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River Ridge Middle School ROYAL UPDATE

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NEW SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Please know that the administrative and leadership teams at RRMS are working on plans of how a student's day will look back on campus in August and are included in this newsletter.

- We are devising a plan for students arriving on campus and at dismissal time.
- We are considering alternative locations on campus for lunches, beyond the cafeteria.
- We are looking at traffic flow through the hallways and courtyards.
- We are brainstorming ideas on what the classroom will look like in efforts to support social distancing.

These are just a few aspects of returning to RRMS campus that we are working through. These plans will be shared on our website, social media, and through phone calls home. We will also be posting our Royal Health & Safety Expectations to STAY SAFE and protocols "HOW TO" video to preview prior to school starting in myLearning as well as have school-wide lessons planned for the first weeks of school.

Finally, **everyone on campus will be REQUIRED to wear a mask including on the bus. We also highly recommend that ALL students bring their own personal face masks, hand sanitizer, school supplies, earbuds, calculator, water bottle and laptop/tablets/iPad to keep with them in their backpacks throughout the day.**

Together, as a Royal Family, through education and following the important on campus health and safety expectations, we will have an amazing year!

FACE MASKS REQUIRED

The District has mandated that all employees, visitors, and students wear masks or other face covering while on school property and/or engaged in school activities including riding the bus. For the purpose of this rule, face coverings will be interpreted broadly to include items like masks, face shields, scarfs, bandannas, and fishing buffs. Face coverings must be worn in accordance with established guidelines and must otherwise comply with the applicable standards of dress code set forth in the Student Code of Conduct. Everyone is responsible for supplying their own face coverings. School buildings will be stocked with a limited number of disposable face masks for emergency situations only. Students with a medical condition that impacts their ability to wear a mask should address the request with his/her individual school. A doctor's note will be required.

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 quarter. These drills allow staff and students to rehearse the procedures that may be needed in the event of an emergency situation. Every effort will be made for social distancing during the physical safety drills and some of the drills have been converted to video drills.

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.



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2020-2021 River Ridge Middle School

Collective Responsibility: Keeping our Students, Staff, & Families Safe

School safety is a collective responsibility and it will take efforts of all of our Royal students, staff and families to keep River Ridge clean and safe.

GENERAL FACILITIES

- Face coverings are to be worn during all times students/staff are traveling in/out of the building, passing times, cafeteria when not eating, classroom unless otherwise instructed based on the activity and ability to appropriately distance from others.
- The campus will open at 7:10AM. Students enter through the bus loop (bus riders) and front of the building (car and bike riders, walkers) to assist with social distancing and congregating. They will get breakfast from the cart (if desired) and will go directly to their 1st period class.
- Increased supervision of staff to support students social distancing and not congregating.
- Staggered dismissal so that students can distance themselves leaving the building at the end of the school day.
- Water bottle refill station/water fountains are located in the cafeteria and main hallway. Students encouraged to have their own bottle.
- 8 hand sanitizer stations located around the building and in each classroom/office.
- Soap and automatic dryers available in all bathrooms.
- Enhanced weekly cleaning of walls, cabinets, furniture and floors.
- Increased frequency of changing AC filters.
- Increased cleaning and disinfecting of the facilities at night.
- High traffic and frequently touched areas such as bathrooms and hallways will be routinely cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.
- Physical barriers installed in select locations such as the front office lobby, guidance lobby area and clinic.
- Every staff member completed training prior to school starting that promotes awareness, knowledge and skills about mental health and suicide preventions and prepares staff to facilitate conversations when students are in distress and connect them with support.
- Isolation area in the clinic for symptomatic students.

Signage and Safety Reminders

- Signage in bathrooms, commons areas, and classrooms promoting health and safety practices.
- Bulletin boards around the building sharing how Royal Knights reinforcing healthy hygiene and expected school and workplace behaviors.

Visitors & Office Areas

- Visitors will not be permitted on campus for meetings and/or lunch from August to December at this time.
- No more than six people in the front office lobby and Student Services area at one time.
- Meetings with school staff are by appointment only.

CLASSROOMS

- Students are HIGHLY encouraged to bring their own supplies to support students having their own belongings vs. community supplies. Personal supplies to consider, but are not limited to hand sanitizer, calculators, water bottles, technology (tablets, laptops, cellphones), and class materials.
- It is recommended that students will use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the classroom.
- Students will keep all of their belongings, including backpacks, with them at all times to avoid any cross-contamination.
- Classrooms will be designed to assist with social distancing by spacing out desks and tables.
- PE locker room and lockers will not be used for classes and dressing out for PE will not be encouraged. Students should dress in athletic wear to school on activity days.
- PE lockers will only be sold to current athletes to store athletic equipment during the day before practice.
- Each classroom will be provided a "Sanitation Station" that will be placed by the entrance/exit of the classroom. These stations will consist of hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray and micro-fiber towels that will be replaced daily.
- While in class, teacher will have procedures for social distancing and how to clean/disinfect any materials needed for the lesson.
- Students will have access to resources and coursework online. It is recommended that assignments and assessments be administered or turned in online to avoid having physical documents to contaminated. Students can use phones to take pictures of assignments and turn them in.
- There will be a designated time at the end of the class for cleaning and disinfecting the classroom to prepare for the next class.
- Technology in labs, carts and classrooms will be appropriately disinfected after use.
- Activities the first week of school for Traditional and mySchool students to support their Social Emotional Learning and re-acclimating to a "new normal."











