

Rivercrest Preparatory Online School

The River Current

Rivercrest Students Heading to Washington D.C. and New York

Special points of interest:

- Empire State Building
- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- White House
- Capitol Building
- Broadway
- Times Square
- Subway ride
- Food, food, food
- Fun, fun, fun

At the end of March, three Rivercrest students and one teacher will be getting on a plane for a fun-filled trip to our nation's capital and to our nation's largest city.

Jasmen Diosdado (senior), Catera McCain (senior), and Bethany Sandoval (junior) will be accompanied by Ms. Cortez (eligible for senior discount) on a red-eye flight from Los Angeles International Airport to Washington, D.C.

On the first day in Washington, the group will see some of the Smithsonian museums and take a night tour of the major monuments that will be all lit up. The second day they have to get up early for breakfast and then hop on a bus to go to

Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress (Book of Secrets, anyone?). Then they go to visit George Washington's home, Mount Vernon. That evening they will go on a spooky ghost tour of old town Alexandria.

The 3rd day they will see the changing of the guard and the tomb of the unknown soldier before riding on the bus to New York City.

In NYC, the group will go up the Empire State building, visit the 9-11 memorial, see a Broadway show, go to Ellis Island, and have a chance to sample lots of yummy food!



Cherry blossom time in Washington D.C.

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PICTURE DAY— Did you miss out last time?

Make up picture day will be Wednesday, February 3rd.

Photos are required for IDs and for the yearbook. So, if you are a new student or you missed out last time, you must get your picture taken on Feb. 3rd.

The photographers will be here from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.



This includes middle school students also.

Portrait packages will be available for purchase. See Mrs. Wigg in the office to get your envelope if you want to buy your pictures.

Make sure you are here to get your picture taken—even if you don't normally come on Wednesdays.

Student of the Month for November—SIMONE FORD



Simone Ford
8th Grade

Simone Ford, grade 8, was chosen as Rivercrest Student of the Month for November.

Simone was nominated by Mrs. Wigg because, as she stated, Simone is very respectful to everyone and works hard on her coursework. Simone attends

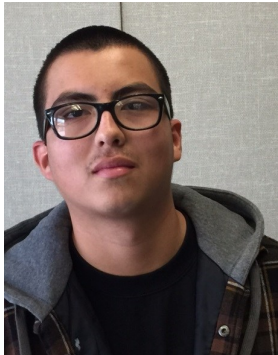
school daily and puts in long hours on her studies. Through all that hard work, Simone maintains a positive attitude.

This is Simone’s first year at our school and she is demonstrating that she has made the transition to a new style of learning.

Simone also demonstrates many of the outcomes of our school motto “FORWARD.”



Student of the Month for January—JAKOB RAMIREZ



Jakob Ramirez, junior, has been chosen as Rivercrest Student of the Month for January,

Ms. Cortez nominated Jakob because of his strong work ethic and because he cares strongly about doing his best in all his classes. Jakob is rarely absent and puts in long hours trying to master the course material and earn high marks.



Dedicating himself to his studies and striving for excellence makes Jakob a good role model for other Rivercrest students.

REAL TALK by Holly Virgin

Ask us a question and we will give you Real Talk advice. Put your letter in the box in the office. Anonymous and confidential!



We received a letter asking for our advice:

“I need help with my jealousy. He is making me crazy! My boyfriend says he loves me but he is always talking to other girls. I get so jealous but he says it’s nothing. I cant seem to believe him. Please help!”

Let me start by saying I am very sorry you had to wait so long for our response! Please remember that jealousy is a NATURAL reaction, and happens to the best of us. If you have the chance, sit down and talk to him and tell him that it makes you uncomfortable when he talks to other girls. After all communication in any relationship is important! You also have to remember he is going to come in contact with a lot of people including females every day. It can’t be avoided. Give him a little trust, but if you really do not believe him then that is an issue that you need to talk out together. Please write again if you have any more questions!

