The Riverside Bulldogs had a great start to their season. The Midgets haven’t made it to Disney since 2012 and this season they wanted to make their way back to the top.

The older girls on the team are Savannah Moniz, Jada Gale, Tayler Minuto, Madison McNulty, Victoria Russino, and Sandy Kowalski. These girls hope they can help lead the team to a victory in December for their last year on the team.

The entire team fought like warriors, every practice, to improve their skills.

On October 15th, Show Me Night, the fans were excited at how well the team performed their routine. The fans knew the team was well prepared for their competition on October 18th.

At the county competition the Bulldogs did not compete against other teams, but they got the highest score of the day for their presentation.

Two weeks after that, on November 1st was states competition. The Midgets placed 1st. Everyone was so excited, but they still had one more competition to see if they were going to Disney. Regionals competition was on November 8th. The Bulldogs again got first place. They are now fundraising to head to Disney to compete in Nationals on December 11th!

Bulldogs Work Their Way Back to the Top
by Savannah Moniz

A collage of many special Riverside Bulldog Memories for the 2015 season.

Next year during the summer of 2016 The World Language Club has over 30 students that are going on a trip to Spain and France.

The advisors that are in charge of the trip are Mrs. Szul and Mrs. Franz.

The president of the club is Devon Pierce.

They are looking at leaving around July 8th and coming back 10 days later, but it may change.

While on their trip they are going to be going to different cities and doing a variety of things everyday. Some of the things they are planning on doing is going to museums, shows, and shopping.

The students in the World Language Club has been doing fundraisers to help pay for their trip. Their main fundraisers have been their wing nights at Throwbacks, bowling at Pinsetters and carwashes at the Delran Fire House. Their most recent fundraiser was on November 15th at Pinsetters and was very successful.

At the fundraiser, they had a basket auction. Mrs. Szul said that this is her first trip to France, but she has been to Spain.

Depending on how the trip goes next year will determine if she does it again. Mrs. Szul said she is very excited for the trip.

Bowling for a Cause
by Kelsey Harry

Dates to Remember

Now- December 11th
Canned Food Drive

November 25th- Half Day

November 26-29
Thanksgiving Break

December 4th
Christmas in Riverside

December 5th
Elementary Lunch with Santa

December 7th-18th
Project Santa Homeroom Collection

December 18th
Project Santa Elementary Collection

December 23rd
Project Santa Senior/Faculty Game
Movie Review
by Casey Newman

Catch Me If You Can is a 2002 American crime/drama film based on a true story. This story follows a 17 year old, Frank Abagnale Jr. (Leonardo DiCaprio), who was a master of duplicity. Frank was a dexterous forger of anything from checks to licenses. Financial troubles caused his parents to divorce. Incapable of choosing a parent to live with, he ran away from home. He then posed as an airline pilot, forging his aviation license and pay checks. Frank stole over 2.8 million dollars from Pan Am Airline.

Meanwhile, Carl Hanratty, an FBI agent portrayed by Tom Hanks, pursued Frank relentlessly. After doggedly chasing Frank for years, Carl received a phone call from Frank on Christmas Eve. Carl realized that the phone call meant that Frank had no one else to talk to. After posing as an airline pilot, Frank forged his way to being a doctor and lawyer of Harvard status. He developed a relationship with Brenda Strong, a nurse played by Amy Adams, from his hospital and then proposed marriage. Carl tracked Frank down to his engagement party in Louisiana. Knowing Carl had arrived, Frank escaped the party through the house window with a suitcase filled with cash. He told Brenda to meet him at the airport two days later only to realize the FBI got to Brenda and organized a stakeout at the airport.

Frank decided to flee to Europe where he was eventually caught by Carl and the French police. Carl managed to bring Frank to the states where he regularly visited him, showing him forged checks that needed identification. Frank’s cooperation got him out of prison to work a job in the FBI’s check fraud department.

Steven Spielberg did an excellent job turning this true story into a motion picture.

