

Isabel Oesterle

8th Grade Remarkable Raptor

November 2022

The 8th grade team teachers are excited to have Isabel Oesterle as a Remarkable Raptor for November! We all agree that she does an amazing job of demonstrating our CLAW behaviors and exhibiting top-notch student behavior.

Isabel demonstrates Character in so many ways. She is kind and helps other students when they are stuck in class and struggling. She is the first to comfort someone who is having a bad day. She has a positive attitude in every subject and is a hard worker. When she completes an assignment, she'll ask what she can do next! Isabel is respectful to her teachers and her classmates and encourages everyone to get along with everyone else. It shouldn't be a surprise she has all Honors marks in citizenship.

Isabel also has great Leadership qualities. She is proactive and makes good use of her time, often offering to help teachers when she has finished her work. She also helps our custodians to clean the lunchroom and floors of the school. She makes a conscious effort to help her classmates feel welcome. When a new student transferred into her digital literacy class, Isabel was the first to take the lead and help this new student understand how things worked with the desktop computers. She is a great example to her peers of how to ask relevant questions in class to understand.

With all of these amazing qualities, it's no wonder Isabel Achieves so much. She has one of the best mile run times of all the girls in the school and is THE fastest 8th grade girl. She is only one second behind the fastest 9th grade girl! Her creativity shows through in her art projects, digital literacy projects and many more of her assignments, earning her solid A and B grades.

One of the things we love most is Isabel's ability to make Wise Choices and good decisions. She is an influence for good over her friends and has been known to discourage them from making bad choices. She includes everyone and doesn't judge, but rather encourages them to be good people. Her example shines as she goes through the day, quietly doing good for others by smiling, offering a compliment or providing a listening ear. Others want to be around her because they can feel her positive energy.

Isabel, we think you are so amazing! We are excited to see what amazing things you will keep doing during your time at Riverview. Thank you for being our Remarkable Raptor!

Eli Gonzalez

9th Grade Remarkable Raptor

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Eli Gonzalez is our choice for the November Remarkable Raptor. Here are just a few of the many compliments his teachers have about him:

“Eli is a fun energy in class. He is literally constantly smiling about something. He is well-liked by his peers and he knows how to make others feel welcome. I once watched a student with few friends approach Eli and strike up a conversation. Eli was incredibly kind and welcoming to this student. It wasn't difficult for Eli to make this small effort, but I watched it magnify the other student's demeanor for the remainder of class that day. I seriously love Eli :)” - Mrs. Johnson

“I have loved teaching Eli for all three years he’s been at Riverview. He is a fantastic leader for our class, and he has the ability to make us laugh. He has always been so supportive of his peers, becoming their cheer section after playing tests, and giving encouragement when the music gets tough. He is dedicated, interested in learning, and doesn’t shy away from working hard. He currently can play four different instruments, and wants to learn a fifth! He’s been a key member of the marching band at MHS. These skills and traits make him remarkable, and they will take him far in life. Thanks Eli for joining my class, sticking with it, and being a crucial member of our ensemble!” - Mrs. Worwood

“I miss having Eli in English! Last year, he was a student that I knew I could count on to participate. He was a great sport and brought the fun to our lessons. Eli is also fantastic at analyzing and understanding the symbolic meaning in our class readings. He was a great example to other students in how to read beyond the words on the page and I know he will take those skills to benefit him in his bright future.” - Mrs. Brown

“Eli is such a well-rounded student. He always tries his best while being able to have fun. I see him allowing students to have second chances. Eli is someone I can count on to include everyone. He works so hard to understand the material. On multiple occasions, I have noticed him reach out to students in class who are struggling to make friends. Eli is amazing and I’m so lucky I get to teach him this year!” - Mrs. Bly

We are so lucky to have Eli at our school!

Sander Rees

7th Grade Remarkable Raptor

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Sander Rees is definitely a remarkable raptor! Sander is AMAZING! Sander is excelling in all of his classes this year. He takes pride in doing his best work each day. He is responsible, a hard worker, and always prepared. He works well in a group and individually. He also asks great thoughtful questions and works diligently in class. He always adds thoughtful and funny ideas in class discussions and activities. Sander is a great example to those around him and his teachers greatly appreciate his contributions to class.

All of his teachers feel lucky to have him in class this year! He has such a positive attitude. He is so kind and respectful to those around him, and helps his classmates when they need it. We love seeing him say hello to others in the hall and in his classes. He has a fun sense of humor and includes others. He makes other students feel comfortable and is a positive influence in any class.

Sander is an excellent addition to our music program at Riverview. He has shown great dedication to practicing and learning the trombone. His hard work does not go unnoticed. Sander is an incredible writer; he writes such fun and creative stories in his English class. He is also an avid reader who loves to discuss books. He has great insights and comprehension.

He is quick-witted, and finds any small mistake and helps to re-correct it in his math class. He shows great sportsmanship and attitude in PE, too. In his CCA class, his teacher is impressed by his attention to detail. Sander holds himself to high standards of achievement in all of his classes. He's cultivating skills that will help him be successful in life! Sander is **REMARKABLE!**

Elisabeth Behunin

7th Grade Remarkable Raptor

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I would love to have a whole classroom full of students like Elisabeth! She is positive, a hard worker, and responsible. She shows up to class ready to learn and participate. Elisabeth puts her best effort into all of her work. I have enjoyed getting to know her through the comments and stories she shares during our lessons in College and Career Awareness. Elisabeth is kind and always ready to help. Sometimes before I even have a chance to answer a student's question, Elisabeth is at their desk helping them figure out the problem. I so appreciate her dedication to learning and willingness to help others. Elisabeth is a phenomenal student! Here's what her other teachers have said about her:

"Elisabeth is creative and responsible. She is positive and gets along with everyone!"

