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# River Ridge Middle School ROYAL UPDATE

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## STORM THE CASTLE/ MEET THE TEACHER-OPEN HOUSE

AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>

8AM-12:30PM 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE & NEW STUDENTS BY APPT.

1PM-3PM RETURNING 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE OPEN HOUSE

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### ROYALS REUNITED

We are so excited to welcome all of our Royal Knights back to the River Ridge campus this year! We have been planning with the administrative and leadership teams to reunite all of our Royal Knights for the best year yet! There is a lot of important information in this newsletter so please make sure to review it in its entirety. As always, if you have any questions or need clarification, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Last year held many challenges, but as a Royal Family we persevered and adapted to our new normal. Our students and staff continued to succeed by earning the Florida PBIS Resilience Award and promoting 100% of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to high school. This upcoming year we will continue our STAY SAFE protocols on campus as we carefully welcome back some of our traditions like dances, pep rallies, and field trips.

- At arrival, students will continue to pick up their free breakfast from the cafeteria and go straight to first period every day.
- We will have three lunches (by grade level) where students will have options to sit outside, in the media center, and in the cafeteria.
- We will continue with a consistent cleaning regiment for high touch areas, restrooms, and classrooms. We will also provide cleaning products and hand sanitizer in high traffic areas.
- We will continue with social distancing, where feasible, in the classrooms and hallways.
- At dismissal, students will not congregate in the courtyards and will proceed directly to their bus, car, bike rack, or walk home.

**We also highly recommend that ALL students bring their own hand sanitizer, school supplies, earbuds, calculator, water bottle and laptop/tablets/iPad to keep with them in their backpacks throughout the day.**

Please make sure to connect with River Ridge by following us on social media on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and our school website. We want our families to be informed of all of the Royal opportunities for campus involvement. We also encourage you to join our amazing PTSA that supports our school in the way of student incentives, community events, advocacy and educational opportunities for parents/students.

Together, as a Royal Family, we look forward to getting back to "normal," providing a safe and engaging learning environment where our students will excel and have an amazing year!

These events are intended to provide both new Royal Knights and returning an orientation of the campus, review of our safety protocols, meet teachers and staff, and to ensure this is the best year yet! We highly encourage families to visit myStudent Parent Portal to complete the emergency card, pay fees, and download the student schedule before coming on campus. We will also have opportunities for you to purchase River Ridge spirit items, Civics workbook, and PE/Dance uniforms online with pick up on this day. Please make sure to read the Know Before You Go section prior to attending the event.

### 21-22 MIDDLE SCHOOL FEES

*Pasco County School Board Approved*

General Fee	\$15
Art Fee	\$15
Band Program Fee	\$15
Chorus Program Fee	\$15
Career Technical Course Fees (per year)	\$10
Dance Fee	\$15
Instrument Tech & Instrument Ensemble	\$15
Physical Education Fee	\$5
Science Fees (per year)	\$10
Student Technology Service Fee	\$2
Theatre Fee	\$15
Civics Workbook	\$20



*River Ridge Royal Knights remember to...*

## STAY SAFE

by following on campus health & safety expectations

	Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer regularly		Avoid contact
	Keep a safe distance of at least 6ft. when interacting with others		Avoid touching your face
	Cough or sneeze into the crease of the elbow or in a tissue		Stay at home if you are ill

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# River Ridge Middle School 2021 Orientation Days Information

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



**Thursday, August 5th 8AM-12:30PM**

RSVP for a 2-hour block by 7/30 at the link on the RRMS website or at the QR Code below.



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

You should start in the CAFETERIA where schedules will be available for new students only. Those who have paid their fees online will have an express line with no waiting. You can also pick up all pre-purchased items like workbooks and spirit items. Each 6th grader and new student will be given a free RRMS spirit pack to welcome them to the castle at this time.

**8:30AM, 9:30AM, 10:30AM, 12PM: Informational Meeting About the New Year/Transitioning to RRMS with Administration and Counselors:**

Middle school is the most important time to stay connected to your child's progress as they transition with independence. Learn about the exciting opportunities and expectations at RRMS for the 2021-22 school year. This presentation will include how to stay connected and informed as a new Royal family, Royal Stay Safe campus expectations, academic opportunities, clubs and sports participation requirements and more. Learn how to access myPascoConnect for online textbooks and other applications, myStudent to monitor grades and attendance, PBIS Rewards, which is our school-wide positive behavior incentive program and a variety of other digital communication tools. School counselors and administrators will be available at this session.