Reindeer Food
Christmas Recipe

Ingredients:
1 16 oz. Box Golden Grahams Cereal
1 (11.5 oz) Bag Chocolate Chips
1 Bag Marshmallows
3 Tb Butter or Margarine
¾ Cup Corn Syrup
½ Cup Red Sixlets

In a large bowl, empty the cereal box and put it aside. In a sauce pan mix the corn syrup, butter and chocolate chips. Bring to a boil on medium heat, stirring often. Remove from the heat and pour the chocolate mixture on the cereal. Add the marshmallows right away to the cereal and mix all together until the marshmallows melt. Some of the marshmallows may not melt all the way and that’s fine. Top with red Sixlets to give it a festive look!

http://www.the36thavenue.com/christmas-recipe-reindeer-food/

DIY Santa Binoculars

Looking for Santa this holiday season? Let me help you make the perfect thing to find him! The first step is to cut two strips of red felt to the width of the toilet paper rolls. Make sure you leave enough length to go all the way around the tube. Put a little glue from the glue gun on the toilet paper roll in a line from side to side and stick on the felt. Then roll the felt all around and glue at the end. Do that to both of the toilet paper rolls. Cut two small strips of the santa fur about an inch wide. Again, make sure they are long enough to cover the circumference of the roll. Glue those onto the rolls. Then glue the two rolls together with the glue gun. Take a piece of yarn or string and cut it to the desired length for your child.

Glue each end into the inside of the toilet paper rolls. If you want a nice finishing touch you can put black washi tape above the white fur on both rolls and a little square of gold on top of that. I cut a tiny strip of the black to make it look like Santa’s belt. You can leave this part off and they will still look super cute.
Did you like the Hunger Games series? Then you'll love The Selection. It’s like the Hunger Games and the Bachelor combined.

The book was written by Kiera Cass and is an excellent read. It is about America Singer who lives in a world with eight castes. The first being the Royals and the eighth being the Poor. Each caste is assigned a different job. America was a five which consisted of dancers, musicians, and singers.

When Prince Maxon of Illea was ready to marry they held a selection, where thirty-five girls were chosen to compete for Prince Maxon’s hand. America unfortunately was chosen. She didn’t want to go, but her family and her secret lover Aspen told her to go. America decided to go for the sake of her family and future. When she arrived there she saw that she had no interest in Maxon, but she started to question herself as her friendship with Maxon grew.

America was put to the ultimate test as she started to get further in the competition.

This book is a series of 4 books and 5 novellas. This series is one of my favorites. The relationship that Maxon and America have is pure and amazing. It’s full of love and many ironic twists. It will make you laugh and it will make you cry. Want to know more? Read it to find out!

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Jake Zangaro

Jake Zangaro is a key member to the Class of 2016. His bright character and smiling face can make anyone happy. Jake is an exemplary student who prioritizes his grades. Upon coming home he hits the books and studies his heart out. Jake has earned a position in the top of his class when it comes to class rank. Not once throughout his high school career has he missed honor roll. Jake truly can inspire the people of our school to work hard and accomplish greatness when it comes to their report cards.

When asked what he is most proud of, Jake simply replied, “My beard that has been a part of me since the young age of twelve.” What a character... you can see how humor is a part of his day and how he can make light of any situation. Among other things Jake should be proud of are his JV letter in football his freshman year and varsity letter in baseball his junior year.

I asked Jake about his hobbies and how he likes to spend time during his busy schedule. Jake loves to play Xbox on the weekends and always looks for a quick game of Black Ops. Jake loves company and is always surrounded by his friends, one being his closest friend Mio who attends Delran High School. He rarely lacks a smile and is truly a social butterfly.

Jake is an outstanding part of Riverside High School. It is a shame that it is his last year here as it surely will be different without him. He plans to go on to a four year university and study something in the medical field. Good luck to Jake wherever he may be headed!
How do you feel about your class officers? Are you happy that you got to spend the past three years working with them?

