July 2019



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STORM THE CASTLE 6th Grade & New RRMS Student Orientation – July 31st

Incoming 6th graders and any new RRMS students are invited to attend Storm the Castle on **Wednesday**, **July 31st from 8:00AM-1PM**. This day will provide an orientation to RRMS, give new students an opportunity to meet current RRMS students and teachers, learn about the campus, clubs and sports. Students will receive RRMS shirt, bag, breakfast, lunch, and snacks at no cost. 6th grade parents can attend a workshop from 8:00AM-8:30AM in the theater and then rejoin their students from 12PM to 1PM to pick up schedules, pay fees, purchase spirit items, PE uniforms, etc. in the gym. There will be an express line for those parents who pay online before attending the orientation. *Students who attend do not need to attend the County-wide Secondary Registration Day on August 6.*

SECONDARY REGISTRATION DAY – AUGUST 6

Tuesday, August 6 is the County-wide Secondary Registration Day from 8AM-2PM in the River Ridge Middle School Cafeteria.

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.

LEVELING UP IN 2019-20 @ RRMS

This year at RRMS, we will be moving to a content-based configuration with in the building in place of cross-curricular teams. This will allow for all students to receive additional high-level academic opportunities and flexible scheduling to provide intervention and enrichment through access to multiple content teachers. Therefore, students will not be on color based cross-curricular teams.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Assistant Principal for Scheduling and the guidance staff will review requests for schedule changes according to the following guidelines:

- Student has already taken the course;
- Student has not completed the prerequisite;
- Student needs the course to be promoted to high school.

No other requests for schedule changes will be honored. Due to the Class Size Amendment, courses are limited and have been scheduled based on student requests in the spring/summer.

River Ridge Middle School ROYAL UPDATE

Be RESPECTFUL. Be RESPONSIBLE. Be A PROBLEM SOLVER.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE RIDGE

To help students succeed, parents/guardians are asked to:

- Develop an understanding of school requirements and policies.
- Support their students in meeting these requirements.
- Visit the RRMS website regularly at rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us
- Follow the RRMS Facebook page, Twitter account, and Instragram at @RRMSRoyalKnight
- Check myStudent regularly and sign up for an account.
- Participate in parent/teacher conferences, school meetings, and related activities.
- Check myStudent for progress reports and report cards.
- Communicate with the school regarding concerns, questions, or suggestions.
- Be involved by attending Parent Nights, after hours, and sporting events.
- Join the PTSA and volunteer whenever possible.

19-20 MIDDLE SCHOOL FEES

Pasco County School Board Approved General Fee \$15 Art Fee \$15 \$15 Band Program Fee Chorus Program Fee \$15 Career Technical Course Fees (per year) \$10 Dance Fee \$15 Instrument Tech & Instrument Ensemble \$15 Physical Education Fee \$5 Science Fees (per year) \$10 Student Technology Service Fee \$2 Theatre Fee \$15 6th Grade US History Interactive Notebook \$9 Spanish 1 or Spanish 2 Workbook \$15

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

Students taking Physical Education or Dance courses must dress out daily in appropriate attire. PE uniforms are available for purchase for \$10 shirt or shorts or a combo for \$15. Students must wear light tops, dark bottoms, and athletic shoes in compliance with dress code. Dance uniforms are available for purchase for \$30 for a shirt and leggings. These items will be available on July 31st, August 6th, and the first few weeks of school for purchase.

$TDAP - 7^{TH} GRADERS$

All 7th graders must have their TDAP shot up to date and bring proof of vaccination prior to entering school. Florida Certification of Immunization (DH680 form) must be provided to the school nurse on July 31st, August 6th and prior to the first day of school. All Pasco County students are required to be fully immunized.





