

5.20.18

Good afternoon, Royal families... this is the last week of school and it has been a great year!

We will continue to have district finals this week to complete the end of year testing. These assessments count for 10% of the student's grade.

On Monday, we will be celebrating our Royal Knights with the Celebration of Excellence end of year awards ceremonies. Invitations were distributed last week. 6th grade will be at 8AM in the theater with 7th grade following at 9:30AM. The 8th grade honors night will begin at 6PM in the cafeteria. Light refreshments will be served.

Transportation letters will also be sent home on Monday for the upcoming year. Bus stops will roll to next year unless transportation is contacted and the address information is updated.

Join us on Tuesday for the RRMS Art and Design Exhibition showcasing the art work of Ms. Berberich's and Ms. Darling's students throughout the day. If parents plan on attending, please check in at the front office. Tuesday evening at 6:30PM will be the Spring Music Concert in the theater.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday students should not bring backpacks to school. They may bring small purses or string packs. If a student chooses to bring backpacks, they will be confiscated and housed in the front office until the end of the day.

The end of year activities for our 8th graders continue on Wednesday, May 24 with the 8th grade video viewing and picnic. Students who have turned in their permission forms to their Language Arts teachers and \$15 will be able to attend. Students are also encouraged to bring sunscreen, wear hats, and may wear clothing which can get wet but must be in dress code for the picnic only.

The Promotion Ceremony will be on Thursday, May 24 at 8AM in the gym and doors will open at 7:30AM for families. Students will report to the theater at 7:30AM. Students must have an early release form signed in order to leave early that day.

Friday, May 25th is last day of school. We will be holding a breakfast 1st period for our 7th graders as they become kings and queens of the castle. 7th graders are encouraged to bring in items to decorate crowns during this time.

Information on Extended School Year was provided to those students who are eligible to make up courses this summer. ESY will be 10 days on June 11-14, June 18-21, and June 25, 26. Please get your forms back to Mrs. Hammelman as soon as possible. As you plan your schedule for this summer, River Ridge will be offering several summer camp opportunities in the following areas: football, volleyball, dance, STEM/Engineering, Art and Design, Drama, and Music. Registration information is located on the River Ridge Middle and High School website.

We also are excited to announce that we will be introducing our new middle school after school program opened from 2PM-6PM called Beyond the Bell for the 2018-19 school year. This will be a fee-based program that students will be able to get homework assistance, hands on learning opportunities, special interest clubs, STEAM activities, music, dance, drama, sports and so much more. More information will be sent home this week and registration will begin soon. You may contact the PLACE Department, if you're interested.

Let's make it a great week and finish Royal Strong!

5.13.18

Good afternoon, I would like to wish all of our Royal Knight mothers a Happy Mother's Day today. There are only two weeks left of the school year and we have a lot of exciting activities beginning this week to celebrate the achievements of our Royal Knights.

District finals begin this week. These exams will be calculated as 10% of the final course grade. We will also be administering the Civics EOC, which will count as 30% of the students final grade. The schedule is as follows: Tuesday: 7Orange, Wednesday: 7Navy, Thursday: 7Red in the Media Center. There are limited make up days so please be here and do your best.

This week will also be Student Council election week for 2018-19 offices. Students may vote online through Friday at the link on the website and Instagram profile. Good luck to all of the candidates!

On Monday afternoon at 1PM, we have rescheduled the breakdancing event for the gym. Students will tickets and those who earned this reward from the PTSA fundraiser will be able to attend. That evening, there will also be a PTSA Meeting and Elections at 5:30PM in the Media Center.

On Tuesday evening, the new Zaxby's on Ridge Road will be hosting our final Royal Dine Out Spirit Night of the year from 5PM-9PM. 10% of the evenings proceeds will go to RRMS student recognition.

On Wednesday afternoon, we will be hosting a yearbook signing ice cream party at 1:25PM for all students who have purchased yearbooks. Yearbooks can be purchased for \$35 in the cafeteria or see Mrs. Baumaister. On Wednesday evening, we will celebrate our student athletes with our Athletics Banquet and Dinner at 6PM in the Cafeteria.

As a reminder the 8th grade End of Year Activities fee and permission forms are due to Language Arts teachers by Thursday, May 17th in order to participate in the 8th grade dance and picnic. The 8th Grade Dance "Hollywood Nights" will be on Friday, May 18th from 6PM-8PM in the gym. This is a semi-formal dance and students should adhere to the dress code provided in the 8th grade newsletter.

Finally on Saturday, our Dance department will be hosting their Dance Showcase at 2PM and 7PM in the Theatre.

Invitations for our End of Year Celebration of Excellence Awards Ceremonies will be going home this week for the events on May 21st. We will also be sending home Extended School Year letters for those students who may need to recover a course in order to be promoted. Space is very limited for the program. It is crucial that you continue to monitor myStudent, have students work with their teachers and attend after school and lunch tutoring to finish the year strong.

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5.6.18

The year is winding down with only three weeks to finish strong! This week we are officially celebrating our outstanding faculty and staff at River Ridge Middle School with Staff Appreciation Week. Please take a moment to thank a dedicated teacher, administrator, or staff member for all that they do to make River Ridge the best middle school in Pasco County! We would also like to thank our business partners and PTSA for providing treats and gifts to our staff as well as supporting our students all year long. Please see a list on the RRMS website.

Tuesday and Wednesday the FSA Algebra 1 EOC assessment will be administered in the media center. Attendance is crucial as there is very limited time for make ups.

On Monday during 8th grade Knight Time, there will be an important meeting for all students attending Gradventure in the gym. Our 8th graders will attend the Gradventure field trip on Friday, May 11th leaving at 2PM and returning by 2AM on Saturday morning. Students must follow the Pasco County Schools and Universal's dress code to be admitted. All students who attend will need to wear their Gradventure RRMS t-shirt, which they will receive on Monday at the meeting. They may also bring a string pack only.

All RRMS Athletes and Families... Please join us for the RRMS Athletic Banquet on Wednesday, May 16th at 6PM. See the flyer with the ticket order form on the website. It is \$5 per person for the meal and athletes are complimentary. Please give the payment and form to Coach Brando by Friday, May 11th.

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4.29.18

It is crucial that we finish the year both academically strong showing positive behavior as there is less than a month. Please check MyStudent and make sure that your child is taking advantage of our academic lunch, tutoring, and extended school day opportunities after school daily in the media computer lab. We will also be offering Extended School Year this year for those students in need of course recovery to meet Middle School Promotion Requirements. There are limited seats. Please look for more information next week as to registration.

On Monday, April 30th all 8th graders will take the State Science Assessment. Lists are posted on team as well as on the front of the media center with testing locations. There will also be FSA Reading and Math for 7th graders this week. 7 Red and students with accommodations will test at 7:30AM, Navy Blue will test at 9:30AM and the Orange team will test at 11:30AM. The Orange team will eat lunch on Monday-Wednesday at 11AM each day. Please see the full testing schedule on the RRMS website.

On Wednesday, May 2nd at 6PM, RRMHS will host a School Safety Forum in conjunction with Pasco County Schools, Pasco Sheriff's Office and PTSA in the cafeteria. This is an opportunity for the community to share and voice their opinions about school safety.

On Friday, May 4th we will host our final Student of the Month Breakfast for March, April and May at 7:30AM in the cafeteria.

Attention 8th graders: We are still collecting the \$15 end of year activities participation fee which includes the picnic and dance tickets. Permission forms were included in the newsletter sent home several weeks ago and on our website. Please turn your payment and permission forms into your Language Arts teachers as soon as possible.

Finally, River Ridge Middle and High School will be hosting many summer camp opportunities for students. There will be the new Art and Design Camp, Football, Volleyball, Dance, STEM/Engineering, Band, and Drama Camp - Shrek Jr. Don't miss out all information including registration forms are on our website. Registration forms and money can be submitted to the front office. Don't miss out on these exciting and enriching learning opportunities!

