



RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE

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Election 2008

The election year is in full swing at Rivermont Collegiate.

Throughout the next 7 weeks, students in grades K-12 will be participating in a school wide mock election. Students in grades K-5 will be Independent Voters and have already started discussing the election in their classroom. Grades 6-12 were divided into "parties" last week and on September 3rd will participate in a convention. During the convention, students will decide a party name, their platform, elect a President/Vice President ticket and divide into different committee. Over the course of the campaign, the campaign teams will be making a commercial advertisement, running a full advertising campaign, participating in an all school Town Hall meeting and balancing campaign finances. This election unit will end on October 21st with the official vote. The faculty and staff will serve at the Electoral College.



Please make plans to join us for a provocative look at kids and technology. Middle & Upper School Dean of Students Ed Knupp will lead a discussion following this poignant film. And, of course, refreshments will be served!



Global Gathering: China fall festival at the Bettendorf Library:

The Bettendorf library has issued a brochure describing events of this year's Global Gathering which focuses on China. They have lined up some great activities during September and October. There are events and activities for everyone regardless of age. A pdf of the Global Gathering China brochure is now available on the library web page -

<http://www.bettendorflibrary.com/ggchinaonline.pdf>

The Rivermont Convention was held Wednesday and two parties were formed. The Pink Panthers elected Matt Newsome as President and Bradley Green as Vice President. The Purple Pagadala elected Meghana Pagadala as President and Chris Mbakwe as Vice President. Over the next 7 weeks these candidates and their party will be running a mock election campaign to students in grades K-12.

Both Quad City Chinese Association and U.S. China Friendship Association members are among presenters of a Moon Festival celebration on Sunday, September 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the library. Members will read stories, poems, and present activities of interest to children and adults.

Rivermont Night School First session: **Growing Up Online**



Rivermont parents and teachers are invited to see and discuss the recent FRONTLINE program "Growing Up Online"

Monday, September 15
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Becherer Hall Auditorium



Family Pancake Breakfast



The National Honor Society will be hosting a Family Pancake Breakfast on

Friday, September 12, 7:30 – 8:30 AM. Proceeds from this event will be used to support the NHS service project in Haiti. Bring the family for breakfast before work and school!





Get your Irish Eyes a Smiling!

Visit Ireland this year over Spring Break-

April 4 – April 11, 2009

**This trip is open to all students in grades 7-12
and their parents. See Mrs. Weeks for details!**

US STUCO will be “Chillin’ with the Children” on Thursday, September 11 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. All Rivermont students in grades 1 – 5 are invited to stay after school for snacks and fun activities with the Upper School Student Council. Students will meet in the Becherer Hall media center and can be picked up there at 4:30. Students will receive permission forms on Monday. There is no cost, however donations of canned food or cash for the Student Food Drive will be greatly appreciated.

Parents’ Council

FIRST PARENTS’ COUNCIL MEETING

(PTA in public schools)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

AT 8.30 A.M. – 9.30 A.M.

IN THE AUDITORIUM (Becherer Hall)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

(INCLUDING YOUNGER CHILDREN)

Magazine Drive



Don’t miss your opportunity to purchase or renew subscriptions to your favorite magazines. This annual fundraiser will run from September 8th – 19th, 2008. There will be incentives for: most orders placed, most online orders and much more. The popular prize store returns at selected lunchtimes. Watch for the brochure of publications available which will come home with your child early next week.

Upper School



From the College Corner:

Monday, September 15 - Susan Hillmann of Earlham College will visit with juniors and seniors at 12:30 PM

Thursday, September 18 - Washington University in St. Louis invites interested students and parents to an information evening at the Lodge Hotel in Bettendorf. No reservation is needed.

Wednesday, October 15 - Anne Gannaway of the University of Iowa will be on campus at 12:30.

D.J. Loerzel of Iowa State University will be on campus at 9:00 AM Thursday, October 23rd to meet with interested juniors and seniors in the Mansion Reading Room.

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

September

- 8 Magazine Drive begins
- 8 **MS Girls VB at Hampton 1, 4:30 PM**
- 9 **MS Girls VB vs. Colona 2, 4:30 PM**
- 10 **MS Girls VB vs. Colona 1, 4:30 PM**
- 10 **Parents’ Council Meeting, 8:30 AM**
- 11 US StuCo *Chillin’ with the Children*, Grades 1-5, 3:30-4:30 PM
- 12 **NHS Family Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 AM**
4th & 5th Grade Volleyball Clinic, 3:30-4:30 PM
- 15 **Growing Up Online discussion with parents and teachers, 6:30-8:00 PM - Auditorium**
- 17 MS & US Players’ Theatre Trip
- 18 **MS Girls VB at Grace, 4:30 PM**
- 19 Fall Mini **Imp-Tiger** Day
- 22 **MS Girls VB at Hampton 2, 4:30 PM**
- 23 **MS Girls VB vs Heritage, 4:30 PM**
- 24 SKS founded in 1884
- 25 Visiting Author – Ying Chang Compstine
- 29 **MS Girls VB vs. Eagle Ridge, 4:30 PM**
- 30 **MS Girls VB at Trinity Lutheran, 4:30 PM**

Parent events are in bold & Early Dismissals are underlined.

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