

# River Ridge Middle School

## Class of 2024

### Transitioning to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Year



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#### STORM THE CASTLE

### NEW RRMS STUDENT ORIENTATION – JULY 31ST

New 8<sup>th</sup> graders to RRMS 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 a RRMS shirt, bag, breakfast, lunch, and snacks at no cost. Parents can join their students at 12PM to pick up schedules, pay fees, purchase spirit items, PE uniforms, etc. *Students who attend do not need to attend the County-wide Secondary Registration Day on August 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 for any returning 8<sup>th</sup> graders to RRMS.** Parents/Guardians can come with students to pick up schedules, pay fees, purchase PE/Dance uniforms and lockers, buy yearbooks, and take tours of the campus. We will also have new RRMS spirit items on sale for purchase.

### WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YEAR EXPENSES?

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

#### Required:

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

#### Optional:

- Class of 2024 T-shirt \$10
- Yearbook \$25 (through Jan. 1), \$30 (through May), \$35 (after arrival)  
Order online at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) or cash/check to Ms. Baumaister.
- School Pictures TBD
- Fall, Winter, and Spring Dances \$10 each
- NASA Field Trip (Adv. Science)/Field Trip T-shirt \$75
- Gradventure/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Gradventure T-shirt \$140
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Fee (8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, picnic) \$15



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

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

- December 6: Physics Day @ Busch Gardens Tampa, FL (Physical Science Honors) Cost: TBD
- December 13: Kennedy Space Center NASA, Cape Canaveral, FL \$75 (Adv. Science)
- January/February: Holocaust Museum St. Petersburg, FL Cost: TBD
- May 8: Gradventure @ Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure, Orlando, FL \$140

### END OF YEAR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACTIVITIES

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

- May 8: Gradventure
- May 15: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
- May 18: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards
- May 21: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic

### PROMOTION CEREMONY – MAY 22

River Ridge Middle School will host a Promotion Ceremony for the Class of 2024 at 8AM on Friday, May 22 in the RRMS/HS Gymnasium. This is a formal occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders being promoted to high school. We invite family and friends to join us to recognize our outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

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#### MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS TO HIGH SCHOOL

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

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

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

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

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

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

Storm the Castle for 6<sup>th</sup> & 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  
 Early Release – September 11  
 Quarter 1 Progress Reports – September 13  
 River Ridge Spirit Week – September 23-27  
 Early Release – October 9  
 Quarter 1 Ends – October 13  
 Teacher Planning Day – No School – October 14  
 Quarter 1 Report Cards – October 23  
 Fall School Dance – October 31  
 Early Release – November 13  
 Quarter 2 Progress Reports – November 15  
 Pasco Pathways Expo – November 18  
 Thanksgiving Break – November 25-November 29  
 Early Release – December 11  
 District Finals Window – December 16-20  
 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  
 Valentine's/Kindness Dance – February 14  
 President's Day – No School – February 17  
 Early Release – March 11  
 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  
 Quarter 4 Progress Reports – April 24  
 FSA ELA/Math Windows – May 1-29  
 Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics EOCs Windows – May 1-29  
 NGSS Science Grade 8 Window – May 4-15  
 Gradventure @ Universal – May 8  
 RRMS Athletics Dinner & Banquet – May 13 6PM  
 Yearbook Signing Party – May TBD  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance – May 15 6PM-8PM  
 District Finals Window – May 18-27  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night of Excellence Awards Ceremony – May 18 6PM  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic – May 21 12PM-2PM  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony – May 22 8AM RRMS/HS Gym  
 Memorial Day – No School – May 25  
 Last Day of School – May 27