

# Riverdale's latest technology boost

RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT – Thanks to generous contributions from parents and the community collected during last year's auction paddle raise, this summer was filled with ambitious technology projects to prepare for the school year.

## Wireless infrastructure upgrade

Increasing the number of wireless access points throughout the grade school and high school buildings has dramatically increased the capacity of our wireless infrastructure. Additionally, our wireless range now extends across the majority of each campus.

"As Riverdale moves toward having one device per student, this will significantly improve the ability of teachers to feel confident using digital tools and for students to leverage these tools to maximize learning," says Sean Williams, the district's technology innovator.

## Mounted projectors and sound

We moved all the classroom projectors to ceiling mounts and added distributive sound to the classrooms. This project frees up class floor space, removes a lot of wires and cables and provides for students to hear what is played no matter where they are physically located in the classroom.

## ParentVUE launches Oct. 15

The latest ambitious project is preparing to open the ParentVUE portal for Synergy, our student information system. Parents of 5th-12th

graders will soon be able to view attendance, check students' class schedules

and course history, see assignments and grades as they are posted, and update some of their personal contact information. While not all features are intended for K-4th, those parents will still have access to some functions.

ParentVUE launches on Wednesday, Oct. 15. On that day, parents will receive an email with instructions for accessing the portal with a unique access code. The codes will also be available during conferences, Oct. 16-17. Once activated, you can set your own username and password. A mobile app is also available.

