

Riverhill School

2008-2009

HIGHLIGHTS



Academics

Arts

Accreditation

Accredited by

Alabama Independent School Association (AISA)

Since 1997

www.aisa-online.org

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

Since 2003

www.sacs.org

Membership in

National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA)

Since 2003

www.ncpsa.org

RIVERHILL'S MISSION

We are committed to providing a child-centered, academic environment whereby we empower our students to become informed, responsible, productive, life-long learners with solid values and positive self-images.

OUR EDUCATIONAL BELIEFS

Each member of the Riverhill community should embrace the following for our students:

- Development of positive self-concept, encouragement of acceptable manners and discipline, and strengthening of socialization skills.
- Students should be encouraged to seek answers to questions and to learn new ways of acquiring information.
- Education includes the teaching of computer skills and of the role and benefits of technology in our lives.
- The curriculum which translates Riverhill's philosophy into reality must be student-centered so that the role of each student is an active one.
- It is important for the school to create an atmosphere that facilitates learning and fosters respect of one's self and the rights of others.
- Each child is important and in a constant state of growth and development.

Minima Maximis Cedant

Let those things which are least important yield to those which are of the greatest importance.

HIGHEST GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

Grade 4 Julia Koonce
Grade 5 Kalie Jamieson
Grade 6 Hannah Mokulis
Grade 7 Molly Ridgeway
Grade 8 Darby Burgess

Karen Carter Academic Achiever Award: Stephen Mokulis

PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING FIFTH GRADERS:

Natalie Dorin
Kalie Jamieson
James Ridgeway
Neel Sandella
Stephanie White

PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EIGHTH GRADERS:

Joel Anderson
Rohit Borah
Darby Burgess
Ryan Paine

PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Cheyenne Golden
Rion Golden

CLASS CITIZENSHIP AWARD:

Grade Pre-K	Ruthie Mitchener	Samay Boorgu
Grade K	Mallie Grace Bevis	Lane Lambert
Grade 1	Emily Butler	Andrew Wilson
Grade 2	Madalyn Lambert	Joseph Hanson
Grade 3	Brinley Elkins	Bradley Dorin
Grade 4	Annie Dethero	Pathan Syed
Grade 5	Kalie Jamieson	James Ridgeway
Grade 6	Hannah Mokulis	Win Watson
Grade 7	Cheyenne Golden	
Grade 8	Sarah Elizabeth Sherrod	Ryan Paine

Bettye Jeffery Good Samaritan Award: Tori Scillian

THE DUKE UNIVERSITY MOTIVATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FOURTH/FIFTH GRADERS :

Registered:

Grace Ann Blake
Annisha Borah
Vivian Mallette
Neha Snadella

Qualified, but not registered:

Annie Dethero
Chris Nuckels

THE DUKE UNIVERSITY TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR SEVENTH GRADERS :

Cheyanne Golden

Cheyanne received STATE RECOGNITION for her
outstanding score on the Reading portion of the ACT!!!!!!

SPECIAL MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Star of the Year Awards:

Kindergarten— Isabel Mallette, Connor Lewis

First — Chase Adolf, Emma Hendrix, Caroline Webb

Second — Elizabeth Blackburn, Barksdale Klos, Cade Casteel

Third — Emily Denton, Betty Holt, Brinley Elkins, Khloe Hendrix,
Nikhil Boorgu, Jon Stewart Ridgeway

Fourth — Annisha Borah, Annie Dethero, Vivian Mallette

Fifth — Kalie Jamieson, Katie Morse, Hanan Mauldin,
Jame Ridgeway, Natalie Dorin, Neel Sandella

Sixth — Emily Blackburn, Reagan Cunningham, Mary Geer
Dethero, Meredith McCanless

Seventh — Molly Ridgeway

Eighth — Aubrey Holden

Star of the Year: Aubrey Holden

All-State Mixed Chorus—Aubrey Holden

SCOUTING:

The Arrow of Light is the highest award given to a cub scout.

Congratulations to Sixth Graders Sam Darby, Neal Denton, Dillon Frederick,
Gil Self, and Ford Tomlinson.