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VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Parents and community members can apply online to become an approved volunteer after July 1st. The application can be accessed on our district website <u>http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us</u> and must be renewed each year. The link is located on the main page, entitled "Volunteer Application." Volunteers are still subject to a state criminal background check and a sexual predator/offender check. Our school's volunteer coordinator, Karen Tabone, can advise you of your approval status once you have submitted your application. You can contact her at <u>ktabone@pasco.k12.fl.us</u> or 774-7208.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

River Ridge Middle School and River Ridge High School will be hosting joint School Advisory Council meetings for the 2019-20 school year. Meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month in the RRMS/HS Faculty Lounge at 2:30PM. We are looking for parent and business/community partners to participate in this important committee. Nominations for the 2019-20 School Advisory Council will be taken through August 27, 2019. Nominations can be made by contacting Kevin Kolean, Assistant Principal, via email to kkolean@pasco.k12.fl.us. Voting for available positions will take place during Open House on August 27th and on the website during this week. Contact Mr. Kolean for more information.

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

ESSA legislation requires that schools provide parents or guardians an annual status report called School Public Accountability Report. This report will be available online at <u>http://doewebprd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb-spar/index.cfm</u>. A hard copy of the report will also be available in the front office at the school.

SAFETY DRILLS

Central to having a safe school is practicing emergency drills during the school day. Fire drills will be conducted during the first two weeks of school and monthly thereafter, in accordance with state law. A tornado drill will also be scheduled in September and again in the spring. An Active Threat Plan (ATP) drill is conducted once per semester. These drills allow staff and students to rehearse the procedures that may be needed in the event of an emergency situation.

RRMS ATHLETICS Chrissy Brando, Athletic Director cbrando@pasco.k12.fl.us

All middle school students may participate in the middle school athletic program. Students must have a valid physical form submitted prior to tryouts. Upon making the team, the following athletic participation fees apply:

 Athletic Participation Fee: \$50 1st sport, \$30 2nd sport; Family cap per school \$130, Individual cap \$80

FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS

FOOTBALL: Head Coach Jeff Koos – meet at boys' locker room Tryouts: August 7 – August 9 2:30PM – 4:30PM; August 12-16 2PM-4:30PM

CHEERLEADING: Head Coach Lynn Vairo – meet in Dance Room Tryouts: August 14-16 2PM - 4PM

VOLLEYBALL: Head Coaches Chrissy Brando (Varsity), TBA (JV) Tryouts: August 20-22 2PM - 4PM

Yearbook

Yearbooks will be on sale during the school's Orientation Day through January 1st and will be available online or by contacting Ms. Baumaister at cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us for \$25. After January 1st, the price will increase to \$30. When the books arrive in May, the price will increase to \$35. We will also have a yearbook signing celebration exclusively for those students who purchased a yearbook in May.

Yearbooks may be purchased online through Walsworth: www.yearbookforever.com or through the Pasco County Schools online pay system.

BIRTHDAY SONG FUNDRAISER

Celebrate your child's birthday with a Birthday Song at lunch from the Administrative Team, balloons, confetti, and an ice cream treat. Complete the form in the front office and provide to Mrs. Hammelman with \$5. All proceeds go to student and staff recognition.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in Schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers. All inspections for River Ridge Middle/High School have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspections, where applicable, has been submitted to the Governor for approval. Copies of this plan are located in the administrative office of the school and at the District School Board of Pasco County Maintenance/Facility Operations Department. The report is available for review upon request. July 2019



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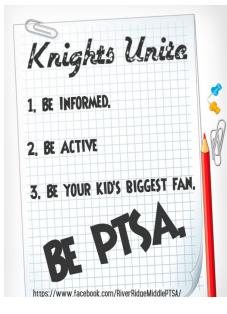
MYPASCO CONNECT TOOLS

SIGN UP FOR MYSTUDENT!

We are excited to offer the district's student information systems (SIS) myStudent to help parents and students check attendance and grades online. Attendance is posted and updated daily. Individual teachers update grades periodically. Their timeline for entering grades may be daily, weekly, or twice per grading period - depending on their course. Multiple students can be shown on one parent account, even if the students are attending different secondary schools within Pasco County. All progress reports and report cards will only be available through myStudent. Sign up at https://launchpad.classlink.com/home.

ROYAL REWARDS - PBIS REWARDS

This school year we will be transitioning to a new system to recognize and reward positive behaviors of being respectful, responsible and a problem solver on campus. This digital program is called PBIS Rewards and can be found on the myPasco Connect dashboard for both students and parents to access. Students will be able to collect Knight Dollars through the app when they exhibit school-wide expectations to spend at the Royal Merchant School Store and on other "on track" events.