4.25.18

UPDATE on social media threat:

School Resource Officer Wade, in conjunction with NPR PD Detective Campbell, have thoroughly investigated this threat and have identified a person of interest, who is currently located in Ohio, and are actively pursuing criminal charges at this time. Ohio authorities have him in custody and there is no real threat to any schools. Thank you.

4.24.18

This is Mrs. Murphy calling to let you know that we are aware of a social media post that is being circulated threatening future violence against several schools. New Port Richey Police cyber crimes is investigating, and they have some good leads. At this time, we do not think that the threat is viable, but I wanted to let you know that it is under investigation. As the investigation progresses, I will update you. Meanwhile, if you or your student has any information that may lead to an arrest, please call New Port Richey police, or our SRO, Corporal Harris. Thank you.

4.22.18

Congratulations to our Boy's Track Team placing 2nd at Conference and Girl's Track Team placing 3rd at Conference. Way to finish a great season strong!

This week begins the Spring FSA testing for our 8th grade students. On Monday and Tuesday, 8th graders will take the ELA Reading assessment Maroon team and students with accommodations at 7:30AM, Teal at 9:30AM and Gold at 11:30AM. The Gold team will be eating lunch at 11AM each day. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be 8th grade FSA Math assessment with the same team schedule. The complete testing schedule is on the website and student locations are posted on the media center windows and team hallways. All students will receive free breakfast with a coupon on their testing days. Breakfast will be served out of the cafeteria only during testing times. Attendance is crucial as there are very limited make up opportunities. We know our students are prepared to show what they know and do their very best!

River Ridge Middle and High School Drama Departments present the Spring Musical, Oliver!, at the River Ridge Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, April 26th at 7PM, Friday, April 27th and Saturday, April 28th at 7PM and Sunday, April 29th at 2PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and children. Come out and support this talented students, it's a great show!

Finally, 4th quarter Progress Reports will be distributed on Friday, April 27th. We will have a Royal Reward treat for "on track" students as a result of Progress Results courtesy of PTSA.

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4.15.18

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cafeteria only during testing times. Attendance is crucial as there are very limited make up opportunities. We know our students are prepared to show what they know and do their very best!

We will host the conference track meet on Tuesday, April 17th starting at 4PM. Both girls and boys track have had a really strong season and we wish them luck as they run for the title. Come out and support these dedicated student athletes!

Wednesday evening is our Royal Spirit Dine Out Night at Beef O' Brady's on Ridge Road. 10% of the night's proceeds will be donated to River Ridge Middle School. We need everyone to skip cooking and come to Beefs!

On Friday, April 20th, we will be hosting a Slime Time Party after school from 2PM-3PM in the cafeteria as a student positive incentive. Students will be able to make their very own slime to take home under the supervision of school staff. The event will be limited to the first 50 students who purchase a ticket for 5 Knight Dollars. Tickets can be purchased at lunches. Again, this is first come, first serve.

Attention 8th graders: we need your baby pictures. It's time to find those incredibly cute baby pictures for our 8th grade End of Year video. Please email 1 baby picture and 1 current picture of your student to Mrs. Baumaister. More information and email address can be found on our website.

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4.8.18

This week at River Ridge...

Congratulations to our newest members of the National Junior Honor Society. They will be inducted at the Theater on Monday, April 9th at 7PM. Families are encouraged to attend.

This week both track meets are away on Tuesday and Thursday at Gulf High School. The meets begin at 5PM.

On Tuesday, students will be viewing the Active Threat Plan evacuation video in their Knight Time classes. The video will also be available on our website. This will be in preparation for our Active Threat Plan evacuation drill on Wednesday. We will have a special bell schedule in order to accommodate the drill.

On Wednesday evening at 6:30PM in the media center, there will be a parent meeting for any RRMS student interested in going on the Washington DC trip during Spring Break 2019.

The 8th grade Pep Rally has been rescheduled with the high school on Friday morning. We encourage everyone to show their Royal Spirit by dressing in River Ridge purple, silver and black. That afternoon at 1PM, the PTSA will be hosting a Break Dancing Show for those students who sold 5 items on the spring fundraiser. Also, teachers will also award tickets to students who are showing their Knightly Values to attend this special event as an incentive.

RRMS has selected the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as our school-wide community project this year. We are raising funds to kick cancer. The fund drive will be April 2 – April 13. Please bring in your donations to your Knight Time teachers. Our school-wide goal is to collect \$2,018 this year! Please contact Coordinator Mrs. Erickson for more information.

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Calling all runners to sign up for the Starkey Ranch Distance Classic which includes a family friendly 5k and 10k on April 14th starting at 8AM. Proceeds of the event will benefit River Ridge Middle School and High School student recognition. Check out the link on the school website to register.

RRMS has the opportunity to have a PLACE after school program for the 2018-19 school year based on interest. Please take the PLACE survey on our website. This includes incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The survey has been extended to get more responses and will be up on our website until April 13th, which is this Friday.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education.

4.1.18

We had a fantastic first week of the 4th quarter with our Spring Fling dress up spirit week and goal setting sessions during Knight Time. I would encourage all parents to ask your students about the personal and academic goals that they set for this quarter to finish strong. This will be extremely relevant as 3rd quarter Report Cards will be distributed on Monday, April 2nd. We have several opportunities for students to finish academically strong:

-Be here. Attendance is the first key to success in school!

-Continuously work with the teachers, school counselors, administrators to develop a plan for success

- Academic Lunch help daily in the media center with our teachers
- Tutoring from high school students in the media center after school
- Take advantage of the daily intervention/enrichment by getting extra help on your team
- Extended School Day on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 2-3:30PM

I would also encourage you to make sure that you have a myStudent account to monitor grades, attendance, and behavior. If you do not have a parent account, you may go to the "parent" link on the district website. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teachers, school counselor, or administrator.

On Monday, we will have a PM Activity schedule for our 3rd Quarter Report Card "On Track" incentive at 1PM. Students who earned As, Bs, and Cs and no referrals will be able to attend the BMX Trickstars Show. "On Track" bands for Quarter 4 will be distributed on Wednesday during lunches.

We are also encouraging all members of the Royal Family to wear blue on Monday in support of World Autism Awareness Day. Let's light it up blue, Royals! We also will launch our school-wide service project on Tuesday called Pasta for Pennies where we will be raising funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Materials will be sent home with students.

There will also be a River Ridge Middle School PTSA meeting on Wednesday at 5:30PM in the Media Center. We are still looking for officers for next year, specifically President. Please contact Mrs. Howery, if you are interested.

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls Track Team who kicked off their season last week with a 1st and 2nd Place team finishes. We have our first home meet on Tuesday at 5PM and away at SSMS on Thursday.

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Thank you for listening to the complete message. Let's make it a Royal week!

3.25.18

Good afternoon, Royal Families. We hope that everyone had a great Spring Break. We look forward to welcoming back all of our Royal Knights on Monday in order to finish the final quarter of the year strong. We will be kicking off 4th quarter with our Spring Fling Week and encourage students to show their Royal Pride by dressing up.

Monday is your future is bright so wear sunglasses. Tuesday is Tropical Tuesday students should wear tropical attire. Wednesday is hat day and also club day. There will be an AM Activity Schedule. National Junior Honor Society spring applications for interested 6th through 8th graders are located on our website and are due to Ms. Wierenga in Teal by Wednesday. Thursday is Fanatic Day - students can wear shirts of anything they are a fan of from sports to tv, movies, or books. Thursday also begins our track season away at PRSMS. Friday is School Spirit Day. The 8th graders will be participating in a Pep Rally with the HS at 8AM as a part of the knighting ceremony transition to 9th grade. Everyone is encouraged to show their spirit and wear purple. Go Knights!

Also, some reminders...