**Conquer the Castle Interactive Campus Tour:** After picking up your schedule/paying fees, etc. at the Welcome/Pick up in the CAFETERIA, walk the campus to see where classes will be and become familiar with the campus prior to the first day! This will help to ease those first day jitters by mapping the safest and fastest path to classes. There will be interactive QR Codes at each location introducing the staff and important details of the location. Find important locations like the front office, clinic, student services, cafeteria, media, and gymnasium. There will be plenty of Royal Knights to help you find your way!

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Astone, 6th grade Assistant Principal at [aastone@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:aastone@pasco.k12.fl.us).

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

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

### STEP 1: Create a myStudent Parent Portal

You can access your child's grades, view their schedule and stay connected in middle school by creating an account and ensuring your address and emergency contact information is up to date.

### STEP 2: Pay School Fees

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

You can pay school fees and also purchase yearbooks at a discounted price, join our Opt Out fundraiser, purchase PE uniforms, classroom workbooks, and River Ridge spirit items. **BRING YOUR RECEIPT WITH YOU!**

### STEP 3: Print or Save Your Child's

#### Schedule & Print/Save Receipts to Pick Up Items

Log in to your parent portal to download and print your child's middle school class schedule. Bring it with you when you attend the event. You can use this to explore our campus on a self-guided tour, visit the sessions, and pick up your pre-purchased items. It is highly recommended that you print your schedule at home. There will be tables in the media center to pick up pre-purchased items only. **For incoming 6th graders and new students attending Storm the Castle, schedules will be available in the CAFETERIA but it is highly recommended that you pay fees and print your schedule prior to the event. For returning 7th and 8th graders, you will need to pay fees and print your schedule prior to the event.**

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



**Thursday, August 5th 1PM-3PM**

This event is intended for returning 7th and 8th Graders to walk their schedules and pick up any pre-purchased items. Schedules and Fees will only be available online prior to coming to campus. Please enter by the middle school front office. There will be maps available as well as tables for school nurse (TDaP Shot Records - 7th Grade), spirit wear, Civics book pick up, and PTSA set up in the CAFETERIA. Staff will have QR Codes on their doors to provide an introduction to their class and the new school year.

## 2021-22 River Ridge Middle School Royal Knights STUDENT Expectations

Arrival	School Day	Dismissal
<p><b>BUS RIDER:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I will follow driver and aides' directions, using quiet voices, respecting property, stay in my assigned seat, keeping hands, feet, and objects to myself. No eating or drinking on the bus.</li> <li>I will enter through the middle school bus loop doors and go straight to the breakfast area in the cafeteria and then to 1st period. If I am not buying breakfast, I will go straight to 1st period.</li> </ul> <p><b>CAR RIDER:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I will wait outside the front of the building while maintaining distance from others prior to gates opening.</li> <li>I will go straight to the breakfast area and then straight to 1<sup>st</sup> period class. If I am not buying breakfast, I will go straight to class.</li> </ul> <p><b>WALKER/BIKE RIDER:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I will wait outside the front of the building while maintaining distance from others prior to gates opening.</li> <li>I will go straight to the breakfast area and then straight to class. If I am not buying breakfast, I will go straight to class.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I will responsibly get my breakfast (if desired), enter the building safely and report straight to 1st period.</li> <li>I will throw away my trash and sanitize my hands before and after eating.</li> <li>I will not congregate in hallways or courtyards.</li> <li>I will follow the directional pattern in the hallways by staying to the right.</li> <li>I will maintain distance from my friends when waiting outside of classrooms.</li> <li>I will sanitize my hands upon entering every classroom and cafeteria for lunch.</li> <li>I will follow classroom start-up procedures (do-now, etc.) and follow safety expectations.</li> <li>I will use the QR Code in the classrooms, the front office, media center, and clinic as a hall pass to be accountable for my whereabouts and always be in my assigned area.</li> <li>I will be respectful and responsible in my classroom interactions.</li> <li>I will use technology respectfully and responsibly at appropriate times.</li> <li>I will social distance when possible in the lunch lines, waiting at vending and walking to and from the cafeteria.</li> <li>I will raise my hand at lunch if I need to leave my seat.</li> <li>I will write in my planner and/or use an organizational tool to record assignments and assessments.</li> <li>I will report directly to the bus loop or car rider loop upon dismissal.</li> <li>I will review my planner when I get home to ensure I am prepared for the next day.</li> <li>I will access myPascoConnect to check my grades in myStudent and my assignments in myLearning daily.</li> <li>I will reach out to my teachers for support with my assignments when needed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>BUS RIDER:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I will exit the building when my classroom is dismissed.</li> <li>I will report directly to the bus loop upon dismissal and social distance when possible.</li> <li>I will follow driver and aides' directions, using quiet voices, respecting property, stay in my assigned seat, keeping hands, feet, and objects to myself. No eating or drinking on the bus.</li> </ul> <p><b>CAR RIDER:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I will exit the building when my classroom is dismissed.</li> <li>I will report directly to the car rider loop upon dismissal and social distance when possible.</li> <li>I will maintain distance as I respectfully wait to be picked up.</li> </ul> <p><b>WALKER/BIKE RIDER:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I will exit the building when my classroom is dismissed.</li> <li>I will report directly to the bike rack (if needed) upon dismissal and social distance when possible.</li> <li>I will maintain social distance while getting my bike or walking and immediately leave campus.</li> </ul>
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## MYPASCO CONNECT TOOLS SIGN UP FOR MYSTUDENT!