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS & CLINIC INFO

Theresa Mundy, School Nurse, Joanie Noe, Clinic Assistant All Pasco County students are required to be fully immunized. Students who are missing required immunizations will be unable to receive their schedules on Orientation/Registration Day. On Orientation Day, parents should complete and sign a medical emergency card listing any illnesses, medications, and emergency contact information.

Students are not allowed to carry ANY medications while at

school. This includes prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, and medicines from health food stores. A student may carry an asthma inhaler with written permission from a doctor and a parent. All other medications that are scheduled to be administered during school hours MUST be stored in the clinic along with a signed parental form. Questions about health requirements, medications, and other health services may be directed to our school nurse, Ms. Theresa Mundy at tmundy@pasco.k12.fl.us.

KNIGHT CAFÉ INFORMATION FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM Pam Midkiff, Cafeteria Manager pmidkiff@pasco.k12.fl.us

Families are required to apply for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program yearly. Applications open online on July 2019. Sign up online at: https://www.schoollunchapp.com/District.aspx

Current Meal Prices: Reduced Price Breakfast: \$0.30 Reduced Price Lunch: \$0.40

Full Price Breakfast \$1.50 Full Price Lunch \$3.00

Sign up to pay for meals online at <u>www.myschoolbucks.com</u>. Per FL SP 2.002 the Florida Competitive Foods Rule, there will be no outside food allowed in the cafeteria (including Uber Eats).

JOIN THE RRMS PTSA!

WHAT IS PTSA: PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.

HOW DO I JOIN: Send in \$5 per member with a completed membership form which can be found on our website. All students will also receive a membership form over the summer, at Orientation, and during their first week of school.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS: Aside from being the brain behind PTSA events, you will also be the first to know about all school related information and legislation efforts. Our PTSA also enjoys receiving amazing national discounts. CONTACT US: RiverRidgeMSPTSA@gmail.com

http://riverridgemsptsa.wixsite.com/riverridgemsptsa

2019-20 RRMS PTSA Executive Board President: Monica Stanton

VP: Jennifer Resto, Elizabeth Blair Treasurer: Tara Fielding Secretary: Kari Glenny Corresponding Secretary: Dawn Lambert





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Early Release Days

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, Pasco County Schools is implementing a monthly, two-hour early release schedule. Early release days will be the second Wednesday each month beginning in September 2019, except for January 2020, when it will be on the third Wednesday (9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, 1/15, 2/12, 3/11, 4/8). There will be no early release days in August or May. Early release days allow for staff to engage in professional development aligned to student needs and district and school priorities. We are confident that this additional learning time for teachers will increase effective instruction and lead to higher student achievement. Another benefit is that teachers will not have to complete professional development during student class time, thereby decreasing the requirement for substitutes.

Bus transportation will be provided two hours earlier than usual for students who are transported on regular school days. The same routes and stops will be used. Parents with childcare concerns have options provided by our Beyond the Bell program.



Contact RRMS Site Manager Jessica Pages at jpages@pasco.k12.fl.us or <u>https://myasep.com/btb/registration</u> for more information and to register for this amazing program!

OPEN HOUSE – AUGUST 27

We will be hosting our annual Open House on Tuesday, August 27 from 6PM-7:30PM in a traditional format. You will be following your child's schedule getting the opportunity to meet our staff and get involved in your child's education. Teachers will explain class requirements, grading systems, and assignments. School counselors and other staff members will be available to answer questions.

