



RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

Fall, 2011

Home of the Falcons

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from your summer break! The entire RV staff wants to make this school year successful for your child. We appreciate all of your support and cooperation during these first few weeks. Together, with a combined effort of parents and professionals, I am certain that we will have a great year. RVHS is very fortunate to have several new staff members join our team this year. We have a new Social Science teacher- Philip McCaulley, three new English teachers- (Kelly Cunningham, Karrie Pawek, and Milissa Campbell), one new PE teacher- Tami O'Neill, and one new Special Education teacher- Jenny Leyba. Please welcome them!



Our fall sports season is well under way. We have been experiencing success at every level in every sport. Please try to come see an event in support of our student athletes.

Please try to communicate with your child's teachers- the earlier the better! Most of our teachers are using ABI grade book, which you are able to view through parent connect. Remember, your involvement is critical in the entire educational process. Welcome back and Go Falcons!



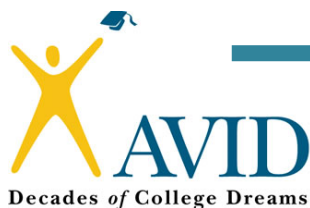
Parent Connect

Parent Connect is an online way for parents to know how their child is doing in school. All parents will be able to see information about their child's attendance and last report card by logging on to a secure website. Also, many parents will be able to see how their child is doing on their weekly assignments if their child's teacher is using our online grade book program. Please contact Tina Aguilar in our Principal's Office for more information or assistance you may need at 822-2506.



Visit our website for our Daily Bulletin

<http://www.ycusd.k12.ca.us/RVHS/>



RVHS AVID News



The AVID Program is a special elective program for students.

Our mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

- **AVID Team:**
 - 9th Grade: Mr. Canfield
 - 10th Grade: Mr. Parsley
 - 11th Grade: Mrs. Collins & Mr. Hislop
 - 12th Grade: Mr. Ricketts
 - Administrator: Mrs. Cordi

- Next AVID Site Team Meeting: September 30 at lunch in room 831. Come have some goodies and learn some AVID strategies to help your students succeed.

- **Kudos for Community Service**

AVID challenges students to improve their community through service.

The following AVID students have been recognized by the Yuba City Firefighters Local 3793 for performing 5 ½ hours of trash removal along Highway 99 (in the hot August sun) through the Cal-Trans “Adopt-A-Highway” program.

Amrit Mann - Ranjit Chohan - Jackson Limas
Manvinder Chohan - Vikranjit Singh

- **Upcoming College Field Trips**

Part of the success of the AVID program is based on exposing students to the possibilities of college through college field trips. The following trips are being planned for this fall:

Freshmen and Seniors: Butte College and CSU, Chico.

Sophomores and Juniors: CSU, Sacramento and UC Davis

- **College Application Season for Seniors**

The AVID seniors have:

 - Narrowed their college choices to five schools.
 - Applied for their CSU Mentor accounts
 - Worked on their personal statements.
 - Chosen their SAT or ACT test date for this fall

- **SAT and ACT Dates:**
 - 9/9 registration due for 10/1 SAT
 - 9/16 registration due for 10/22 ACT
 - 10/7 registration due for 11/5 SAT
 - 11/8 registration due for 12/3 SAT

Check: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-dates> for the SAT

Check: <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html> for the ACT

- **Helpful Tip for Parents**

Knowing what your student should be doing for to prepare for college can be a daunting task. A great tool to help you is College Board’s parent email newsletter. It gives you a calendar of what your student should be doing from freshman through senior year in high school as well as scholarship tips. Sign up for the free email newsletter at: <https://commapps.collegeboard.com/sma/servlet/independent>

- **Want to get involved in AVID?**

Contact AVID Coordinator, Eric M. Ricketts at 822-2666 or ericketts@ycusd.k12.ca.us

Senior Pictures

All seniors must have their picture taken by Lifetouch to be in the yearbook.

SENIOR LAST CALL ON CAMPUS
SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 21ST & 22ND

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

STUDENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL ON PRE-
ASSIGNED APPOINTMENTS

If students wish they can go to one of our studios

www.prestigeseniors.com website for all senior session info/maps /
phone numbers

*There is no cost (FREE) to be photographed for the yearbook.
Optional senior portrait packages are available through Lifetouch.
Visit their website to find out more.*

Prestige

INTER/INTRA DISTRICTS

If you are a returning student and live outside the RVHS boundary, please get an intra/inter district transfer from the District Office @ 750 Palora Ave, Yuba City, if you have not already done so. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Uyemoto, Registration Specialist on 822-2521. Thank you.