SPELLING BEE WINNERS

CLASS:	Grade 4	Austin Hall Watson	Annie Dethero
	Grade 5	Parker Hanson	Katie Morse
	Grade 6	Emily Blackburn	Win Watson
	Grade 7	Alex Adderholt	Jimmy Todd
	Grade 8	Rohit Borah	Darby Burgess

Those names who are highlighted advanced to the AISA District Spelling Bee.

SCHOOL BEE: Rohit Borah

AISA DISTRICT BEE (hosted by Riverhill):

Grade 8 Rohit Borah won First Place and went on to compete in the State Bee

GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

CLASS:	Grade 4	Christopher Nuckels	Neha Sandella
	Grade 5	Kalie Jamieson	Sarah Beth Daniel
	Grade 6	Win Watson	Peter Nijhoff
	Grade 7	Molly Ridgeway	Jimmy Todd
	Grade 8	Ryan Paine	Rohit Borah

SCHOOL BEE: First Place— Rohit Borah
Second Place— Ryan Paine
Third Place— Jimmy Todd

HANDWRITING CONTEST WINNERS

CLASS:	Grade 1	Caroline Webb
	Grade 2	Valerie Olson
	Grade 3	Jon Stewart Ridgeway
	Grade 4	Annisha Borah
	Grade 5	Natalie Dorin
	Grade 6	Reagan Cunningham
		2008 FIFTH GRADE STATE WINNER
	Grade 7	Cheyenne Golden
	Grade 8	Sarah Elizabeth Sherrod

Zaner-Bloser 2009 STATE EIGHTH GRADE WINNER:
Sarah Elizabeth Sherrod

AISA STATE TECHNOLOGY FAIR:

Our team won Second Place in the Junior High Division!

Individual honors:

Applications:

Second Place— Alex Adderholt

Multi-media:

Second Place— Cheyanne Golden Megan Glasgow

Third Place— Aubrey Holden

Web Page Design:

First Place— Regan Mann Carly Davis

Third Place— Ryan Paine

DISTRICT SCIENCE OLYMPIAD COMPETITION:

Our **team won THIRD PLACE and the SPIRIT AWARD** out of **over 20** schools and **500** competitors and advanced to the STATE competition!

FIRST PLACE MEDALS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

BioProcess: Rion Golden and Ryan Paine

Scrambler: Rion Golden and Rohit Borah

SECOND PLACE MEDALS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

Crave the Wave: Joel Anderson and Ryan Paine

Environmental Chemistry: Joel Anderson and Rohit Borah

Fossils: Jon Torres

Reach for the Stars: Alex Adderholt and Rohit Borah

Science Crime Busters: Rion Golden and Ryan Paine

Wright Stuff: Aubrey Holden and Peter Morse

THIRD PLACE MEDALS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

Experimental Design: Aubrey Holden, Carly Davis, Cheyanne Golden

Pentathlon: Cheyanne Golden, Jon Torres, Rion Golden, Rohit Borah

SCHOLARS BOWL AISA COMPETITION:

Our team won FIRST PLACE AT DISTRICT AND STATE!!!

Jimmy Todd

Cheyenne Golden

Peter Morse

Joel Anderson

Jon Torres

Rohit Borah

Ryan Paine

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Co-Presidents: Rion Golden and Hallie Mauldin

Vice-President: Rohit Borah

Secretary: Darby Burgess

Treasurer: Ryan Paine

9th Grade Representatives: Stephen Mokulis and Tori Scillian

8th Grade Representatives: Joel Anderson and Carly Davis

7th Grade Representatives: Cheyanne Golden and Peter Morse

6th Grade Representatives: Mary Geer Dethero, Meredith
McCanless, and Ford Tomlinson

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Membership: Darby Burgess, Rohit Borah, Aubrey Holden, Ryan Paine, Sarah Elizabeth Sherrod, Hallie Mauldin, Stephen Mokulis, Rion Golden

New Inductees: Molly Ridgeway, Cheyanne Golden

BUILDERS' CLUB

President: Stephen Mokulis

Vice-President: Aubrey Holden

Secretary: Emma Paine

Treasurer: Kristen Anderson

BAND HONORS

Jon Torres and **Hannah Mokulis** both competed in the Solo and Ensemble Competition at Muscle Shoals High School in May. Jon received a rating of excellent and Hannah received a superior rating.