IMPORTANT RRMS DATES

**Dates & events are subject to change

Storm the Castle for 6th & New RRMS Students - July 31 County-wide Secondary Registration Day – August 6 First Day of School for Students - August 12 RRMS Book Fair – August 26-August 29 RRMS Open House – August 27 6PM RRMS Kick Off Pep Rally – August 30 RRHS Open House - August 30 Labor Day - No School - September 2 School Pictures - September 5 Kick Off School Dance - September 6 6PM-8PM Early Release - September 11 Quarter 1 Progress Reports - September 13 6th Grade Math Night - September 19 6PM River Ridge Spirit Week - September 23-27 Quarter 1 Checks - October 1-11 Early Release - October 9 Quarter 1 Ends - October 13 Teacher Planning Day - No School - October 14 School Pictures Make Up - October 17 RRMHS Community Night Football Game - October 18 7:30PM History/Science Fair Night - October 21 6PM Quarter 1 Report Cards - October 23 Fall School Dance - October 31 2PM-5PM Early Release - November 13 Fall Play - November 13-16 Great American Teach In - November 14 Quarter 2 Progress Reports - November 15 Pasco Pathways Expo – November 18 Thanksgiving Break - November 25-November 29 Winter Dance Showcase - December 7 Early Release - December 11 Quarter 2 Checks - December 9-20 District Finals Window - December 16-20 Winter Concert & Art/Design Showcase - December 17 Quarter 2 Ends - December 20 Winter Break - December 23 - January 6 Early Release - January 15 MLK Jr. Day - No School - January 20 Quarter 2 Report Cards - January 14 Quarter 3 Progress Reports - February 7 Talent Show - February 7 Early Release - February 12 Curriculum Night for 20-21 - February 12 Valentine's/Kindness Dance - February 14 President's Day - No School - February 17 Student Choreography Showcase - February 21 Quarter 3 Checks - March 2-13 Early Release - March 11 Spring Musical – March 11-14 Quarter 3 Ends – March 13 Spring Break - March 16-March 23 Quarter 3 Report Cards - March 31 FSA ELA Writing Window - April 1-14 Spring Dance – April 3 Early Release - April 8 No School – April 10 Take Your Child to Work Day - April 23 Quarter 4 Progress Reports - April 24 FSA ELA/Math Windows - May 1-29 Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics EOCs Windows - May 1-29 NGSSS Science Grade 8 Window - May 4-15 Gradventure @ Universal - May 8 RRMS Athletics Dinner & Banquet - May 13 6PM Yearbook Signing Party – May TBD 8th Grade Dance - May 15 6PM-8PM End of Year Dance Showcase - May 16 District Finals Window - May 18-27 8th Grade Night of Excellence Awards Ceremony – May 18 6PM Spring Concert - May 19 8th Grade Picnic - May 21 12PM-2PM 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony - May 22 8AM RRMS/HS Gym Memorial Day - No School - May 25 Celebration of Excellence - 6th & 7th Grade Awards Ceremony - May 26 7th Grade Crowning Breakfast - May 27 Last Day of School - May 27



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Opt Out Fundraiser

No Catalogs! No Order Forms! No Hassle! For a \$25 donation, you can opt out of the River Ridge Middle School Fundraiser this year. There is also a \$15 option for multiple students in one family. Simply fill out the form attached to the newsletter and pay with your school fees by cash, check or credit card during Registration Day on July 31st or August 6th and/or return it to the school at Open House on August 27th. Your money will directly impact our student and staff incentive programs and technology. Your child will receive a River Ridge Middle School t-shirt AND will automatically get into the assembly our school-wide fundraiser students earn. Your family can disregard all fundraiser communications and know that you have already done your part to help the school! Certain clubs, organizations or programs your child belongs to may still choose to hold a fundraiser to benefit their cause or other activities at school (ex. Band, FBLA, sports teams, PTSA, etc.).



IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

Mrs. Angie Murphy, Principal amurphy@pasco.k12.fl.us 774-7208

Mr. Alex Astone, Assistant Principal (7th Grade) aastone@pasaco.k12.fl.us 774-7256

Mr. Kevin Kolean, Assistant Principal (6th Grade) kkolean@pasco.k12.fl.us 774-7234

Mrs. Danielle White, Assistant Principal (8th Grade) <u>dmwright@pasco.k12.fl.us</u> 774-7238

Corporal Steve Harris, SRO <u>sharris@pasco.k12.fl.us</u> 774-7223

Mrs. Julia Collins, School Counselor (6th Grade) mcollins@pasco.k12.fl.us 774-7253