"Elisabeth comes into class happy and it shows. She works hard and never complains. She is quick to help others and is an example of how students should behave. Elisabeth works hard at everything we do in science. I am lucky to have her in my class."

"Elisabeth is truly a delight to have in health class. She works well with everyone and is just such a positive light. Elisabeth is also so great with participating in class and has wonderful ideas about how we can live a healthier and happier lifestyle. Even from our first couple of days together, she has stood out as a kind, hard-working, and dedicated student. I know she will achieve so many great and wonderful things!"

"Elisabeth is such a fantastic student! She is brave and frequently willing to share her thoughtful questions and quick to participate in class discussions. Elisabeth is a diligent student who works hard to do her best in class and is pleasant and helpful to all around her. Her happy smile and kindness is noticed by all and contributes to making our class a better place to be."

"Elisabeth is so helpful in my classroom! She always helps her peers and me with whatever we need. She is kind and friendly to those around her. Elisabeth is a remarkable raptor for sure!!"

"Elisabeth is such a pleasure to have in class. She has such a positive attitude and is always willing to help out other students."

Way to go Elisabeth!

Matthew Archer

8th Grade Remarkable Raptor

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One of our newest Raptors comes to us this year from South Africa! Matthew was quiet at first, but is now known school-wide as a student who is kind, fun, funny (and in possession of a ridiculous number of Strader's hall passes).

Mrs. Strader has Matthew for both English and Creative Writing. Her classroom is full each morning before school with a steady stream of students coming in to say hi to Matthew, but Strader doesn't mind. She says, "It's been so delightful to see Matthew become a part of Riverview, discover Halloween, and watch snow falling outside the window." Matthew is bright, positive, and eager to share his South African culture and heritage with the class; he brought South African currency for his Show and Tell! His short stories in Creative Writing are so inventive - she wishes everyone could read his story about what *really* happens at Area 51! "Matthew is just a joy, through and through," Mrs. Strader concludes.

Ms. Donovan agrees, calling Matthew, "an absolute gem of a student." She specifically mentioned that in their History class, "he is articulate, a hard worker and has a wonderful sense of humor. It is wonderful having him as a student."

Matthew's Math teacher, Ms. Williams, has also noticed Matthew's dedication to his academics on top of his kind character. She says, "Matthew is a joy to have in my math class. He participates on a daily basis and even attends the extra study sessions for Honors students."

Mrs. Bigler sees Matthew for Advisory, and she was so excited to share her experience as his teacher: "Matthew is a kind and respectful student who is fun to have in class. He has definitely found his voice and increased in confidence in class and amongst his peers. I'm grateful that Matthew is willing to share his perspective and culture with us; it makes our Advisory class more interesting as we learn new things together."

Matthew's positive energy and contribution spreads down the Science hallway, too! Ms. Westbrook shared that, "Matthew is such an awesome student. He is smart, witty, and diligent. He is a great example to his peers, all of his classmates love him! I can always count on Matthew to participate and help his classmates. I am so grateful to have him as a student and I appreciate his kind demeanor."

Both Mr. Johnston, his Construction teacher, and Coach Names, PE, commented on Matthew's friendliness! Mr. Johnston says, "Matthew is an awesome South African :) He is just a fun and kind

kid. He is always working when he should be and he seems to get along with everyone. He is a great addition to Riverview.” Coach Names agrees, describing Matthew as, “a very pleasant young man.” Coach Names admires that Matthew “is polite to everyone around him. So far, Matthew has proven to be a hard worker and a good teammate in P.E.”

Matthew - we hope that it’s clear how glad we are that you are at Riverview with us. Our school is a better place for students and staff alike with you as a part of our Raptor community.

Mackenzie Hepworth

9th Grade Remarkable Raptor

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Mackenzie Hepworth is the 9th Grade Team's Remarkable Raptor for November!

Mackenzie is intelligent, diligent, a hard worker, a conscientious student and best of all, is genuinely nice and kind to everyone. She always gives 100% to anything she's involved in and if extra time is necessary to get something done, she willingly puts in the extra effort.

Mackenzie is a new student to Riverview this year. For some students, this would make it so they sit back and don't participate. This isn't the case with Mackenzie. She is involved in her classes and played with Riverview in the flag football game against Hillcrest. The teachers love having Mackenzie in their classes, not only because she is such a good student, but because she includes everyone around her. As one teacher put it, "Mackenzie is strong and I love getting to teach her." 😊

Mackenzie is such a great student! She works so hard to understand the concepts being taught in class and isn't afraid to ask questions if she needs help. Mackenzie is also a great writer. She is creative and a hard worker and willing to revise if necessary.

Mackenzie is happy to come to class each day. Not only is she eager to learn, but She is a bright student and takes all of the hardest classes offered at Riverview. She makes sure all of her work is in on time and redoes anything willingly. Her grades are important to her, but even better, she wants to learn the concepts taught to the class.

Mackenzie is so sweet! She is friendly and makes an effort to say hi to those around her. She tries to maintain a positive outlook on everything and we've never heard her utter a negative comment about anyone or anything. She has a great positive attitude and is always willing to participate in class activities and include others.

Mackenzie is a great student and an even better person.

Congratulations, Mackenzie! 9th Grade's Remarkable Raptor!