Rion Golden and **Jon Torres** competed in the Shoals Area Honor Band try-outs. Rion competed with 27 other senior high trumpet players from Colbert and Lauderdale Schools for a position in the 2009 Shoals Honor Bands. Rion was sixth chair in the concert Honor Band. Jon competed with 13 other junior high trombone players from the Colbert and Lauderdale Schools for a position. Jon was sixth chair in the junior high Honor Band. Both Rion and Jon participated in the Shoals Honor Bands concert held at Muscle Shoals High School in May.

Rion Golden was the 2008-2009 John Philip Sousa Award winner for the most outstanding band student. **Jon Torres** was the 2008-2009 Patrick S. Gilmore Award winner for the most improved band student.

STANFORD10 ACHIEVEMENT TEST (SAT) 2009 HIGHLIGHTS:

SAT Class Average Percentile - 2009

	SAT
K	81
1	81
2	79
3	77
4	74
5	81
6	84
7	74
8	88
School-wide Average	80

SPECIAL AWARDS:

The staff chose **Rion Golden** as the recipient of the **Anderson Service Award** for his dedication to serving others. This award is named in honor of Susan and Terry Anderson for their ongoing service to the school and our community.

Tori Scillian was chosen by the staff as the recipient of the **Bettye Jeffery Good Samaritan Award**, an award named in honor of Riverhill's former principal who was known for her kindness and goodwill.

The **Murphy Spirit Award** was awarded to **Hallie Mauldin** by the staff. This honor was named for a former board president, Dr. John Murphy, who was instrumental in beginning the middle school program and fully embraced the spirit of our school.

The **Mauldin Parent Volunteer Award** was awarded to **Officer Ralph Richey** by the staff. This award was renamed this year for our out-going Chairman of the Riverhill Board of Trustees, Macke Mauldin, and is given to the parent who goes above-and-beyond in his service to the school.

The **George Pillow Award of Dedication** was awarded to **Hallie Mauldin, Stephen Mokulis, Darby Burgess, Carly Davis, Aubrey Holden, Regan Mann, and Sarah Elizabeth Sherrod**. This award was named for one of our founders and is given to students who enroll in Pre-Kindergarten and stay at Riverhill through its entire program.

THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM:

PRESIDENTIAL FITNESS:

There are two Kindergarten students that would have qualified for the Presidential Physical Fitness Award if it were given to 5 year olds— Ruby Cunningham and Isabella Hughes!

Kindergarten:

Carson Casteel

Lane Lambert

Conner Lewis

William Roberson

Brennen Shuelke

Grant Taylor

Third Grade:

Acker Holt

Darby Keith

Ila McCanless

Caroline Richey

Jon Stewart Ridgeway

Evan Taylor

Alle Thornton

Lindsey Williams

Fifth Grade:

Natalie Dorin

Kalie Jamieson

Robert Keith

Taryn Mann

Paul hunter Marcu

Anna Cagle Richey

James Ridgeway

Collin Taylor

Albert Trousdale

Braden White

Stephanie White

Harrison Williams

Sixth Grade:

Keaton Anderson

Reagan Cunningham

Mary Geer Dethero

Dillon Frederick

Meredith McCanless

Erin McGahey

Emma Paine

Isabella Ryerson

First Grade:

William Nuckels

Caroline Webb

Fouth Grade:

Annie Dethero

Vivian Mallette

Christopher Nuckels

Second Grade:

Madalyn Lambert

Abigail McGee

Eighth Grade:

Ryan Paine

Sarah Elizabeth Sherrod

Ninth Grade:

Hallie Mauldin

NATIONAL FITNESS:

Kindergarten:

Hannah Hibbett

Kneeland Hibbett

Mary Claire Ridgeway

Henry Tomlinson

Margaret Webb

Joseph Hanson

Charlotte Koonce

Valerie Olson

Jackson Watson

Third Grade:

Nikhil Boorgu

Brinley Elkins

Khloe Hendrix

Betty Holt

Ann Simpson Trousdale

Fourth Grade:

Annisha Borah

Sarah Beth Christensen

Martha Howard

Julia Koonce

Fifth Grade:

Grace Ann Blake

Hanan Mauldin

Neel Sandella

Eloise Tomlinson

Sixth Grade:

Kristen Anderson

Thompson Butler

Sam Darby

Neal Denton

Alicia Elkaffas

Matti Grace McIntyre

Hannah Mokulis

Gil Self

Ford Tomlinson

Seventh Grade:

Alex Adderholt

Cheyenne Golden

Peter Morse

Eighth Grade:

Darby Burgess

Jon Torres

Ninth Grade:

Amelia Collin

Second Grade:

Cade Casteel

Chandler Culbreth

Will Darby

RIVERHILL RUN 2009

The following Riverhill students, alumni, and parents, are commended for competing in their age division for the **ONE MILE RUN**:

Braden White, Hallie Mauldin, Bradley Dorin, Mary Geer Dethero, Collin Taylor, Hanan Mauldin, Evan Taylor, Madalyn Lambert, Jon Stewart Ridgeway, Natalie Dorin, Grant Taylor, Reagan Cunningham, Gil Self, Bailey White, Lindsey Williams, Darby Keith, Abigail McGee, Cade Casteel, Carson Casteel, William Roberson, Ray Roberson, Brinley Elkins, Mary Claire Ridgeway, Suzy Casteel, Ruby Cunningham, Martha Mitchener, Frierson Mitchener, Caroline Webb, Margaret Webb, Callie Moore, Valerie Olson, Jerry Olson, Olivia Marcu, and Brooks Moore.

The following Riverhill students, alumni, and parents are commended for competing in their age division for the **5-K RUN**:

Braden White, Jamie Bragwell, Collin Taylor, Molly Ridgeway, Albert Trousdale, Paul Hunter Marcu, Brad Dethero,

AISA DISTRICT ART SHOW WINNERS

1st PLACE: Megan Glasgow, Albert Trousdale, Caroline Webb

2nd PLACE: Stephanie White, Charlotte Koonce, Karsen Kabel,
Caroline Webb

3rd PLACE: Annisha Borah, Erin McGahey, Caroline Richey, Brinley Elkins,
Lane Lambert, Madison Hayes, Mohammed Alkhatib

Honorable Mention: Paul Hunter Marcu, Hanan Mauldin, Isabella Ryerson,
Charlotte Koonce

ARTS ALIVE WINNERS FOR 2009

Annie Dethero
Callie Moore
Erin McGahey

RENAISSANCE FAIRE WINNERS

Art Contest Honorable Mention:

Lane Lambert	Stephanie White
Betty Holt	Albert Trousdale
Isabella Ryerson	

Sonnet Contest Honorable Mention:

Aubrey Holden

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:

Class	Campus Project	Community Project
Pre-Kindergarten	Pick up trash Plant flowers in the Spring	Merrill Gardens (with Big Buddies)
Kindergarten	Maintain birdhouses and squirrel feeders on campus	St. Florian Town Hall and Police Department Canned Food Drive Green Oaks Inn
First Grade	Pick up trash	Writing Friendly Letters for the Forgotten Soldiers Program (with Big Buddies)
Second Grade	Water indoor plants	Adopting someone from the Elderly Angel Tree (with Big Buddies)
Third Grade	Pick up trash	Decorated a Christmas tree for the Sugar Plum Market
Fourth Grade	Plant flowers in the Spring Clean up around campus	St. Michael's Church (with Little Buddies)
Fifth Grade	Safety Patrol	Writing Friendly Letters for the Forgotten Soldiers Program (with Little Buddies)
Middle School	Flag Patrol	New Orleans Beacon of Hope Project Maude Lindsey Free Kindergarten Loaves and Fishes Meals-on-Wheels
Student Government Association	Val-O-Grams Spirit Strips	Can-a-thon
Physical Education Department		Jump Rope for Heart

CLASS TRIPS:

Grade 4 *Montgomery, AL*
 Grade 5 *Camp Misty Mountain Experience Works*
 Grade 6 *Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, VA*
 Grade 7- 9 *New Orleans*

That's the way school
is supposed to be!