Mrs. Kerry lannone, School Counselor (7th Grade) kiannone@pasco.k12.fl.us 774-7220

Mr. Ron Vickery, School Counselor (8th Grade) rvickery@pasco.k12.fl.us 774-7252

Ms. Renee DiVincent, SSAP rdivince@pasco.k12.fl.us 774-7306

Mrs. Michelle Hudson, School Social Worker <u>mlhudson@pasco.k12.fl.us</u> 774-7259

Mrs. Theresa Mundy, School Nurse; Ms. Joanie Noe, Clinic Asst. <u>tmundy@pasco.k12.fl.us</u>, jnoe@pasco.k12.fl.us 774-7213

Mrs. Flo Cione, Bookkeeper <u>fcione@pasco.k12.fl.us</u> 774-7216

Mrs. Sue Hammelman, Attendance shammelm@pasco.k12.fl.us 774-7209

Mrs. Chrissy Brando, Athletic Director <u>cbrando@asco.k12.fl.us</u> 774-7187

REP THE RIDGE - #WEAREROYAL

New t-shirts and RRMS Spirit items are available to purchase in the front office or at the Orientation Days on July 31st and August 6th. We do accept credit cards through the Acorn accounts. Get yours today! Sizes range from YM-Adult 2XL. Short sleeve t-shirts \$10 Dry fit t-shirts \$15

> Long sleeve t-shirts \$16 Regular Sweatshirts \$15 - Hoodie Sweatshirts \$25 Sling Packs \$3 – Car Magnets \$3 – Headbands \$8 – Pop Sockets \$10 – Water Bottles \$5

Order online and pay through Acorn by accessing the Parent Portal Account: https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/



River Ridge Middle School 2019 - 2020 Bell Schedule



AM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1st Period: 7:30-8:19 (News)

2nd Period: 8:23 - 9:06

AM Activity: 9:10 - 9:55

3rd Period: 9:59 - 10:42

4th Period: 10:46 – 11:29 6th Grade Lunch

5th Period: 11:33 – 12:16 7th Grade Lunch

6th Period: 12:20 – 1:03 8th Grade Lunch

7th Period: 1:07-1:50

EARLY RELEASE DAY / ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1st Period: 7:30-7:57 (News)

2nd Period: 8:00 - 8:27

3rd Period: 8:30 - 8:57

7th Period: 9:00 – 9:27

AM Activity: 9:30 - 10:11

4th Period: 10:14 – 10:44 6th Grade Lunch

5th Period: 10:47 – 11:17 7th Grade Lunch

6th Period: 11:20 – 11:50 8th Grade Lunch

REGULAR SCHEDULE

1st Period: 7:30-8:26

2nd Period: 8:30-9:20

3rd Period: 9:24-10:14

4th Period: 10:18-11:08 6th Grade "Knight Time": 10:14-10:34 6th Grade Lunch: 10:38-11:08

5th Period: 11:12-12:02 7th Grade "Knight Time": 11:08-11:28 7th Grade Lunch: 11:32-12:02

6th Period: 12:06-12:56 8th Grade "Knight Time": 12:02-12:22 8th Grade Lunch: 12:26-12:56

7th Period: 1:00-1:50

PM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1st Period: 7:30-8:17 (News)

2nd Period: 8:21-9:03

3rd Period: 9:07 – 9:49

7th Period: 9:53 - 10:35

4th Period: 10:39-11:21 6th Grade Lunch

5th Period: 11:25 – 12:07 7th Grade Lunch

6th Period: 12:11 – 12:53 8th Grade Lunch

PM Activity: 12:57-1:50

2019 - 2020 EARLY RELEASE & CLUB DAYS

September 11, 2019 October 9, 2019 November 13, 2019 December 11, 2019 January 15, 2020 February 12, 2020 March 11, 2020 April 8, 2020





Would you like to avoid...

- ...being hassled with catalogs?
- ...asking family & friends to buy?
 - ...over priced items?
 - ...receiving the wrong item?
- ... cheap rewards for selling the most?