I absolutely love being one of the advisers for the Class of 2016. The officers, along with this group of seniors, have made the experience truly great. These past three years have flown by with these officers and I really do think of them and call them “my kids.” They make me laugh and make me cry. But all is for the best. Homecoming float building can be a long and few weeks, but spending time with them and seeing their dedication, makes it all worth it. Four years of 3rd place...Best place to be!!

Do you feel like it's better avoiding conflict or confronting it?

I one hundred percent feel that it is better to confront conflict. Conflict is not a fun thing, just listen to how the word sounds. However, it is necessary...conflict is necessary. It helps us improve as a person. So why avoid it? Confront it, civilly, and with clear thought of mind, head on. No need to be nasty, to fight dirty, to be arrogant, or to be ignorant of what is going on, but face it with dignity. Just know that by facing a conflict a definitive answer will come out and bring closure.

How do you feel about all the petty drama we have at RHS and what do you think people should do to stop it?

Drama will never go away! It is a part of our everyday lives, especially with melodramatic teenagers (sorry kiddies, but it is true.) But why petty drama? In the grand scheme of things, if some of us just step back for a second and take a deep breath, we could realize that the petty nonsense does not matter. Life is hard enough without adding negative drama that is not needed. Everyone needs to just kill em’ with kindness and relax a little.

Many say enjoy every moment in high school because four years goes by a lot faster than you think, do you agree with this?

Yes I do. I notice how some just can’t wait to get out of this place, and it hurts at time because I feel like so many are missing out. I wish some people could just look around and enjoy the moment without always looking two steps ahead.

What do you hope the Class of 2016 learned from you?

I hope that of course, they learned something, but I hope it was that they have a voice and that their voice matters. I try to make my classroom a “safe” zone, where they can share and be themselves; I actually do think that I accomplished that. I want them to know that they are capable of so much and that, “there is life outside of Riverside’s walls.” (Romeo and Juliet reference) I want them to know that I understood them and others will too.
Lady Rams Charge on After Loss of Players
by Anthony Perez

The field hockey seniors are Haley Mitchell, Nicole Lallo, Marlene Costa and Shannon Conrey.

The head coach of the field hockey team is Ms. Brittany DiMiero. The assistant coaches are Mrs. Nancy Fritz and Ms. Erin DiMiero.

The first team division players are Marlene Costa, Juliana Rudzinski, and Haley Mitchell. Marlene Costa said “This season was a little tough because we started off with a couple girls already out for the season (Morgan Winnering and Brianna Fritz). We changed a lot of positions on the field which was not an easy task, but the team quickly adapted. I think we had a great season. We had so many girls constantly out with injuries and we were low on players but we stuck through it and played strong.”

They had a positive attitude and kept their heads up through the season which made them a better team. They could’ve easily given up, but they didn’t.

They fought through the first round and beat their rival Florence to move on to the second round of playoffs, where they lost to Henry Hudson 1-0.

Their final record was 9-9.

As they say before each and every game before they take the field to boost their energy:

"TOGETHER by Anthony Perez

Lady Rams Charge on After Loss of Players
WE STAND, TOGETHER WE FALL, ALL FOR ONE, AND ONE FOR ALL, TO WIN THIS GAME, TO WIN THEM ALL, TOGETHER WE STAND, TOGETHER WE FALL."

Freedom Division Champs Four Years in a Row
by Nicole Lallo

Girls soccer had another great season. Senior captains for this year’s team were Haylee Loveland, Kenzee Hudson, Kasie Shively and Jessica Starke.

In the first round of playoffs they beat Highland Park 6-0.

Senior Kasie Shively scored 3 goals and freshman Hailey Russell made the other 3 goals.

Sammi Jalkowski, Kenzee Hudson and Chelsea Jo Horta each had one assist which helped make the unforgettable victory.

The second round of playoffs was also a much deserved win against their rival Palmyra. Scoring against Palmyra was Haylee Loveland, Kenzee Hudson and Hailey Russell who all helped lead the girls soccer team to another huge victory.

The final score was 3-0. The ending game to their season was against Shore. Losing by a score of 7-1, the girls played hard and never gave up.

