

## 2019-2020 Archived School Connects Calls for River Ridge Middle School

5/24/2020

Congratulations to the 8th Grade Class as they were recognized on Thursday and Friday of last week. We are so proud of you and know that you have very bright futures. The links for both the Celebration of Excellence and Promotion Ceremony/8th Grade Video are still on our website and social media if you missed these wonderful events.

This week there is no school on Monday in observance of Memorial Day. We want to recognize and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Students may still work on their assignments, but staff will not respond until Tuesday.

The last day of school is Wednesday, May 27th. It is highly recommended that students go back and check all of their grades in the myLearning grade book. Please contact your teachers by phone, email or through the inbox in myLearning we are here to help you until the very end. Students still have time to complete and resubmit assignments to show mastery and increase their grades until 11:59PM on this day.

Extended School Year or Summer School letters will also be going out this week by email and regular mail for those students who need to attend the sessions which will continue to be virtual from June 8th-July 18th. Please contact Mrs. White or Mrs. Cadle, if you have any questions.

On May 28th and 29th, it is Item Drop Off and Pick Up Days at RRMS...

We have published the end of year school item drop off and student item pick up drive thru procedures on the RRMS website and social media for May 28th and 29th. On Thursday, May 28th, 8th graders with the last name starting with A-M can come from 8AM-11AM, N-Z from 12PM-3PM. EVERY 8th GRADER has something to pick up including Promotion Certificates, Medals, Time Capsule Projects, 6th grader letters and gift certificates from various community businesses recognizing their promotion to high school.

On Friday, May 29th, 6th and 7th graders with the last names starting with A-M can come from 8AM-11AM and N-Z from 12PM-3PM. Unfortunately, we will only be able to distribute student items to students in the grade level at that assigned time. Following the outlined procedures will help the process run safely and efficiently. If you have children in more than one grade level, you will need to come back during those assigned times. We apologize for this inconvenience. If you are unable to make the assigned date, please contact the school and we will schedule an appointment for you to pick up your child's items sometime in June.

1. The pick up and drop off will be in the middle school car loop and treated as a drive thru service and everyone must stay in their vehicles.
2. The Drop Off Items include:-School issued electronic devices and chargers-Band Instruments-Band/Choral Uniforms (dry cleaned)

-Athletic Uniforms including Dance/Cheer costumes

-Library Books, Textbooks, etc.

-Any other item that belongs to RRMS

The Student Pick Up Items include:

-Pre-ordered YEARBOOKS (on site sales will be limited, purchase online before EOY, they are \$35)

-EOY Athletic and Academic Awards Ceremony Certificates, Plaques, & Goodies

-Promotion Certificates

-Student of the Month T-shirts (April)

-Student Artifacts (8th grade time capsules, Class of 2024 Letter to an 8th grader written in 6th grade, etc.)

-Yard Signs (if extras are available, they are \$12)

I hope to see many of you at the Pick up-Drop off days. I am so proud of the entire Royal Family that have risen to the challenge and shown respect, responsibility, and that we are true problem solvers as we are truly finishing the year Royal Strong! Please continue to check our website and social media throughout the summer for information on summer camps and for information about our return in August including Storm the Castle, Schedule/Pick up and Open House, and sports information. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education. Have a safe, happy, healthy, and ROYAL summer!

5/17/2020

Believe it or not, there are only 7 days left of the school year. I am so proud of the dedication, perseverance and GRIT that our students, staff and families have shown. You will see in the last few weeks that in several courses' assignments may be excused in order to provide the students the opportunities to go back and redo assignments and retake quizzes to further demonstrate mastery and to increase their grades. On Wednesday, there will be a mental health course that will drop into myLearning, which is a state mandate requirement, the 6th and 8th graders have already met the requirement but 7th graders should complete the course. It is ungraded but great information that can help us all. As a school community and especially in these difficult times, compassion, grace and flexibility will be always shown but we ask that you reach out to the RRMS staff for help and support as we finish Royal STRONG!

This week we will be celebrating our 8th graders with the 8th Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 21st at 6:30PM and the Class of 2024 Promotion

Ceremony on Friday, May 22nd at 9AM. Students who will be recognized at the awards ceremony will receive an email. Both ceremonies will be pre-recorded and the Youtube link will be released at the designated times on the RRMS website and social media. Congratulations, Class of 2024, we are so proud of you!

This week on Monday and Tuesday we will be holding the Student Council elections. Students may vote online on the link on Instagram bio, through myLearning announcement, or on the RRMS website. Dance Team tryouts are also this week, good luck to all of our perspective dancers! Contact Mrs. Vairo for more information. Finally, don't miss out on your RRMS yearbook which is for sale for \$35 online at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com). There will be limited opportunities to purchase at the end of the year. We sell out every year!

There are a few End of Year reminders that need to be shared:

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5/10/20

Wishing all of the Royal moms or mother figures a Happy Mother's Day today! Many thanks to our RRMS PTSA, RRMS Administration, River Ridge Community business partners and our Royal Families who put together a fantastic virtual staff appreciation week. Staff received over 500 shout outs and several hundred e-cards to show the love!

Believe it or not, there are only 13 days left of the school year. I am so proud of the dedication, perseverance and GRIT that our students, staff and families have shown. You will see in the last few weeks that in several courses' assignments may be excused in order to provide the students the opportunities to go back and redo assignments and retake quizzes to further demonstrate mastery and to increase their grades. As a school community and especially in these difficult times, compassion, grace and flexibility will be always shown. We ask that you reach out to your teachers for help and support as we finish Royal STRONG!

I would also like to congratulate 8th grader Sophie Funck for being named the Pasco County Schools Middle School Student of the Year! Way to go, Sophie! We would also like to congratulate 8th grader David Lopata who was recognized by Pasco County Schools as the RRMS Turn Around Student of the Year. We are so proud of you, David!

Applications for the 2020-21 Student Council came out on Friday through myLearning inboxes and are posted on the RRMS website. Students who wish to run for election should submit their electronic application by Wednesday, May 13th with a brief video explaining who you are and why you are running that will play on the news. Election day will be May 18th and 19th. Good Luck to all of the candidates!

20-21 Dance Team tryouts for both middle school and high school will be May 18-22. Please email Mrs. Vairo for an application at [lvairo@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:lvairo@pasco.k12.fl.us). Auditions will be by video this year.

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5/8/2020

As we finish week 6 of distance learning, I am so proud of the dedication, perseverance and GRIT that our students, staff and families have shown. You will see in the last few weeks that in several courses' assignments may be excused in order to provide the students the opportunities to go back and redo assignments and retake quizzes to further demonstrate mastery and to increase their grades. As a school community and especially in these difficult times, compassion, grace and flexibility will be always shown. We ask that you reach out to your teachers for help and support as we finish Royal STRONG!

There are a few End of Year reminders that need to be shared:

1. Today is the last day to purchase a RRMS Yard sign for your 8th grader, incoming 6th grader or current Royal Knight to show your Royal Pride. They are \$12 and the link is on the RRMS website, social media pages and the PTSA Social Media pages. We anticipate ready for pick up next week. You will be contacted by RRMS PTSA.
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5/3/2020

Good afternoon, Royal Families.

There is only 3 1/2 weeks left of school as Progress Reports were published on Friday in myStudent. You can monitor daily/weekly progress through an observer account in myLearning. Please check out directions to get an observer account on our website. Time is of the essence even though learning time is flexible students must stay on pace in order to relieve stress and successfully complete the year by May 27th!

This week is Royal Staff Appreciation Week and we thank everyone for the over 400 shout outs that will go to the staff. We want to shower them with appreciation, we are also recommending that families send e-cards to them throughout the week. On the RRMS website and social media, we have provided where to find their email address as well as sample e-card sites. So that staff get a little something each day, we ask you use the following schedule to send your teachers their e-cards:

- Monday, May 4th: 1st & 2nd Period
- Tuesday, May 5th: 3rd & 4th Period
- Wednesday, May 6th: 5th Period & Administration
- Thursday, May 7th: 6th Period & Support Staff
- Friday, May 8th: 7th Period

If you are looking to send a little something extra to show your thanks to our staff, you can also send an e-gift card. There are several suggestions on our website and social media. Thank you for showing your appreciation, it means so much more now than ever!

Some other reminders:

Celebrate the 8th grade class of 2024 moving to high school, the Class of 2027 incoming 6th graders and the current 6th and 7th graders by purchasing a yard sign from RRMS PTSA! Show that Royal Pride!

Purchase a yard sign for \$12 through RRMS PTSA on Memberhub @ the following link: <https://riverridgemsptsa.memberhub.store/>

Order by May 8th online and pick up information will be available through RRMS PTSA Facebook the week of May 18th. If you have any questions, please contact by email at [riverridgemspts@gmail.com](mailto:riverridgemspts@gmail.com).

**Don't miss out on this year's yearbook! The cost is \$35. You must pre-order on one of the websites below to guarantee a yearbook for you.**

**Option 1 – Go to <https://yearbookforever.com/> and search for River Ridge Middle School to order.**

**Option 2 – Go to <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/> and choose yearbook to pay the fee.**

**We have sold out the last three years...so don't wait!**

**The 20-21 school year Middle School Dance Team Tryouts for incoming 5th graders and next year's 7th and 8th graders will be held the week of May 18-22. It will be an online audition. If you are interested in trying out, email Mrs. Vairo at [lvairo@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:lvairo@pasco.k12.fl.us) to get an information packet and registration form. High School Dance Tryouts for 8th graders moving into 9th grade will be at the same time.**

We are here for you, we believe in you, and I know that our Royal Family, will succeed together! Thank you for partnering in your child's education! Proud you are Royal!

