

# River Ridge Middle School

## Class of 2022

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mid-Year Newsletter



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## MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS TO HIGH SCHOOL

The state mandate (**F.S. 1003.4156**) requires that middle school students complete a Language Arts, Math, Science, & Social Studies course each year with a minimum grade of "D" to be promoted to high school. Middle School students must also sit for the State Civics Assessment.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

All 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will take the following assessments:

- Florida Standards Assessment ELA
- Florida Standards Assessment 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math or Algebra I EOC or Geometry I EOC
- NGSSS FCAT 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science
- District End-of-Course Final Exams

## PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The 18-19 course selection process will begin when we return from winter break. Ms. Iannone, School Counselor, will assist students in learning more about high school coursework and program options. Please see the tentative timeline below.

- January 11<sup>th</sup> Technical High School presentation Period 3
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> RRHS Presentation on Academies Periods 1-3
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> RRHS Presentation on Course Selection (Honors and AP) Periods 1-3
- February 7<sup>th</sup> Course Selection Parent Night 6:30PM-7:45PM Theater
- Course selection process/academy applications will be available on the RRHS website including due dates for course cards and applications.
- TBD: Future Knight Kick Off Pep Rally @ RRHS Gym



### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIPS

The following field trips will be available to 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are "on track" for promotion. These are dates and prices but more information will be provided closer to the trips.

- December 8 (Teal), January 22 (Gold), January 23 (Maroon): Holocaust Museum, St. Petersburg, FL \$
- February 23: Kennedy Space Center NASA, Cape Canaveral, FL \$65
- May 11: Gradventure @ Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure, Orlando, FL \$130

### GRADVENTURE

The cost of the trip will be \$130 which includes bus transportation, admission to both theme parks, dinner, and the official 8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirt for Gradventure. There are limited number of tickets (250) available and they will be reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis. Administration reserves the right to give preference to students who are "on track" for grades and behavior regardless of whether a student is one of the first 250 students. The final deadline to turn in all money and permission slips will be Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Students may turn in permission forms and payment to Ms. Sullivan RM 221 during 8<sup>th</sup> grade lunch. Please see the attached letter and permission form for more information.

### YEARBOOK

Yearbook \$25 (through Jan. 1), \$30 (through May), \$35 (after arrival). Order online at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>. There will be a yearbook signing party for any student who purchases a yearbook in May.

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#### IMPORTANT 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DATES

**\*\*Dates & events are subject to change**

**Winter Dance** - December 15  
**Quarter 2 Ends** – December 22  
**Winter Break** – December 25 – January 8  
**MLK Jr. Day** – No School – January 15  
**Quarter 2 Report Cards** – January 21  
**Quarter 3 Progress Reports** – February 9  
**Parent Night/Curriculum Showcase** – February 21 6PM  
**NASA Field Trip** – February 23  
**FSA ELA Writing Window** – February 26-March 7  
**Spring Dance** - March 9  
**Quarter 3 Ends** – March 16  
**Spring Break** – March 19-23  
**Quarter 3 Report Cards** – March 27  
**FSA ELA/Math Windows** – April 9 – May 4  
**Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics EOCs Windows** – April 16 – May 11  
**Quarter 4 Progress Reports** – April 27  
**NGSSS Science Grade 8 Window** – April 30-May 4  
**District Finals Window** – May 7-24  
**Gradventure @ Universal** – May 11  
**RRMS Athletics Dinner & Banquet** – May 16 5:30PM  
**Yearbook Signing Party** – May TBD  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** – May 18 6PM-8PM  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night of Excellence Awards Ceremony** – May 22 6PM  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic** – May 23 12PM-2PM  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony** – May 24 8AM RRMS/HS Gym  
**Last Day of School** – May 25

#### SAVE THE DATES: END OF YEAR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACTIVITIES

8<sup>th</sup> graders wishing to participate in the end of year activities must meet eligibility requirements. Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who does not pass their current courses and/or fails to complete any course recovery from 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be ineligible to participate in any 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year activities (4<sup>th</sup> quarter), because he/she would not have met the mandatory requirements for promotion to high school. There will be a \$15 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Fee which will include the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance and picnic participation. **All final decisions on academic eligibility for end of year activities will be determined by administration and will be based on students meeting promotion guidelines.**

- May 11: Gradventure
- May 18: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
- May 22: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards
- May 23: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic

#### PROMOTION CEREMONY – MAY 24

River Ridge Middle School will host a Promotion Ceremony for the Class of 2022 at 8AM on Thursday, May 24, 2018 in the RRMS/HS Gymnasium. This is a formal occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders being promoted to high school. We invite family and friends to join us to recognize our outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