-For 8th graders, final Gradventure payments are due when we return by Friday, March 30th. The cost is \$130. Payments can be made online on our RRMS website, to the front office, or Ms. Sullivan. There is limited reservations and students must meet the academic and behavioral expectations.

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3.15.18

I would like to commend our Royal Knights for finishing the quarter strong today. A few reminders as we go into Spring Break:

-8th Grade students received the end of year letter today with very important information including permission forms. This letter will also be sent home so expect it over Spring Break and copies can be found on our website.

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Finally, everyone please enjoy your Spring Break, be safe and always Royal! When we return on Monday, March 26th, we will kick off the 4th quarter with our Spring Fling Week and finish this year strong because We Are Royal!

3.11.18

This is the final week of the 3rd quarter, Royal Knights! Students will be taking quarterly checks in all core classes this week. Let's make the last few days count.

On Monday, March 12 from 5PM-8PM, the West Pasco Rezoning Workshop will take place at J.W. Mitchell High School. Community members will be provided the opportunity to ask questions of district and school staff. An informational flier was sent home this week and you may also visit the Pasco Schools website for more information.

Our March PTSA Royal Dine Out Night is at Chili's in Trinity on Tuesday, March 13th from 4PM to close. Take this opportunity to support the Royal Knights and you don't have to cook!

Spring Fundraiser merchandise pick up will be on Thursday, March 15th in the RRMS Front Office from 1:00PM-5:30PM. The PTSA will contact participants. We raised over \$6,000. Thank you again for your support!

The RRMS PTSA is also extending the Shoe Drive to March 16th. Please clean out your closets, go through the neighborhood and collect gently worn shoes to benefit RRMS and others in need. On the bags, please put your student's name and Knight Time teacher to make sure they get credit for the Knight Time contest to win an ice cream party. There are also boxes in the front office for drop off!

Friday, March 16th is a Teacher Planning Day and there is no school for students. Pasco County Schools will be closed for Spring Break Monday, March 19th - Friday, March 23rd. When we return we will charge into 4th quarter, with a Spring Fling Dress Up Week, further details will be posted on our social media sites. We want to wish everyone a safe and relaxing Spring Break!

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education! So proud to be Royal!

3.2.18

FSA Writing testing will take place on Monday, March 5th for all 6th and 7th graders and 8th graders on the Gold Team, Tuesday, March 6th will be the 8th graders on Teal Team and Wednesday, March 7th will be the 8th graders on Maroon Team. Make Ups will be throughout

the week. Each student will receive a free breakfast with coupon on their testing day. Attendance is key, eating a healthy breakfast, taking their time and doing their very best!

The School Counselors were in science classes last week to provide all 6th and 7th graders course cards and go through the course selection process. If you have questions or need more information, I encourage you to visit the RRMS website as there are videos and course descriptions located there. Also, if you are interested in an application course, like yearbook, peers as partners, or Royal Squires, they are located on the website or in the guidance office. All course cards and applications are due to science teachers with all signatures by Monday, March 5th.

Track try outs begin on Tuesday, March 6th after school at the track. Students need a valid physical in order to try out. Please see Coach Koos or Coach Hack for more information.

RRMS PTSA will be meeting on Wednesday, March 7th at 5:30PM in the Media Center. We are looking for Executive Board nominations for the 2018-19 school year. Nomination forms are on the website or you can contact the Nomination Chairperson, Mrs. Howery at rhowery@pasco.k12.fl.us for more information. We have nominees for all positions but President. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the students at RRMS!

Finally we will be hosting the Spring into Spring Dance on Friday, March 9th from 6-8PM in the RRMS Cafeteria. Tickets will be pre-sale for \$8 in front of Lab 1 each morning and \$10 at the door. We will have concession, DJ, photo booth and fun!

2.27.18

I am sending a reminder as to the pick up and drop off car loop procedures. We have been having cars cut the line which is disrupting the flow of traffic and causing a major safety concern. Please use caution when coming around the loop and do not cut down the rows, make a complete circle. Students should be dropped off and picked up on the curb by the school. Also, we have had several parents drop their students off on Town Center Road in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. We understand that the line might be long and slow but the safety of your children is our top priority. Their lives are worth the wait. We have requested additional support from the Pasco Sheriff's traffic units on Town Center.

Also, the RRMS PTSA will be hosting a Parent Education Event tomorrow, Wednesday, February 28th in partnership with the Pasco Sheriff and the Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking. This will be an information presentation on human trafficking and dinner will be provided starting at 5:30PM in the RRMS Cafeteria. Please RSVP to Sophia Edwards on the RRMS PTSA or RRMS Facebook pages.

Again, we thank you for supporting our efforts and partnering with us.

2.25.18

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Royal Family for your support and care for the well being of the entire River Ridge community, especially with the events of the last week. In times like these, coming together with faculty, staff, students, parents, and community members is essential to ensure that we are all positively working toward the common goal of providing the best educational experience for all of our students so that they are college, career and life ready! Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education!

This week in preview at River Ridge...

The School Counselors will be in current 6th and 7th grade science classes this week to distribute course cards for the 2018-19 course selection process. I thank those families who attended the Curriculum Night but if you still have questions or need more information I encourage you to visit the RRMS website as there are videos and course descriptions located there. Also, if you are interested in an application course, like yearbook, peers as partners, or Royal Squires, they are located on the website or in the guidance office. All course cards and applications are due to science teachers with all signatures by Monday, March 5th.

The girls' soccer team finishes their season at GMS on Monday at 6PM. They are currently undefeated!

This is also club picture week and students in service clubs should wear their club shirts on the designated day to get their picture after the news in the courtyard. Royal Ambassadors on Tuesday, Student Council on Wednesday, Common Ground on Thursday, SWAT Club and Morning News on Friday.

We will also be joined by the Positive Coaching Alliance for presentations for our student athletes on Tuesday by grade level in the theater on the topics of sportsmanship, character, and leadership. 6th grade at 9:40AM, 7th grade at 10:45AM, and 8th grade at 11:40AM; students will receive invitations to attend. Contact Coach Brando with questions.

Finally, PTSA will be hosting their quarterly Parent Education event on Wednesday evening in the RRMS Cafeteria starting with a free dinner at 5:30PM and then the presentation from the Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking. Please RSVP for the meal to Sophia Edwards at RiverRidgeMSPTSA@gmail.com or 727-480-7876. We had a great turn out for our past event and hope to have even more participants. You may also bring people interested outside of the River Ridge area but due to the content being shared, children under 13 are not advised to attend.

Let's make it a Royal week at The Ridge! As always, it's great to be Royal!

2.18.18

Good afternoon, Royal Families!

Monday is President's Day and Pasco County Schools will be in session.

On Friday, all current 6th and 7th graders, were give an important information document, draft course card and viewed a course selection kick off video exploring all of our electives. Please also mark your calendars for our upcoming RRMS Curriculum Night on Tuesday, February 20 from 6PM-7:30PM. We will have separate parent meetings for our incoming 6th grade families and current 6th and 7th grade families from 6PM-6:30PM. This night will further explain the course cards, highlight core academic and elective courses and programs of study and allow you to meet our awesome teachers, counselors, and administration. After the parent meetings, families are encouraged to visit our teams and elective classrooms to learn more about all of our Royal opportunities! We have many new courses including high school options for our 7th and 8th graders. The following week the school counselors will visit science classes to provide official course cards. Course cards will be due with all signatures on March 5th for all current 6th and 7th graders to science teachers.

Tuesday during lunches students will be able to take spring friend pictures. The cost is \$5, cash only and the student will be receive a 4x6 immediately. Also, our 8th graders will take their class panoramic picture during Knight Time on this day.

Thursday evening is our Royal Spirit Dine Out Night at Culver's in Trinity and Port Richey from 5PM-9PM. Come out and support RRMS and see your fellow students, teachers, and parents serve you a meal.