4/26/20

Progress Reports will be published in myStudent this Friday, May 1st so please make sure that students stay on track with assignments and reach out for help as we are here to support in any way. You can monitor daily/weekly progress through an observer account in myLearning. Please check out directions to get an observer account on our website.

It is crucial that students maintain the weekly pace of 2-3 assignments per course per week. They also have the opportunity to have up to 3 attempts to resubmit assignments after gaining feedback and re-teaching from their teachers. Please make sure that your student is taking advantage of this. Teachers have started to turn missing work into zeros to provide a realistic grade but there will be no late work penalty so students should go back and make up missing work. The learning time is flexible but we must make sure they are on pace to successfully complete the year!

8th graders, we need your baby pictures! It's time to find those incredibly cute baby pictures for our 8th grade video. Please email ONE baby picture and ONE current, individual picture of your



8th grader. All pictures need to be sent electronically to Mrs. Baumaister at [cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us) with the subject line: 8th grade baby picture-student name. The deadline for photo submission is Friday, May 1st.

Additionally, you are still able to purchase a yearbook for \$30 at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com). Prices will be going up soon. Every year we sell out so make sure you get yours today to capture this extraordinary year.

We are planning a virtual Staff Appreciation Week to honor our amazing River Ridge faculty and staff. We need you! On the website, social media, and in myLearning, we have posted a link for students and their families to give STAFF SHOUT OUTS to show appreciation! Shout outs are due by Friday, May 1st.

Finally, Pasco County Schools has cancelled all face to face end of year celebrations. However, we are exploring virtual options for our end of year Celebration of Excellence grade level awards ceremonies and the 8th grade Promotion Ceremony. More details to come on these virtual celebrations!

We know that some students may have personal items at school, in time, we will make arrangements for you to safely pick them up including yearbook, academic/athletic certificates and other items that may be needed. At this time, we are looking at item pick up and device drop off on May 28th and 29th, a schedule is forthcoming so continue to check our social media for the most up to date information!

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4/19/20

As you probably heard on the news or through the school message system, for the health and safety of all, distant learning has been extended until the end of this school year, which will be May 27th. Although we are saddened by not being back on campus for the rest of the year, we know that for the safety of everyone this is the right decision. Our students, teachers and families are doing an amazing job leveling up with distance learning and we have and will find both academic and social ways to stay connected as we finish the school year, Royal Strong.

One such activity to stay connected is that we are asking families to send in either a short 10-15 inspirational video of you holding or dancing with an inspirational message for the Royal Family or a short 10-15 second video of you just dancing by Tuesday, April 21st to Mrs. Baumaister at [cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Also, 8th graders, we need your baby pictures! It's time to find those incredibly cute baby pictures for our 8th grade video. Please email ONE baby picture and ONE current, individual picture of your 8th grader. All pictures need to be sent electronically to Mrs. Baumaister at [cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us) with the subject line: 8th grade baby picture-student name. The deadline for photo submission is Friday, May 1st.

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Finally, Progress Reports are just around the corner so please make sure that students stay on track with assignments and reach out for help as we are here to support in any way. It is crucial that students maintain the weekly pace of 2-3 assignments per course per week. They also have the opportunity to have up to 3 attempts to resubmit assignments after gaining feedback and re-teaching from their teachers. Please make sure that your student is taking advantage of this. The learning time is flexible but we must make sure they are on pace to successfully complete the year!

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4/12/2020

Happy Easter and Passover, Royal Families!

Welcome to week 3 of eLearning! You are doing an amazing job leveling up by showing progress and growth in all subject areas. We know that with the addition of some of the electives that there was more added to your plate. This is why it is crucial that routines are created to make a plan for each work week as to how to successfully complete the assignments with time for resubmission to show mastery. It is crucial to make sure to continue to reach out to our staff if you are in need of any assistance, whether it be with understanding an assignment or concept, technology or to access our school counselors for counseling services. You may do this through email, discussion board, message in myLearning, or through staff member's direct phone contacts on our website.

Student grades will be entered into the myLearning platform. Parents and guardians are encouraged to create an observer account to monitor student progress. It is crucial that students maintain the weekly pace of 2-3 assignments per course per week. They also have the opportunity to have up to 3 attempts to resubmit assignments after gaining feedback and re-teaching from their teachers. Please make sure that your student is taking advantage of this. The learning time is flexible but we must make sure they are on pace to successfully complete the year!

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RSVP Form. The school will have technology pick up on Tuesdays by appointment only from 11AM-2PM.

Finally, we would like to reach out to all of our 8th grade families as we continue to wait and see about end of year activities. There is one tradition that we can move forward with and that's celebrating our 8th graders through the 8th grade video! We need your baby pictures! It's time to find those incredibly cute baby pictures for our 8th grade video. Please email ONE baby picture and ONE current, individual picture of your 8th grader. All pictures need to be sent electronically to Mrs. Baumaister at [cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us) with the subject line: 8th grade baby picture-student name. The deadline for photo submission is Friday, May 1st.

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4/5/2020

Welcome to week 2 of eLearning! Remember, this model of learning takes perseverance, grit and collaboration. Make sure to continue to reach out to our staff if you are in need of assistance whether it be with understanding an assignment or concept, technology or to our counselors if you are in need of a check via email, a message in myLearning, a post on the discussion board or through the staff member's phone number posted on the website.

We will be hosting a Virtual Spirit Week this week to encourage students to show their Royal Pride. Students can take pictures or videos of themselves share on Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook, or they can email directly to Ms. Baumaister at [cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us) or text 727-314-5292. We will show them on the Noon News and post on our social media, you can even win prizes for participating. Here are the activities for the week:

On Monday, is PJ DAY. Take a picture doing your work in school-appropriate comfy pajamas. Students should also log into myLearning and check their lessons then make a work plan for the week. Some electives will be available to students like PE, Health, Research, Reading, etc.

On Tuesday, is Pet Day. Take a picture with your pet helping you do your work!

On Wednesday, is Workspace Wednesday. Take a picture of your home workspace! Thursday is Tik Tok Thursday... Get Creative and share your talents by making a video dancing, singing, art, etc. Wednesday and Thursday, CTE electives will also be available on myLearning like Digital Multimedia, Engineering, Computer Applications, etc.

There is no school on Friday however students can continue to work on assignments 24/7. We still want to see your Royal Spirit. Share a picture wearing River Ridge gear!

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Finally, we are saddened to share that the 8th grade Gradventure field trip for all Pasco County Schools has been cancelled. Refunds will begin this week and there is no need to contact the school. We are hoping that we might be able to have some 8th grade events if not in late May, early summer but this is dependent on State and District directives. Please check our website and social media for the most up to date information.

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4/2/2020

I am so proud of all of our Royal Knights as so many students have jumped into eLearning by contacting teachers, asking questions, completing and submitting assignments at a high level. We have had over 1,240 students log in to myLearning and over a 1,000 assignments completed so far for week one. This model of learning takes perseverance, grit and collaboration, which I have seen from our staff, students and their families. Let's keep the momentum and finish Royal Strong!

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Finally, communication is one of the keys to a successful online learning experience. Please visit the RRMS website as it will be updated with staff contact information such as individual Google Voice numbers and email addresses. Please reach out to administration, teachers, counselors, and support staff if you have any questions or need support in this new journey. I would also highly encourage you to check the Pasco Schools and RRMS website as well as social media pages on a frequent basis.

We are here for you, we believe in you, and I know that our Royal Family, together, will royally rock eLearning!

3/29/2020

Good afternoon Royal Families,

I hope all of our Royal Families are safe and healthy in these uncertain times. I wanted to provide you with the Week in Preview as we start back to school on Tuesday, March 31st through distance eLearning using myLearning platform.

On Monday, March 30th, those students who reserved a digital device prior to Friday may pick them up from 8:30AM-12:30PM in the middle school car loop. Those students who completed a late reservation form will pick up from 10:30AM-12:30PM. If you have not RSVPd and you are in need of a device, please do so on the RRMS website ASAP. You may only check out one device for every 2 students in your household.

For pick up purposes, only one person per family should come to the school for check out and devices may only be checked out to the listed parent/guardians of the student. It will be in the car loop in front of the middle school so you will not need to park. You will drive-thru and complete an electronic signature to check out the device. Please be patient as this is a large endeavor.

If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or are not feeling well, and can not pick up, please send another representative that is on your child's emergency card. We will be following all CDC protocols, including social distancing.

On Tuesday, March 31st, students should log in to myLearning as we launch the four core courses of Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA as well as Spanish. Elective courses will launch on April 6th. The courses are very easy to navigate and begin with a course pacing chart, navigation, and teacher contact information. The teachers will be working in teams and all

teachers will be grading, responding to discussion board posts, and responding to email/phone contacts to best serve all of our students. Teachers will be available for students from 8AM to 8PM and will provide information on their "office hours" through myLearning announcements.

Attendance will be taken every Monday in myStudent for the previous 7-day period. Student attendance will be based on student login, student to teacher interactions, and work submissions through the myLearning platform. Student services teams will use absences as a data source when monitoring for interventions and support as well as truancy procedures. Student grades will be entered into the myLearning platform. Parents and guardians are encouraged to create an observer account to monitor student progress. I realize that some might be anxious, nervous, and even excited about this new norm of learning so in an effort to calm fears we have posted a distance learning preview video on our website. It is crucial that students maintain the weekly pace but learning times are flexible.