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<p>CAFETERIA (BREAKFAST & LUNCH)</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the morning, all students may go to the breakfast cart in the courtyard and then immediately to first period class with their "grab and go" meal choice. <p>Transition to and from Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staggered release by hallway, students will bring their backpacks with them as they are escorted by staff and exit out the front of the building. Students will enter through front doors and use hand sanitizer then immediately go to lines and then find their designated eating area either inside, outside or media center. Students will dispose of their waste in the trash cans which will be located one trash can for every four tables. Students will exit the cafeteria through the three back doors and return to their classroom taking the pathway behind the school. <p>Lunch</p> <p>To accommodate large crowds while adhering to physical distancing guidelines, we will implement the following practices during student lunch times of the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjusted schedule by adding a fourth lunch Open outdoor seating when weather permits allowing up to 100 students to safely eat outside. Transform the school's media center to allow for academic lunch for up to 70 students. Encourage student academic "lunch bunches" with teachers within the classroom. Open additional student seating within the cafeteria to allow students to engage in broader social distancing. Provide hand sanitizer stations in locations where hand washing is not practical or permissible (entrances of the cafeteria and food lines). Students are to remain seated at all times and must raise their hands to go to food lines and restrooms. Ensure cafeteria restrooms have adequate hand soap and supplies to allow for vigorous hand washing. Cafeteria seating and tables will be sanitized between all lunch periods. More frequent sanitization on high touch points in the serving line. Adjust feeding patterns to limit the number of students in line at the same time so the physical distancing can take place. All food purchases will be packaged for safety. All utensils and condiments will be individually packaged. Place appropriate educational signage to communicate best practices around physical distancing and personal hygiene. Provide additional adult supervision. 	<p>TRANSITIONS (ARRIVAL, PASSING, DISMISSAL)</p> <p>Arrival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The campus will open at 7:10AM. Buses will be released in a staggered time frame to minimize number of students entering the school. Students enter through the bus loop (bus riders) and front of the building (car and bike riders, walkers) to assist with social distancing and congregating. They will get "grab and go" breakfast from the cart (if desired) and will go directly to their 1st period class. Signage will be placed to establish a one-way flow for arrival and dismissal. Students may not congregate in the courtyard or other areas of the campus. <p>Passing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hallways will be separated to allow students to "stay to the right" when moving through the buildings. Students should wait patiently outside of their next classroom until the classroom is finished being clean and sanitized. There will be markings outside the classrooms to help students maintain social distancing. Free standing signs will be placed in common areas to limit congregation to small groups and to remind students to transition immediately to class. There will also be increased supervision to assist in limiting congregation and to provide support for a smooth transition. <p>Dismissal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be dismissed by their classroom teacher and should exit the buildings. There will be a staggered dismissal so that students can distance themselves leaving the building at the end of the school day. Increased supervision of staff to support students social distancing and not congregating. Students will exit through the bus loop (bus riders) and front of the building (car and bike riders, walkers) to assist with social distancing and congregating. The campus will close to students who are not participating in extra-curricular activities at 2:30PM.
<p style="text-align: center;">How can families support these efforts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a mask Wash your hands Screening your child each day for a temperature or sickness Use your own supplies Bring your own electronic device (laptop, tablet, iPad) Bring personal hand sanitizer Bring a reusable water bottle Wash your masks regularly Sanitize/wash your lunchbox and backpack 	

2020-2021 River Ridge Middle School Royal Knights STUDENT Expectations

Arrival	MySchool Online	Traditional	Dismissal
<p>BUS RIDER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will wear a face covering such as a mask on the bus. I will sit with a consistent friend and sibling/family member. I will enter through the middle school bus loop doors and go straight to the breakfast area in the courtyard and then to 1st period. If I am not buying breakfast, I will go straight to 1st period. <p>CAR RIDER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will wait outside the front of the building while maintaining distance from others prior to gates opening. I will go straight to the breakfast area and then straight to class. If I am not buying breakfast, I will go straight to class. <p>WALKER/BIKE RIDER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will wait outside the front of the building while maintaining distance from others prior to gates opening. I will go straight to the breakfast area and then straight to class. If I am not buying breakfast, I will go straight to class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will have my workspace ready and be logged in online at 7:30AM I will check my announcements for each class on myLearning. I will set a timer for my scheduled 30-minute lunch time. I will attend all classes and required Zoom sessions. I will check my messages daily on both myLearning and Outlook (Office 365). I will write in my planner and/or use an organizational tool to record assignments I will work productively and post my own work. I will safely explore the internet and be responsible for my posts. I will end my day by making a list of homework and things to do to be prepared for the next day. I will reach out to my teachers for support with my assignments or navigating my courses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will wear a face covering while on any school grounds including, but not limited to, the bus stop, busses, car rider loop. I will responsibly get my breakfast (if desired), enter the building safely and report straight to 1st period. I will throw away my trash and sanitize my hands before and after eating. I will not congregate in hallways or courtyards. I will follow the directional pattern in the hallways by staying to the right. I will wear my mask and maintain distance from my friends when waiting outside of classrooms. I will sanitize my hands upon entering every classroom and cafeteria for lunch. I will follow classroom start-up procedures (do-now, etc.) and follow safety expectations. I will be respectful and responsible in my classroom interactions. I will wear a face covering at lunch while not eating and will social distance when possible. I will raise my hand at lunch if I need to leave my seat. I will write in my planner and/or use an organizational tool to record assignments and assessments. I will report directly to the bus loop or car rider loop upon dismissal, wearing a face covering and social distancing when possible. I will review my planner when I get home to ensure I am prepared for the next day. I will reach out to my teachers for support with my assignments when needed. 	<p>BUS RIDER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will exit the building when my classroom is dismissed. I will report directly to the bus loop upon dismissal, wearing a face covering and social distancing when possible. I will wear my mask on the bus and sit with the same people. <p>CAR RIDER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will exit the building when my classroom is dismissed. I will report directly to the car rider loop upon dismissal, wearing a face covering and social distancing when possible. I will maintain distance as I wait to be picked up and wear my mask. <p>WALKER/BIKE RIDER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will exit the building when my classroom is dismissed. I will report directly to the bike rack (if needed) upon dismissal, wearing a face covering and social distancing when possible. I will maintain social distance while getting my bike or walking and immediately leave campus.
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>River Ridge Royal Knights remember to...</p> <h1>STAY SAFE</h1> <p>by following on campus health & safety expectations</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer regularly</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Avoid contact</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Keep a safe distance of at least 6ft. when interacting with others</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Avoid touching your face</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Cough or sneeze into the crease of the elbow or in a tissue</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Stay at home if you are ill</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">BE RESPECTFUL. - BE RESPONSIBLE. BE A PROBLEM SOLVER.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>#RoyalCultureofCaring #WeAreBetterTogether</i></p> </div>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will report directly to the bus loop or car rider loop upon dismissal, wearing a face covering and social distancing when possible. I will review my planner when I get home to ensure I am prepared for the next day. I will reach out to my teachers for support with my assignments when needed. 	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ORIENTATION INFORMATION

