

River Ridge Middle School



Class of 2027

8th Grade Mid-Year Newsletter

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

8TH GRADE REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

All 8th Graders will take the following assessments:

- F.A.S.T. ELA Progress Monitoring (3x per year)
- F.A.S.T. 8th Grade Math Progress Monitoring (3x per year) or Algebra I EOC or Geometry I EOC
- NGSS FCAT 8th Grade Science (unless already took in 7th grade Accl. Science)
- Civics EOC (if an 8th grader enrolled in Civics for 22-23)
- District End-of-Course Final Exams
- Career Component

PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The 23-24 course selection process will begin when we return from winter break. Mrs. Stanton, School Counselor, will assist students in learning more about high school coursework and program options. Please see the tentative timeline below.

- January 9-20: Pasco County Schools School Choice Window – families must apply through myStudent for the 23-24 school year
- January 17-March 1: RRHS Academy Application Window to apply for RRHS Academies rrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us
- February 13-17: RRHS Course Selection kick off and sign up for academy tours
- February 16: Incoming 9th Grade Parent Night 6PM-7PM RR Theater
- February 27-March 1: RRHS Presentation by School Counselors on Course Selection through English Language Arts classes

GRADVENTURE – MAY 5TH

The cost of the trip will be \$175 which includes bus transportation, admission to both theme parks, dinner, and the official 8th grade t-shirt for Gradventure. There are limited number of tickets (200) available, and they will be reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis. Administration reserves the right to give preference to students who are "on track" for grades and behavior regardless of whether a student is one of the first 200 students. For safety reasons, we may choose to deny attendance to students that have exhibited poor or questionable behavior at any time prior to the trip. This includes any student who receives a Level 2 or Level 3 referral from 1/3-5/5/23, and any student who is in danger of not meeting promotion requirements. **There will be no refunds granted for any reason once we submit our payment to Universal Studios on March 24, 2023.**

The final deadline to turn in all money and permission slips will be Friday, March 24. Students may turn in permission forms and payment to Mr. Collier in 23-228 during 8th grade lunch. Please see the attached letter and permission form for more information.

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are on sale \$35 (through May) and \$40 (after arrival). Order online at <https://yearbookforever.com>. There will be a yearbook signing party for any student who purchases a yearbook in May. Contact Mrs. Baumaister for more information.



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IMPORTANT 8TH GRADE DATES

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

First Day of Quarter 3/Semester 2– January 3
 FAST Window #2 (ELA/Math) – January 9-27
 Quarter 2 Report Cards – January 12
 MLK Jr. Day – No School – January 16
 Quarter 3 Progress Reports – February 3
 Talent Show – February 10
 FAME Showcase - February 24
 Spring Fling Dance – March 3 2PM-4PM
 Dodgathon Event-March 10
 Quarter 3 Ends – March 10
 Spring Break – March 13-March 20
 Quarter 3 Report Cards – March 28
 No School – April 8
 Spring Dance – April 14
 Quarter 4 Progress Reports – April 21
 Color Run Event – April 28 (TBD)
 FAST ELA/Math Windows – May 1-20
 Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics EOCs Windows – May 1-20
 FSA Science Grade 8 Window – May 17
 Gradventure @ Universal – May 5
 RRMS Athletics Banquet – May 18 6PM
 Yearbook Signing Party – May TBD
 8th Grade Dance – May 12 6PM-9PM
 Spring Dance Showcase – May 13 2PM, 5PM
 District Finals Window – May 15-26
 Spring Concert – May 16 6:30PM
 8th Grade Night of Excellence Awards Ceremony – May 15 6PM
 8th Grade Video Viewing and Picnic – May 22 10AM-1:30PM
 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – May 23 8:30AM RRMS/HS Gym
 Last Day of School – May 26

SAVE THE DATES: END OF YEAR 8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES

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

- May 5th: Gradventure
- May 12th: 8th Grade Dance 6PM-9PM
- May 15th: 8th Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards 6PM
- May 22nd: Promotion Practice/8th Grade Video/8th Grade Picnic

There will be a \$30 8th Grade End of Year Activities participation fee, which will include admission to the 8th Grade Picnic and Dance. Payment can be made to the front office, Ms. Cione, Bookkeeper, or online through the Rycor system on the RRMS website. Tickets for the 8th Grade Dance and Picnic will not be available on the day of the event.

PROMOTION CEREMONY – MAY 23

River Ridge Middle School will host a Promotion Ceremony for the Class of 2027 at 8:30AM on Tuesday, May 23 in the RRMS/HS Gymnasium. This is a formal occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of our 8th graders being promoted to high school. We invite family and friends to join us to recognize our outstanding 8th grade class.

There will be Promotion Ceremony practice on Monday, May 22nd, in the morning prior to the 8th grade activities. More information will be provided in March/April.