

Archbishop Riordan High School

HOUSE SYSTEM



Nurture a vibrant school spirit, inspire excellence, foster faith, and encourage leadership



The purpose of the House System is to support all aspects of student life in the Marianist tradition and to enhance an inclusive and collaborative community through Riordan's values.

- Helps monitor and support students social and spiritual growth
- Fosters community and builds better relationships between students and faculty
- Increases leadership opportunities for all students
- Increases student engagement, school spirit, and school pride

FOUR HOUSES ONE ROOF



Each House Has A Story



Building Family Spirit Brick by Brick

- 1 GET PLACED INTO A HOUSE
- 2 MEET YOUR FELLOW HOUSEMATES & MENTOR TEACHERS
- 3 BUILD COMMUNITY & POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS
- 4 COMPETE IN COMPETITIONS & GET YOUR HOUSE, POINTS

“By participating and having fun,
a strong sense of school spirit
will prevail.”



Micro Communities



Incoming 9th grade students are placed into one of FOUR Houses, which they will remain in all four years. Students of all grade levels meet in small groups, participate in a variety of competitions and unite to build community in the family spirit.

These micro communities:

- Give everyone a crew and a cause
- Develop stronger bonds
- Creates more leadership and mentorship opportunities



R-Time

Build Culture ONE DAY at a time

25-30 Students - 20 Minutes - 4 Days a Week

During this time, students meet with their House in small groups called "Mentor Groups." These groups are led by Mentor Teachers and focus on building connections, while encouraging students to discover and explore the depths of Riordan High School.

During R-Time students will:

- Stay updated on the happenings at Riordan
- Create and develop mentorship and foster leadership skills
- Complete activities that focus on self growth
- Build positive relationships and build awareness on current events.

“ The House System gives everyone a crew and a cause! ”



Friendly Competition



Houses compete throughout the year in a variety of academic, athletic, and team-building activities to earn points towards the coveted "Chaminade Cup," a perpetual award given to the House with the most cumulative points at the end of the year.

House Competitions

- Throughout the school year, students will have multiple opportunities to participate in competitions that could get points for their House through trivia, ping pong tournaments, attendance at school events, involvement in school drives, video game tournaments, and more!



The Frosh Olympics

- Founded in 1974, the Frosh Olympics unite the freshman and welcome them to the high school experience
- This event is held in the evening and gathers current Freshman and their families for a night of food and fun
- During this event, the Houses compete against each other in a range of competition that will test their physical & and mental abilities

The Crusader Games

- This week long event signifies the culmination of the entire school year
- Similar to the Olympics, the Crusader games start with an opening ceremony and end with a closing ceremony
- During the week, the entire community comes together to compete in a variety of friendly competitions to see who will claim the cup!