Finally on Friday, our 8th graders will be taking a field trip to NASA. 8th graders should arrive at 6:30AM and will be returning to campus about 8:45PM. On Friday evening, the Dance program will hold their February Dance and Choreography Showcase at 7PM in the Theater. This is a special middle and high school showcase.

In sports this week, the boys' basketball team travels to HMS on Monday and GMS on Thursday. The undefeated girls' soccer team plays at home on Monday vs. BPMS and away at Hudson Middle on Thursday. All games start at 6PM. We will also be hosting the west side Special Olympics games on Thursday during the day. The opening ceremonies begin at 11:30AM at the football stadium.

Thank you for partnering in your child's education and as always if you have any questions, please let us know. Proud you are Royal!

2.11.18

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This week at River Ridge we will be celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week sponsored by our Royal Ambassadors. River Ridge Middle School has recently been named a Certified Kindness School by the National Kindness Challenge for our mission of spreading our culture of caring and Knightly Values. This week we will have dress up days, kindness bingo challenge, and a special kindness pledge on Valentine's Day!

Monday is Dreaming of Kindness Day. Students can wear school appropriate PJs. Also, all PTSA Spring Fundraiser packets and money are due to 1st period teachers. In sports, the Royal Knights Boys' Basketball travels to CLMS at 6PM, and the Girls' Soccer team takes on SSMS at home at 6PM.

Tuesday is Match with a Buddy Day or Twin Day.

Wednesday is Peace Out Day, wear tie-dye! We will also be on an AM Activity Schedule because it is Club Day. The Boys' Basketball Team is at home vs. BPMS at 6PM.

Thursday is Kindness Shines Day! Students should wear neon, glittery and sparkles. The Girls' Soccer team takes on CLMS at HHS at 6PM.

Friday is Crazy for RRMS spirit and kindness. Students should wear their spirit gear, crazy hair and socks. We will also be celebrating our Winter Students of the Month and their families with a breakfast at 7:30AM in the Cafeteria.

Please also mark your calendars for our upcoming RRMS Curriculum Night on Tuesday, February 20 from 6PM-7:30PM. We will have separate parent meetings for our incoming 6th grade families and current 6th and 7th grade families from 6PM-6:30PM. This night will further explain the course cards, highlight core academic and elective courses and programs of study and allow you to meet our awesome teachers, counselors, and administration. After the parent meetings, families are encouraged to visit our teams and elective classrooms to learn more about all of our Royal opportunities! We have many new courses including high school options for our 7th and 8th graders.

The RRMS PTSA is also extending the Shoe Drive to March 16th. Please clean out your closets, go through the neighborhood and collect gently worn shoes to benefit RRMS and others in need. On the bags, please put your student's name and Knight Time teacher to make sure they get credit for the Knight Time contest to win an ice cream party. There are also boxes in the front office for drop off!

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education! So proud to be Royal!

2.4.18

Happy Super Bowl Sunday, Royal Families!

On Monday morning, we will be celebrating our A-B and All A Honor Roll students in the theater. 7th grade at 7:30AM, 6th grade at 8:30AM and 8th grade at 9:30AM, if you plan to attend, please report to the theater.

The deadline for payment of the 8th grade NASA trip is Monday, February 5th. The trip will take place on February 23rd. The letter and permission form was distributed several weeks ago

but can be found on our website. The cost of the trip is \$65 which includes transportation, admission and a meal at Kennedy Space Center. You may pay online by credit card or bring in the money to your science teacher by February 5th.

On Wednesday evening at 6PM, RRHS will be hosting their High School Curriculum Fair. All incoming 9th grade parents and students are encouraged to attend. High School course cards are due to 8th grade science teachers this Friday, February 9th. This Friday Progress Reports for quarter 3 will be distributed and we will also have our Winter Pep Rally in the afternoon. Students are encourage to show their Royal Spirit as the Spirit Stick is up for grabs!

This week in Sports boys basketball is away at CHMS on Monday at 6PM and plays at home on Wednesday vs. SSMS. Girls' soccer is home on Monday vs. PRSMS and away at CHMS on Thursday. Come out and support our Royal Knights!

Finally, this is the last week for our PTSA Spring Fundraiser. All packets are due back to 1st period teachers on Monday, February 12th. There is also an online ordering option at fundshoppe.com as well. The funds raised will go to supporting children's health, safety, and education at River Ridge Middle School. If you have any questions, please contact the PTSA at RiverRidgeMSPTSA@gmail.com.

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1.28.18

On Friday, the PTSA kicked off the Spring Fundraiser as students should have brought home the Reserve brochure, parent letter, and order form. All packets are due back by 2/12 and should be turned into your students 1st period teacher. Please ensure their packet is completely filled out with their name, phone number and 1st period teachers name. There is also an online ordering option as well. Orders and prizes will be delivered on 3/15 during 7th period. The funds raised will go to supporting children's health, safety, and education at River Ridge Middle School. If you have any questions, please contact the PTSA at RiverRidgeMSPTSA@gmail.com.

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This week begins our after school math program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2PM-3:30PM in the media center. We invite any student who needs help with math whether it be studying, make up work, or reteach to take advantage of this opportunity to work with our math teachers.

Our boy's basketball and girls' soccer seasons start this week! Boys' basketball has a game versus GMS at home at 6PM on Monday and PRSMS on Thursday. Girl's Soccer kicks off on Thursday at home versus GMS at 6PM.

Finally, the RRMS PTSA is extending the Shoe Drive to March 16th. Please clean out your closets, go through the neighborhood and collect gently worn shoes to benefit RRMS and others in need. On the bags, please put your student's name and Knight Time teacher to make sure they get credit for the Knight Time contest to win an ice cream party. There are also boxes in the front office for drop off!

1.24.18

Good evening, Royal Families! This is Angie Murphy, Principal of RRMS. I wanted to let you know that the first semester Honor Roll invitations were distributed yesterday and today to those 6th, 7th and 8th graders who earned All As or A-B Honor Roll for the first semester grades. This event will take place in the theater on Monday, February 5th.

7th Grade will be from 7:30AM-8:20AM

6th Grade will be from 8:30AM-9:15AM

8th Grade will be from 9:20AM-10:10AM

We invite parents and family members to attend to recognize the outstanding achievement of these students!

8th Grade students received their course cards for RRHS 2018-19 school year today. Please take the opportunity to review the course card with your students. If a student would like to join an academy, they should apply on the RRHS website online. If they would like to take the AP Human Geography course, they will need to complete and attach the AP Expectations and Agreement Form to their course card. There will be a Parent Night on February 7th from 6:00PM-7:45PM in the theater to explore all of the high school options. We will also provide assistance to students through Knight Time each day leading up to February 9th when course cards are due to Science teachers.

Finally, we have a great trip planned to NASA this year for all 8th graders on February 23rd.. The letter and permission form was distributed several weeks ago but can be found on our website. The cost of the trip is \$65 which includes transportation, admission and a meal at

Kennedy Space Center. You may pay online by credit card or bring in the money to your science teacher by February 5th.

Thank you for partnering in your child's education and for being Royal!

1.21.18

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This week's week in preview is very lengthy but important so please listen to the end. On Friday, all RRMS students received their quarter 2 report card. Please make sure you review your child's progress with them.

Grades of As, Bs, and Cs, represent grades that are On Track for both middle to high school promotion. Review their current positive behaviors that need to continue and of course, recognize your child's successes!

If your child has earned grades of Ds or Fs, they are At Risk or Off Track to making middle to high school promotion. Please identify behaviors that need to start immediately to raise grades to As, Bs or Cs. We offer academic lunch and after school tutoring in the media center. We are also offering an after school math help program staffed by our math teachers starting January 30th running every Tuesday and Thursday from 2PM-3:30PM in the media center. Of course, if you need support in developing a success plan or would like to schedule a parent, teacher, student conference, please contact the school and ask for Student Services.