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

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS & CLINIC INFO

**Theresa Mundy, School Nurse, Joanie Noe, Clinic Assistant**

All Pasco County students are required to be fully immunized. Students who are missing required immunizations will be unable to receive their schedules on Orientation/Registration Day. **Parents need to go on myStudent Parent Portal to complete the emergency card prior to Storm the Castle or Orientation Day.**

**Students are not allowed to carry ANY medications while at school.** This includes prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, and medicines from health food stores. A student may carry an asthma inhaler with written permission from a doctor and a parent. All other medications that are scheduled to be administered during school hours MUST be stored in the clinic along with a signed parental form. Questions about health requirements, medications, and other health services may be directed to our school nurse, Ms. Theresa Mundy at [tmundy@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:tmundy@pasco.k12.fl.us). Parents can make an appointment for the week of August 9th to drop off medications, etc. by contacting Ms. Noe at [jnoe@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jnoe@pasco.k12.fl.us). All forms (parent permission to administer, medical management plans) are on the RRMS website under Clinic.

## TDAP – 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

All 7<sup>th</sup> graders must have their TDAP shot up to date and bring proof of vaccination prior to entering school. Florida Certification of Immunization (DH680 form) must be provided to the school nurse on August 5th and prior to the first day of school. **Students who do not have the TDAP may not start school. All Pasco County students are required to be fully immunized.**

## KNIGHT CAFÉ INFORMATION FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

**Pam Midkiff, Cafeteria Manager**  
[pmidkiff@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:pmidkiff@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Families are required to apply for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program yearly. Applications open online on July 2021. Sign up online at: <https://www.schoolunchapp.com/District.aspx>

**All students will receive FREE breakfast and lunch for the 21-22 school year.** Students will have an opportunity to purchase from A La Carte and Vending at their own expense.

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

## SCHEDULE CHANGES

There will be no schedule changes completed at Storm the Castle/Meet the Teacher-Open House on 8/5. You may make a request online only. The Assistant Principal for Scheduling and the guidance staff will review requests for schedule changes according to the following guidelines:

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

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

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

Students taking Physical Education or Dance courses will be able to dress out and use the locker rooms this year. Locks can be purchased for \$9 on Rycor at Storm the Castle/Open House on August 5<sup>th</sup> or the first week of school.

We do recommend the purchase of PE uniforms for \$10 shirt or shorts or a combo for \$15. Dance uniforms are available for purchase for \$30 for a shirt and leggings. These items will be available on August 5<sup>th</sup>, and the first few weeks of school for purchase.

## SAFETY DRILLS

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

## ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

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

## RRMS ATHLETICS

**Chrissy Brando, Athletic Director** [cbrando@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cbrando@pasco.k12.fl.us)

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

- **Athletic Participation Fee:** \$50 1<sup>st</sup> sport, \$30 2<sup>nd</sup> sport; Family cap per school \$130, Individual cap \$80

## GoFAN.CO DIGITAL TICKETING

All athletic tickets must be purchased on GoFan.co. We will not sell tickets at the gates. All middle school sports tickets will be \$5.

For each game, if you have purchased a season pass on GoFan.co, you will be guaranteed admission to all HOME athletic events. This All Access Pass entitles the holder to claim a single ticket for each River Ridge home game at for the 2021-22 season. \*\*This pass is not valid for FHSAA State Series events. Season passes are \$55.

Senior Citizens – We will hold back a limited number of senior citizen tickets up until game time. At that point, they will be released to the general public.

Free Admission passes (PCSB Employees, FHSAA passes) – We will hold back a limited number of tickets up until game time.

Under school-age children will still be let in free with parents (up to capacity).

## FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS

**Students must have the complete athletic packet filled out and notarized including an up to date physical in order to participate in try outs.**

**FOOTBALL:** Head Coach Jeff Koos – meet at boys' locker room August 9-13 2PM-4:30PM

**CHEERLEADING:** Head Coach Lynn Vairo – meet in Dance Room August 11-13 2PM-4PM

**VOLLEYBALL:** Head Coaches Chrissy Brando (Varsity), Joeyn Dearsman (JV) – meet at girls' locker room August 17-19 2PM-4PM Gym

## FALL SPORTS

### VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

September 15	River Ridge @Hudson
September 20	River Ridge vs Starkey Ranch
September 22	River Ridge vs Chasco
September 27	River Ridge vs Seven Springs
September 29	River Ridge @Gulf
October 4	River Ridge vs Paul R. Smith
October 6	River Ridge @ Bayonet Point
October 11	River Ridge @ Crews Lake

JV begins at 6PM, Varsity immediately following.

### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 14	River Ridge @ Hudson (HHS)
September 21	River Ridge vs Starkey Ranch
September 28	River Ridge vs Chasco
October 5	River Ridge vs Seven Springs
October 12	River Ridge @ Gulf (GHS)
October 20	River Ridge vs. Paul R. Smith (Parent Night)
October 26	River Ridge @ Bayonet Point (Fivay HS)
November 2	River Ridge @ Crews Lake (HHS)

Game begin at 6:30PM.

## RIVER RIDGE COMMUNITY NIGHT

Stay tuned and mark your calendar! River Ridge Middle and High School will be hosting a community night at one of the high school football games this fall. At this game, the middle school band, cheerleaders, and football team will be recognized. We are excited to come back together to celebrate the resiliency of our amazing community!

# SECURITY

**BAG PROCEDURE**

Only bags that are clear plastic and/or vinyl, Ziploc bags, small clutch-type purses no larger than 4 inches by 6 inches, diaper bags, and medically necessary items are permitted inside an event venue. No other bags of ANY kind are permitted, except for properly credentialed school and professional photographers' camera bags.

**ALL BAGS ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH UPON ENTRY.**

**PROHIBITED ITEMS**

• Firearms, weapons of any kind, knives	• Pets (exceptions will be made for service animals)
• Any item that could be used as a missile	• Sticks/poles/camera "selfie" sticks/extendors or gimbals
• Fireworks	• Unmanned Aircraft Systems/drones and radio controlled model aircraft
• Aerosol cans (pump and spray bug spray and sunscreen are allowed)	• Food and drinks not purchased at the venue (sealed non-alcoholic beverages are allowed to be brought in by ticketed ADULTS only.
• Coolers, glass	
• Recreational balls, horns, lasers	
• Camera, computer, binoculars cases	
• Illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages of any kind	

**PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT**

Students are expected to abide by the Pasco County Schools Student Code of Conduct. When attending a game, you are required to refrain from the following behaviors:

1. Behavior that is unruly, disruptive or illegal in nature
2. Intoxication or other signs of alcohol impairment that results in irresponsible behavior
3. Foul or abusive language or obscene gestures
4. Interference with the progress of the game (including throwing objects onto the field)
5. Failing to follow instructions of school officials
6. Verbal or physical harassment of opposing team fans

Event patrons are responsible for their conduct as well as the conduct of their guests. Event patrons and guests who violate these provisions will be subject to ejection without refund and loss of ticket privileges for future games.

No re-entry if a patron leaves, and no entry or ticket sales after 3/4 of any event has expired.

Thank you for your cooperation

## JOIN THE RRMS PTSA!

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

**HOW DO I JOIN:** Send in \$10 per adult and \$5 per student with a completed membership form which can be found on our website. All students will also receive a membership form over the summer, at Orientation, and during their first week of school.

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS:** Aside from being the brain behind PTSA events, you will also be the first to know about all school-related information and legislative efforts.

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

### 2021-22 RRMS PTSA Executive Board

President: Tara Fielding

VP: Sandy Soares, Monica Stanton, Stacey Maggi

Treasurer: Ed Shuler

Secretary: Kari Glenny

Corresponding Secretary: Alicia Mumma

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

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

## DISTRICT REQUIRED MS ASSESSMENTS

**NWEA MAP and Progress Checks:** In order to determine the impact of the forced changes in our instructional programs have had on our students' mastery of learning, the district has applied for federal CARES funds. The use of these funds requires administration of a diagnostic to assess any student learning gaps. The district will be administering the assessment in grades 6-8 ELA, Math, and Science three times per year (August 12-September 3, November 29-December 16, April 4-April 12). In addition, a District Civics assessment will be created for students in enrolled in the course to be taken quarterly. (October 4-15, December 6-17, February 28-March 11).