TUTORING AVAILABLE

Monday thru Thursday
3:30-4:30
RVHS Library

(No transportation available)



RVHS' Annual Cultural Day

September 30, 2011
During Lunch

River valley will celebrate the many cultures of our community with food, music, dancing and games during our Annual Cultural Day. Look for opportunities to sign up to help

*Spanish & Punjabi
newsletters available in
our front office.*

Career Center

Room 308 in the Library Open M-F 7:30 am-3:30 pm

Do you need help:

- applying to a CSU, UC, Community College or Tech School?
- writing your personal statement?
- signing up for the SAT/ACT?
- calculating your A-G GPA?

Stop by the Career Center today!



Scholarship Search Engine

First go to:

www.collegeboard.com

- ✓ Click on the “College Planning” tab at the top of the page.
- ✓ Next, click on “Scholarship Search” this will be under the green box on the right side of the screen that says “Pay for College.”
- ✓ Next, click on the arrow where it says “Start” located towards the middle of the screen.
- ✓ Finally, you will be asked to answer a series of questions so that the search engine can match your information with scholarships that you are eligible for.

**It is recommended that you save your scholarship search; to do this you will first need to log into your College Board account or create one. If you don't save your search you will have to re-enter all of your information.*



Seniors, are you ready to start applying for scholarships? Many of our local scholarships will not become available until Spring semester. Starting in January seniors are encouraged to come by the Career Center and look through the list of scholarships. Applications are also available in the Career Center. Check back regularly because new scholarships will come in weekly. In the meantime we encourage you to use College Board's scholarship search engine (see instructions at left).

College Application Deadlines



CSU's Application submission begins

October 1st, and must be submitted by November 30th.

UC Application submission begins November 1st and must be submitted by November 30th. Students can begin working on their UC applications starting October 1st.

Community College application submission won't begin until the Spring unless you are a mid-year grad.

SAT/ACT

Most colleges that require SAT or ACT scores will need your scores by the end of December if you will be attending in Fall Semester. If you need help registering or think you may qualify for a fee waiver see Mrs. Brown in the Career Center.



Upcoming Testing Dates for SAT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 1, 2011	September 9, 2011
November 5, 2011	October 7, 2011
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011

Upcoming Testing Dates for ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011

Library



- ❖ Check the “Not Clear” list in the library window, if you are not clear it can affect your participation in school activities such as dances, sports, etc.
- ❖ The library is closed on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month due to staff meetings.
- ❖ After School tutoring is now available Monday-Thursday from 3:30-5:00 in the library.
- ❖ Students! To log into the computers in the library your username is your first and last name all

lowercase, no spaces, if you haven't logged in yet this year your password is the word “password” and it will prompt you to make your own password. Once you have made your own password **WRITE IT DOWN!!!** We have no way of retrieving your password if you forget it.

Testing for 2011-2012

CAHSEE – California High School Exit Exam



English is the first day and Math is the second day

November 1 and 2 – Juniors and Seniors

February 7 and 8 – Juniors and Seniors

March 13 and 14 – Sophomores only (reverse minimum days)

May 8 and 9 – Seniors and Sophomores who were absent in March

STAR – Standardized Testing and Reporting

Seniors do not test; special schedule all 5 days



April 17th English (required 9th, 10th, 11th)

April 18th Life Science (required 10th) US History (required 11th)

April 19th World History (end of course 10th and some 11th)

April 24th Science (end of course 9th, 10th, 11th)

April 25th Math (end of course 9th, 10th, 11th)

CELDT – California English Language Development Test

Students designated as LEP



California
English
Language
Development
Test

August 29 – October 31, regular daily schedule

AP – Advanced Placement

Open to any student; fee required



May 7 – 18, regular daily schedule

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Our School Site Council is looking for two good parent representatives to be on our committee. Our council assists in the guidance and management towards the goals and direction of the school. We have two open positions for a two-year term and one alternate position serving one-year only. Ballots will be placed in our next newsletter.

*If you are interested, please complete the nomination form and return to Tina Aquilar in the Principal's Office no later than **September 30, 2011.***

2011-2012 SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM



Parent Name



Welcome back River Valley High School students and parents, this month, we're officially "back" in school!