Finally, communication is one of the keys to a successful online learning experience. Please visit the RRMS website as it will be updated with staff contact information such as individual Google Voice numbers and email addresses. Please reach out to administration, teachers, counselors, and support staff if you have any questions or need support in this new journey. I would also highly encourage you to check the Pasco Schools and RRMS website as well as social media pages on a frequent basis.

We are here for you, we believe in you, and I know that our Royal Family, together, will royally rock eLearning!

3/8/2020

I hope that everyone turned their clocks one hour forward this morning for Daylight Saving times. We spring forward into the last week of the quarter and must finish Royal Strong. Last week, the Student Services and Administrative Teams started student data chats with our 7th graders where we meet individually to discuss academic progress over the year and goal setting for 4th quarter. It is our goal to meet with each student at RRMS over the next two weeks. 8th grade will be this week and 6th grade immediately after Spring Break. We will send home the data sheet so that parents/guardians can also support student goals in both academics and behaviors so that all Royal Knights will finish Royal Strong. The best way to do this is by being informed through regularly checking myStudent for grades, attendance, behavior and student test information. In the mailer, 8th graders will also be receiving the end of year newsletter which includes important information about end of year activities including the promotion ceremony in May.

We will also continue with quarterly checks this week in all core classes. Quarterly results can be found in myStudent under test history. This helps to inform instruction as State and District testing are coming soon in April and May. The State assessment schedule by grade level and parent letters have been posted on the RRMS website. Students will get their specific FSA Writing testing date and location this Tuesday during Knight Time. The FSA Writing assessment

is a one-day test during April 1-3. Attendance is crucial as there is limited make up time and free breakfast will be served to all students on their testing date.

Finally, 7th and 8th grade students will be receiving a letter this week for parents, which is also located on our website, explaining the state mandated instruction in mental health, child trafficking, and substance use and abuse that students will be engaging in the upcoming weeks. The 6th graders have received instruction through health classes. If you have any questions, please contact our Student Services department.

On Monday, March 9th RRMS PTSA and Longleaf PTA will be hosting a Royal Dine Out Night at AR Frenchy's Pizza in Trinity from 5PM through close. 10% of proceeds of the night's sale will go to RRMS. On Wednesday, is our Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 11:50AM. We will also have our March club day schedule.

On Thursday, we will be hosting the February Student of the Month luncheon at 11:30AM in the Media Center. Tickets are on sale for You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown., the RRMS Drama Depts. Spring Musical March 13th at 7pm & 14th at 2PM, 7PM at the Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are on sale online at the box office for \$5. Please come out and support this awesome production!

Finally in sports, Track Try Outs start on Tuesday, March 24th from 2PM-4PM on the middle school track. Make sure that all paperwork including a physical is up to date. See Coach Brando for more information.

Finally, Pasco County Schools will be closed for students on Spring Break the week of Monday, March 16 to Monday, March 23. Students will return to school and the beginning of the 4th quarter on Tuesday, March 24th. Take this time to relax, refresh, renew and be ROYAL!

3/1/2020

There are only two weeks left in the third quarter and until Spring Break. Quarterly checks begin this week. It's a must that we finish Royal Strong both in academics and behavior always following our Knight Values of being respectful, being responsible and being problem solvers. The Student Services and Administrative Teams will begin student data chats with our 7th graders & 8th graders prior to Spring Break where we meet individually to discuss academic progress over the year and goal setting for 4th quarter. It is our goal to meet with each student at RRMS over the next two weeks. 6th grade will be immediately after Spring Break. We will send home the data sheet so that parents/guardians can also support student goals in both academics and behaviors so that all Royal Knights will finish Royal Strong.

8th graders, get your Gradventure spot as they are filling up— all permission forms and payments are due to Mrs. Sullivan by March 27th. Student must meet academic and behavior eligibility requirements. More information is on the RRMS website.

It is club picture week. Students should come down after the news and wear the appropriate club shirt. Monday: FBLA, Yearbook, News Crew Tuesday: NJHS and Student Council; Wednesday:

Royal Ambassadors. 8th Grade Superlatives will be during Knight Time on Wednesday. This week in sports, on Monday, the boys' basketball team finishes their season against PRSMS at home at 6PM. The girls' soccer team plays PRSMS at home on Tuesday 6PM. All student athletes will attend the Positive Coaching Alliance Presentation on Friday in the gym by grade level, 6th graders: 9:50AM, 7th graders: 10:50AM, and 8th graders: 11:50AM to learn about sportsmanship, character and leadership. Boys' and Girls' Track Tryouts will begin on March 24th-27th from 2PM-4PM. Students need a current physical to try out. Contact Coach Brando for more information.

This is the final week for the County wide Spring Break dry food drive benefiting students in Pasco County over Spring Break through Metropolitan Ministries. Please bring in dry foods like cereal, rice, granola bars, pasta, and more to the front office and place it in the donation bin prior to Friday, March 6th.

Mark your calendar for a few upcoming events:

Our next Royal Dine Out Night at AR Frenchy's Pizza in Trinity on Monday, March 9th from 5PM-9PM. We are collaborating with Longleaf Elementary for a fun night of family, food and fundraising. Donations will go back to both schools. Don't miss out!

Finally, the RRMS Drama Department's Spring Musical, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown will be on March 12-14 at the Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$5. It will be an amazing show!

2/23/2020

Attention 8th graders, spaces for Gradventure are filling up! Please turn in your permission forms and payment to Ms. Sullivan or online ASAP, it is first come, first serve. Student must meet academic and behavior eligibility requirements. More information is on the RRMS website.

This week in sports, on Monday, the boys' basketball team travels to HMS to play at 6PM and on Wednesday goes to GMS. The girls' soccer team plays HMS at HHS on Tuesday at 6PM and travels to GMS played at GHS on Thursday at 6PM. We would also like to congratulate our Special Olympics Unified Soccer team who have qualified for Regionals in April!

Good luck to our River Ridge Chorus students at the MPA Competition on Friday and Saturday!

Finally, this week all 6th and 7th graders through science classes will be entering their course selections for the 20-21 school year in the computer labs this week. If you have any questions about the course selection process, please contact our school counselors.

2/16/2020



There will be no school on Monday in observance of President's Day! A few important reminders... Course cards are due on Tuesday for the 20-21 school year course selection to science teachers.

Attention 8th graders spaces for Gradventure are filling up! Please turn in your permission forms and payment to Ms. Sullivan or online ASAP, it is first come, first serve. Student must meet academic and behavior eligibility requirements. More information is on the RRMS website.

This week in sports, on Wednesday, the boys' basketball team plays BPMS at home at 6PM. The girls' soccer team plays BPMS at home on Thursday at 6PM. We will also host the west side Special Olympics games all day on Thursday. Good luck to all of our student athletes! On Friday at 7PM, the River Ridge Dance Department will put on their student choreography showcase at the RRCPA. Tickets are \$5

2/9/2020

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This week at River Ridge we will be celebrating Be Kind – Do Kind Week as a part of the National Random Acts of Kindness Week sponsored by our Royal Ambassadors. River Ridge Middle School was named a Certified Kindness School by the National Kindness Challenge for our mission of spreading our culture of caring and Knightly Values. This week we will have dress up days, daily kindness acts, and a special Valentine's kindness dance on Friday evening!

# RRMS #BeKind-DoKind Week



February 10-14, 2020



*Monday*



## "Wake Up" - It's More Friends Monday!

Wear your school appropriate PJs.

**Kindness Act:** Spread a drop of kindness and see the ripple effect!

*Tuesday*



## Inspiring "Kind" Words & Actions Day

Wear your favorite shirt with kind words or something that inspires you (favorite sports, character, show, book, etc.)!

**Kindness Act:** Write a Heart to Heart Note to a Friend, Teacher, or Family Member at lunch.

*Wednesday*



## Crazy for Kindness Day

Early Release - AM Activity Schedule - February Club Day

Wear your craziest attire, hats, socks, mis-match clothes.

**Kindness Act:** Tell someone that they are important and share why.

*Thursday*



## "Team Up" for Kindness

Wear your favorite team shirt or dress as a duo/triples etc.

**Kindness Act:** Smile at everyone you see today!

*Friday*



## "Kindness Royally Rocks!"

Wear red or pink! **Kindness Act:** Give a fist bump for Friday!

"On Track" Valentine Treat @ Lunches

Spread the Love Kindness Dance 6PM-8PM Cafeteria

Tickets are \$8 pre-sale or at the door \$10.

DJ, Concessions, and fun!

*Everyday*

## National Random Acts of Kindness Day February 17th

Put someone before yourself. Say nice things  
and treat people with respect. Be open to  
others. Make someone else's day!



KINDNESS  
begins with  
ME

This week students and parents can purchase various types of Candy Grams for \$1, \$2 or \$3 at

the front office or in the cafeteria which will be delivered on Valentine's Day.

Monday is Wake Up – It's More Friends Monday. Students can wear school appropriate PJs. The January Student of the Month luncheon is at 11:30AM in the Media Center. On Monday evening at 6PM in sports, the Royal Knights Boys' Basketball host SSMS at home and the Girls' Soccer team takes on SSMS at home. Let's fill the stands for both of these rival games!

Tuesday is Inspiring Kind Words and Actions Day. Students are encouraged to wear shirts with kind words or something that inspires them on it.