MENTAL HEALTH CORNER by Angelique Park

This month's spotlight is on: Personality Disorder.

By definition it is inflexible and faulty adaptation in personality patterns of behavior. For someone with this disorder it may feel really hard to get to know new people or let people in. People with this disorder hate change. This disorder usually arises earlier in life cause by patterns. People with this disorder have trouble with emotions, interpersonal functions, or impulse control. This disorder can be associated with considerable personal, social, and occupational disruption. This disorder

makes the person struggle with any difference in their routine or patterns of life.

Do you know someone who might be suffering from Personality Disorder?

Do you struggle with any of these symptoms?

Rivercrest offers many programs to help teens struggling with these issues or any other issues. **Don't be afraid to ask for help.** That's the 1st step to feeling better!



Cup of Happy comes to Rivercrest two Wednesdays a month. Their next visit will be Wed., Feb. 10th.

Interested in Joining the Military? By Alex Lobner

So over the past few months I have had the pleasure of going through the recruitment process to join the U.S. Army. During the process there are a lot of ups and downs, it isn't just saying "Hey, I want to join." Before anything, you have to take the ASVAB.

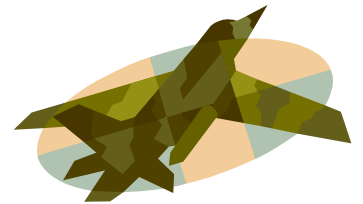
After that you need to see a recruiter and that's when you get a thing called paper work! No seriously a lot, and it will ask

you everything from your name to how many surgeries do you have and everything in between. That's just the beginning. You get another packet of paperwork that's a lot more realistic than the last. In this paperwork you answer questions about who gets what and who plans your funeral. Then you will pick your job for the military and go off to M.E.P.S and do multiple things like your physical. And wait.

Then get your eyes and ears checked. And wait. Then take your oath. And wait. After that's done you will sign a contract and find out your ship date .

Until that date you are required to show up to the recruiting office every Tuesday and Thursday to do P.T. (physical training) and to make sure you still have values until you ship out.

"Hey, I want to join."



Raffle Winner—Victoria Oliveros

We had an art raffle in December for an original oil painting donated by Kaytlyn Widney, a senior here at Rivercrest.

Tickets were sold to benefit the Anime Club.

Miss Victoria was the lucky winner!



CALL FOR STUDENT ART
Any artistic students out there?

Anime Club would love to see your drawings and paintings. Come to a meeting! **Thursdays at 10 in E2.**

Also, the River Current staff always looks for student art to showcase in this online paper so bring your stuff to Ms. Cortez.



ASIAN LUNAR FESTIVAL 2016

On Saturday, January 30, at Lunar Fest 2016, visitors in **Downtown Riverside** **will** be transported to the beauty of the magnificent Ancient Orient, beginning with a Spectacular Parade of Nations at 10 am, Opening ceremonies at 10:45 am, then Traditional Asian Music, Taiko Drums, Dance Performances, Art Displays and Day-Long Demonstration of Martial Arts, **Anime Cosplayers** and a range of Asian Cultural displays of various kinds conducted by community and professional groups alike, throughout the day on four separate stages.

Make sure you visit the Children’s Village for FREE Arts and Crafts. Also check out the Health Expo hosted by local medical professionals, that brings the art of the Mind, Body and Spirit into ones well being. Then enjoy the days events with authentic Asian foods of the Far East and try a variety of Teas at the Tea Pavilion to tantalize the pallet. People are encouraged to dress the part of the festivities and wear your favorite Asian Attire along with the hundreds of traditional cultural garbs from all over Asia and South Pacific.

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Important Dates!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Check the school website often!!!

FAFSA—SENIORS, the deadline to submit your FAFSA and be eligible for Cal Grants is **March 2nd**.

If you haven’t already, go see Ms. Chavez ASAP to obtain your **FAFSA ID**. She is more than willing to help you with

any questions you may have about filling out that very important document—your FAFSA.

Don’t procrastinate.

Go do it!