PASCO COUNTY SCHOOL – REOPENING SCHOOLS - 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Secondary Information

Bus Sanitation

Each bus will be thoroughly sanitized twice a day and high-touch areas of the bus will be disinfected between each transported group. Students are required to wear a face covering while on the bus. Siblings will be directed to sit together and students will be organized on the bus by their stop. Available space on the bus will be used to the fullest extent possible to distance students. Please do not send your student to school if they are not feeling well.

Transportation Eligibility

Florida State Statute outlines student eligibility for school transportation. In general, students that live within 2 miles of their zoned school are not eligible for basic student transportation. It would be the family's responsibility to coordinate how their student gets to and from school. Transportation as a related service for special education students is coordinated on a student IEP or 504 documentation.

Bus Compound Contact Info:

Bus routes each have an alpha-numeric identifier. The beginning letter identifies the servicing bus compound you should call if needed.

C Routes	727-774-0520
D Routes	813-794-0560
N Routes	727-774-0540
S Routes	727-774-4410
W Routes	727-774-0400
Z Routes	813-794-0501

Be Ready for the Bus

It is important to be standing at the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the pick-up time on your bus pass. Please follow these directions especially if you drive your student to the stop in the morning. Routes will likely run a little late until everyone gets back in the school routine again. Please be early and be ready. It is important to keep in mind that school bus drivers are not able to engage in lengthy discussion with parents or guardians at the bus stop as we strive to maintain our bus stop schedule. Please contact Transportation should you have questions or concerns you would like to discuss.

Ridership Consistency

We certainly understand the excitement of returning to school and families driving their student in the first few days (or more)! Please consider transitioning your student to the bus as soon as possible. We want our students (and you) to be comfortable and confident when using District transportation. Ridership will be monitored and those students with bus passes that do not ride the bus will receive notification of their pass being ended. The deactivation of passes will begin in October for students not actively riding the bus.

Bus Passes

Transportation relies on information in MyStudent to issue bus passes for students. It is important for you to ensure your student's address information is accurate and update as needed, directly with their school. Updated bus passes will be issued and available in your MyStudent portal within 48 hours. You can print this screen or snap a picture for reference later. Bus passes for students with an IEP or 504 can take up to 7 days to coordinate transportation. Parent Portal set-up information can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/y6nyn8b8>

School Choice

Transportation is not provided for students that have elected to attend a school other than their zoned school. Students participating in some academic programs (e.g. Cambridge, IB, Magnet) may have alternative transportation options. This information can be provided by your student's school or by contacting Transportation.

Single Bus Pass

Transportation eligible students may only be issued one bus pass based on the student's address of record. This pass is for consistent transportation; Monday-Friday; morning and afternoon; to the same stop location. The District is unable to accommodate requests for bus stops to multiple addresses.

Two Week Route Consistency

It is District practice to restrict route changes (adding stops, changing stop times) for the first two weeks of school. This allows students and families to build a consistent back to school routine. While there are situations that require some limited, specific changes to occur, we will work to minimize the impact as much as possible. Route changes will begin to be processed beginning the third week of school.

Late Buses

If a bus is running at least 15 minutes late, an automated phone message will be sent to the identified contact for the students who are assigned to that bus; using the primary phone number listed in my student. If the bus arrives late to the school, Transportation notifies the school office of their late arrival. Students will not be marked tardy due to their bus arriving late to school. Messages of this nature will not be sent out during the first two weeks of school.

Maintaining Your Student's Emergency Contacts

The information recorded in MyStudent will be used to communicate with you or your designated emergency contacts in the event of an emergency at school or on the bus. It is vital that you check periodically and update this information with the school. This information can be verified through your MyStudent portal.

General Bus Safety and Information

Buses are equipped with lap belts and students are expected to wear them at all times.

Band Instruments or Large Projects: Students may bring these items on the bus as long as they can be held in their lap or between their legs. Also, they shall not protrude into the aisle or another student's space. Large projects cannot contain materials that could be harmful to other students such as hazardous liquids, glass or other sharp items, etc.

Any item left on a school bus will be collected by their bus driver and held for your student on the next school day. Students should check with their driver first for any lost items. Items of obvious monetary value are turned in to the bus compound at the end of the day. We are not able to have a bus return to a stop for items left on the bus. Contact the transportation compound should assistance be needed.

Transportation Call Center

To assist parents with questions and concerns during the first week of school, the transportation call center will be open from 6-10AM and from 2-6PM.

Call 813-794-2500, 727-774-2500, or 352-524-2500.



River Ridge Middle School 2020 Orientation Days Information

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

We are attempting a "touch-free" orientation day, please complete the "know before you go" steps listed below before coming on to campus for your designated event.