Wednesday is an Early Release Day and Crazy for Kindness Day! Students should wear their craziest attire, hats, socks and mis-match clothes. We will also be on an Early Release Club Day Schedule. On Wednesday evening at 6PM, we invite all incoming and current Royal Knights to the RRMS Curriculum Night from 6PM-7:30PM. We will have separate parent meetings for our incoming 6th grade families and current 6th and 7th grade families from 6PM-6:30PM. This night will further explain the course cards, highlight core academic and elective courses and programs of study and allow you to meet our awesome teachers, counselors, and administration. After the parent meetings, families are encouraged to visit our core content and elective classrooms to learn more about all of our Royal opportunities! We have many new courses including high school options for our 7th and 8th graders. 7th graders received their course cards last week and all 6th graders will receive their course cards this week through science classes. Course Cards will be due to science teachers on Tuesday, February 18th. The Boys' Basketball Team will travel to CLMS on Wednesday at 6PM.

Thursday is "Team Up for Kindness" Day as students should wear their favorite sports team or dress the same as a twin/group. On Thursday evening, the Girls' Soccer Team travels to CLMS played at HHS at 6PM.

Friday is Kindness Royally Rocks Day and Valentine's Day! Wear red or pink! Progress Reports were available on myStudent last Friday. The RRMS PTSA will be providing those students who are "on track" with a special Royal Reward at lunches. We will also be hosting the Spread the Love Valentine's Kindness Dance from 6PM-8PM in the Cafeteria. The tickets will be on pre-sale in the front office for \$8 or can be bought at the door for \$10. We will have concessions for purchase, Kona Ice, a DJ and fun!

There is also no school for students on Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day.

2/2/2020

Happy Super Bowl Sunday, Royal Knights! This upcoming week is Student Services Appreciation Week including our school counselors, school psychologist, school social worker, school nurse, and support team. We are so grateful to have such an amazing Student Services Team – thankful for all that you do for our students, families, and staff that make a difference! This week the 7th graders will be visited in science classes by our school counselors to distribute course cards and share course offerings for the 2020-21 school year. 6th graders will be visited the week of February 10th but can visit the RRMS website to get a preview of the course

selection process. Mark your calendars for our Curriculum Night on February 12th at 6PM to visit classrooms, speak to teachers and counselors to make informed decisions for the upcoming year! I also encourage you to explore all elective and core course offerings through the videos on our RRMS website. Incoming 8th grade students may also apply for the RRHS Engineering and Teaching Academies on the website. Course cards are due to science teachers by Tuesday, February 18th. There will be a PTSA General Meeting on Monday at 6:30PM in the Media Center.

This week our second half of the winter sports season kickoffs with Boys' Basketball and Girls' Soccer. On Monday the Boys' Basketball team travels to PRSMS and the Girls' Soccer team to AHS to play PRSMS at 6PM. On Wednesday, Boys' Basketball travels to CHMS at 6PM and the Girls' Soccer team plays CHMS at home at 6PM. Good luck and Go Knights!

Finally, on Friday, third quarter Progress Reports will be available for viewing on myStudent. We will also be running a modified PM Activity Schedule due to the Talent Show on Friday afternoon at 12:30PM in the theater. Students may purchase tickets at lunches for 5 Knight Dollars. Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education.

1/26/20

As a reminder to 8th graders, the high school course cards that were distributed this week are due to Social Studies teachers on Wednesday, January 29th. They must be signed by teachers and parents/guardians. We also want to remind 8th graders that the Gradventure tickets are for sale online and through Ms. Sullivan as this end of year trip is first come, first serve and limited to 250 students. More information can be found on the RRMS website.

Thursday is our National History Day School Fair in the Media Center. We will also be having a Royal Dine Out Night at Royal Ice in the Publix shopping center from 2PM-7PM to benefit our FBLA program. Last week, our FBLA students received many awards at the District Award Ceremony and 17 of 20 students will be moving on to the state level competition in Orlando. We are very proud of them!

Friday is Royal Spirit Day and our Winter Pep Rally to recognize our winter sports and accomplishments! We will be on a PM Activity Schedule. Wear your royal gear and support your class. 6th and 8th grade are reigning champions of the Spirit Sticks this year. Which class will win the Spirit Stick?

We have several important upcoming events that you should mark your calendars to attend in February.

Monday, February 3rd will be the RRMS PTSA General Meeting in the Media Center at 6PM. The RRMS PTSA will be sponsoring an awesome Connect to the Community event at RRMS on Saturday, February 8th from 10AM-1PM. This event is in partnership with Pasco County government and is for the entire family and every one in Pasco County. Come out and see what Pasco County has to offer you! We will have community members from Pasco public services, including Pasco Sheriff's mounted posse, K-9 demonstrations, Touch a Truck featuring fire

rescue, libraries, parks & recreation, and more. There will also be bounce houses, a DJ and FOOD TRUCKS! This is going to be a great family event, hosted by River Ridge Middle School PTSA and Pasco County's public services branch, so invite family and friends and don't miss out!

On Friday, February 7th, we will be hosting the 2nd annual RRMS "The Gauntlet" Talent Show in the theater during the school day. Students will be able to purchase a ticket for 5 Knight Dollars at the School Store and lunches as a part of our Royal Rewards. Tickets are limited!

Finally, the River Ridge Middle School Curriculum Night on February 12th at 6PM to visit classrooms, speak to teachers and counselors to make informed decisions for the upcoming year! We will be offering several new electives for students this year like coding, marketing, and American Sign Language. Incoming 8th grade students may also apply for the RRHS Engineering and Teaching Academies on the RRHS website. Students will receive course cards in early February and they are due to science teachers by Tuesday, February 18th.

1/19/20

Monday there will be no school in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

This week 8th graders will receive the 20-21 course selection information and course card from RRHS through social studies classes. On Wednesday evening, 1/22 at 6PM RRHS will host a "Royal Family Knight" for future 9th graders and their families in the River Ridge High School cafeteria. The many questions will be answered about transitioning to high school, course selection, Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, post-secondary, and much more. High school counselors will be available to assist students in the cafeteria at lunches this entire week. The course cards are due to 8th grade Social Studies teachers by January 29th.

The current 6th and 7th graders will begin the course selection process in February. Mark your calendars for RRMS Curriculum Night on February 12th... we will have several new course offerings to select from at River Ridge Middle School!

On Friday, we will be on an AM Activity Schedule as a part of the quarterly "On Track" incentive where students will get to attend the drama department play, The Lunch Room. The Royal Merchant School Store will also be open at lunches where students can purchase items using their Knight Dollars earned for positive academic and social behavior choices.

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

1/12/20

Good afternoon Royal Families! We had a great week back at River Ridge and started the new year strong with reviewing expectations and goal setting for a successful semester 2, this will continue this week during Knight Time. I would encourage you to ask your student what goal they are working on for this quarter. Semester 1 Report Cards will be available on myStudent on Tuesday. Please review your child's Report Card with them as students in middle school must

earn a D or higher in all core courses to be promoted to high school. Students who have earned As, Bs, and Cs, and have had no referrals are considered "on track" and will receive their "on track" band this week on Thursday and Friday. The "on track" quarter celebration will be on January 24th. Calling all Royal Talent! On Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 2PM-3:30PM, we will be holding auditions for the 2nd Annual RRMS "The Gauntlet" Talent Show. The Talent Show will be on February 7th during school as a Royal Reward activity. We are excited to showcase all of our students and staff member's talents at this event. See Mrs. Morrell or Mr. Astone for more information.

Wednesday is our next Early Release Day. We will be on a special schedule and students will be released from school at 11:50AM. This will also be our January Club Day. Students selected new clubs for this semester last week and lists will be posted on the cafeteria and media center windows. Students should come dressed appropriately for their club. If they have any questions about clubs, please contact Mrs. Cione or Mr. Astone. During the Early Release Day, we also will have a special state-mandated informational presentation for 7th and 8th graders about human trafficking from Student Services in collaboration with the Pasco Council on Human Trafficking in the theater. This presentation is part of the Safer Smarter Teens curriculum.

On Thursday and Friday of this week, 8th grade students will be visiting the Florida Holocaust Museum with their Language Arts teachers. We would also like to wish our FBLA students luck at their first competition on Thursday.

Finally, the course selection process for the 2020-21 school year is beginning! This upcoming week 8th grade students will be visiting an elective showcase at the high school on 1/16 during social studies classes. Then, on Wednesday, 1/22 at 6PM RRHS will host a "Royal Family Knight" for future 9th graders and their families at 6PM in the River Ridge High School cafeteria. Course Cards will be distributed during the week of January 21st and many questions will be answered about transitioning to high school, course selection, Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, post-secondary, and much more. High School course cards will be due to social studies teachers on January 29th.

The current 6th and 7th graders will begin the course selection process in February. Mark your calendars for Curriculum Night on February 12th... we will have several new course offerings to select from at River Ridge Middle School!