*ACT NOW and avoid all this inconvenience. For a \$25 donation you can opt out of the River Ridge Middle School Fundraiser. Simply fill out the form below and pay with your school fees during Registration Day and/or return it to the school. Your money will directly impact our student and staff incentive programs and technology. *Your child will receive a River Ridge Middle School t-shirt AND will automatically get into the assembly our school-wide fundraiser students earn*. Your family can disregard all fundraiser communications and know that you have already done your part to help the school! No Catalogs! No Order Forms!

Please fill out the form below and submit when paying school fees, return it to school with cash, a check payable to River Ridge Middle School or through the online credit card system. You can also bring it with you to the Open House evening on August 27th.

*Certain clubs, organizations or programs your child belongs to may still choose to hold a fundraiser to benefit their cause or other activities at school (ex. Band, FBLA, sports teams, PTSA, etc.).

DRESS CODE

- > Sexually explicit, see-through, and tight spandex clothing are not appropriate apparel for school.
- Clothing that is offensive may not be worn. It cannot contain derogatory/harassing remarks or have implicit pictures or language. Clothes cannot identify students with gangs or antisocial groups, or advertise tobacco, alcohol or drugs.
- All shorts and skirts must be no shorter than four (4) inches above the knee. Shorts, skirts or shirts worn underneath sheer/lace clothing must also meet all dress code requirements.
- Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the pant line or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.
- Pants will be worn securely so that abdominal skin or undergarments are not exposed. Pants may not have holes in them (4) inches above the knee that expose skin or undergarments.
- > The neckline of a shirt or top cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit.
- Muscle shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, bikini tops, strapless or halter tops are not permitted. Shirts and tops must "cup" over the shoulder for both boys and girls. Shirts or tops must not slide off the shoulder during the normal course of movement throughout the school day.
- > Pajamas or other costume-type attire may not be worn except for designated dress-up days.
- Students shall not bring and/or wear hats, head coverings, or bandannas on the school campus unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities designated by the Principal.
- Students must wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation. Slippers are not acceptable.
- Sunglasses may be worn outside or in the commons areas but must be put away in the classroom.
- Jewelry shall be worn in a way that does not present a safety or health hazard or cause a major disruption to the educational process. Wallet chains, chains that hang off of clothing, spiked jewelry, and dog collars are not permitted.
- Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted or attached to the body, clothing, accessories or student vehicle which contain profanity in any form, violent images, images of weapons are considered vulgar, offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum, or which contain sexually suggestive words, phrases or images, advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or which identify them as members of secret antisocial groups or gangs shall not be worn to school or school functions. Offensive designs imprinted on the body must be covered.



DRESS CODE CONSEQUENCES

First Offense

Students in violation of the school dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing.
Inappropriate clothing will NOT be allowed to be covered up with a jacket or other garments.
Failure to comply will result in parent contact and may result in a referral or detention.

Repeat Offense

Each subsequent violation will result in student being required to change and serve detention, or may result in the student being sent home. Acts of defiance and argumentative behavior could result in more severe consequences, including out-ofschool suspension (OSS).

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- I. A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IN WRITING AND JUSTIFY THE ABSENCE WITHIN 3 DAYS OF YOUR RETURN TO SCHOOL. THIS CAN BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH THE RRMS WEBSITE OR ON PAPER.
- 2. UPON REVIEW OF YOUR NOTE, STUDENT SERVICES WILL MAKE THE CHANGE FROM UNEXCUSED TO EXCUSED IN YOUR ATTENDANCE RECORDS.
- 3. FAILURE TO SUBMIT PROPER DOCUMENTATION WITHIN 3 DAYS WILL CAUSE THE ABSENCE TO BE RECORDED AS "UNEXCUSED."



ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR ABSENCES

- I. ILLNESS OF STUDENT
- 2. MAJOR ILLNESS IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF THE STUDENT (IMMEDIATE FAMILY IS DEFINED AS PARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, LEGAL GUARDIANS, OR PERSONS IN LOCO PARENTIS, OR A MEMBER OF ONE'S OWN HOUSEHOLD)
- 3. DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF THE STUDENT
- 4. RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY OF THE STUDENT'S FAITH
- 5. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (BAR/BAT MITZVAH, CONFIRMATION, ETC...)
- 6. RELIGIOUS INSTITUTES, CONFERENCES, OR WORKSHOPS (WITH PRIOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL)
- 7. ABSENCES FOR TRIPS OR OTHER PARENTAL REQUESTS THAT ARE DETERMINED TO BE EDUCATIONALLY RELEVANT FOR THE STUDENT BY THE PRINCIPAL (WITH PRIOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL)
- 8. OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION
- 9. SUBPOENA OR FORCED ABSENCE BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. A COPY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL
- 10. SCHOOL RELATED ABSENCES ARE NOT COUNTED AS ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

TARDY POLICY What to do if you're tardy...

- · Immediately report to Front Office.
- You will be issued a pass to class.
- Students may not be in the hallways without a pass.

Wireless Communication Policy

What is a Wireless Communication Device (WCD)?

For purposes of this policy, "wireless communication device" includes computers, tablets (e.g., iPads and similar devices), electronic readers ("e-readers"; e.g., Kindles and similar devices), cell phones (e.g., mobile/cellular telephones, smartphones (e.g., BlackBerry, iPhone, Android devices, Windows Mobile devices, etc.), telephone paging devices (e.g., beepers or pagers), and/or other web-enabled devices of any type.

Wireless Communication Device Policy

Technology including, but not limited to, WCDs intended and actually used for instructional purposes (e.g., taking notes, recording classroom lectures, writing papers) will be permitted, as approved by the classroom teacher or the building principal.

The use of a WCD to engage in non-education-related communications during instructional time is expressly prohibited.

Students may use WCDs provided such uses do not create a distraction, disruption, or otherwise interfere with the educational environment at the following times:

- Before and after school - During their lunch break - In between classes - During after-school activities (extra-curricular activities) - At school-related functions - While on the school bus

Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.

Use of WCDs, except those approved by a teacher or administrator, at any other time is prohibited and they must be *powered completely off and stored out of sight (not just placed into vibrate or silent mode).*

Using a WCD to capture, record and/or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without proper consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted.

The use of WCDs that contain built-in cameras (i.e. devices that take still or motion pictures, whether in a digital or other format) is prohibited in locker rooms, shower facilities, and/or rest/bathrooms.

Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of WCDs on school premises/property.

Students are also prohibited from using a WCD to capture, record and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using WCDs to receive such information.

Possession of a WCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extra-curricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise abuses this privilege.



6th GRADE

Language Arts

- 2 Composition notebooks
- 2 Folder with pockets and prongs
- Loose-leaf paper
- Pencils

Math

- 1 in binder
- Loose-leaf paper
- Folder
- Pencils (daily use)
- Pens (for grading)
- Dry erase markers
- Cap erasers

Science

- 1 inch binder
- Notebook paper
- Pencils (Both student and classroom donations)
- Tissues
- Clorox wipes
- Accelerated: Composition notebook, glue stick, scissors, pocket folder with prongs

Social Studies: US History

- Pencils
- Erasers
- Notebook paper
- Folder
- Markers or colored pencils
- Glue sticks

Research/Reading:

- 4 folders with pockets & prongs
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- Composition notebook
- Highlighters
- 4 packages of pencils
- Sticky notes
- 1 package of index cards
- Ream of White Copy Paper

Health:

- Spiral notebook
- 1 in 3 ringed binder
- Colored pencils

7th GRADE

These items will be used in all classes in 7th grade.

- colored pencils
- highlighters
- glue stick
- ruler
- loose leaf paper (except civics)
- #2 pencils
- blue or black pens
- red pens for correcting papers
- scissors
- earbuds

Language Arts

- 1" Binder
- Dividers (Pack of 5)
- 2 3-prong folder
- 1 1-subject spiral notebook
- 1 pkg. of Wide-ruled paper
- 1 pkg. 3x5 Index cards
- 3-5 pads of post-it notes

Math

- 1 inch Binder
- 1 folder
- 3 Dividers
- LOTS of notebook paper
- LOTS of pencils (preferably mechanical)
- Red Pens (for grading assignments in class)
- Hole Reinforcement Stickers for Paper
- Cap Erasers
- Calculator- Texas Instruments TI-30Xa {MUST BE THIS EXACT CALCULATOR}