This week we will distribute "On Track" Bands for students who earned A, B and C and no referrals for Quarter 2. The 8th grade maroon and gold teams will be attending a field trip to the Holocaust museum on Monday.

Congratulations to our student athletes who made the 7th and 8th grade boy's basketball and girls' soccer teams! There will be a boy's basketball parent meeting in the media center at 4PM on Tuesday and a Girls' Soccer parent meeting in the media center at 3PM on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, 8th graders will receive their course selection information and course cards for the 2018-19 school year. There will be an upcoming Parent Night on February 7th at RRHS.

There will also be a PTSA Meeting on Wednesday evening at 5:00PM in the Media Center to discuss 3rd and 4th quarter educational events and upcoming Executive Board elections.

We will be hosting the RRMS History Fair on Thursday. The projects that students have submitted are phenomenal!

On Friday, the PTSA will kick off their spring fundraiser with an information session during Knight Time. So look out for an information packet in order to continue raising funds for much needed technology for the school.

We would like to congratulate our Special Olympics basketball team who will be competing at the State competition on Saturday in Orlando. Finally, we wish our dance team good luck as they start their competition season on Saturday as well.

As always, thank you for being partners in your child's education and for being proud to be Royal!

1.14.18

Good afternoon Royal Families! We had a great week back at River Ridge and started the new year strong with every student and staff member deciding on their one word to help guide their year's purpose and passion. I would encourage you to ask your student what their one word is and help to keep their word in the forefront.

This week there will be no school on Monday in observance of Dr. MLK Jr. Day. Students will return on Tuesday with 8th graders attending a RRHS Academy Presentation meeting to explore all of the options for course selection at the high school for the 18-19 school year.

Wednesday is a Club Day so there will be an AM Activity Schedule. Please make sure to wear appropriate clothing and bring materials that will be needed to participate. For example, if you are in the yoga club you will need a towel or mat. Wednesday is also the deadline for eligible 8th graders to apply for the Take Stock in Children College Scholarship program. You must have Free and Reduced Lunch, a 2.5 GPA, good attendance and citizenship. Please see Mrs. Iannone or visit the RRMS website to apply.

Wednesday is also our January Royal Dine Out Spirit Night at Beef O' Brady's on Ridge from 4PM-9PM. RRMS will earn 10% of all of the nights purchases.

There will be a RRMHS SAC meeting on Thursday at 2:30PM.

Friday Semester 1 Report Cards will be distributed. Students who have earned As, Bs, and Cs, and have had no referrals are considered on track and will receive a treat at lunch. On Track bands will be distributed the week of January 22nd.

Thank you for partnering in your child's education and proud to be Royal!

1.7.18

Happy New Year Royal Knights! I hope that everyone had a wonderful break spending time with family and friends. After two weeks off, we are so excited to welcome our Royal Knights back to the best year ever on Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday morning, students should check lists posted on the media center and cafeteria windows for their first period classes. Students should report to the class listed as there have been some schedule changes for the new semester. There will be several adults with lists to help students navigate their classes.

Boys' Basketball and Girls' Soccer Try Outs will be this Wednesday through Friday from 2-4PM. Please make sure that all of the proper paperwork is completed prior to trying out. See Athletic Director Coach Brando for more information.

On Thursday, 8th graders will be able to learn more about the new technical high school option at an in school presentation during 3rd period. More information about 18-19 course selection will be distributed in the next few weeks and 8th graders were provided a newsletter prior to the break.

This new year provides an opportunity to refresh and reset so please encourage your students to take advantage of all of the ways to be engaged at RRMS by always showing their Knightly Values of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Problem Solver.

Thank you for partnering in your child's education and looking forward to a Royal 2018!

12.17.17

This week is the final week of the semester and we will be having a Winter Spirit Dress Up Week! Students are encouraged to dress up to celebrate the holidays and the successful completion of the semester.

Monday is Penguin Day, dress in white and black; Tuesday is Holiday Accessory Day, deck out in socks, necklaces, elf hats, reindeer antlers, and more. Wednesday is candy cane day, wear red and white; Thursday is Ugly sweater and holiday shirt day, and Friday is Royal Spirit Day wear your River Ridge gear! Thursday we will also have an "on track" treat in the morning in the courtyard. So, students are encouraged to wear their "on track" bands to get their hot chocolate treat.

Quarterly checks will continue this week as well.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 19th. PTSA will be hosting a Parent Night and free dinner prior to the Winter Concert. The free dinner will begin at 5PM in the cafeteria. Please visit the River Ridge website or River Ridge PTSA Facebook page to RSVP for the dinner. The Parent Night content will be an interactive presentation with the Pasco Sheriff's Office about Cyber Safety including learning about trendy apps, how to identify red flags, how to navigate your child's digital footprint, and protecting your identify online. After learning with us, then head to the Winter Concert to celebrate the season with our band and chorus in the theater at 7PM.

The winter sports season finishes this week with Girls' BBall @ GMS on Monday at 6PM and on Tuesday Boys' Soccer @ GMS playing at GHS at 6PM.

We would like to wish the entire Royal Family... happy holidays and look forward to a Royal new year. Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 9th. Thank you again for partnering with us in your child's education!

12.10.17

Good afternoon, Royal Families,

There are only two weeks left in the second quarter and quarterly checks in all of the core subject areas will continue. We highly encourage that both parents and students check their progress on myStudent which includes grades, attendance, behavior, and assessment information on a consistent basis. All middle school students must earn a D or higher in all core course to earn middle school promotion. If you have any questions about student progress or would like a parent teacher conference, please contact your child's teachers or the guidance department.

This week tickets for our Winter Wonderland Dance go on sale before school for \$8 in the media center and \$10 at the door. The dance will be on Friday, December 15 from 6-8PM. It will be semi-formal attire and include a full concession of food items available for purchase. There will also be a VIP 8th Grade area, photo booth, and awesome DJ. Don't miss out!

Wednesday is our Royal Dine Out Spirit Night at Culver's in Trinity and Port Richey. Culver's will generously donate 40% with the RRMS flyer to our school.

In sports this week, on Monday, Girls' BBall and Boys' Soccer at both at home at 6PM. Special Olympics BBall will also be playing at 4PM prior to the Girls' BBall game at 4PM.

On Wednesday, Girls' Bball is @ HMS at 6PM and on Thursday, Boys' Soccer travels to HHS to take on HMS at 6PM.

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Finally, Yankee Candle items will be in this week. Students will be able to pick up items through their science teacher in time for the holidays.

12.3.17

Good afternoon, Royal Families,

It's December, which is our Count Up for Caring Month where we will be spreading kindness throughout the season. Our student organizations have created a Kindness Calendar which will encourage all of our Royal Knights to spread our culture of caring. The calendar can be found on the RRMS website.

On Wednesday, we will have our 2nd Club Day of the year where students will be able to participate in their interest areas. There will be an AM Activity schedule with the club session after 2nd period.

This week there will be a PTSA meeting in the media center on Wednesday at 5:30PM. They will be planning the upcoming community events for the holidays as well as next semester. All parents both members and non-members are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendar for December 19th at 6PM PTSA will be presenting a parent education night with several expert speakers on Growing Your Cyber Brain and Keep your kids safe in the RRMS media center. Immediately following the event is our Winter Band and Chorus concert at 7PM.

This week in sports the Girls' BBall team and Boys' Soccer Team plays SSMS at home on Monday at 6PM. On Wednesday, the Girls' BBall team travels to CLMS at 6PM and the Boys' Soccer Team will play CLMS at HHS on Friday at 6PM.

Last but not least, we have just replenished our supply of We Are Royal Hoodies and t-shirts for the holidays! They are available immediately at the front office or on the website. Hoodies are \$25, short sleeve t-shirts are \$10, and long sleeve shirts are \$15! They make great holiday gifts!

11.26.17

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. We are excited to get back it and finish the final four weeks of the semester Royal Strong!