As a reminder, Monday, January 20th there will be no school in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

1/5/2020

Happy New Year Royal Knights! I hope that everyone had a wonderful break spending time with family and friends. After two weeks off, we are so excited to welcome our Royal Knights back to second semester and a new decade on Tuesday morning, January 7th. On Tuesday morning, students should check lists posted on the media center and cafeteria windows for their first

period classes. Students should report to the class listed as there have been some schedule changes for the new semester. There will be several adults with lists to help students navigate their classes. Boys' Basketball Try Outs will be this Tuesday-Thursday from 2- 4PM while Girls' Soccer Try Outs will be Wednesday-Friday from 2-4PM. Please make sure that all of the proper paperwork is completed prior to trying out. See Athletic Director Coach Brando for more information. The December Student of the Month luncheon will be on Friday, January 10th at 11:30AM in the Media Center. Those students who were recognized may bring their family members to the luncheon to celebrate their accomplishment. This new year provides an opportunity to refresh and reset and have a 2020 focus for students to take advantage of all of the ways to be engaged at RRMS by always showing their Knightly Values of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Problem Solver. Thank you for partnering in your child's education and looking forward to a Royal 2020!

12/8/19

There are only two weeks left in the second quarter and quarterly checks in all of the core subject areas begin this week. We highly encourage that both parents and students check their progress on myStudent which includes grades, attendance, behavior, and assessment information on a consistent basis. All middle school students must earn a D or higher in all core course to earn middle school promotion. If you have any questions about student progress or would like a parent teacher conference, please contact your child's teachers or the Student Services department. We are continuing our Season of Kindness so check out the calendar and our daily kindness reminder on social media. Don't miss out!

Monday is our November Student of the Month Luncheon at 11:30AM sponsored by Beef O' Brady's. Families are invited to attend.

Wednesday is our December Early Release Day, students will be dismissed at 11:50AM. We will also have our December Club Day and Schedule. Please make sure to dress appropriately for your club and bring materials needed. Wednesday evening is our Royal Dine Out Spirit Night at Panera Bread in Trinity from 5PM-9PM. 10% of the sales of the evening go to RRMS Student Recognition.

In sports this week, on Monday, Girls' BBall travels to HMS, on Wednesday to GMS and finish their season on Thursday at home vs. PRSMS at 6PM. The Boys' Soccer travels to HMS with the game at Hudson High school and on Thursday travels to GMS at Gulf High School at 6PM.

Friday is the annual NASA Field Trip. Students who are attending should report to the middle school bus loop at 6AM as the buses will be leaving promptly. Students are expected home by 9PM. Please make sure to bring \$, water and snacks. Students must wear their school-issued RRMS NASA shirt. We will also be providing a light snack. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Shaw.

Mark Your Calendars: On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the RRMS electives department will be hosting Art, Design, and more Winter Showcase from 5:30PM-7PM, where student work from electives classes will be displayed in the courtyard, art rooms and media center. We will also

have refreshments. Then head to the Winter Concert to celebrate the season with our band and chorus at 7PM.

12/1/19

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

We will be kicking off the Royal Culture of Caring Season of Kindness Calendar for the month of December. Each student will receive a calendar with daily acts of kindness and upcoming Royal Rewards incentive events. Be a part of spreading kindness, it goes along way!

On Monday, selected 7th graders will be taking the state FSA writing calibration assessment during Periods 1-3. Letters were sent home prior to Thanksgiving Break and lists are posted in the 7th grade ELA hallway and media center. There will also be a PTSA general assembly meeting in the media center at 6:30PM. The agenda includes the holiday cookie exchange for RRMS staff, teacher grant program, and community services expo in February.

Our winter sports teams are off to a great start! This week the Girls' BBall team plays CLMS away on Monday at 6PM and BPMS at home on Wednesday. The Boys' Soccer team plays CLMS at Hudson High School on Tuesday at 6PM and BPMS at home on Thursday.

We will also be hosting our Science Fair in the media center on Wednesday during the school day. On Friday, students in Mrs. Adams' Physical Science Honors classes will be attending Physics Day at Busch Gardens.

On Saturday, December 7th the River Ridge MS/HS Dance Program will be present their annual Winter Dance Showcase at the RR Performing Arts Center at 4PM, 5:30PM and 7PM. Tickets can be pre-purchased from Mrs. Vairo or at the door.

Mark your Calendars... We want to be sure you are aware of the new School Choice and Magnet application process as well as the new choice window will be December 3- December 13, 2019.

The RRMS electives department will be hosting Art, Design, and more Winter Showcase from 5:30PM-7PM on Tuesday, December 17th, where student work from electives classes will be displayed as the courtyard, art rooms and media center are turned into a winter wonderland gallery. We will also have refreshments to enjoy. Then head to the Winter Concert to celebrate the holiday season with our band and chorus at 7PM.

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

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

11/17/19



This week we will be continuing our semester 1 Student Success Team meetings through 7th grade sciences classes. School Counselors, Administrator, SSAP, and teachers will be meeting with all students individually to review their academic progress as well as to review quarter goals and to develop strategies for success. Progress Reports were available on myStudent last Friday and we only have 4 short weeks left of the semester.

We will also be completing the second quarter Active Threat Plan Drill this week.

Monday is the Pasco Pathways Expo event that will highlight the choices and innovative programs available in Pasco County for the 2020-21 school year at River Ridge Middle and High School from 5-8PM. River Ridge Middle School will be represented at the Expo and we would love to see you there. In addition to the Expos, we want to be sure you are aware of the new School Choice and Magnet application process as well as the new choice window will be December 3-December 13, 2019. If you are in 8th grade and are interested in Cambridge, IB, K-Tech, or are currently on school choice at River Ridge Middle School and would like the opportunity to continue at River Ridge High School, you will need to apply during this window.

We have started our Annual Holiday Food Drive through November 21st sponsored by Student Council. Students and community members are encouraged to bring in canned foods and non-perishable food items. Students can drop off donations in Knight Time classes. We will be counting up donations weekly and the winning classes will receive an incentive. Please donate today to help our River Ridge community.

In Sports this week, the Boys' Soccer plays at home on Tuesday versus CHMS and Thursday versus SSMS at 6PM. Girls Basketball plays at home versus SSMS on Wednesday and at home on Thursday vs. CHMS. JV starts at 6PM with varsity immediately following. Come out and support our winter student athletes!

Wednesday, November 20th is our Great American Teach In Day. The Great American Teach In provides an opportunity for members of the community to come in and speak with students about their occupations, hobbies, or areas of interest. Please contact our Teach in coordinator, Mrs. Jessica Balch or volunteer coordinator, Karen Tabone through the RRMS website.

Finally, November 25th through November 29th all Pasco County Schools will be closed for Thanksgiving Break! Schools will reopen on Monday, December 2nd.

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

11/10/19

We would like to congratulate our All County Chorus representatives and our Thespian Troupe for dynamic performances this past weekend! Monday is Veteran's Day, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Veterans for their service! In their honor, we are encouraging every one to wear red, white and blue. Students will also have the opportunity to view the district Veteran's Day presentation streamed live.

On Tuesday is also our Royal Dine Out Spirit Night at Beef O' Brady's on Ridge Road. 10% of the night's total will be donated to RRMS. Skip cooking and dine out for a great cause!

On Wednesday, is our 3rd Early Release Day where students will be released at 11:50AM. It is also a club day activity schedule. Students should bring any items they need for their clubs and dress appropriately to participate. We will also participate in National Kindness Day on Wednesday with a Be Kind lunch activity sponsored by our Student Services Department and Student Leadership Start With Hello clubs for students to meet new people and celebrate our differences.

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Our winter sports teams get started this week. Boys' Soccer begins against PRSMS at AHS on Monday at 6PM. Girls Basketball plays at PRSMS on Wednesday at 6PM. Come out and support our winter student athletes!

This week we will be continuing our semester 1 Student Success Team meetings through 6th and 8th grade social studies and 7th grade sciences classes. School Counselors, Administrator, SSAP, and teachers will be meeting with all students individually to review their academic progress as well as to review quarter goals and to develop strategies for success. We will continue in 8th grade social studies classes this week and finishing up with 7th grade before the Thanksgiving holiday. All students are welcome to get extra academic help after school as we offer tutoring Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the media center from 2PM-3PM. Finally, on Friday Quarter 2 Progress Reports will be available on myStudent. Believe it or not we are almost half way through the quarter.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Pasco Pathways Expo event that will highlight the choices and innovative programs available in Pasco County for the 2020-21 school year. Pasco County Schools will host two Expo style events on November 18th at River Ridge Middle and High School from 5-8 p.m and the other at Wesley Chapel High School on November 21st. All secondary schools in the designated area will be represented at the Expo as well as select elementary schools. River Ridge Middle School will be represented at the Expo and we would love to see you there. For registration information please visit the Pasco County Schools website. In addition to the Expos, we want to be sure you are aware of the new School Choice and Magnet application process as well as the new choice window will be December 3-December 13, 2019. If you are in 8th grade and are interested in Cambridge, IB, K-Tech, or are currently on school choice at River Ridge Middle School and would like the opportunity to continue at River Ridge High School, you will need to apply during this window. Wendell Krinn will also be here on November 13th to present to all 8th graders.

We are seeking speakers for the Great American Teach In on November 20th. The Great American Teach In provides an opportunity for members of the community to come in and speak

with students about their occupations, hobbies, or areas of interest. Please contact our Teach in coordinator, Mrs. Jessica Balch or volunteer coordinator, Karen Tabone through the RRMS website.

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11/3/19

I hope that everyone remembered to turn their clocks back one hour this morning and enjoyed the extra hour of sleep! We have had a lot to celebrate last week as over 700 students earned A/B Honor or All As Honor Roll for the quarter. We had a great time building awareness through Red Ribbon Week and finished the week with a fantastic Halloween Dance! We also collected over 850 pairs of socks for our school-wide culture of caring project, Socktober! Believe it or not, we are quickly moving through the 2nd quarter!