STEP 1: Create a myStudent Parent Portal

You can access your child's grades, view their schedule and stay connected in middle school by creating an account and ensuring your address and emergency contact information is up to date. **The portal will open on August 7th.**

STEP 2: Pay School Fees

Log in to your child's myStudent account and pay student fees for this school year. You can also purchase yearbooks at a discounted price, join our Opt Out fundraiser, purchase PE uniforms, classroom workbooks, and River Ridge spirit items. **BRING YOUR RECEIPT WITH YOU!**

STEP 3: Print or Save Your Child's Schedule & Print/Save Receipts to Pick Up Items

Log in to your parent portal to download and print your child's middle school class schedule. Bring it with you when you attend the event. You can use this to explore our campus on a self-guided tour, visit the sessions, and pick up your pre-purchased items. On August 11th, you should follow your sessions in the order in which they have been previously reserved. It is highly recommended that you print your schedule at home. On August 19th, there will be tables in the cafeteria to pick up pre-purchased items only. **You will need to pay fees and print your schedule prior to the event.**

Returning 7th & 8th Graders Open House - Walk your Schedule & Pick Up Pre-paid Items



Wednesday, August 19th
8AM-10AM: Last Names A-M ;
10AM-12PM: Last Names N-Z

This event is intended for returning 7th and 8th Graders to walk their schedules and pick up any pre-purchased items. Schedules and Fees will only be available online prior to coming to campus.

All 6th graders & new students to RRMS...



Tuesday, August 11th 8AM-3PM
By appointment.

The original RSVP times will be honored.

This event is intended to help new Royals learn the lay of the land, meet administrators, counselors and teachers, and explore the exciting opportunities to get involved, stay connected, and safe in the new school year! We are asking, in order to reduce crowd size, to **please have only one parent and the new student attend** the event together during the selected two-hour orientation window. **Before coming on campus, you should complete the Know Before You Go in MyStudent Parent Portal.**

MySchool Online students...



Thursday, August 13th 8AM-4PM
By appointment.

MySchool Online students do not have to attend Storm the Castle or the Open House Day. Families will select a 1-hr time slot to attend the MySchool Online Information Session at this link or on the RRMS website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b48aaab2daa8-myschool>

This will be the time to pick up materials, check out a computer (if needed), and receive a general overview of the program expectations. These families should still go to myStudent Parent Portal to update contact info, pay fees and view the student schedule.

Note: For each event, only one adult should accompany the student and everyone must wear a mask or face covering while on campus.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

There will be no schedule changes completed at Storm the Castle on 8/11 or at the Secondary Open House on 8/19. You may make a request online only. 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.

Due to Class Size Amendment and limited scheduling options for mySchool Online, no other requests for schedule changes will be honored. If your scheduling request meets the above criteria, please visit the link on the RRMS website.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supply lists are posted on the RRMS website and included at the end of this newsletter. PTSA has also provided the option of purchasing school supply boxes through www.schooltoolbox.com that will ship directly to your home. Students are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to carry their own personal hand sanitizer, MUST wear a mask, bring their own earbuds, calculator, water bottle and electronic device such as a laptop, tablet or iPad. Teachers will provide additional needs during the first week of school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

Students taking Physical Education or Dance courses should wear appropriate attire to school. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, students will not be dressing out and using the locker rooms this year but will be expected to participate in the courses.

We do recommend the purchase of PE uniforms for \$10 shirt or shorts or a combo for \$15. Dance uniforms are available for purchase for \$30 for a shirt and leggings. These items will be available on August 11th and 19th, and the first few weeks of school for purchase.

RRMS ATHLETICS

Chrissy Brando, Athletic Director
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All middle school students may participate in the middle school athletic program. Students must have a valid physical form submitted prior to tryouts. Please visit the RRMS website under Athletics for all required paperwork. Upon making the team, the following athletic participation fees apply and must be paid within 3 days of making the team:

- *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

CHEERLEADING: Head Coach Lynn Vairo – meet in Dance Room

VOLLEYBALL: Head Coaches Chrissy Brando (Varsity),
TBA (JV) – meet at girls' locker room

The first day of Pasco County Athletics is Monday, September 7th. More information about try out dates will be provided at a later time.

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>.

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. Parents need to go on myStudent Parent Portal to complete the emergency card prior to Storm the Castle or Orientation Day.

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. Parents can make an appointment for the week of August 17th to drop off medications, etc. by contacting Ms. Noe at jnoe@pasco.k12.fl.us. All forms (parent permission to administer, medical management plans) are on the RRMS website under Clinic.

TDAP – 7TH 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 August 11th or 19th and prior to the first day of school. Students who do not have the TDAP may not start school. All Pasco County students are required to be fully immunized.

KNIGHT CAFÉ INFORMATION

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

Pam Midkiff, Cafeteria Manager
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Families are required to apply for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program yearly. Applications open online on July 2020. 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 www.myschoolbucks.com. 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 \$10 per adult and \$5 per student 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 legislative efforts.

CONTACT US: RiverRidgeMSPTSA@gmail.com
<https://riverridgemsptsa.memberhub.store/>

2020-21 RRMS PTSA Executive Board

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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 <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us> 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, Sue Hammelman, can advise you of your approval status once you have submitted your application. You can contact her at shammelm@pasco.k12.fl.us or 774-7208.

DISTRICT REQUIRED MS ASSESSMENTS

NWEA MAP and Progress Checks: In order to determine the impact of the forced changes in our instructional programs have had on our students' mastery of learning, the district has applied for federal CARES funds. The use of these funds requires administration of a diagnostic to assess any student learning gaps. The district will be administering the assessment in grades 6-8 ELA, Math, and Science three times per year (August 26-Sept. 15, Dec. 1-16, April 7-23). In addition, a District Civics assessment will be created for students in enrolled in the course.