Riverside’s one goal was scored by Chelsea Jo Horta and Riverside’s goalie Kayla Samero had 8 saves.

Their overall record was 17-2 and they had a memorable season.

Hardwork and Dedication
by Haylee Loveland

The Lady Rams Soccer Team started off their season on a rocky start, but through hard work and team unity they were able to develop a path for an overall successful season.

After their 6-2 win over Willingboro, the boys’ varsity soccer team were able to capture five overall wins. They ended their season with a record of 5-11, and a divisional record of 4-8. Seniors Gabe Carreno and Bryan Ferreira received Second Team Freedom Division Honors for their final year at RHS, and will play in the Senior Showcase game on November 18, at Bordentown High School.

“Soccer season every year, is a great experience”, said Gabe Carreno. Bryan Ferreira collected a total of seven goals for his first year on the team. Shortly behind him, is freshman Hunter Martinez with five goals.

Senior, starting goalie, Johnny Tapia tallied up a total of 50 saves. The Rams are already preparing to make the 2016 season, another successful year.
Athlete Spotlight
Hailey Russell

by John McElroy

The outstanding Hailey Russell had a huge impact on the Riverside Ram’s Girls Soccer Team this season. The freshman scored 37 goals and assisted 5 goals.

When asked if she thought she had a big impact, she replied, “I hope I had a big impact on the team. We were so successful this year because we played as a team and worked hard together.” With her 37 goals she was asked if she thought she would score that many as a freshman and Russell answered “I did not know how many goals I would score as a freshman. I have been training and working to become a better soccer player year after year.”

Hailey has three years of high school soccer to break her own personal high school scoring record. She is looking to improve her skill and hopefully get a scholarship to college.

Her long term goal is to win a high school state championship before she graduates.

If you see Hailey in the halls, take a moment to congratulate this outstanding athlete on an incredible season.

Tough Season for Rams

by Guil Lomeu

The Riverside Rams Football Team is currently 2-7 under the coaching staff of Pete Bruscia. Last season, the Rams ended their season 6-4 under the coaching staff of Dan Harris, but he accepted a job at Sterling High School and is currently their head coach.

The Rams are looking to end this season at 3-7, to do this they have to beat South Hunterdon this upcoming Saturday and beat Florence on Thanksgiving.

The outstanding Hailey Russell is a Senior.

The Rams 2016 seniors are Guil Lomeu, Teddy Gauntt, Andrew Belcher, Andre Belcher, Christian Furniss, Jordan Senior.

The upcoming seniors are hoping for a great season next year with an improved record.

The Juniors are Zeke Brinsons, Jordan Perry, Tyler Fernandes, Chris Henderson, Dylan Veitenheimer, Kevin Rae, Zack Brownback, and Matthew Maloney.

Junior Zeke Brinson said “I feel disappointed with the many mistakes we had, but we get to learn from them to make next year a winning season.”

Senior Teddy Gauntt said “I think it should have gone totally different. We should of only lost 2 or 3 games at the most.”

Overall, the team has worked hard and that is something they should all be proud of.

Fantasy Football 101 by Jake Stockton

Fantasy Football is a great way to enjoy every game of every week in the NFL. It is also a very fun way for friends to compete with each other in head to head battles every week. Fantasy football is very popular among most football fans. It is especially fun for those who look for a way to have something to root for in every single game. A lot of people have fun being able to root for multiple players from multiple teams.

For those who do not know what Fantasy Football is, it is a statistical game in which owners of a fantasy team can compete in a league against other owners by managing groups of players at each position unit. At the beginning of the season the average Fantasy League has every team draft 15 players. Every team can start 1QB, 2RBs, 2WRS, 1TE, 1K, 1DEF(team position unit), and 1 ”FLEX”(RB or WR depending on manager’s preference).

In Fantasy Football, the winner of each head to head battle is the owner whose team has the most points. Points are added up through yards and touchdowns for skill position units and then used to calculate the winner (QBs, RBs, WRs, TEas). In a default league, 25 passing yards are worth one point and a passing touchdown is worth 4 points. Also 10 rushing or receiving yards count as 1 point. A rushing or receiving touchdown count as 6 points. A kicker can gain points through PATs and field goals. Kicks that are under 40 yds are worth three points. 40-49 yarders are four points and 50+ are worth 5 points.