This week starts our semester 1 Student Success Team meetings through 6th and 8th grade social studies and 7th grade sciences classes. School Counselors, Administrator, SSAP, and teachers will be meeting with all students individually to review their academic progress as well as to review quarter goals and to develop strategies for success. 6th grade begins this week, with 8th grade the following week, and finishing up with 7th grade before the Thanksgiving holiday. All students are welcome to get extra academic help after school as we offer tutoring Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the media center from 2PM-3PM.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Pasco Pathways Expo event that will highlight the choices and innovative programs available in Pasco County for the 2020-21 school year. Pasco County Schools will host two Expo style events on November 18th at River Ridge Middle and High School from 5-8 p.m and the other at Wesley Chapel High School on November 21st. All secondary schools in the designated area will be represented at the Expo as well as select elementary schools. River Ridge Middle School will be represented at the Expo and we would love to see you there. For registration information please visit the Pasco County Schools website. In addition to the Expos, we want to be sure you are aware of the new School Choice and Magnet application process as well as the new choice window will be December 3-December 13, 2019. If you are in 8th grade and are interested in Cambridge, IB, K-Tech, or are currently on school choice at River Ridge Middle School and would like the opportunity to continue at River Ridge High School, you will need to apply during this window.

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10/27/19

This week continues Red Ribbon Week which runs from October 23-31 with our theme... Send A Message. Be Drug Free. Students will be able to take the Drug Free Pledge, participate in door decorating contest, and dress up days that coordinate with our message to make positive decisions and bring awareness.

Mondays dress up day is PJ Day. Students need to be in dress code. During 1st period, 8th graders in Algebra and Geometry are invited to an informational presentation from AHS Cambridge and GHS IB Program.

After school on Monday, October 28th, 7th graders are invited to The Outsiders viewing party in the Media Center from 2PM-3:30PM. Popcorn will be served! Then that same evening from 5PM-7PM at the stadium, RRMHS will be hosting Trick or Treat Around the Track. Come on out dressed in costume to travel the track for tricks and treats from our clubs and organizations.

Tuesday is Tie Day and Neon Day - Say PEACE Out to Drugs! We will also have presentations from the Pasco Sheriff's Office and Baycare during electives regarding Red Ribbon Week.

Wednesday is Our Future is so Bright Day, wear college shirts and sunglasses! Interested 7th and 8th graders are invited to a field trip to Wendell Krinn Technical HS on this day to explore the options of technical education. If you are interested, please see 8th grade counselor, Mrs. Stanton for a permission form by Monday.

On Thursday, October 31st, students may wear Halloween costumes but no props or masks. We will be hosting an after school Halloween Dance from 2PM-4PM in the Cafeteria. Tickets will be on pre-sale for \$8 in the front office on Monday through Wednesday and \$10 at the door on Thursday. This will be a dance like no other as we will have a Creepy Crawler room with animals from Dundee Farms, Pumpkin Decorating, DJ, haunted photo booth, games, and concessions including Kona Ice.

Friday is Royal Spirit Friday and October Student of the Month luncheon sponsored by Culver's at 11:30AM in the Media Center.

Finally, this is the last week for our Socktober sock donation drive for the Pasco Homeless Coalition. We have 600 socks and our goal is 1,000... Please bring in new socks for men, women and children to the front office grade level basket. Let's do this Knights!

10/20/19

Thank you to everyone who participated in the RRMS PTSA Dodgathon, we met our goal because of the amazing support of our Royal Family! This week continues with some very busy and exciting activities.

On Monday, October 21st, we are asking that every one wears pink in support of cancer awareness. The River Ridge Middle High School night at the River Ridge Football game has been rescheduled to 7PM where dance, cheer, and band will perform and the football team will be recognized. Continue to wear your pink, as the game is a PINK OUT!

We will also be hosting our Science and Social Studies Parent Night from 6PM-7:30PM in the Media Center. This informational session is for any student who will be participating in Science or the National History Day Project. Teachers will be on hand to explain the requirements and provide insight on how to successfully complete both projects. This session is highly recommended for our 6th graders who are in Research, US History Advanced and/or Accelerated Science Honors or any student who are new to these projects.

On Tuesday, October 22nd, Quarter 1 Report Cards will be available on MyStudent. Students who are "on track" earning no Ds or Fs and no referrals will be given an "On Track" band during lunches to be eligible for extra privileges and our Quarter 1 "On Track" Incentive Field Day on Friday, October 25th.

In Sports, the football team finishes their season at Gulf Middle School on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30PM. The game will be played at GHS. Girls Basketball Tryouts begin on Tuesday, October 22 through Thursday, October 24 from 2PM-4PM and Boys' Soccer Tryouts begin on Wednesday, October 23 through Friday, October 25 from 2PM-4PM. Physicals must be up to date and all paperwork completed prior to trying out. Please see Coach Brando with questions.

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Wednesday is Team Up Against Drugs, wear a sports jersey or team gear! We are also partnering with McDonald's for a McKnight Dine Out Night that evening from 4PM-8PM for Red Ribbon Week. Thursday is Rally in Red Day – wear red. We will also be sponsoring a Red Ribbon Week incentive: Art Party and Chalk Art in the Courtyard from 2-3PM in the Art Room with Ms. Berberich and Ms. Lightbody. Students can purchase tickets for 5 Knight Dollars in lunches all week through PBIS Rewards. Tickets are limited and all supplies will be provided. Friday is our Dynamic Duo, Trio or Group up against drugs and bullying! 7th grade students this will be The Outsiders dress up day, dress as a Soc or a Greaser! On Friday, we will also be on a PM Activity Schedule for our Quarter 1 On Track incentive field day starting at 1PM. On track is considered no Ds or Fs or discipline referrals. Students will be able to purchase Kona Ice for \$3, \$4 or \$5 at the field day and PTSA will be providing blow up obstacle course.

We also have several other events to mark your calendars for in the following week:

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# River Ridge Middle School **Red Ribbon Week**

## **Send A Message. Be Drug Free.**

**October 23 - October 31, 2019**



### **Wednesday, October 23 Team Up Against Drugs**

Wear a sports jersey or team gear!

McDonald's Spirit Night 4PM-8PM



RRMS Football @ GMS  
6:30PM



### **FRIDAY, October 25**

#### **Dynamic Duo Day**



Double or Triple or Group up against drugs & bullying!

7th Grade - The Outsiders Day

\*Incentive Field Day - Quarter 1 "On Track"  
event - PM Activity Schedule



### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**

#### **RALLY IN RED**

Wear Red to Send a Message &  
Make Positive Choices!

PBIS After School "Send A Message"

Art Party with Ms. Berberich &

Ms. Lightbody

2PM-3PM Art Room

5 KD @ School Store



### **Monday, October 28**

#### **PJ Day**

Follow DREAMS, not drugs!  
(Make sure PJs are in dress code.)



### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

#### **TIE DYE DAY**

Say "PEACE-Out" to Drugs!

Wear neon or tie-dyed color clothing.

### **Wednesday, October 30**



#### **Our Future is Bright!**

Wear college shirts and sunglasses to show your  
commitment to never do drugs.



### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN**

#### **SCARE OFF DRUGS!**

Wear Halloween costume (no masks or props), orange and black!

**HALLOWEEN DANCE 2PM-4PM \$8 PRE-SALE, \$10 @ DOOR**

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10/13/19

There will be no school due to a Teacher Planning Day on Monday, October 14th. We are excited to welcome back our students on Tuesday to begin the second quarter.

We are 1 week away, don't miss out on participating in our Dodgathon! The RRMS PTSA and Dodgeball2You is excited to bring to River Ridge the Dodgathon Fall Pledge Drive! On Tuesday of this week, students through elective classes participated in a Dodgathon Demo Day and brought home flyers/pledge sheets for this event. Dodgathon, is a Dodgeball Tournament to raise funds for the school to purchase more laptops and technology. Students can register and are encouraged get pledges from friends, family and community businesses to participate in unlimited play or watch the event taking place on Friday, October 18th during 6th and 7th period. The online registration is located on the River Ridge website and Facebook page. For every \$25 raised, students will receive an entry to the PTSA raffle prizes including themed gift baskets, gift cards, and \$100 cash prize. Students raising \$100 or more, will be entered to win Airpods and will be able to play in a special "teacher" arena! The PTSA's fundraising goal is to reach \$10,000 to increase technology across the school. Since this is a PTSA fundraiser, it does not fall under the school-wide Opt Out of Fundraisers. So, support your school and have fun doing it! If you have questions or would like to make a donation, please contact [riverridgemspta@gmail.com](mailto:riverridgemspta@gmail.com).

We continue to celebrate #Socktober with our school-wide culture of caring community service project. RRMS is collecting socks for men, women and children to donate to the local homeless shelter the entire month of October. Socks can be turned in to the front office or cafeteria. The class that donates the most will win a prize. Keep the socks coming, Royal Knights. Together, we can make a difference!

On Wednesday, we play our final home football game vs. PRSMS and celebrate Parent Night before the game with our football, cheerleaders, dance and 8th grade band families. Please make sure that if your child is participating that you complete the form on the RRMS website or Facebook page. Families should arrive for the pre-game ceremony by 5:45PM. We would also like to congratulate our JV and Varsity Volleyball Teams on a winning season! Way to represent, ladies!

