



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that the 2018-19 school year is coming to a close and in a short time your 8th grader will soon be transitioning to high school. The final months of 8th grade will be filled with many exciting milestones and memorable events. We wanted to take a moment to share important information and an outline of the 8th Grade End of Year Activities.

8th graders wishing to participate in the end of year activities must meet eligibility requirements. Any 8th grade student who does not pass their current courses and/or fails to complete any course recovery from 6th or 7th grade will be ineligible to participate in any 8th grade end of year activities (4th quarter), because he/she would not have met the mandatory requirements for promotion to high school. Student behavior and disciplinary action will also be taken into consideration. **All final decisions on academic and behavioral eligibility for end of year activities will be determined by administration and will be based on students meeting promotion guidelines.**

April 27th: 8th Grade Video Submissions

It's time to find those incredibly cute baby pictures for our 8th grade video! Please email ONE baby picture and ONE current individual picture. All pictures need to be sent electronically to Mrs. Baumaister at cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us with the subject line: 8th Grade Baby Picture – Student Name. Deadline for photo submission is April 27th.

May 11: Gradventure

Gradventure ticket sales end Friday, March 30th. You may purchase them online through Acorn or to Ms. Sullivan, Gold Team. There will be an Expectations Session for all students attending Gradventure during Knight Time on May 7th in the cafeteria. Students should be in Pasco County and Universal Studio's Gradventure dress code by wearing your 8th grade t-shirt and appropriate length shorts or pants. Students may bring an 8x10 string bag but no backpacks. On Friday, May 11, buses will be leaving from the bus loop at 1:30PM and will return to River Ridge at 2:00AM. Students must be released to a parent or guardian only at that time.

8th Grade T-shirt Orders

T-shirts are included with the purchase of a Gradventure ticket. If your student is not attending Gradventure but wants to purchase an 8th Grade t-shirt, you may order one for \$10 by April 4th in the front office or online through Acorn.

May 16: Yearbook Signing Celebration

Yearbook Pre-Sale online only for \$30 through Wednesday, April 6th at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> and enter the yearbook ID code: 10816217. Yearbook Sales will continue May 14th for \$35. Students who purchase a yearbook may attend the Yearbook Signing Celebration at 1:15PM in the cafeteria. Ice cream treats will be provided.

May 18: 8th Grade Dance

Students who purchase tickets are invited to attend the 8th Grade Dance from 6PM-8PM in the River Ridge gymnasium. Dress code for the dance is semi-formal attire and students are expected to follow the Pasco County Schools dress code and Student Code of Conduct. This would include dress pants (no jeans), dress shirt with tie or collared shirt, for boys. For girls, a dress or skirt of the appropriate length, or blouse and dress pants is acceptable. Jeans, shorts, shirts without a collar or flip flops will not be permitted.

May 21: 8th Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards Night

The Celebration of Excellence Awards Night is by invitation and will begin at 6PM in the Knight Café with light refreshments to follow. Students who earned all As and Bs for the first semester and third quarter will be recognized at this ceremony. There will also be team and elective awards. Invitations will be mailed home and families should RSVP to Mrs. Eberhard in the front office by Friday, May 18th.

May 23: Kings & Queens of the Castle 8th Grade Picnic & Video Viewing

On Wednesday morning, students will have the opportunity to view the 8th Grade video in the theater. From 12-1:55PM, students will be able to participate in games, the Big Kahuna waterslide, obstacle course and a picnic meal (hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks) as long as they have a permission form and pay the participation fee of \$15. We are looking for parent volunteers and businesses to donate food items and prizes for drawings throughout the picnic. Please contact Mrs. Tabone in the front office at 774-7208 or ktabone@pasco.k12.fl.us. Parents must be an approved volunteer.

May 24: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony & Dance

To celebrate your student's promotion to high school, we invite family and friends to attend our 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony on Thursday, May 24 at 8AM at the River Ridge MS/HS Gymnasium. Students will complete their "Last Walk" through RRMS campus and into the gym for a ceremony to celebrate our 8th graders. After the ceremony, parents/guardians may sign their children out to go home. Please indicate your preference on the attached permission form.