Be sure to listen to your *Bulletins* for my scheduled dates and times on your campus, and don't forget to watch for the "*Yuba College News*" appearing in your monthly *RVHS Online Newsletter*!

This Month's Highlights: The *Yuba College Display* in the Career Center and in your Counseling Office is where you will find the latest information and materials throughout the year.

- **RVHS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Wednesday, August 31st**, catch up if you miss it! This is a tremendous opportunity for all students and especially parents to become familiar with the school year ahead. **Get Ready, Get Set...Jump- In to 2011-2012!** I invite you to stop by the **Yuba College Table** where I will have general information, answer questions you may have, and I look forward to the opportunity of meeting you.
- **COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT AT RVHS: Wednesday, September 28th**, be sure not to miss this important opportunity to help prepare for college, listening to the latest updates given in presentations by college and university representatives who give you important in depth information. Get more information on your *RVHS* website, or *Mrs. Brown in the Library*, you really don't want to miss this important evening!
- **COLLEGE INFORMATION/TRANSFER DAY AT YUBA COLLEGE: Thursday, September 22nd**. Interested in talking to many representatives from a variety of colleges and universities? This opportunity only happens once a year...come to Yuba College to take advantage of meeting and talking to the representatives in person and acquiring important information and materials. This is an excellent opportunity for high school students!

SENIORS:

- Visit me at your Career Center to answer your questions throughout the year, posted in your *Bulletin*
- Important college materials will be available to you during the course of the year
- **QuickREG**, a *Yuba College* program for 2nd semester seniors to assist in completing the enrollment process during your senior year, imagine registering your classes before graduating from high school....*be sure to watch for updates! Visit me when I'm on your campus to answer any questions.*
- **Mid-year 2011 Grads:** Watch for your **QuickReg Dates** this semester! Apply and register with assistance!

SEPTEMBER AT YUBA COLLEGE: Check out the **Calendar of Events** schedule at the *Yuba College Info Center* in your *Career Center* for dates and times of **Theatre Performances and Sports**. Want to see a Saturday college football game on the brand new field at Yuba? The first game is Saturday, September 17 at 6pm: *Yuba College* vs. *West Valley College*. More information is on our website yc.yccd.edu. *Hope y'all come!* Be sure to pick up a *Calendar* today!

Have you seen the **new Health & Public Safety Building** on our campus, located just off North Beale Road? It is the new location for **Nursing, Fire Technology, and Administrative Justice programs** where students have exciting simulation technology at their finger tips! Stay tuned to future *Yuba College News* to learn more about these important programs.

PARENTS: Watch for your "*Yuba College Community Education Course Schedule*" coming to you soon in your mail. Community Education is now offering **NEW MEDICAL COURSES, including a Dental Assisting Program**, starting October!

A LOOK AHEAD TO OCTOBER:

- **Yuba College Public Events Presents:** "*The Cripple of Inishmaan*", by **Martin McDonagh**, **Director Gina Alvarado**
October 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 & 22 @ 8:00PM / October 16 & 23 @ 2:00PM Matinee
October 13 – **FREE Night of Theatre**
October 15 – **Come wearing "green"; ticket includes free Irish Music, Food & Door Prizes**
- **YUBA COLLEGE WEBSITE:** yc.yccd.edu. You will find all information about schedule of classes, academic programs, transfer information, the campus activities and events, and our variety of intercollegiate sports.

Additionally, the college mascot, **Dusty the Niner**, has a presence on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.
Follow us at twitter.com/DustyNiner and facebook.com/Yuba-College.



Looking forward to seeing you this year,
Barbara Forkey, Outreach Specialist
bforkey@yccd.edu



C O U N S E L I N G

O R N E R

The counseling department is excited as we're off to another fantastic start to the school year. We have worked hard to make sure all students have been appropriately placed and are well on their way to meeting their post-secondary plans. Please keep in mind that administration and counseling make every effort to enroll students in the courses you select, so select wisely. Class schedules may be subject to change during the first 10 days to alleviate crowded classrooms. Changing of a student's schedule will only be considered for the following reasons:

1. Level Changes (For example, Geometry to Algebra 1)
 2. Missing a class in a student's schedule.
 3. To enable students to fulfill a graduation requirement.
 4. To enable a student to meet UC/CSU entrance requirements.
- Teacher preference and/or period requests will not be considered when making schedule changes.