On Thursday, there will be school picture retakes in the morning in the back of the media center during Periods 1-3. If you are getting a retake, please make sure to bring back your photo package. We also have our School Advisory Council meeting with the high school at 2:30PM in the Faculty Lounge.

On Friday, RRMS annual health screening is scheduled. We will be screening 6th grade students through science classes. Students will be screened for vision, hearing, height, weight, and scoliosis. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Mundy. During 6th and 7th period on Friday, all students who have a \$10 watch wristband or \$25 unlimited play wristband will be able to participate in Dodgathon! Then Friday evening, we are celebrating



River Ridge Middle School night at the high school football game at 7:30PM. The band, cheer, dance team and football will be recognized at the game as well as will perform. Come out and proudly represent River Ridge on our community night!

Finally, letters were sent home and information provided to all 8th graders taking 8th grades advanced science and 7th graders enrolled in Accl Science for the upcoming NASA Field Trip in December. There are only 70 spots left as this trip is a first come, first serve trip with permission forms and payment of \$75 due no later than November 13th. Students must be on track to be eligible. Please contact Mrs. Shaw or Mrs. Adams for more information.

Thank you for your support! Looking forward to a solid start to the 2nd quarter!

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Also, don't forget to skip the cooking and come out to Culver's Trinity for the Royal Dine Out Night from 5PM-8PM TONIGHT. Mention River Ridge Middle School at the drive thru or eat in! We hope to see a lot of Royal spirit tonight!

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10.6.19

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

on the RRMS website. If students need additional academic assistance, we do offer tutoring on Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays after school in the Media Center from 2PM-3PM.

On Monday evening at 6:30PM, the RRMS PTSA will have their General Meeting in the Media Center. They will be discussing upcoming events and the fall fundraiser, Dodgeathon, a Dodgeball Tournament to raise funds for the school to purchase more laptops and technology. The RRMS PTSA Dodgeathon fundraiser will be previewed to students through elective classes on Tuesday, October 8th. Please look for an informational flyer or view our social media or website for more information. Students can register to participate in unlimited play or watch the event taking place on Friday, October 18th during 6th and 7th period on the Dodgeball2You website. For every \$25 raised, students will receive an entry to the PTSA raffle prizes including themed gift baskets, gift cards, and \$100 cash prize. Students raising \$100 or more, will be entered to win AirPods and will be able to play in a special "teacher" arena! The PTSA's fundraising goal is to reach \$10,000 to increase technology across the school. If you have questions or would like to make a donation, please contact [riverridgemsptsa@gmail.com](mailto:riverridgemsptsa@gmail.com).

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On Thursday, October 10th, we will celebrate our September Students of the Month with a luncheon at 11:30AM in the media center sponsored by Mama Mia's Pizza. Reminders will be sent out this week. That evening, we have our Royal Dine Out Night at Culver's Trinity from 5PM-8PM. So, skip the cooking and support River Ridge Middle School by eating in or driving thru, make sure to mention RRMS!

This week in sports the volleyball team travels to GMS at 6PM on Monday and is at home vs. PRSMS on Wednesday. The football team plays at GMS on Tuesday at 6:30PM at Gulf High School. Charge on, Royal Knights!

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Please mark your calendar for the following events: On Friday, October 18th at the RRHS football game at 7:30PM, our band, cheer, and dance team will be performing with their high school counterparts to celebrate middle school night. We will also be hosting a Social Studies History Fair and Science Fair Informational Night for all students and parents in Advanced US History through Research, Advanced World History, and Advanced Civics as well as Accelerated Science/Physical Science Honors on Monday, October 21st at 6PM in the Media Center. By attending this meeting, you will learn the ins and outs of history and science fair including the process, procedures, and how to successfully complete a project. Science and Social Studies teachers will be there to present as well as answer questions. There will be a no school for students on Monday, October 14th as there is a Teacher Planning Day.

9.29.19

We had an amazing River Ridge Spirit and Start with Hello Week where we went on a Royal Road Trip as a Royal Family. We had so many students and staff that participated by dressing up, reaching out to others through our kindness card, and showed our royal spirit at the Pep Rally. Congratulations to the 6th graders for winning the Spirit Stick at the Pep Rally!

There are only 2 weeks left in the first quarter and quarterly checks will begin in all core classes this week. After school tutoring will be offered on Wednesday in the media center by the RRHS NJROTC. We encourage our students to take advantage of extra help both after school, during daily Knight Time sessions and academic lunch.

Let's celebrate October by kicking off our school-wide community service project of #Socktober. RRMS will be collecting socks for men, women and children to donate to the local homeless shelter the entire month of October. Socks can be turned in to the front office or cafeteria. The grade level that donates the most will win a prize. Our goal is to donate 1,000 socks to our community. Last year, we donated over 3,000 pairs of sock. Together, we can make a difference!

If your student is creative? Thinks outside of the box? Likes to do puzzles? Works well with a team? Then Odyssey of the Mind is for you! There is an OM informational meeting for students, parents and coaches on Tuesday, October 1st in the RRMS Media Center at 6PM. Please contact site coordinator, Vickie Angelo, if you are interested or can't attend.

This week in sports... Volleyball plays home vs. BPMS on Monday and travels to HMS on Wednesday both games start at 6PM. The football team travels to HHS to play HMS on Tuesday at 6:30PM.

Letters were sent home and information provided to all 8th graders taking 8th grades advanced science and 7th graders enrolled in Accl Science for the upcoming NASA Field Trip in December. This trip is a first come, first serve trip with permission forms and payment of \$75 due no later than November 13th. Students must be on track to be eligible, please contact Mrs. Shaw or Mrs. Adams for more information.

Mark your calendars for a few of our upcoming community events: Our next PTSA meeting will be October 7th at 6PM in the RRMS Media Center. We are teaming up with RRHS for our middle school night at their football game on Friday, October 18th. The band, dance team, and cheerleaders will be performing and the football team is encourage to attend for RRMS night. The next parent night is the history and science fair informational night on Monday, October 21st at 6PM to assist in building deeper understanding by families in these academic projects.

Finally, girls' basketball and boys' soccer tryouts will be October 22-24th. All students who wish to try out must have an up to date physical. See Coach Brando for more information.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education! Go Knights!

9.22.19

The entire River Ridge campus will be celebrating River Ridge Spirit Week and #StartwithHello Week from September 23-27 to go on a Royal Road Trip with dress up days, Royal Road Trip Kindness Card and a Pep Rally on Friday! Start with Hello Week raises awareness about social isolation and educates students and the community on how to prevent it by reaching out to others who may be feeling left out, lonely or invisible. Our goal is that all Royal Knights feel a sense of belonging and celebrate what it means to be Royal by spreading caring & kindness. *Students will receive a Royal Road Trip Kindness Card in 1st period on Monday, September 23rd.* Students are encouraged to complete the acts of kindness throughout the week. An adult will need to sign the squares when they are done for students to be eligible for a special treat at lunch on Friday. This is a great opportunity to intentionally embed social emotional learning in our every day, meet new people and spread our royal culture of caring!

We encourage all students to get involved and participate in the Dress Up Days. When ***dressing up, students should stay in dress code but may wear hats if it goes with their outfit. There should be no masks or props.*** Each day we will count those students who dress up in lunches

which will be added to the overall spirit points for the Spirit Stick at the Pep Rally on Friday.

# River Ridge Middle School SPIRIT DAYS!! A ROYAL ROAD TRIP

**9/23**

**Monday**  
**Volleyball @ 6PM**  
**against SSMS**

## CALIFORNIA

Surfs Up!!! Dress in surfer, tropical, or anything related to California, including sports teams.



**9/24**

**Tuesday**  
**Football @ 6:30PM**  
**against BPMS**

## TEXAS

Howdy Partner! Dress in western attire or anything related to Texas, including sports teams.



**9/25**

**Wednesday**  
**Volleyball @ 6:00PM**  
**at CLMS**

## New York City

I LOVE NYC! Dress in Broadway, Preppy/Business, anything related to NYC, including sports teams.



**9/26**

**Thursday**

## WASHINGTON DC

Star and Stripes!!!! Dress in Red, White and Blue.



**9/27**

**Friday**  
**Pep Rally**  
**PM Activity Schedule**

## NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA- RIVER RIDGE SPIRIT DAY



**#StartwithHELLO - ROYAL ROAD TRIP KINDNESS CARD**

[Royal Road Trip Kindness Card](#)

This week in sports... the volleyball teams play SSMS at home on Monday and CLMS away on Wednesday. All games begin at 6PM. On Tuesday, the football team takes on BPMS at home starting at 6:30PM. Come out and support our Royal Knight student-athletes!

Thank you again for everyone who donated to the Bahamas Relief Supplies, those who came to Zim Zari's Dine Out Night and to our Royal Families who came to 6th grade math night! We are truly proud that you are royal and that we can partner with you in your child's education!

9.15.19

Quarter 1 Progress Reports were available on myStudent on Friday. Please make sure you have a parent account as directions to access are on the River Ridge Middle School website. We have four weeks remaining until the end of the quarter, which will go quickly. Students should have As, Bs, Cs and no referrals to be considered on track. If a student is struggling, please contact the teacher, request a parent conference through Student Services, attend academic lunch and after school tutoring by RRHS ROTC on Wednesdays.

Wednesday, September 18 is our September Royal Family Dine Out Night at Zim Zari's in Trinity from 6PM-9PM. 10% of the night's sales will go to River Ridge Middle School student recognition program.