**District Finals:** These finals will be given at the end of each year/semester for courses without state assessments. They will count as 10% of the student's semester grade. The testing window is Dec. 13-17 and May 16-25.

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

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

## OPT OUT FUNDRAISER

No Catalogs! No Order Forms! No Hassle! For a \$30 donation, you can opt out of the River Ridge Middle School Fundraiser this year. There is also a \$15 option for multiple students in one family. Simply fill out the form attached to the newsletter and pay with your school fees by cash, check or credit card during Storm the Castle/Meet the Teacher-Open House on 8/5. Your money will directly impact our student and staff incentive programs and technology. Your child will receive a River Ridge Middle School t-shirt. Your family can disregard all fundraiser communications and know that you have already done your part to help the school! Certain clubs, organizations or programs your child belongs to may still choose to hold a fundraiser to benefit their cause or other activities at school (ex. Band, FBLA, sports teams, PTSA, etc.).

## YEARBOOK

Yearbooks will be on sale during the school's Orientation Day through January 1<sup>st</sup> and will be available online or by contacting Ms. Baumaister at [cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us) for \$25. After January 1<sup>st</sup>, the price will increase to \$30. When the books arrive in May, the price will increase to \$35. We will also have a yearbook signing celebration exclusively for those students who purchased a yearbook in May. Yearbooks may be purchased online through Walsworth: [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com) or through the Pasco County Schools online pay system.

## BIRTHDAY SONG FUNDRAISER

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

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

River Ridge Middle School and River Ridge High School will be hosting joint School Advisory Council meetings for the 2021-22 school year. Meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month in the RRMS/HS Faculty Lounge at 2:30PM. We are looking for parent and business/community partners to participate in this important committee. Nominations for the 2021-22 School Advisory Council will be taken through September 3. Nominations can be made by contacting Alex Astone, Assistant Principal, via email to [aastone@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:aastone@pasco.k12.fl.us). Contact Mr. Astone for more information.  
SAC Meeting Dates: 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/9, 1/20, 2/23, 3/24, 4/14, 5/12 (only if needed)

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

If you would like to request a parent teacher conference, please go to the RRMS website and click the Parent Tab>Parent Teacher Conference Requests to complete the request form. All Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually through Zoom after school at 2PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. A Student Services team member will be in contact with arrangements.

## PARENT DIGITAL RESOURCES

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# SCHOOL POLICIES

**BE RESPECTFUL. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE A PROBLEM SOLVER.**

## TARDY & ATTENDANCE POLICY

### WHAT IS A TARDY?

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

### WHAT DO I DO IF I AM TARDY?

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

### STUDENTS MAY NOT BE IN THE HALLWAYS WITHOUT A PASS.

### WHERE IS THE DRESS CODE POLICY LOCATED?

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

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

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

### DOES DRESS CODE RESET?

Yes. Each quarter dress code resets.

### WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR DRESS CODE?

- 1) Warning & Change Clothes
- 2) Change Clothes, Parent Contact, Ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities
- 3) Each subsequent violation will result in student being required to change and serve ISS/ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities.
- 4) Acts of defiance and argumentative behavior could result in more severe consequences, including OSS.

### WHEN ARE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES PROHIBITED?

Possession of a WCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extracurricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise abuses this privilege. The use of any WCD in classrooms from non-education related communications or purposes is prohibited. Using a WCD to capture or record/transmit pictures of others without their consent is prohibited. Using a WCD in locker rooms, shower facilities, or restrooms is prohibited. Using a WCD to capture or record/transmit/receive test information constituting fraud, theft, or academic dishonesty is prohibited.

### WHEN CAN I USE A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE?

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

### CAN A STAFF MEMBER CONFISCATE MY WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE?

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

### WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE OF A WCD?

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

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



## DRESS CODE

### WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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





## **2021-2022**

# **River Ridge Middle School**

# **DRESS CODE**

In order to promote an orderly learning environment in our schools while preparing all students for later success in the world of work, the District School Board of Pasco County has established the following guidelines for student dress:

- ✓ The principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance in accordance with the guidelines distributed by the school, school board policy and guidelines contained herein. The principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final as long as it does not contradict official district policy listed herein or elsewhere.
- ✓ These guidelines are in effect while on any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function or on any school-sponsored transportation.
- ✓ Clothing must cover the body from one armpit across to the other armpit and down to approximately mid thigh. Tops must have straps at least 1" across. Undergarments must not be viewable.
- ✓ Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the belt line or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.

The following types of clothing, items, accessories and apparel are considered inappropriate for the school environment. Students that wear the same may be subject to discipline in accordance to the Student Code of Conduct.