For a team defense a sack is worth 1 point and an interception is worth 2 points. Also, if a defense returns for a touchdown that is worth 6 points. Of course players can lose points through fumbles and interceptions. An interception is usually worth -2 points and a fumble is worth -1 points. A defense can lose points by giving up points to the other team. The MVP of Fantasy Football through week 9 is QB Tom Brady(In Total Points). Tom Brady has the season high of 183 points in the standard ESPN league. While Tom Brady is the top QB, the top RB is up and coming star Devonta Freeman. The best WR is Julio Jones who has had a monster season. The top TE is Rob Gronkowski, and the top DEF is the Denver Broncos. Stephen Gotkowski leads all kickers and the best FLEX player is Larry Fitzgerald.

Fantasy football is very popular among NFL sports fans. Many people truly enjoy trying to show off their ability to predict the best players every week. The whole point of Fantasy Football is for managers to feel like they can run their own team like real NFL managers. It is a lot of fun for owners every week, they truly enjoy the feeling of being an owner.
Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt is a really funny series. Kimmy was trapped in an underground vault for 15 years. But luckily escaped before her 30th birthday. Instead of going back home to Indiana, she decides to live in NYC.

She is basically homeless for a day but later on finds a job being a nanny and moves into an apartment with her new friend Titus. Titus has lived in NYC for many years now, he knows the city inside and out. Coming from a small town in Mississippi, Titus thought NYC was the right place for him. Kimmy and Titus go through a lot of crazy adventures during the first season of the Netflix series.

Eventually Kimmy and the other “Mole Women” go to testify against their “cult” leader. The “Mole Women” also go to visit the vault, only to get evidence to get their “cult” leader to jail but it didn’t go as planned. The series was funny, but the episodes are very short so you’re left wondering what’s going to happen in the next season.

75% of students would rather drink Hot Chocolate than Eggnog
52% of students would rather be an Elf than Santa Clause
76% of students would rather have a White Christmas than a Snow Free Christmas

RHS is full of many diverse people with many different ways to spend their holidays. Ms. Williamson loves Christmas. Her whole family gathers the day after Christmas and gets to celebrate it again. Brianna Horn also gathers with her family the day after Christmas every year to go and see a play together.

Both Gabe and Ariel Carreno and Kim Vasconez’s families traditions are traditions some hispanic families participate in. They wait until midnight Christmas Eve to open all their presents, rather than opening them all up on Christmas morning.

Diane and Stacey Levy are some of the only students at RHS who celebrate Hanukkah. It’s interesting to hear their traditions. They light a candle every night of Hanukkah every year. A unique tradition their family has is on the first night everyone gets pajamas.

Now for the grand finale, Ms. Downey. If you have ever had a conversation with her you know that she is obsessed with Christmas. Every year she takes down everything in her house and completely decorates her whole entire house with everything she can find that has to do with Christmas. She has two Christmas trees in her house. One of the trees is for the football team the Giants and the baseball team the Phillies. The other tree is just a regular Christmas tree. She said, “I probably have enough ornaments to fill four trees, but I don’t have enough room in my house for four trees.” Ms. Downey also decorates her classroom for Christmas. If you think any of that is crazy there’s more. She puts a rudolph nose and antlers on her car every year for christmas.
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Restaurant Review
by Marquis Thomas

My first experience at a Sonic was great. As I drove into an open parking spot, I pressed a big red button when I was ready to order. Immediately a voice spoke, from the speaker, ready to take my order.

I ordered a peanut butter cookie dough milkshake and a medium fry with chicken tenders.

My girlfriend only wanted a peanut butter cookie dough milkshake. Soon after I ordered, a man on roller blades came out with our order. I was shocked with the speedy service.

The food was also great and the milkshakes were to die for. Overall I would rate Sonic an 8 out of 10.