District Finals: These finals will be given at the end of each year/semester for courses without state assessments. They will count as 10% of the student's semester grade. The testing window is Dec. 14-18 and May 17-25.

State Assessments & EOCs: These assessments will take place in April and May to measure student progress and proficiency of the grade level standards.

- FSA ELA Reading/Writing
- FSA Math 6-8, Algebra I EOC, Geometry EOC
- FCAT Science Grade 8 (and students in Physical Science/Accl. Science Honors 7th Grade)
- Civics EOC – 30% of the student's year-long grade

OPT OUT FUNDRAISER

No Catalogs! No Order Forms! No Hassle! For a \$30 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 Storm the Castle on 8/11 or the Open House on 8/19. 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.).

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 Ms. Cione with \$5. All proceeds go to student and staff recognition.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

River Ridge Middle School and River Ridge High School will be hosting joint School Advisory Council meetings for the 2020-21 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 2020-21 School Advisory Council will be taken through September 4, 2020. Nominations can be made by contacting Alex Astone, Assistant Principal, via email to aastone@pasco.k12.fl.us. Contact Mr. Astone 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 <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb-spar/index.cfm>. A hard copy of the report will also be available in the front office at the school.



SCHOOL POLICIES

BE RESPECTFUL. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE A PROBLEM SOLVER.

TARDY & ATTENDANCE POLICY

WHAT IS A TARDY?

When a student is not physically inside the classroom door when the bell rings.

WHAT DO I DO IF I AM TARDY?

Immediately report to the front office. You will be issued a pass. If tardies and attendance become excessive, consequences may follow including but not limited to Lonely Lunch, After School Detention, etc.

STUDENTS MAY NOT BE IN THE HALLWAYS WITHOUT A PASS.



DRESS CODE

WHERE IS THE DRESS CODE POLICY LOCATED?

On our RRMS website, in your planner, and posted throughout campus.

WHAT DO I DO IF I AM OUT OF DRESS CODE?

A staff member will send you to Student Services to log in for a Dress Code violation.

DOES DRESS CODE RESET?

Yes. Each quarter dress code resets.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR DRESS CODE?

- 1) Warning & Change Clothes
- 2) Change Clothes, Parent Contact, Lonely Lunch Detention
- 3) Each subsequent violation will result in student being required to change and serve Lonely Lunch Detention, or may result in the student being sent home.
- 4) Acts of defiance and argumentative behavior could result in more severe consequences, including OSS.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE

- Cell phones
- Smartphones
- Smartwatches
- Wireless Earbuds
- Computers
- Tablets or iPads
- Other web-enabled devices of any type

WHEN ARE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES PROHIBITED?

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. The use of any WCD in classrooms from non-education related communications or purposes is prohibited. Using a WCD to capture or record/transmit pictures of others without their consent is prohibited. Using a WCD in locker rooms, shower facilities, or restrooms is prohibited. Using a WCD to capture or record/transmit/receive test information constituting fraud, theft, or academic dishonesty is prohibited.

WHEN CAN I USE A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE?

Lunch, before and after school, passing, after school activities, on the school bus, and when a classroom teacher allows you to use it for an instructional activity.

CAN A STAFF MEMBER CONFISCATE MY WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE?

Yes. Refusing to hand over your WCD is defiance of authority. You will automatically receive a Discipline Referral and may result in OSS.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE OF A WCD?

- 1) Confiscation, student pick-up at the end of the period
- 2) Confiscation, student pick-up at the end of the day
- 3) Confiscation, parent/guardian pick-up
- 4) Confiscation, parent/guardian pick up, 3 days Lonely Lunch
- 5) Confiscation, parent/guardian pick up, Discipline Referral

*Note: Administration may create a check in, check out and/or WCD student behavior agreement that will limit/eliminate WCD use, if deemed necessary.

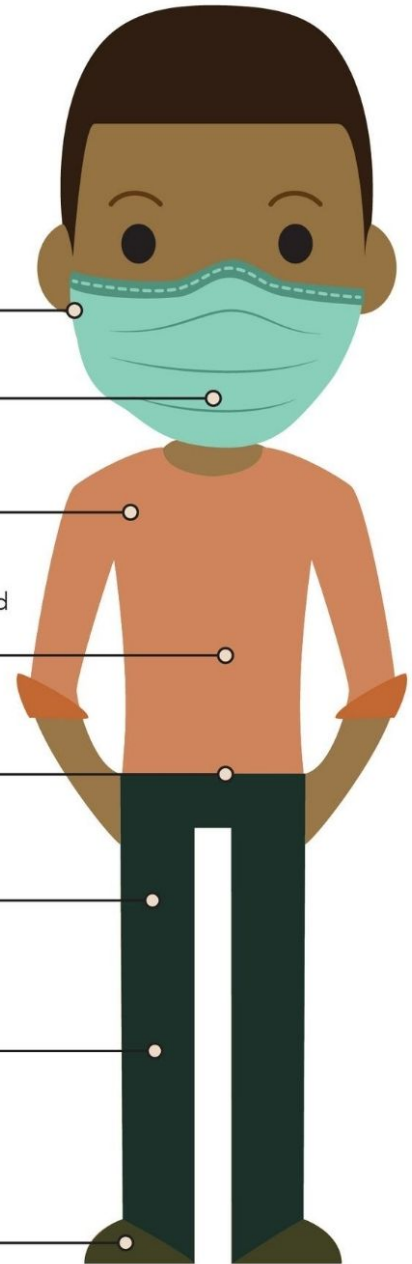
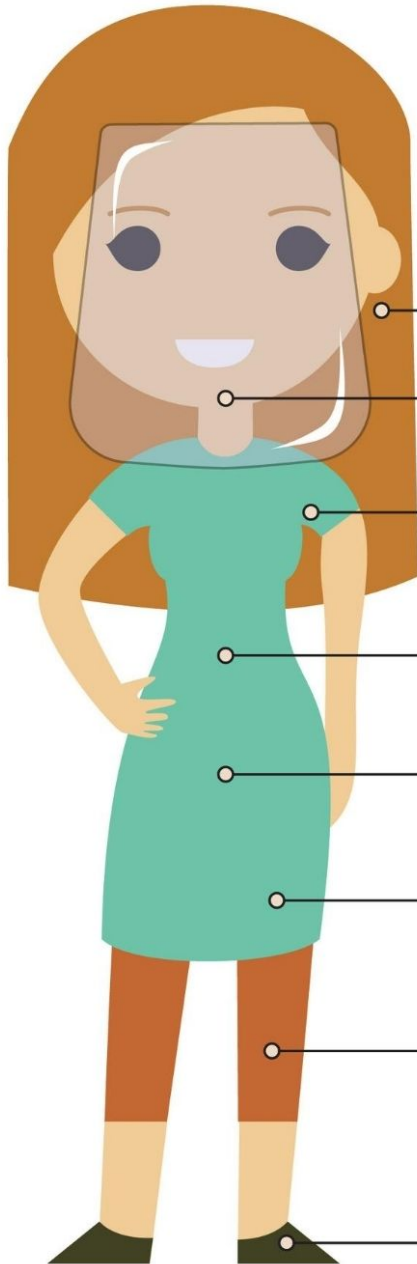