Thursday, September 19th in collaboration with Mathnasium Trinity, we will be hosting our 6th Grade Math Night from 6PM-8PM in the cafeteria. All 6th grade families are invited to participate in an evening of cool math games, math tricks, rewards, giveaways, snacks, fun and enjoyment for the whole family. Students who attend will receive PBIS Rewards Knight Dollars and the math class that has the most students will earn a special class treat! Come out and learn as a family, it's the Royal Way!

In sports, this week the Lady Knights Volleyball team kicks off their season with games on Monday at PRSMS and on Wednesday at home versus CHMS. All games start at 6PM. On Tuesday, the Royal Knights football team travels to Hudson High School to take on CLMS at 6:30PM.

Finally, RRMS will be collecting supplies to benefit the victims of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. Supplies will be collected through this Friday, September 20th. A list of items is posted on the RRMS website and Facebook page. Please bring in items to Ms. Miranda or the front office to help with the recovery efforts. All collected items will be sent to the Bahamas next week by way of our RRHS New Teaching Academy and ROTC. Thank you for all of the donations and truly showing our royal culture of caring!

All students are encouraged to wear their RR gear on Friday! Thank you for partnering with River Ridge in your child's education to make this the best year yet!

9.8.19

We are half way through the first quarter! Quarter 1 Progress Reports will be available in myStudent on Friday. Please go on to myStudent and make sure to sign up for an account. If you have questions about signing up, please see our website or contact us by phone. Review your child's progress with them frequently. If you have a question about a student's progress, please contact the teacher. Students can receive extra help through academic lunch, Knight Time

session, tutoring after school by the high school students with begin the week of September 16th on Wednesdays, or from their teacher during designated help sessions. If you would like to schedule a Parent Teacher Conference, please contact Student Services at 774-7000 or go to our website to make an electronic request. On Friday, we will have a special treat at lunches as a Royal Reward for those students on track. Students on track have no Ds or Fs or referrals.

In sports this week, your Royal Knights football team will be at home versus our rivals the SSMS Jaguars on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$3 and we hope to see you all there to cheer our Knights to victory!

This Wednesday, September 11th will be our first Early Release day for students. Our school day will end at 11:50AM. Bus routes will remain the same for students with the adjusted dismissal time. Car riders-please confirm your arrangements for Wednesday's dismissal. Beyond the Bell after school program will be available, please pre-register on the RRMS website. If you have any questions, please call our office on Monday at 727-774-7000. We will be on a special schedule which will include our first club day that day. Students have had 2 weeks to sign up for their clubs. Club lists are posted in the cafeteria and in the grade level hallways. They should wear appropriate clothing and bring items needed for their club.

On Thursday, September 12th, we will celebrate our August Students of the Month with a luncheon at 11:30AM in the media center. Invites were sent out last week.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education! So Proud, We Are Royal!

8.30.19

We had an absolutely fantastic week this week at River Ridge. Thank you to all of our families who attended Open House on Tuesday. The week ended with the announcement of our August Royal Students of the Month and a lot of Royal Spirit at our first Pep Rally of the year! Everyone showed their purple pride and respect as we recognized our fall athletes, played spirit games, and celebrated how awesome the start of the year has been. It was a very close competition for the Spirit Stick with all grade levels showing their spirit but the Class of 2024, 8th graders pulled it out! There will be no school on Monday as we celebrate Labor Day. Schools have been closed on Tuesday by Pasco County Schools due to possible tropical storm winds. Please stay tuned for more information by checking social media and our website.

We are going to continue to plan for the week and adjust accordingly. Our Royal Knights Football team kickoff their season on Wednesday at 6:30PM at home versus Chasco Middle School. School picture day is scheduled for Thursday during ELA classes. Flyers will go home on Wednesday or can be ordered online from Gigante. We will also be hosting our first school dances of the year on Friday evening, September 6th from 6PM-8PM in the RRMS Cafeteria. The theme is "Neon Knights Party" with a balloon drop and everything. Dress is casual. Tickets can be purchased pre-sale each day in the media center starting this week for \$8 or \$10 at the door. We will also have a DJ, photo booth, concession for students to purchase food and drink items, Kona Ice and a balloon drop to celebrate the start to our awesome school year. If you

would like to volunteer, you must be an approved school volunteer. Please contact Karen Tabone.

Please mark your calendars as Progress Reports for Quarter 1 will be available on myStudent on Friday, September 13th. Those students who are “on track” with no Ds or Fs or referrals will earn a treat at lunches that day. As always, thank you for your support in making this the best year ever! Be safe and enjoy your weekend! We are so proud to be Royal!

8.25.19

This week Royal Families we have a very important event that sets the stage for success to make this the best year ever! Open House will be on Tuesday, August 27th at RRMS, we encourage students to accompany their families to this event. PTSA will be hosting a Royal Family Picnic with pizza, drinks, and games from 5PM-6PM in the cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per person. Bahama Buck's will also be here selling shaved ice. At 6PM, families should report to 1st period to view an introductory welcome video and then may freely follow your student's schedule. Students will bring home their schedule on Tuesday. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and better understand the learning that will be taking place at River Ridge this year. We will also have opportunities to visit the Book Fair, purchase spirit gear, PE uniforms, pay fees, and sign up for a myStudent account, Free and Reduced Lunch, and to be a volunteer. The Book Fair will be going on in the Media Center Monday through Friday this week. Students may visit in the morning or after school as well as some classes will be coming down throughout the day. You may also purchase books online through Scholastic on our website. We do have a classroom wish lists if you would like to make a book donation. We look forward to seeing you at our Open House!

Congratulations to our new volleyball team members. There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, August 28th at 4:15PM in the Media Center.

This week students will also be able to sign up for an interest club in lunches and Knight Time. The link will also be available on the website. The first club day will be on September 11th, the first early release day of the year.

There will be a PM Activity Schedule on Friday, August 30th due to our first Pep Rally of the year to kick off the best year ever! We encourage students to really show their Royal spirit by wearing their RRMS gear, paint their faces, dress up in purple, silver, and black. We will be introducing our fall sports teams and have some class competitions with spirit and games.

That evening, students who are taking classes at River Ridge High School are encouraged to attend the high school open house at 5PM.

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

8.18.19



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

There are some important events this week: PTSA General Meeting on Monday, August 19 at 6:30PM in the Media Center. Volleyball try outs begin August 20-August 22 in the gym from 2PM-4PM. Students must have an up to date physical to tryout. See Coach Brando for more information.

Congratulations to our new RRMS cheerleaders! There will be a parent meeting for cheerleaders at 4PM in the Media Center on Wednesday, August 21st.

Wednesday, August 21st is our first RRMS Community Spirit Night at a local restaurant. No one wants to cook on Wednesday, so come out to Chili's in Trinity to have dinner! They will be donating 10% of their proceeds from 4PM-11PM on that date. You will need a RRMS flyer which you can get on the website or through social media to make sure the donation goes to RRMS. We hope to see a lot of purple and silver on this night where Chili's is giving back to us!

Please mark your calendars for a few upcoming events: RRMS Book Fair begins on Monday, August 26-Friday, August 30 in the Media Center. Flyers will be going home this week for our RRMS Open House will be on Tuesday, August 27th. PTSA will be hosting a Royal Family Picnic with pizza, drinks, and games from 5PM-6PM in the cafeteria. Bahama Buck's will also be here. The cost is \$5 per person. At 6PM, we will open the castle for families to follow your student's schedule. Families will start in 1st period and then can freely visit classes within the hour and a half timeframe. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and better understand the learning that will be taking place at The Ridge this year. We will also have opportunities to purchase items from our Book Fair, spirit gear, PE uniforms, pay fees, purchase a yearbook, and sign up for a myStudent account.

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

8.11.19

Good afternoon Royal Knights. This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of River Ridge Middle School. I am looking forward to welcoming back all of our Royal Knights tomorrow morning when school starts at 7:30AM. The campus will be open to students starting at 7AM. Students who are car riders should only be dropped off and picked up in the middle school car loop. We ask that you be patient and courteous as there is usually a lot of traffic during the first few weeks. If at all possible, we are recommending that if your child is assigned a bus to please use the bus transportation as it limits the traffic. When students arrive on campus, they will be greeted by our Royal staff and should go to the media center or cafeteria to find their first period classes listed on the windows. Students will then report to first period when the first bell rings and will receive a brand new official schedule. Students should only follow the schedule they receive in first period as there have been some schedule changes. Students will receive new River Ridge planners first period, which we will be using school-wide for communication and organization

this year. Students may also pay fees and turn in emergency cards, healthy student forms, fundraiser Opt Out forms and peer volunteer forms directly to their teachers.

In the afternoon, the bus line up is posted on our website and will also be around campus so that students are aware which row their bus will be in at the middle school bus loop.

Please make sure that you are connected with River Ridge by visiting our website, following us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @rrmsroyalknight. We will be posting many pictures and important information from the first day and throughout the year on these sites.

This week we will also have football tryouts Monday-Friday after school at 2PM. Meet in the boy's locker room. We will also have Cheerleading tryouts on Wednesday-Friday from 2PM-3:30PM in the dance room. Please make sure you have an up to date physical and paperwork completed to tryout.

Friday will be our Royal Spirit Day so make sure you wear your purple, black and silver to Rep the Ridge.

As always, if you have any questions or need clarifications, please don't hesitate to contact us. I can't wait to see our entire Royal Family back on campus ready to make this the best year ever at River Ridge Middle School as we level up because #WeAreRoyal!