

River Ridge Middle School



Class of 2023

Transitioning to 8th Grade Year

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STORM THE CASTLE

NEW RRMS STUDENT ORIENTATION – AUGUST 2

8th graders new to RRMS are invited to attend Storm the Castle on **Thursday, August 2 from 8:30AM-2PM**. This day will provide an orientation to RRMS, give new students an opportunity to meet current RRMS students and teachers, and learn about the campus, clubs and sports. Students will receive a RRMS shirt, bag, breakfast, lunch, and snacks at no cost. Parents can join their students at 1PM to pick up schedules, pay fees, purchase spirit items, PE uniforms, etc. *Students who attend do not need to attend the County-wide Secondary Registration Day on August 7.*

SECONDARY REGISTRATION DAY – AUGUST 7

Tuesday, August 7 is the County-wide Secondary Registration Day from 8AM-2PM in the River Ridge Middle School Cafeteria for any returning students to RRMS. Parents/Guardians can come with students to pick up schedules, pay fees, purchase PE/Dance uniforms and lockers, buy yearbooks, and take tours of the campus. We will also have new RRMS spirit items on sale for purchase.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE FOR 8TH GRADE YEAR EXPENSES?

The list below contains the majority of the 8th grade year expenses but may not be limited to all expenses. Budgeting is the best way to manage these expenses as we have spread them throughout the year. We are moving to a credit card option that will be available in August and will be linked on the RRMS website.

Required:

- *General Course Fees: TBD based on courses*
- *Athletic Participation Fee: \$50 1st sport, \$30 2nd sport, \$130 for family (Collected prior to playing the sport)*

Optional:

- Class of 2023 T-shirt \$10
- Yearbook \$25 (through Jan. 1), \$30 (through May), \$35 (after arrival)
Order online at www.yearbookforever.com or cash/check to Ms. Baumaister.
- School Pictures TBD
- 8th Grade Panoramic \$13
- Fall, Winter, and Spring Dances \$10 each
- Gradventure/8th Grade Gradventure T-shirt \$130
- 8th Grade Activity Fee (8th grade dance, picnic) \$15



8TH GRADE FIELD TRIPS

We expect to have the following field trips available to 8th graders who are “on track” for promotion. These are tentative dates and prices but more information will be provided closer to the trips.

- December/January: Holocaust Museum, St. Petersburg, FL
- March 1: Kennedy Space Center NASA, Cape Canaveral, FL
- May 10: Gradventure @ Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure, Orlando, FL \$130

SAVE THE DATES: END OF YEAR

8TH GRADE 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. **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 10: Gradventure
- May 17: 8th Grade Dance
- May 21: 8th Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards
- May 23: 8th Grade Picnic

PROMOTION CEREMONY – MAY 24

River Ridge Middle School will host a Promotion Ceremony for the Class of 2023 at 8AM on Friday, May 24, 2019 in the RRMS/HS Gymnasium. This is a formal occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of our 8th graders being promoted to high school. We invite family and friends to join us to recognize our outstanding 8th grade class.

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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.

8TH GRADE REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

All 8th Graders will take the following assessments:

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

IMPORTANT 8TH GRADE DATES

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

Band Camp – July 16 – July 19 8:30AM-3:30PM
 Storm the Castle for 6th & New RRMS Students – August 2
 County-wide Secondary Registration Day – August 7
 First Day of School for Students – August 13
 RRHS Open House – August 24 5PM
 RRMS Book Fair – August 27-August 31
 RRMS Open House – August 28 6PM
 School Pictures – August 29
 Labor Day – No School – September 3
 Quarter 1 Progress Reports – September 14
 Fall Dance – September 14
 River Ridge Spirit Week - October 1-5
 Quarter 1 Checks-October 1-12
 History Fair Parent Night – October TBD
 Quarter 1 Ends – October 12
 Teacher Planning Day – No School – October 15
 Quarter 1 Report Cards – October 22
 Fall Concert - November 1
 Fall Drama Production – November 7-10
 Great American Teach In – November 15
 Quarter 2 Progress Reports – November 16
 Thanksgiving Break – November 19-November 23
 Winter Dance Showcase – December 1
 Winter Dance - December 7
 Quarter 2 Checks – December 10-21
 RRMS Program Showcase Night – December 11 6PM
 Winter Concert – December 18
 Quarter 2 Ends – December 21
 Winter Break – December 22 – January 6
 Teacher Planning – No School – January 7
 Quarter 2 Report Cards – January 14
 MLK Jr. Day – No School – January 21
 Honor Roll Ceremony – February 5
 Quarter 3 Progress Reports – February 8
 Parent Night/Curriculum Showcase – February 12 6PM
 President's Day – No School – February 18
 Student Dance Choreography Show – February 22
 Spring Dance - March 9
 Quarter 3 Ends – March 15
 Spring Break – March 18-22
 Teacher Planning – No School – March 25
 Spring Drama Performance – March 28-30 (TBD)
 Quarter 3 Report Cards – April 2
 FSA Writing Grades 6-8 Window – April 1 – April 12
 No School for Students – April 19
 Take Your Child to Work Day – April 25
 Quarter 4 Progress Reports – April 26
 FSA Reading, Math, NGSSS Science, Algebra 1 EOC, Civics EOC, Geometry Assessment Windows – May 1 – 28
 Gradventure @ Universal – May 10
 RRMS Athletics Dinner & Banquet – May 15 6:30PM
 Spring Concert – May 16 6:30PM
 Yearbook Signing Party – May TBD
 8th Grade Dance – May 17 6PM-8PM
 End of Year Dance Review – May 18
 District Finals Window – May 20-29
 8th Grade Night of Excellence Awards Ceremony – May 21 6PM
 8th Grade Picnic – May 23 12PM-2PM
 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – May 24 8AM RRMS/HS Gym
 Memorial Day – No School – May 27
 Last Day of School for Students – May 29