RRMS DRESS CODE

Royal Knights dress for success by being responsible and respectful with their appearance so they can focus on their academics within the learning environment. A student in violation of the dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing before returning to class. If necessary, the student will contact parents to provide the appropriate clothing. Discipline steps will be given for repeated infractions.



THE CODE



Hats and head coverings are **NOT** permitted on the school campus during the regular school day unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities by the Principal

Face masks, face shields, and/or gaiters. *

Blouses, shirts, and sweaters may **NOT** dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit.

Muscle shirts and spaghetti straps and tank tops are not permitted. Shirts must have no less than a minimum of one flat hand covering the shoulder.

Shirts **MUST** be long enough to cover the belt or be tucked in. **NO** underwear should be exposed.

Pants **MUST** be worn securely at the waist with no abdomen, back, side skin or underwear exposed.

Shorts, dresses, skirts, and holes in ripped jeans **MUST** be a maximum of 4" above the knee **EVEN** when worn with leggings.

Shoes **MUST** be worn for hygienic reasons and foot protection while on school grounds or transportation. Slippers are **NOT** acceptable.

Sexually implicit or explicit clothing, bikinis, tank tops, leggings, jeggings, sleepwear including pajamas, spandex clothing, are not appropriate for school.

*Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted or attached to the body or clothing which are offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum, or which 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. This includes face masks, face shields, and gaiters.

The Principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance. The Principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. The Principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Royal Knights
 PBIS GOLD MODEL SCHOOL



PBIS is a Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports system that recognizes student behaviors identified as those leading to student success. Creating a school-wide PBIS system fosters a positive learning environment for all students and staff.

ROYAL KNIGHTS ALWAYS DISPLAY THE KNIGHTLY VALUES

BE
Respectful.

BE
Responsible.

BE A
Problem Solver.

ROYAL KNIGHTS LEARN TO EARN BY MAKING POSITIVE CHOICES!



River Ridge Middle School students can earn Knight Dollars (school currency) by meeting posted expectations in the classroom both online and traditional, in the cafeteria, in the commons area, the media center, and on the bus. Knight Dollars can be awarded by any staff member!

WHAT CAN I DO WITH KNIGHT DOLLARS?

The RRMS school store is called the Royal Merchant Store and is open the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month for shopping digitally. Students can access the store and use Knight Dollars/PBIS points through the student app for snacks, school supplies, school spirit gear, prizes, and special privileges/experiences. Item Pick Up will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Cafeteria. All experiences will be redeemed on Fridays. If you are a MySchool Online (MSO) student, you may pick up your items at the front office during normal hours. Experiences are not available for students on this path.

Students can ask their teachers about their classroom incentive store, and what the process is to make a purchase directly from a teacher.




THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!



Download the PBIS Rewards App for Students to keep track of your Knight Dollars! No device? No problem. Log in the website to track your Knight Dollars!
<https://www.pbisrewards.com/>

Parents can download the PBIS Rewards App for Parents to stay up-to-date on your child's positive behaviors!

<https://student.pbisrewards.com/login.php>
<https://www.pbisrewards.com/about/parent-support-video/>



River Ridge Middle School 2020-2021 Bell Schedule



AM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1st Period: 7:30-8:18

2nd Period: 8:22-9:04

AM Activity: 9:08-9:58

3rd Period/Lunch A: 10:02-10:48

4th Period/Lunch B: 10:52-11:38

5th Period/Lunch C: 11:42-12:28

6th Period/Lunch D: 12:32-1:18

7th Period: 1:22-2:08

REGULAR SCHEDULE

1st Period: 7:30-8:26

2nd Period: 8:30-9:23

3rd Period: 9:27-10:20
"Knight Time" 9:27-9:46
Lunch A 9:50-10:20

4th Period: 10:24-11:17
"Knight Time": 10:24-10:43
Lunch B 10:47-11:17

5th Period: 11:21-12:14
"Knight Time": 11:21-11:39
Lunch C: 11:44-12:14

6th Period: 12:18-1:11
"Knight Time": 12:18-12:36
Lunch D: 12:41-1:11

7th Period: 1:15-2:08

PM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1st Period: 7:30-8:18

2nd Period: 8:22-9:04

7th Period: 9:08-9:54

3rd Period/Lunch A: 9:58-10:44

4th Period/Lunch B: 10:48-11:34

5th Period/Lunch C: 11:38-12:24

6th Period/Lunch D: 12:28-1:14

PM Activity: 1:18-2:08

LUNCH SCHEDULE

Period 3: "Knight Time" & Lunch A:
Hallways: Yellow, Green, 6th Grade
Electives

Period 4: "Knight Time" & Lunch B:
Hallways: Purple, Navy, Orange

Period 5: "Knight Time" & Lunch C:
Hallways: Red, Gold, 7th Grade
Electives

Period 6: "Knight Time" & Lunch D:
Hallways: Maroon, Teal, 8th Grade
Electives

Prior to lunch, students will report to
"Knight Time" class for intervention
and enrichment time.