Students received their Quarter 2 Progress Reports on Friday, November 17th. I hope that you had an opportunity to review the Progress Report with your child. Students are considered to be "On Track" by obtaining grades of A-C and no discipline referrals. If your child is not "On Track," help them to identify behaviors that need to start immediately to raise grades and have a positive effect on behavior, considering reviewing our Knightly Core Values of be respectful, be responsible, and be a problem solver. We also offer academic lunch, after school tutoring, and encourage parents/students to be active communicators with our staff.

This is the final week of the Annual Holiday Food Drive coordinated by Student Council, Royal Ambassadors, and the SWAT Club. Students and community members are encouraged to bring in canned foods and non-perishable food items. Students can give donations to their homeroom

teacher. Prior to the Thanksgiving break, we had over 1,200 items. Our goal is 3,000 items! We also have won the middle school division the last two years so we want to make this a three-peat while supporting our community! Please donate today.

Congratulations to Drama Teacher, Mr. Mauro and Thespian Troupe 88135 for winning 3 Critics Choices, 1st runner up for BEST IN DISTRICT, 3 honorable mentions and tons of Superiors and Excellences at the District Thespian Festival, which was hosted at the River Ridge FAME Academy last Saturday.

Our winter sports teams are off to a great start! This week the Girls' Bball team plays at CHMS on Wednesday at 6PM and the Boys' Soccer team plays CHMS at RHS on Thursday at 6PM. On Saturday, December 2nd the River Ridge MS/HS Dance Program will be present their annual Winter Dance Showcase at the RR Performing Arts Center at 4PM and 6:30PM. Tickets are \$5 pre-sale and \$8 at the door.

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Thank you again for partnering with River Ridge in your child's education!

11.12.17

This week prior to Thanksgiving Break is Royals Give Thanks Week! On Monday, we will participate in National Kindness Day with a Mix It Up at lunch activity sponsored by our Student Services Department and Royal Ambassadors for students to meet new people and celebrate our differences.

We also have started our Annual Holiday Food Drive coordinated by Student Council, Royal Ambassadors, and the SWAT Club. Students and community members are encouraged to bring in canned foods and non-perishable food items. Students can give donations to their homeroom teacher. We will be counting up donations weekly and the winning homeroom will receive doughnuts. We also have won the middle school division the last two years so we want to make this a three-peat while supporting our community! Please donate today.

Tuesday is the NJHS Inductions in the Theater at 7PM and the Great American Teach In is on Wednesday. Thank you to community members who are donating their time to share their career and life experiences with our students.

Wednesday is also our Royal Dine Out Spirit Night at Zim Zari's. 10% of the night's total will be donated to RRMS. Skip cooking and dine out for a great cause!

Our winter sports teams get started this week. Girls Basketball plays GMS at home on Monday and PRSMS at home on Wednesday while the Boys soccer at home plays GMS on Tuesday and

against PRSMS at home on Thursday. All games start at 6PM. Come out and support our winter student athletes!

Finally, on Friday students will bring home their Quarter 2 Progress Reports. Believe it our not we are almost half way through the quarter.

The following week, November 20-24th will be Thanksgiving Break and all schools are closed. Schools will reopen on Monday, November 27th. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our entire Royal Family a wonderful Thanksgiving and that we are truly grateful for all of you!

11.5.17

I hope that everyone remembered to turn their clocks back one hour this morning and enjoyed the extra hour of sleep!

This week at lunches we handed out On Track Royal Bands to students who had no Ds or Fs or referrals for Quarter 1. These bands will allow students to sit outside at lunch, take part in mystery surprises and treats, and even to access games/outside time at lunch. It is a great accomplishment to be On Track and students will be recognized each quarter. Students should always have their on track band with them so that they can take part in all of the privileges.

This week there will be a PTSA meeting in the media center on Monday at 5:30PM. They will be planning the upcoming community events for the holidays as well as next semester. All parents both members and non-members are encouraged to attend.

On Thursday, we will start our club days for the year. There will be an AM Activity Schedule. Every student has signed up for a club or study hall during this time. Club lists will be posted in the cafeteria for students to check on Monday. There will also be a boys soccer parent meeting on Thursday at 3:30PM in the Media Center.

On Friday, we will host our August, September and October, Student of the Month breakfast at 7:30AM in the cafeteria. Parents and families are invited. We will also host the Veteran's Day district presentation at the RR Center for the Arts on Friday morning where our band, chorus, and a variety of student artwork will be featured to honor our veterans.

Thank you for partnering in your child's education!

10.29.17

Good afternoon Royal Families,

We had a great celebration of Red Ribbon Week last week and will continue through out the year to educate on making positive choices because our students' futures are the key!

Tuesday is Halloween! Students will be allowed to dress up but they need to be in dress code. No masks or props will be allowed. As we transition back to a normal schedule, we would ask that students be in the district dress code. As the temperatures drop, we understand that students need to bundle up with jackets and sweatshirts. We have seen many students with blankets. Blankets are not allowed. RRMS Sweatshirts are available for purchase in the front office for \$25.

We are in the middle of our school-wide Yankee Candle Fundraiser to raise funds for new technology. This fundraiser will run through October 30th and all order forms can be submitted to your child's science teacher. Please bring in the order form and funds by Tuesday, October 31st. Online orders will be received through January. These items will make fantastic holiday gifts as products will be distributed right after Thanksgiving. Check out our promotional video on our website. We hope that everyone takes part in this fundraiser as it will help us meet our goal to bring more technology into the classroom for student use. Thank you for your support!

Boys' Soccer Tryouts will be on Wednesday through Friday of this week after school. Please see Coach Hackworth for more information. Students must have a valid physical and all paperwork complete prior to trying out.

On Wednesday at 6PM in the River Ridge Gym, River Ridge will be hosting the Career Exploration Night all west side middle and high school students are invited to explore future careers and educational options.

On Thursday at 6PM in the RRMS Media Center, GHS will host an IB Parent presentation for any perspective 8th graders that are interested in the IB Program for high school next year.

Next weekend the Drama Department is performing their Fall Play, "This is a Test" and a Talent Showcase. They will be performing 3 shows. One show on Friday, November 3rd at 7:00PM and two shows on Saturday, November 4th at 2:00PM and 7:00PM. Tickets are for sale in the Drama Room for \$5. Please contact Mr. Mauro with any questions. Come out and support your talented Royal Knights!

Thank you for partnering in education because we are proud to be Royal!

10.22.17

We had a great Spirit Week celebrating being Royal and a successful 1st quarter. This week is Red Ribbon Week with our theme... Your Future is the Key, Royal Knights are Drug Free. Students will be able to take the Drug Free Pledge, participate in door decorating contest, window decorating, and dress up days that coordinate with our message to make positive decisions.

Monday is Rally in Red Day (wear red)! Report Cards will be distributed during 7th period and then we will kick off the week with an incentive field day for those students who are on track. On track is considered no Ds or Fs or discipline referrals. Students will be able to purchase Kona Ice for \$3, \$4 or \$5 at the field day.

Tuesday is We are crazy about being drug free. Students should wear crazy hair and socks! Representatives from AHS will be on campus to speak to selected 8th graders about the Cambridge Program. We are also partnering with McDonald's for a McKnight Dine Out Night that evening for Red Ribbon Week. After going to McDonald's for dinner, join us at the Middle School Track from 5:30PM-6:30PM for Trick or Treat Around the Track. Then for our last football game of the year vs. GMS at 6:30PM. We will celebrate our 8th Grade football, cheer, and band and their families.

Wednesday is Team Up against drugs by wearing a sports jersey or team gear. Girls' Basketball Tryouts begin from 2-4PM through Friday.

Thursday is Drugs are a Fashion Disaster with a mix and match tacky day.

Friday is our Royal Spirit Day! Our School Store will re-open. We are looking for donated items. Please send them to the front office or contact Karen Tabone.