- Jeans or pants with rips or holes that expose undergarments, areas of the body that would generally be covered by undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner
- Wallet chains, dog collars or similar items
- Slippers or similar footwear
- Pajamas or costumes (unless approved by school administration for special events, spirit week, etc.)
- Leggings, yoga pants, spandex, tights or similar clothing (unless covered by a shirt down to mid thigh)
- Jewelry that may cause safety issues and/or substantially disrupt the school setting
- Hats, bandanas or head coverings (unless pre-approved administratively for medical, religious reasons and/or for special school activities)

Any clothing, items, accessories or apparel which may or does:

- Substantially disrupt the school setting
- Be offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum
- Expose underwear, body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner and/or abdomen skin

Any clothing, items, accessories or apparel which contain or display:

- Profanity in any form
- Violent images
- Vulgarity in any form
- Sexually suggestive words, phrases or images
- Sexually implicit or explicit images
- Advertisements or usage of tobacco, alcohol or drugs
- Gang-related images and/or images that signify gang affiliation or anti-social group affiliation

- Offensive designs tattooed or imprinted on the body must be covered.
- Students shall wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation. Slippers are not acceptable.
- If issued, student must be in possession of school badges during all school activities and must present the badge to school officials upon request.
- Schools may not require a student to remove or discipline a student for wearing clothing that depicts a firearm or weapon or expresses an opinion regarding a right guaranteed by the Second Amendment (F.S. 1006.07).
- Clothing depicting violent acts and/or violence remain inappropriate for the school setting.

**Students in violation of the dress code:**

- Will be required to change into appropriate clothing, contacting the parent/guardian as needed.
- Students may be required to remain in the front office until the above condition is met per principal discretion.
- May receive a discipline referral and receive consequences as appropriate for repeated breaches of the policy.

**First Offense:** The student shall be given a verbal warning and the school principal or designee shall call the student's parent or guardian.

**Second Offense:** The student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time not to exceed 5 days and the school principal or designee shall meet with the student's parent or guardian.

**Third or Repeated Offense:** The student shall receive an in-school suspension for a period not to exceed 3 days, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed 30 days, and the school principal or designee shall call the student's parent or guardian and send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities. (F.S. 1006.07, 1003.01)





RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Royal Knights

PBIS GOLD MODEL SCHOOL



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

**ROYAL KNIGHTS ALWAYS DISPLAY THE KNIGHTLY VALUES**

BE  
*Respectful.*

BE  
*Responsible.*

BE A  
*Problem Solver.*

**ROYAL KNIGHTS LEARN TO EARN BY MAKING POSITIVE CHOICES!**



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

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH KNIGHT DOLLARS?**

The RRMS school store is called the Royal Merchant Store and is open twice per month for shopping digitally. Students can access the store and use Knight Dollars/PBIS points through the student app on myPascoConnect for snacks, school supplies, school spirit gear, prizes, and special privileges/experiences. Item pick up will be in the cafeteria. All experiences will be redeemed on Fridays.

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



**THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!**



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

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

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



# River Ridge Middle School 2021-2022 Bell Schedule



## AM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Period: 7:30-8:19

2<sup>nd</sup> Period: 8:23-9:06

AM Activity: 9:10-9:55

3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 9:59-10:42

4<sup>th</sup> Period: 10:46-11:29  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

5<sup>th</sup> Period: 11:33-12:16  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

6<sup>th</sup> Period: 12:20-1:03  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

7<sup>th</sup> Period: 1:07-1:50

## REGULAR SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Period: 7:30-8:26

2<sup>nd</sup> Period: 8:30-9:20

3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 9:24-10:14

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

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

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

7<sup>th</sup> Period: 1:00-1:50

## PM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Period: 7:30-8:17

2<sup>nd</sup> Period: 8:21-9:03

3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 9:53-10:35

7<sup>th</sup> Period: 9:53-10:35

4<sup>th</sup> Period: 10:39-11:21  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

5<sup>th</sup> Period: 11:25-12:07  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

6<sup>th</sup> Period: 12:11-12:53  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

PM Activity: 12:57-1:50

## EARLY RELEASE DAY/ ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Period: 7:30-7:57

2<sup>nd</sup> Period: 8:00-8:27

3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 8:30-8:57

7<sup>th</sup> Period: 9:00-9:27

AM Activity: 9:30-10:11

4<sup>th</sup> Period: 10:14-10:44  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

5<sup>th</sup> Period: 10:47-11:17  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

6<sup>th</sup> Period: 11:20-11:50  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch



## 2021-2022 EARLY RELEASE & CLUB DAYS

September 8, 2021

October 6, 2021

November 10, 2021

December 8, 2021

January 12, 2022

February 2, 2022

March 9, 2022

April 13, 2022

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## EARLY RELEASE DAYS

During the 2021-22 school year, Pasco County Schools will continue the implementation of a monthly, two-hour early release schedule. Early Release days will be on the following days: 9/8, 10/6, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/2, 3/9, 4/13. There will be no early release days in May. Early Release days allow for staff to engage in professional development aligned to student needs and district and school priorities. We are confident that this additional learning time for teachers will increase effective instruction and lead to higher student achievement. Another benefit is that teachers will not have to complete professional development during student class time, thereby decreasing the requirement for substitutes. Bus transportation will be provided two hours earlier than usual for students who are transported on regular school days. The same routes and stops will be used. School will be released at 11:50AM each early release day and there will be no practice or after school activities on these dates.

## IMPORTANT RRMS DATES

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

**Storm the Castle for 6<sup>th</sup> & New RRMS Students** – August 5  
**Returning 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Open House Day** – August 5  
**First Day of School for Students** – August 10  
**NWEA Map Assessment 1** – August 12 – September 3  
**Happy New Year School Dance** – August 20 6PM-8PM  
**Fall Pep Rally** – August 27<sup>th</sup> (PM Activity Schedule)  
**School Pictures** – September 2  
**Labor Day** – No School – September 6  
**Early Release** – September 8 (Club Day)  
**Quarter 1 Progress Reports** – September 10  
**Step It Up Fall Fundraiser** – September 13-September 24  
**Start with Hello Week** – September 20-24  
**School Picture Make Up** – September 30  
**Early Release** – October 6  
**River Ridge Spirit Week** – October 11-15  
**Day of Awesome (Fundraiser Reward)** – October 13  
**Quarter 1 Ends** – October 15

## IMPORTANT RRMS DATES CONT.

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

**Teacher Planning Day** – No School – October 18  
**History/Science Fair Night (Virtual)** – October 20 6PM  
**Red Ribbon Week** – October 25-29  
**Quarter 1 Report Cards** – October 26  
**Halloween Dance** – October 29 2:30PM – 4:30PM  
**Fall Play** – November 5 & 6  
**Early Release** – November 10  
**Quarter 2 Progress Reports** – November 12  
**Pasco Pathways** – November 16  
**Great American Teach In** – November 17  
**Thanksgiving Break** – November 22-November 26  
**NWEA Map Assessment 2** – November 29 - December 16  
**NASA Field Trip (8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Science, Phy. Science, ACC. 7 Science)** – December 3  
**Winter Dance Showcase** – December 4  
**Early Release** – December 8  
**Winter Dance** – December 10 6PM-8PM  
**Winter Spirit Week** – December 13-17  
**District Finals Window** – December 13-17  
**Winter Concert & Art/Design Showcase** – December 14  
**Quarter 2 Ends** – December 17  
**Winter Break** – December 20 – January 31  
**Teacher Planning Day** – No School – January 3  
**Quarter 2 Report Cards** – January 11  
**Early Release** – January 12  
**MLK Jr. Day** – No School – January 17  
**Winter Pep Rally** – January 28  
**Early Release** – February 2  
**Quarter 3 Progress Reports** – February 4  
**Talent Show** – February 4  
**Valentine's/Kindness Dance** – February 11 2:30PM-4:30PM  
**Kindness Week** – February 14-18  
**Curriculum Night for 22-23** – February 15  
**President's Day** – No School – February 21  
**West Side Special Olympics** – February 24 (RRMHS)  
**Early Release** – March 9  
**Quarter 3 Ends** – March 11  
**Spring Break** – March 14-March 19  
**Teacher Planning Day** – No School – March 21  
**Spring Spirit Week** – March 22-25  
**Quarter 3 Report Cards** – March 30  
**Spring Musical** – April 1-2  
**NWEA Map Assessment** – April 4-12  
**FSA ELA Writing Window** – April 4-8  
**Early Release** – April 13  
**No School for Staff or Students** – April 15  
**Quarter 4 Progress Reports** – April 22  
**Spring Dance** – April 22 6PM-8PM  
**FSA ELA/Math Windows** – May 2-18  
**Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics EOCs Windows** – May 2-18  
**Gradventure @ Universal** – May 6  
**RRMS Athletics Dinner & Banquet** – May 11 6PM  
**Yearbook Signing Party** – May TBD  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** – May 13 6PM-9PM  
**End of Year Dance Showcase** – May 14  
**District Finals Window** – May 16-25  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night of Excellence Awards Ceremony** – May 16 6PM  
**NGSSS Science Grade 8 Window** – May 17  
**Spring Concert** – May 17 6PM  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Practice/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Video** – May 20 7:30AM-12PM  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic** – May 20 12PM-2PM  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony** – May 23 8AM RRMS/HS Gym  
**Celebration of Excellence – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony** – May 24  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Crowning Breakfast** – May 25  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day** – May 25  
**Last Day of School** – May 25

