Areva Martin and several other outstanding women.



DESTINEY WALLACE NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

Riverview Gardens High School scholar Destiney Wallace was nominated for the Congress of Future Medical Leaders Award of Excellence.

Wallace was nominated for outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential and for her

determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine. The judgment was rendered with reference to the nomination of Nobel Prize winner Dr. Mario Capecci.

Riverview Gardens School District is taking part in a pilot of the Missouri School Climate and Culture Survey. Results from this survey will be used as part of the school improvement review during the 2022-2023 academic year. As part of this process, parents, students, and school employees are asked to voluntarily answer surveys regarding programs and services available to students.



Please take a few minutes to answer the survey at the link provided. Responses from all parents, students and staff will be anonymously summarized and will become part of a report for the school district. The school district will use this report in the development of school improvement efforts.

Parents, if you have more than one child in school, you will receive more than one survey link. Please complete a survey for each individual child. Do not complete one survey for multiple children. The surveys will be processed so that school officials receive reports about each building in the district.

The questionnaires contain demographic and opinion questions. You have the option not to respond to any item or not to complete a survey at all.





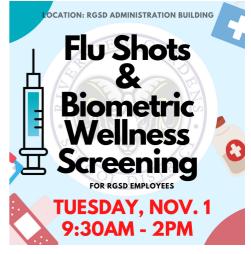
RGSD MISSION:

The Riverview Gardens School District, along with families and the community, nurtures academic excellence in all students, preparing them to be college and career ready in an ever-changing society.

RGSD VISION:

The Riverview Gardens School District creates a community of learners equipped to be competitors in a global society and leaders demonstrating social and civic responsibility.





RGSD COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN TOWN HALL

The RGSD Special Administrative Board hosted a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at Westview Middle School.

Parents, scholars, staff, elected officials and community members joined together to discuss the state of the District.

Attendees shared their thoughts on things going well in Riverview Gardens, as well as concerns. The SAB will review all community input and provide a formal response at a later date.

The meeting also featured a discussion on charter schools, led by Dr. Georgia Jarman, treasurer for the Board of Education in Holden R-III School District and a member of the Missouri School Board Association Board of Directors.



A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON

By Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent

It is with a heavy heart that I come before you to discuss the school shooting that occurred at Central Visual & Performing Arts High School on Monday, Oct. 24.

As a school system, this tragic event has impacted us deeply. The Riverview Gardens School District family sends our thoughts and prayers to St. Louis Public Schools and all the families, staff members and loved ones impacted by the terrible crisis.



To our parents, scholars and staff, know that we are doing everything possible to ensure that you are safe when you coming into our buildings and when you go home in the evenings. We are putting in a heightened level of safety and security across the District. We have already conducted active shooter training for nearly all staff in the District and will soon conduct active shooter drills for scholars.

Riverview Gardens has recently installed and upgraded video cameras throughout the District. This year, we have also implemented the wearing of student and staff IDs at the middle and high school level for scholars and for staff throughout the District. Soon, all grade levels will have student IDs to help us quickly identify individuals who do not belong. Each school also has an assigned school resource officer. We will continue to work closely with our local law enforcement partners to keep our schools safe.

We also realize that we've had a heightened level of fights and student disruption this year. We take this very seriously and are actively looking at measures to address this behavior. However, it's going to take you, our parents, teachers and students to help us make a difference.

Whether you see information on social media or in the hallways, if you see something, say something! There's a new view on the horizon in Riverview Gardens School District, where learning is required.