There will be a \$15 8th Grade End of Year Activities participation fee, which will include admission to the 8th Grade Picnic and Dance. Payment can be made to the Language Arts teachers, Ms. Cione, Bookkeeper, or online through the Acorn system on the RRMS website. Students will need a signed parent permission form to go on the waterslide and obstacle course at the picnic. Please see the attached form.

Thank you for the opportunity you have given River Ridge Middle School staff to work with and teach your children. We look forward to finishing the year strong. ***In order for your student to participate in the 8th grade activities, please sign, provide payment and return the second page to your Language Arts teacher no later than Friday, May 18.***

Sincerely,

Angie Murphy, Principal

Jena Ferry, Administrative Intern

Kerry Iannone, 8th Grade School Counselor



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RRMS 8th Grade Early Dismissal on Thursday, May 24, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to celebrate your child's promotion to high school with you at our promotion ceremony on 5/24/18. In order to expedite a safe and secure check out process for all students, we are implementing a pre-checkout authorization procedure. Students who have a completed form on file **prior to the end of the day Friday, May 18, 2018** will be issued a wristband for easy identification on the morning of the promotion. At the conclusion of the promotion, all students wearing a wristband will be permitted to leave as planned. All other students will return to class.

If you would like to check out your child early on Thursday, May 24 at the end of the promotion, please complete this form and turn it into your child's Language Arts teacher by the end of the school day on Friday, May 18, 2018.

Circle your child's Language Arts teacher's name:

Sullivan

Wierenga

Mekus

Hitzemann

I, _____ (print parent's name), give _____ (print child's name)

permission to check out early on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at the conclusion of the promotion ceremony.

- I give permission for my child to leave RRMS with _____.
- I will take my child with me at the conclusion of the promotion ceremony.
- My child has my permission to walk home or ride his/her bike at the conclusion of the parade.

Parent Signature _____

Student's Name _____ Student ID# _____

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PARENT CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of _____ ID# _____
(Student's Name) (Student ID Number)

I hereby give consent for my child/ward to participate in the water slides, bouncy obstacle course, and other activities that will take place at **River Ridge Middle School on May 23, 2018 at the 8th Grade Picnic.**

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF MY CHILD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOL BOARD, TEACHERS OR OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM MY CHILD'S SCHOOL, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE SUPERINTENDENT, THE PRINCIPAL, TEACHERS, OR OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS, IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEER LEADERS AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY, IF THE FORM IS NOT SIGNED.

I know of and acknowledge that my child knows of the risks involved in the types of activities described herein and attest that my child has no known health issues or disabilities that would prevent him/her from participating in these types of activities. I understand that serious injury is possible in such participation and choose to accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in such activities. With full understanding of the risks involved, I release and hold harmless my child's school, the individual members of the school board, the superintendent, the principal, teachers or other employees of the school and volunteer leaders from any financial responsibility or any and all liability for any injury or claim resulting from such participation and agree to take no legal action against the school, the individual members of the school board, the superintendent, the principal, teachers or other employees of the school and volunteer leaders because of any accident or mishap involving participation of my child.

I authorize emergency medical treatment for my child should the need arise for such treatment while my child is under the supervision of the school. I further hereby authorize the use of disclosure of my child's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. To ensure prompt attention in case of sickness or accident, I hereby authorize the person(s) in charge of said event to incur expense considered necessary for treatment and I agree to pay for same if this is in excess of the amount paid by any accident or health insurance policy that may be in effect at the time of the sickness or accident.

I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY.

Name of Parent/Guardian (Printed) Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Emergency contact number (where you may be reached on 5/23/18 during the day) (_____) - _____

**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE, COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE
SUBMITTED TO YOUR LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER.
NO LATER THAN Friday, May 18, 2018.**