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## 2021-2022 School Supply List

### **ALL STUDENTS:**

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

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

### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

#### **Language Arts**

- 2 Composition notebooks
- 2 Folder with pockets and prongs

#### **Math**

- 1 inch binder
- Folder
- Calculator with basic functions

#### **Science**

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

#### **Social Studies: US History**

- Folder

#### **Research/Reading:**

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

#### **Health:**

- Spiral notebook
- 1 in 3 ringed binder

### **ELECTIVES**

#### **Spanish 1 & 2:**

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

## **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

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

### **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

#### **Language Arts**

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

#### **Math**

- 1 folder
- 2 composition books
- 1 pack of graph paper
- Calculator- Texas Instruments TI-30Xa

#### **Science**

- 1 (1 ½ or 2 inch) 3-ringed binder
- Tab Divider Pages (for 3-ringed binder)
- 1 Homework Folder
- Hole Reinforcement Stickers for hole punched papers
- **Accelerated:** Composition notebook, glue stick, scissors, pocket folder with prongs

#### **Social Studies: Civics**

- 1-inch binder
- Ream of Copy Paper
- Civics Workbook \$20 (purchase from RRMS)

### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

#### **Language Arts**

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

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade/Algebra 1 Honors/Geometry:**

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

#### **Science**

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

#### **Social Studies: World History**

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

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

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

**Please Note:**

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

**CONNECT TO THE RIDGE**  
**Parent Involvement & Engagement Opportunities**

**CONNECT ONLINE:**

**School Website: [rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us)**



**@riverridgemiddle**



**@RRMSRoyalKnight**

**STAY CONNECTED THROUGH CLASSLINK**

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



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**HOW DO I JOIN?** Send in \$5 per member with a completed membership form which can be found on our website.

**CONTACT US:** [RiverRidgeMSPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:RiverRidgeMSPTSA@gmail.com) <http://riverridgemspta.wixsite.com/riverridgemspta>



**VOLUNTEER @ RRMS**

Parents and community members can now apply online to become an approved volunteer. The application can be accessed on our district website <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us>. The link is located on the main page, entitled "Volunteer Application." Our school's volunteer coordinator, Sue Hammelman, can advise you of your approval status once you have submitted your application. You can contact her at [shammelm@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:shammelm@pasco.k12.fl.us) or 774-7208.



# Fundraiser Opt Out



## Would you like to avoid...

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  - ...receiving the wrong item?
- ...cheap rewards for selling the most?

**\*ACT NOW** and avoid all this inconvenience. For a \$30 donation you can opt out of the River Ridge Middle School Fundraiser. Simply fill out the form below and pay with your school fees during Registration Day and/or return it to the school. Your money will directly impact our student and staff incentive programs and technology. *Your child will receive a River Ridge Middle School t-shirt.* Your family can choose if they like from here forward to disregard all fundraiser communications and know that you have already done your part to help the school! No Catalogs! No Order Forms!

Please fill out the form below and submit when paying school fees, return it to school with cash, a check payable to River Ridge Middle School or through the online credit card system.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

# PAY FEES & PURCHASE SPIRIT ITEMS ONLINE!

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

To activate your Parent Portal Account:

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

## REP THE RIDGE – #WEAREROYAL

New t-shirts and RRMS Spirit items are available to purchase ONLINE before attending Storm the Castle/Meet the Teacher-Open House on August 5th. We do accept credit cards through the Rycor accounts. Pick up items at the event or in the front office the first few weeks of school. Get yours today!

Sizes range from YM-Adult 2XL.

Short sleeve t-shirts \$15

Long sleeve t-shirts \$20

Hoodie Sweatshirts \$30

Plastic Sling Packs (Athletic Events) \$8 - Sling Packs \$3 – Lanyards \$8 – Water Bottles \$8

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

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



River Ridge LOVE (NEW)



Black Royal Knights Hoodie (NEW)



Knight Nation Purple Short Sleeve T-shirt



Purple Knight Shield Short Sleeve T-shirt



Gray Knight Short Sleeve & Long Sleeve T-shirt



Black RR and Purple Knight Short Sleeve T-shirt



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