2020-2021 EARLY RELEASE & CLUB DAYS

*Subject to Change

January 13, 2021

February 3, 2021

March 21, 2021

April 14, 2021



IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

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Mrs. Alexis Balic, School Counselor (7th Grade) abalic@pasco.k12.fl.us 774-7220

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Ms. Stacy Williams, School Social Worker sswillia@pasco.k12.fl.us 774-7259

Mrs. Theresa Mundy, School Nurse; Ms. Joanie Noe, Clinic Asst.
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Mrs. Chrissy Brando, Athletic Director cbrando@pasco.k12.fl.us 774-7187

IMPORTANT RRMS DATES

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

Storm the Castle for 6th & New RRMS Students – August 11
Returning 7th & 8th Grader Open House Day – August 19
First Day of School for Students – August 24
NWEA Map Assessment 1 – August 26 – September 15
Labor Day – No School – September 7
Quarter 1 Progress Reports – September 11
River Ridge Spirit Week – October 5-9
School Pictures – October 8
Quarter 1 Ends – October 9
Teacher Planning Day – No School – October 12
Quarter 1 Report Cards – October 20
History/Science Fair Night (Virtual) – October 21 6PM
Red Ribbon Week – October 26-30
Quarter 2 Progress Reports – November 13
Pasco Pathways Expo – November 16
Great American Teach In (Virtual) – November 18
Thanksgiving Break – November 23-November 27
NWEA Map Assessment 2 – December 1-16
Winter Dance Showcase – December 5
Early Release – December 9
Winter Spirit Week – December 14-18
District Finals Window – December 14-18
Winter Concert & Art/Design Showcase – December 15
Quarter 2 Ends – December 18
Winter Break – December 21 – January 4
Teacher Planning Day – No School – January 5
Quarter 2 Report Cards – January 12
Early Release – January 13
MLK Jr. Day – No School – January 18
Early Release – February 3
Quarter 3 Progress Reports – February 5
Talent Show – February 5
Curriculum Night for 21-22 – February 10
Valentine's/Kindness Dance – February 12
President's Day – No School – February 15
Student Choreography Showcase – February 19
Early Release – March 3
Quarter 3 Ends – March 12
Spring Break – March 15-March 19
Teacher Planning Day – No School – March 22
Quarter 3 Report Cards – March 30
No School for Staff or Students – April 2
NWEA Map Assessment – April 7-23
FSA ELA Writing Window – April 5-16
Spring Dance – April 9
Early Release – April 14
Take Your Child to Work Day – April 22
Quarter 4 Progress Reports – April 23
FSA ELA/Math Windows – May 3-28
Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics EOCs Windows – May 3-28
NGSSS Science Grade 8 Window – May 10-21
Gradventure @ Universal – May 7
RRMS Athletics Dinner & Banquet – May 11 6PM
Yearbook Signing Party – May TBD
8th Grade Dance – May 14 6PM-9PM
End of Year Dance Showcase – May 15
District Finals Window – May 17-25
8th Grade Night of Excellence Awards Ceremony – May 17 6PM
Spring Concert – May 18
8th Grade Picnic – May 20 12PM-2PM
8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – May 21 8AM RRMS/HS Gym
Celebration of Excellence – 6th & 7th Grade Awards Ceremony – May 25
7th Grade Crowning Breakfast – May 26
Last Day of School – May 26

EARLY RELEASE DAYS POSTPONED UNTIL SEMESTER 2

During the 2020-21 school year, Pasco County Schools is implementing a monthly, two-hour early release schedule. Early Release days will be on the following days: 1/13, 2/3, 3/3, 4/14. There will be no early release days in 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. More information will come closer to January.

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 Instagram 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.

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School Name:

**River Ridge Middle School
New Port Richey, FL**

Ordering Available:

Beginning July 27th

Allow 10 days for processing.

6th Grade - \$55.14

7th Grade - \$70.97

8th Grade - \$53.59

**Visit www.schooltoolbox.com to
place your order today!**



SCHOOL TOOL BOX





2020-2021 School Supply List

ALL STUDENTS:

These items will be used in all classes in 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade.

- colored pencils
- highlighters
- glue stick
- ruler
- loose leaf paper
- #2 pencils
- blue or black pens
- red pens
- scissors
- dry erase markers

6th GRADE

Language Arts

- 2 Composition notebooks
- 2 Folder with pockets and prongs

Math

- 1 inch binder
- Folder
- Calculator with basic functions

Science

- 1 inch binder
- Tissues
- Clorox wipes
- **Accelerated:** Composition notebook, glue stick, scissors, pocket folder with prongs

Social Studies: US History

- Folder
- History Alive! Interactive Notebook \$9 (purchase from RRMS)

Research/Reading:

- 4 folders with pockets & prongs
- Composition notebook
- Sticky notes
- 1 package of index cards

Health:

- Spiral notebook
- 1 in 3 ringed binder

ELECTIVES

Spanish 1 & 2:

- 3 subject notebook
- Optional items: tissues, paper towels

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- Personal Hand Sanitizer (Travel Size)
- Mask (Required)
- Personal Water Bottle
- Earbuds that plug into computer (not wireless)
- Personal Calculator – 6th Grade (one with basic functions) & 7th & 8th Grade (TI 30xa)
- An online or paper calendar/planner (6th grade will receive a complimentary school planner)
- Bring your own device (iPad, tablet, laptop)

7th GRADE

Language Arts

- 1 inch binder
- Dividers (Pack of 5)
- 2 3-prong folder
- 1 1-subject spiral notebook
- 1 pkg. 3x5 Index cards
- 3-5 pads of post-it notes

Math

- 1 inch Binder
- 1 folder
- 3 Dividers
- Hole Reinforcement Stickers for Paper
- Calculator- Texas Instruments TI-30Xa

Science

- 1 (1 ½ or 2 inch) 3-ringed **hard covered binder please (Adv. only)**
- Tab Divider Pages (for 3-ringed binder)
- 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
- Pack of 50 sheet protectors
- Ream of Copy Paper
- Civics Workbook \$20 (purchase from RRMS)

8th GRADE

Language Arts

- 2 three-pronged pocket folders
- 1 pack of sticky notes
- 1 composition notebook

8th Grade/Algebra 1 Honors:

- 1 in or 2 in binder
- Composition notebook
- 1 Ream of Copy Paper
- Scientific Calculator TI-30Xa (cell phone may not be used)

Science

- Composition notebook
- 3 prong plastic folder
- Dividers
- Roll of paper towels OR box of tissues
- **Accelerated:** Composition notebook, glue stick, scissors, pocket folder with prongs

Social Studies: World History

- 1" binder
- 1- 3 prong/2 pocket folders

Optional supplies that are appreciated by ALL teachers for the classroom:

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

Working from Home through mySchool Online Supplies

- Set up a dedicated, quiet workspace for learning.
- Computer & Internet
- Use similar supplies for each subject area above.
- An online or paper calendar/planner
- Earbuds that plug into computer (not wireless)
- Personal Calculator – 6th Grade (one with basic functions) & 7th & 8th Grade (TI 30xa)

Please Note:

- RRMS does not have lockers so students will need to have a backpack to carry supplies.
- Families may purchase complete school supply kits through School Tool Box at www.schooltoolbox.com and it will be shipped directly to your home.
- Additional supplies may be required by your child's team of teachers.

CONNECT TO THE RIDGE

Parent Involvement & Engagement Opportunities

CONNECT ONLINE:

School Website: rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us



@riverridgemiddle



@RRMSRoyalKnight

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH CLASSLINK

Access myPascoConnects through one app on your cell phone... myStudent, PBIS Rewards, digital textbooks and resources, etc. Look for Pasco Schools > LOG IN: User name: Student # Password: Password you use for everything (word, number, symbol)



ClassLink Launchpad
ClassLink, Inc
★★★★ 4.6, 452 Ratings
Free



JOIN 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.

CONTACT US: RiverRidgeMSPTSA@gmail.com <http://riverridgemsptsa.wixsite.com/riverridgemsptsa>



VOLUNTEER @ RRMS

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Fundraiser Opt Out



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 \$30 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.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

T-Shirt Size: Youth(Y)/Adult(A) S M L XL

Have multiple students? Additional student opt-out (\$15 each):

Student Name: _____ Size: YS/AS YM/AM YL/AL XL

Student Name: _____ Size: YS/AS YM/AM YL/AL XL

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ cash _____ check _____ cc _____

*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.).

PAY FEES & PURCHASE SPIRIT ITEMS ONLINE!

In order to use Student Fees - Acorn to make payments for your child(ren), you must first have an account setup in myStudent. If you do not have an account in myStudent, go to the [PascoSchools.org](https://www.pasco.k12.wa.us/PascoSchools.org), go to the Parents Tab and select [Check Grades/Attendance](#) or Pay Fees. Once your account is established in myStudent, you will have an account ready the following day to be activated in Student Fees - Acorn.

To activate your Parent Portal Account:

1. Go to <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>
2. Select "Activate Account"
3. Enter the email address associated with your myStudent account and select Send Email
4. This will generate an email to you to activate your account
5. Go to your email and select the link
6. Continue by creating your password and activating your account
7. Once this is completed, you will be able to see Fees and Other Items that can be purchased

REP THE RIDGE – #WEAREROYAL

New t-shirts and RRMS Spirit items are available to purchase ONLINE before attending Storm the Castle on August 11th and Secondary Open House on August 19th. We do accept credit cards through the Acorn accounts. Pick up items at the event or in the front office the first few weeks of school. Get yours today!

Sizes range from YM-Adult 2XL.

Short sleeve t-shirts \$10, \$12

Dri-fit t-shirts \$15

Long sleeve t-shirts \$16

Regular Sweatshirts \$20 - Hoodie Sweatshirts \$25

Plastic Sling Packs (Athletic Events) \$8 - Sling Packs \$3 – RRMS Face Masks \$8/\$10 – Lanyards \$5

Order online and pay through Acorn by accessing the Parent Portal Account:

<https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>

Lightweight Gray Sweatshirt (Knights on back)

Long Sleeve ¾ Zip Up (Gray and Black)

Purple Knight Sweatshirt



Face Mask Logo \$10



Face Mask Shield \$10

Face Mask RR \$8 (T-shirt material) (The white box on the logo will be excluded.)



Knight Nation Purple Short Sleeve T-shirt



Purple Knight Shield Short Sleeve T-shirt



Gray Knight Short Sleeve & Long Sleeve T-shirt



Black RR and Purple Knight Short Sleeve T-shirt



Black Dri-Fit Short Sleeve T-shirt
Black We Are Royal Hoodie