Science

- 3-4 Reams of notebook paper
- 3-4 Yellow Highlighters
- 6 Black or Blue ink pens (NO red please)
- 1 (1 ½ or 2 inch) 3-ringed hard covered binder please (Adv. only
- Pencils (enough to last entire year mechanical preferred)
- Tab Divider Pages (for 3-ringed binder)
- Cap Erasers
- 1 Homework Folder
- Hole Reinforcement Stickers for hole punched papers
- Accelerated: Composition notebook, glue stick, scissors, pocket folder with prongs

Social Studies: Civics

- 1-inch binder
- Pencils, Pens, and Highlighters
- Ream of copy paper in lieu of notebook paper
- Pack of 50 sheet protectors

8th GRADE

Language Arts

- 2 three-pronged pocket folders
- 2 packs of notebook paper
- 1 pack of sticky notes
- 1 composition notebook
- 4 different colored highlighters

8th Grade/Algebra 1 Honors:

- 1 in or 2 in binder
- Ream of copy paper
- Composition notebook
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Red pens
- Loose-leaf paper
- Scientific Calculator TI-30Xa (cell phone may not be used)

Science

- Composition notebook
- 3 prong plastic folder
- Loose leaf paper
- Dividers
- Pencils, Red pen
- Roll of paper towels OR box of tissues
- Colored pencils, Highlighter
- Accelerated: Composition notebook, glue stick, scissors, pocket folder with prongs

Optional supplies that are appreciated by ALL teachers:

- Ream of Copy Paper
- Dry Erase Markers for daily use
- Clorox wipes
- Baby wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Paper Towels
- Box of tissues

SUMIMER ASSIGNMENTS: Check out the complete list of summer assignments on the RRMS Website at rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us. Math 6-8/Algebra 1 Honors: Download on the RRMS Website.

- **ELA 6-8:** Read one Historical Fiction novel and one Sunshine State novel, and write a reflection/reading log for each.
- Social Studies (Advanced): The expectation is that students will be familiar with US Geography, landmarks and will also be preparing
 ideas for History Fair topics. Students should read through the website and have a topic in mind within the first two weeks of school.
 National History Day Project
 - 1. All advanced social studies students are required to complete a National History Day research project. In preparation for this, around mid-July, students should read through the NHD website (<u>https://www.nhd.org</u>) The final research project is usually due in January.
 - 2. The upcoming year's theme is Breaking Barriers. Based on the theme, students should generate a list of at least three topics they would be interested in researching. The themes are chosen to be broad enough to encourage investigation of topics ranging from local history to world history, and from ancient time to the recent past. To understand the historical importance of your topic you need to ask questions about time, place and context; cause and effect; change over time; and impact and significance. You must consider not only when and where events happened, but also why they occurred and what factors contributed to their development.
 - 3. Students should also be thinking about which type of medium (website, exhibit, research paper, performance or documentary) they would like to present their research in.
 - 4. Reading through the website and looking at examples of material is the best way to have a handle on this project. Most of the work will be completed outside of class.

1" binder 1- 3 prong/2 pocket folders (for Advanced class

only/any color- plastic would be a plus for durability)
Wide- ruled Notebook paper

Social Studies: World History

- vvide- ruled Notebook pape
 Pencils
- Pencils
 Pens
- Pens
 Highlighters
- Hand sharpener
- Erasers (cap erasers or block)
- Markers or Colored Pencils
- Glue sticks
- Ear buds

ELECTIVES Spanish 1 & 2:

- 3 subject notebook
 - Pencils
 - 1 pen to make corrections
 - 1 pack of wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
 - Headphones/Earbuds
 - Optional items: tissues, paper towels

Please Note:

- RRMS does not have lockers so students will need to have a backpack to carry supplies.
- Additional supplies may be required by your child's team of teachers. Teachers will be distributing class specific supply lists during Storm the Castle (July 31), Orientation Day (August 6), and/or the first day of school.

• Accelerated Science 6th & 7th Grade, Physical Science Honors: Download on the RRMS website.