We are in the middle of our school-wide Yankee Candle Fundraiser to raise funds for new technology. This fundraiser will run through October 30th and all order forms can be submitted to your child's science teacher. Online orders will be received through January. These items will make fantastic holiday gifts as products will be distributed right after Thanksgiving. Check out our promotional video on our website. We hope that everyone takes part in this fundraiser as it will help us meet our goal to bring more technology into the classroom for student use. Thank you for your support!

10.15.17

We have had a great first quarter of the best year ever at River Ridge!

There will be a no school on Monday, October 16th as there is a Teacher Planning Day. This week will be River Ridge Spirit Week for both the middle school and high school. We encourage students to participate by dressing up each day. The spirit week dress up days are on the School website and have been communicated through our social media accounts. Students should be in dress code but we will allow for hats and costumes (but no masks) if students are participating.

Tuesday is Retro Glow Day students are encourage to dress in 50s, 60, 70s, 80s, 90s and NEON. We also have a home football game vs. PRSMS at 6:30PM.

Wednesday is Character or Celebrity Day. It is great to do with duos and groups! Students will begin to take the Student Gallup Engagement Survey in Social Studies Classes. The 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams play at GMS at 6PM. Wednesday is our Spirit Dine Out Night at Tijuana Flats from 4-9PM in Trinity. Don't cook dinner and dine out with the Royal Knights!

Thursday is Team Color Day. Students should dress in their team color and show their spirit.

On Friday, we will celebrate Royal Knight Purple Pride with a Spirit Day! Show how proud you are to be Royal!

We will also be launching our school-wide Yankee Candle fundraiser to raise funds for classroom technology on Tuesday, October 17th through Science Classes. This fundraiser will run through October 31st and all order forms can be submitted to your child's science teacher. Online orders will be received through December. These items will make fantastic holiday gifts as products will be distributed right after Thanksgiving. We hope that everyone takes part in this fundraiser as it will help us meet our goal to bring more technology into the classroom for student use. Thank you for your support!

Looking forward to a solid start to the 2nd quarter!

10.8.17

This is the last week of the first quarter and quarterly checks in all of the core subject areas will continue. We highly encourage that both parents and students check their progress on myStudent which includes grades, attendance, behavior, and assessment information on a consistent basis. If you have any questions about student progress or would like a parent teacher conference, please contact your child's teachers or the guidance department.

Please mark your calendar as we will be hosting a Social Studies History Fair Informational Night for all students and parents in Advanced US History and Civics on Thursday, October 12th at 6PM in the Media Center. By attending this meeting, you will learn the ins and outs of history fair including the process, procedures, and how to successfully complete a project. There will also be an informational meeting about the California summer trip with Ms. Wierenga immediately following.

This week in sports the volleyball team hosts BPMS at 6PM on Monday at home and is away at Hudson Middle on Wednesday. The football team plays at HMS on Tuesday at 6:30PM. Charge on, Royal Knights!

Friday is the last day of the quarter. There will be a no school on Monday, October 16th as there is a Teacher Planning Day. As a preview the week of 10/17-10/20 will be River Ridge Spirit Week for both the middle school and high school. We encourage students to participate by dressing up each day. The spirit week dress up days are on the School website and have been communicated through our social media accounts. We will also be launching our school-wide

Yankee Candle fundraiser to raise funds for classroom technology as well as our Community Spirit Dine Out Night at Tijuana Flats on Wednesday, October 18th.

Thank you for partnering in your child's education with us to make this the best year ever at River Ridge!

10.1.17

Happy October, Royal Families! The year is really flying by as there are only two weeks until the end of the first quarter.

Quarterly Checks for the core classes: Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies will be administered over the next two weeks to determine student's academic progress based on the standards of the quarter. You will be able to see student results in myStudent and teachers will also be review progress with their students.

This week in sports at River Ridge we host our rivals the SSMS Jaguars on Monday in volleyball at 6PM and on Tuesday in football at 6:30PM. In order to get everyone pumped for the big game on Tuesday, we encourage both students and staff to wear their favorite sports team jersey! The volleyball team will also travels to CLMS on Wednesday at 6PM. Please come out and support our fall athletes and show your Royal Pride. They work hard on and off the field and court!

On Wednesday, October 4th, we will have picture retakes in the Media Center through Language Arts class. Please see Ms. Baumaister or our website for more information.

The Flu Shot Day for Students has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 5th in the gym. Therefore, we will continue to take consent form through Tuesday. If you need a consent form, please visit our website or come to the clinic.

Finally, we will be hosting our first school dance of the year on Friday, October 6th from 6PM-8PM in the Cafeteria. The theme is Medieval Knights and tickets will be on sale this week for \$8 before school in the media center and \$10 at the door. Students should follow the school dress code but casual dress is appropriate. We will also have a full concession stand including pizza, so bring money. We are looking forward to a fun night to celebrate a successful start to the year!

As a preview, please mark your calendar as we will be hosting a Social Studies History Fair Informational Night for all students and parents in Advanced US History and Civics on Wednesday, October 11th at 6PM in the Media Center.

As always, thank you for your support in making this the best year ever! We are so proud to be Royal!

9.24.17

I hope you have enjoyed your weekend. This is a very busy week at River Ridge.

On Monday, Volleyball takes on PRSMS at home at 6PM. On Tuesday, our undefeated football team travels to Hudson High School to take on CLMS at 6:30PM.

On Wednesday evening at 6PM in partnership with Mathnasium, we will be hosting a 6th grade math night in the cafeteria. We encourage all 6th graders and their parents to attend this fun and informative event! Please RSVP by Monday, September 25 by returning the form. While the volleyball team travels to CHMS at 6PM.

On Thursday, all flu shot consent paperwork is due to the clinic in order for students to be eligible to get the flu shot on Monday, October 2nd. We will also have our first joint School Advisory Council meeting with the high school at 2:30PM on Thursday.

As a preview, we will be hosting our first school dance of the year on Friday, October 6th from 6PM-8PM in the Cafeteria. The theme is Medieval Knights and tickets will be on sale the week of October 2nd for \$8 before school in the media center and \$10 at the door. We are looking forward to a fun night to celebrate a successful start to the year!

9.22.17

Royal Families,

Several important documents went home with students today.

Quarter 1 Progress Reports went home today with students. Please review your child's progress with them. If you have a question about a student's progress, please contact the teacher. Students can receive extra help through academic lunch, Knight Time session, tutoring after school on Fridays from the RR NHS students, or from their teacher during designated help sessions. If you would like to schedule a Parent Teacher Conference, please contact Student Services at 774-7000. We had an ice pop social as a Royal Reward for those students on track. We are very proud of our Royal Knights!

RRMS Flu Shot Clinic is October 2nd. Flu shot consent forms were also sent home today. If you have not completed a Flu Shot consent form and you would like your student to receive a Flu Shot on Monday, October 2nd have your student come to the clinic to pick up a form. Forms can also be printed from this link: <https://www.healthyschoolsllc.com/> Please complete and return the form on or before Thursday, Sept. 28th. See our school nurse Mr. Clairmont for more info.

Lastly, if your child is in 6th grade, we sent home a 6th Grade Math Night flyer for Wednesday, September 27th. We encourage all 6th graders and their parents to attend this fun and informative event! Please RSVP by Monday, September 25 by returning the form.

I will provide the week in preview on Sunday afternoon for next week. Have a wonderful weekend!

9.1.17

We had an absolutely fantastic week this week at The Ridge. Thank you to all of our families who attended Open House on Tuesday. The week ended with a lot of Royal Spirit at our first Pep Rally of the year! Everyone showed their purple pride and respect as we recognized our fall athletes, students who earned perfect scores on the FSA, and how awesome the start of the year has been. It was a very close competition for the Spirit Stick with all grade levels showing their spirit but the Class of 2022, 8th graders pulled it out!

There will be no school on Monday as we celebrate Labor Day.

