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SCHOOL START AND DISMISSAL TIMES

4k-12	8:00 a.m.
4k-6	3:25 p.m.
7-12	3:30 p.m.

Riverdale Junior High Recognized as a High Impact School

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has officially named Riverdale Junior High a High Impact School. This marks the second consecutive year Riverdale Junior High has earned this distinction, placing Riverdale among an elite group of just 70 schools across the entire state to receive this honor.

This prestigious award, presented through the Wisconsin Schools of Recognition program, highlights Title I schools that actively ensure educational success for every student. The designation relies on a rigorous set of state criteria, evaluating academic performance, measurable student growth, and proactive efforts to close achievement gaps, particularly among students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Earning this award back-to-back demonstrates a sustained pattern of excellence and equity in the classrooms.

This milestone reflects the shared efforts of our entire school community. Special congratulations go to Principal Mrs. Gruen and the entire junior high staff for their extraordinary leadership and classroom guidance. Equal appreciation extends across our whole district, as staff at every grade level work together to prepare Riverdale students for long-term academic success.

The DPI High Impact designation serves as both a proud celebration of our momentum and a reminder of what our students can accomplish when backed by dedicated educators and supportive families. As our classrooms fill with energy once again, Riverdale School District remains committed to maintaining high standards, fostering student growth, and making the upcoming school year our strongest one yet.

No School:

*October 16
Staff PD Day*

*November 6
Teacher PD Day
PT Conferences*

End of 1st Quarter

Tuesday,
November 3

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SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME

Welcome back to the start of the 2026-2027 school year! We are excited to welcome the students back to school. The schools and grounds look great due to the efforts of our custodial and maintenance staff. The buildings and classrooms are set up to be clean, healthy, and safe places for students to learn.

We enter into year two of our strategic plan. This plan is designed to keep the development of the students and district in mind when making daily and long term district decisions. Our school board continues to be committed to the development of a strong staff with a goal of making sure we are connecting, empowering and growing our students each and every day.

Our district continues to achieve academically, with our junior high school being recognized as high-impact schools by the Department of Public Instruction for the second consecutive year. This recognition was awarded to 70 schools in the state that serve a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students and demonstrate above-average achievement. Riverdale High School was selected as one of the top 40% of high schools in the nation in a recently published ranking. We continue to be proud of the foundations our students are building at the elementary level to achieve the recognition as they progress through at the JH/HS building.

As an alumnus of the Riverdale Class of 2001, I take tremendous pride in this school district. I have spent 30 of 43 years as either a resident, student, teacher and administrator at Riverdale. We are in the midst of an ever-changing landscape in education. With the inclusion of AI, evolution of technology, debate over screen time and the continuing presence of social media, one thing remains true to everyone: the biggest factor in the development of children is the person who is put in front of them in charge of their learning. Our staff takes this very seriously and understands the impact they make on a daily basis.

In closing, thank you to the community and families for the opportunity to serve our community's children. They are the future and the highest priority. I take great pride in being able to serve both the community and the families within this community. We have several exciting things going on at Riverdale, and with the dedication of our tremendous staff, I am looking forward to a fantastic 2026-2027 school year!

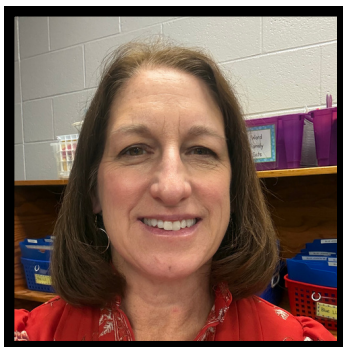


New Teachers



Amy Seguin

Mrs. Seguin was born and raised in Waukesha, WI. She graduated from UW Parkside with a degree in teaching grades 1-9 and a degree in history. She spent the past nine years teaching language arts, literature and world history in the Boscobel School District. When she is not teaching she loves to travel and spending time with her husband and two grown children. She is very excited to be joining the Riverdale team!



Penny Bohringer

Mrs. Bohringer grew up on a dairy farm in Highland. She received her bachelors degree from UW-Platteville and her master's from St. Mary's University of Minnesota. She recently retired from Boscobel where she taught 31 years in second grade. Mrs. Bohringer and her husband live outside of Boscobel have three grown children and recently became Grandparents. Mrs. Bohringer enjoys traveling, reading, doing crafts and gardening. She is excited to be working at Riverdale Elementary and to help kids become successful readers!



Aurora Schmid

Ms. Schmid grew up in Two Rivers and is completing her undergraduate degree in elementary education at UW-Platteville. Ms. Schmid will be an intern in a 3rd grade room this semester. She enjoys spending her free time outdoors hiking or on the water.



Emily Powell

Mrs. Powell grew up and graduated from Dodgeville. She served as a paraprofessional in Richland Center for the last five years before returning to school to earn her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She will be completing her student teaching this fall and transitioning into her role as a K-2 Special Education Teacher. Mrs. Powell is passionate about supporting young learners and creating an inclusive, encouraging classroom where every child can thrive. Outside of school, she enjoys spending quality time with her husband and two daughters.



Addy Bird

Ms. Bird grew up right here in Muscoda and is a proud graduate of Riverdale. She earned her bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from UW-Eau Claire. She then went on to earn her master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Maryville University. Prior to this position she was a substitute in the district and completed her clinical hours at Riverdale last fall. This year, she will be the new Speech-Language Pathologist in the district. She is very excited to officially be part of the staff here and is looking forward to working with the students and supporting their speech and language skills!

Homecoming Schedule of Events October 5 - 10



Homecoming



05 OCT	Powder Puff Football 6:30 PM	
06 OCT	JV/V Volleyball HOME 5:45 & 7:15 PM	
08 OCT	SKITS 7:30 PM	
09 OCT	District Pep Rally 1:30 PM	
09 OCT	Homecoming Parade 2:30 PM	
09 OCT	Varsity Football 7:00 PM	
10 OCT	Cross Country 8:00 AM HOME	
10 OCT	Homecoming Dance 7:00 - 11:00 PM	



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