



# River Ridge Middle School

## Welcome Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders!

### 2016-2017 Course Registration Information

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! The information below is provided to students and parents as input for course selection. Students will use this information to choose their electives and core courses.

#### **Attention incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders: Save the dates!**

February 9<sup>th</sup> - Curriculum Fair at River Ridge Middle School - Information to help make course selections. 6:00-7:30PM.

February 19<sup>th</sup> - Course Cards Due To 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers - Parents will review and help students select Exploratory Wheel or elective options and return course cards to 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Storm The Castle For 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 9:00-1:00 – Please make sure to indicate student shirt size above Parent Signature\*

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Core Courses**

All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a yearlong class in Math, Science, Language Arts, World History, and Reading. Advanced coursework will be determined by 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher recommendations and FSA performance on a separate course selection card. Any questions? Please call RRMS guidance at (727) 774-7239.

#### **Advanced Coursework:**

- Courses will be rigorous and may require significant projects, writing assignments and work outside of class time.
- Placement is determined by past student performance. Criteria will include previous Level 4 or 5 on FSA Reading and/or Math, A average, 70% and above on district quarterly checks and advance placement test as well as teacher recommendation. Notification of course placement and summer assignments will be made early summer.
- Summer assignments will support the beginning of the school year focus and can be accessed on the school website.
- Schedule changes will not be possible once enrolled due to class size mandates and end-of-course exam requirements.

#### **How can I earn high school credit while in middle school?**

- Advanced classes taught at RRMS that meet high school credit requirements
- High school classes taught at RRHS
- Online classes: Pasco eSchool

#### **Helpful Resources:**

RRMS website <http://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/RRMS/Welcome.html/>

eSembler <https://grades.pasco.k12.fl.us/default.asp>

**PE Requirement:** All students are required to take one semester of Physical Education in middle school every year (Senate Bill 610).

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives- Please rank your options from 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> choice.**

**Option A.** 1 Semester Exploratory Wheel A (Art, Theatre, Music) and 1 Semester of PE.

**Option B.** 1 Semester Exploratory Wheel B (Art, Theatre, Computer Skills) and 1 Semester of PE.

**Option C.** Band 1 -Yearlong Class No PE

**Option D.** Chorus 1 -Yearlong Class No PE.

**Option E.** Engineering Semester and PE - Design and Modeling

**Option F.** Engineering Yearlong- Design and Modeling and Automation & Robotics

**Option G.** Computer Applications and 1 Semester of PE.

Semester Class	Semester Class	Yearlong Class	Yearlong Class
<b>A. ___ Exploratory Wheel A</b> This option includes a semester of exploration divided into Art, Theater and Music.	<b>B. ___ Exploratory Wheel B</b> This option includes a semester of exploration divided into Art, Theater and Computer Skills.	<b>C. ___ Band 1</b> This option is a yearlong study of band. <b>PE Waiver Required, signed at registration.</b>	<b>D. ___ Chorus 1</b> This option is a yearlong study of chorus. <b>PE Waiver Required, signed at registration.</b>
Semester Class	Yearlong Class	Semester Class	PE Note
<b>E. ___ Engineering- Design and Modeling</b> Students apply the design process to solve problems and understand the influence of creativity.	<b>F. ___ Engineering- Design and Modeling and Automation and Robotics</b> Students use the VEX Robotics® platform to design, build, and program real-world objects such as traffic lights, toll booths, and robotic arms. <b>PE Waiver Required, signed at registration.</b>	<b>G. ___ Computer Applications for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> Students work on exciting projects while learning basic keyboarding and word processing skills as well as electronic presentation tools.	All Semester Electives are paired with one semester of Physical Education.

\*Students will receive a free T-shirt at the 8/3/16 Storm the Castle Event. Please indicate your child's shirt size.

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**Parent signature below indicates that you have provided input into the course selection process.**

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Parent Signature

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Date