There will be a PTSA Meeting in the Media Center for all members and any one who would like to join on Wednesday at 5:30PM. Our Royal Knights Football team kickoff their season on Wednesday at 6:30PM at Fivay HS against Bayonet Point.

As a reminder, Attendance is one of the keys to success in middle school. If your child is absent, please go to our website to report the absence or send a note to the front desk.

We are relaunching our Knights School Store where students can purchase items using Knight Dollars. They earn Knight Dollars for following our Knightly Values. We are asking for donations of items that students may want to purchase such as school supplies, small toys, gift cards, etc. Please contact Ms. Riddle for more information.

As always, thank you for your support in making this the best year ever! We are so proud to be Royal!

8.27.17

This week Royal Families we have a very important event that sets the stage for success to make this the best year ever!

Open House will be on Tuesday, August 29th at RRMS, we encourage students to accompany their families to this event. PTSA will be hosting a Royal Family Picnic with pizza, drinks, games, and bounce obstacle course from 5PM-6PM in the court yard in front of the middle school entrance. The cost is \$4 per person. Walk ups are welcomed as we have pizza from

Gia's. At 6PM, we will open the castle for families to follow your student's schedule. Students will bring home their schedule on Monday. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and better understand the learning that will be taking place at River Ridge this year. We will also have opportunities to visit the Book Fair, purchase spirit gear, PE uniforms, pay fees, and sign up for a myStudent account, Free and Reduced Lunch, and to be a volunteer. If your child is in a high school course at RRHS, their Open House is Friday, September 1 from 5-6:30PM prior to the football game.

The Book Fair will be going on in the Media Center Monday through Wednesday this week. Students may visit in the morning or after school as well as some classes will be coming down throughout the day. You may also purchase books online through Scholastic on our website. We do have a classroom wish lists if you would like to make a book donation.

There will be a PM Activity Schedule on Friday, September 1 due to our first Pep Rally of the year to kick off the best year ever! We encourage students to really show their Royal spirit by wearing their RRMS gear, paint their faces, dress up in purple, silver, and black. We will be introducing our fall sports teams, recognizing our students who made perfect scores on their FSAs, and having some class competitions with spirit and games.

I also would like to thank all of the families who came out to our first Spirit Night of the year at Chili's this past week. It was really amazing meeting all of the families, seeing those big smiles, and representing the Ridge with Purple Pride out in the community! Mark your calendars, our next Community Spirit Night will be September 20 at Zim Zari's!

Please check our website frequently as well as follow us on Social Media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @RRMSRoyalKnight to be connected with River Ridge Middle School.

8.20.17

We have had an absolutely fantastic start to the best school year ever with our Royal Family exhibiting our Knightly Values of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Problem Solver every day!

As a part of our daily schedule we have our Knight Time intervention and enrichment sessions for 20 minutes where students can go for the WIN - get "What I Need". Whether it is to get extra help from a teacher, work in a study group, use digital resources, or just to check in, students will set weekly goals in each class and schedule their time to meet them. The weekly goal setting sheet is located on our website. Students will then reflect on those goals on Friday with the guidance of their Knight Time Homeroom teacher. Parents are encouraged to be a partner in education and reviewing/discussing the student's weekly goal setting sheet, sign, and return the following Monday.

There are a few other important events this week:

On Tuesday, August 22nd is School Picture Day. All students and staff will take a school picture to be in the yearbook. If you would like to order school pictures, please go to the RRMS website at rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us for order forms.

Wednesday, August 23 is our first RRMS Community Spirit Night at a local restaurant. No one wants to cook on Wednesday, so come out to Chili's in Trinity to have dinner! They will be donating 10% of their proceeds from 11AM-11PM on that date. You will need a RRMS flyer which you can get on the website to make sure the donation goes to RRMS. We hope to see a lot of purple and silver on this night where Chili's is giving back to us!

Volleyball try outs begin August 23-August 25 in the gym from 2PM-4PM. Students must have an up to date physical to tryout. See Coach Brando for more information.

Congratulations to our new RRMS cheerleaders! There will be a parent meeting for cheerleaders at 4PM in the Media Center on Wednesday, August 23rd. There will also be a football parent meeting on Wednesday, August 23 at 4:45PM in the Cafeteria.

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8.15.17

Good evening, Royal Families. This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS calling with a few announcements.

We have had a wonderful start to the 2017-18 school year. Over the last two days your child received their syllabus for each of their courses. The syllabus explains the course, how your child will be assessed, along with contact information if your child requires additional support.

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your student's schedule. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and better understand the learning that will be taking place at The Ridge this year.

As a school this week in our Knight Time sessions, we are reviewing with your child, our vision or purpose to make all students life, career, and college ready. We are also reviewing with your child our Knightly Values, which are Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be A Problem Solver, that will support our purpose and help students achieve success.

I highly encourage you to take some time to review your child's syllabus for each course with them. We have also made a number of podcasts that will be posted on our website so that you can help to reinforce our Castle Expectations and Knightly Values as a partner in your child's education. I hope to see all of you at our Royal Family Picnic and Open House on August 29th!

Please check our website and social media feeds frequently for updates on all of the happenings at The Ridge.

As always, thank you for your support in making this the best year ever! We are so proud to be Royal!

8.13.17

Good afternoon Royal Knights. This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of River Ridge Middle School.

I am looking forward to welcoming back all of our Royal Knights tomorrow morning when school starts at 7:25AM. The campus will be open to students starting at 7AM. Students who are car riders should only be dropped off and picked up in the middle school car loop. We ask that you be patient and courteous as there is usually a lot of traffic during the first few weeks. If at all possible, we are recommending that if your child is assigned a bus to please use the bus transportation as it limits the traffic.

When students arrive on campus, they will be greeted by our Royal staff and should go to the media center or cafeteria to find their first period class. Student will then report to first period when the first bell rings and will receive a brand new official schedule. Students should only follow the schedule they receive in first period as there have been some schedule changes.

We have a new bell schedule this year with separate lunches per grade level and our daily Knight Time sessions, which is posted on our website.

Please make sure that you are connected with River Ridge by visiting our website, following us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @rrmsroyalknight. We will be posting many pictures and important information from the first day and throughout the year on these sites. As always, if you have any questions or need clarifications, please don't hesitate to contact us.

I can't wait to see our entire Royal Family back on campus ready to make this the best year ever at The Ridge because #WeAreRoyal!

8.1.17

Good evening Royal Families,

Tomorrow, Wednesday, August 2nd we will be hosting our Storm the Castle 6th grade and new 7th and 8th grade student orientation to RRMS. Parents should drop off students at the gym at 8:30AM. Please enter through the middle school entrance. Following drop off, parents of 6th grade students only should report to the cafeteria for a Parent University from 9AM-10AM on successfully transitioning your child to middle school. We will have coffee and cinnamon rolls as well as distributing important paperwork for schedule pick up. Students will spend the day learning our Knightly Values, completing a campus scavenger hunt, meeting new friends, getting acquainted with RRMS staff, and will be fed breakfast, a snack and lunch starting at 1PM. Parents should return to RRMS at 1:15PM and report to the gym to pick up schedules, pay fees, purchase PE uniforms, yearbooks, and our new spirit gear. We will also have tables for PTSA membership which is \$5, athletics, and other community organizations. After picking up your child's schedule, please report to cafeteria to check out your student. At that time, we encourage you to tour the campus with your child to follow your student's schedule until 3PM.

The county-wide registration day is on Tuesday, August 8th from 8AM-2PM in the Middle School Cafeteria. Those who attend Storm the Castle do not need to attend this day. All fees can be paid online using Acorn prior to attending county-wide registration day. Those who choose to do this will be given an express line for schedule pick up. Also, all 7th Graders must have their TDAP shots in order to be given a schedule and start school.

Please continue to check our RRMS website and social media for updates. We are looking forward to the best year ever because We are Royal!