Counselors are in the process of scheduling the Senior and Freshman class visitations. We welcome all new Falcons, then review high school requirements, credit values per class and the grading system. A-G university requirements will be introduced and we encourage all students to meet the rigors of being on the A-G track.

With our fast paced schedule we stress the importance of not falling behind and that the first grading period is fast approaching in mid October. Our desire is to foster success and make their transition into high school as smooth as possible. With our seniors we will distribute a senior timeline with important dates and deadlines for college applications, financial aide, SAT/ACT and scholarships. Counselors will be meeting with the other grade levels covering pertinent information for each grade.

Fall is a busy time and there are many upcoming dates and events we want all parents and students to be alerted to. If you are a senior you need to be aware that we will be hosting several events in preparation for graduation and transition into college. In September (see dates below) we will hold a College Night and Grad Fair for Seniors/Parents. That night we will have representatives from local college's present important information about the college application process, SAT/ACT, financial aid and any questions you may have about the transition to college life. For your convenience we are having the Senior Grad Fair in the Cafeteria this same night. See dates below for the PSAT (Practice SAT) normed for 11th grade, PLAN (Practice ACT, normed for 10th grade) and the ASVAB a skills based test.

In December, we will hold a Financial Aid Workshop for Seniors and parents. At this workshop you will learn about applying for financial aid (FAFSA), pursuing scholarships, loans and other types of financial assistance for which your student may be eligible.

If your student is applying to a California University this Fall, remember that the timeline is October 1- November 30 for most CSU's and November 1 – November 30 for UC's. All applications are done on-line. Also, remember that all College entrance exams (SAT/ACT) need to be taken by December of this year! An SAT/ACT timeline is posted in the counseling office and on-line at CollegeBoard.com or ACT.org. If you need assistance, please call the counseling office. Thank you, Mrs. Cuquet

Important dates:

Sept. 29	ASVAB (Skills/Military) 8:00 RVHS
Sept. 28	College Night/Grad Fair
Oct. 1- Nov. 30	CSU College Applications Due
Oct. 15	PSAT (Practice SAT, Juniors recommended) 8:30 AM RVHS Library
Nov. 1-Nov. 30	UC College Applications Due
Nov. 16	PLAN (Practice ACT, Sophomores recommended) 8:00 RVHS
Jan. 1-Mar. 2	FAFSA (College financial aide-Apply online)

Sue Cuquet – Ext 2534 Lisa Marcotte – Ext 2532 Tina Tayloe – Ext 2527 Claudia Barajas – Ext 2530

NOT CLEAR IN THE LIBRARY

If your student's ID is listed below, please contact our Londa or Hillary in our Library at 822-2542 or 822-2543 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (As of 9/8/11)

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55930	56697	58142	58571	59654	60553	80792	85312	88240	90905	94455	98264	302336	305438
55937	56740	58197	58592	59704	60596	81096	85345	88399	91087	94769	98276	302477	306346
55970	56741	58211	58598	59843	60606	81672	85346	88476	91357	94837	98342	302722	
56046	56910	58222	58611	60257	60615	81870	85464	89418	91392	94856	99495	302818	
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ACCOMMODATIONS

September 9	End of Progress Period for Quarter 1
September 9	Pictures Make-up & Retakes
September 10	Drive One For Your School
September 13	DUI In Courts
September 14	Minimum Day, Dismissal @ 11:35
September 19	Senior Assembly
September 19	Progress Grades Mailed Home for Quarter 1
September 21	ASVAB
September 21 & 22	Senior Portraits Make-Up (by appointment)
September 28	Senior Grad Fair, MP Rm, 4-6 pm
September 28	College Night, MP Rm, 6-8 pm
September 30	Cultural Day
October 7	End of Quarter 1
October 6 & 7	Finals Minimum Day, Dismissal @ 12:30
October 12	Minimum Day, Dismissal @ 11:35
October 14	Yearbook Deadline for Senior Portraits
October 15	PSAT (Practice SAT, normed for 11 th graders)
October 17	Homecoming Week
October 17	Report Cards Mailed Home for Quarter 1
October 17-28	Open for students to apply for Academic Block Letter or Lamp
October 19	Powderpuff
October 22	Homecoming Dance, MP, Rm, 8-11 pm
October 24	Start of Red Ribbon Week
October 26	Creepy Concert, MP Rm, 7 pm
October 27	Academic Awards Night, MP Rm, 6:30 pm