



River Ridge Middle School

Class of 2028

Transitioning to 8th Grade Year

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STORM THE CASTLE NEW RRMS STUDENT ORIENTATION – JULY 27TH

New 8th graders to RRMS are invited to attend Storm the Castle on **Thursday, July 27th from 8:00AM-12PM**. This day will provide an orientation to RRMS, give new students an opportunity to meet current RRMS students and teachers, learn about the campus, clubs, and sports. You will start in the CAFETERIA, and it is highly recommended to complete Parent Portal sign up in myStudent in order to access your schedule and pay fees. *Students who attend do not need to attend the Open House on August 4th.*

OPEN HOUSE– AUGUST 4

Friday, August 4th is Open House from 8AM-12PM for any returning 8th graders to RRMS. 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 before coming to campus. Please enter by the middle school front office. Maps will be available for the school nurse (TDaP Shot Records - 7th Grade), spirit wear, and PTSA. Staff will have QR Codes on their doors to introduce their class and themselves.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE FOR 8TH GRADE YEAR EXPENSES?

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

Required:

- *General Course Fees: TBD based on courses*
- *Athletic Participation Fee: \$60 1st sport, \$40 2nd sport (Collected prior to playing the sport)*

Optional:

- Class of 2028 T-shirt \$15 (if you go to Gradventure this is included)
- Yearbook \$25 (through Jan. 1), \$35 (through May), \$40 (after arrival)
Order online at yearbookforever.com or cash/check to Ms. Baumaister.
- School Pictures TBD
- Fall, Winter, and Spring Dances \$10 each
- NASA Field Trip (Adv. Science)/Field Trip T-shirt \$85
- Gradventure/8th Grade Gradventure T-shirt \$175
- 8th Grade Activity Fee (8th grade dance, picnic) \$30

8TH GRADE FIELD TRIPS

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

- December 1: Physics Day @ Busch Gardens Tampa, FL (Physical Science Honors) Cost: TBD
- December 8: Kennedy Space Center NASA, Cape Canaveral, FL \$85 (Adv. Science)
- May 3: Gradventure @ Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure, Orlando, FL \$175 (space limited to 200 students)

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 3: Gradventure
- May 10: 8th Grade Dance (Location TBD)
- May 13: 8th Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards
- May 20: 8th Grade Promotion Practice/Video/Picnic

PROMOTION CEREMONY – MAY 21

River Ridge Middle School will host a Promotion Ceremony for the Class of 2028 at 8:30AM on Tuesday, May 21st in the RRMS/HS Stadium. 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.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS TO HIGH SCHOOL

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

8TH GRADE REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

All 8th Grades will take the following assessments:

- FAST ELA & Writing
- FAST 8th Grade Math or Algebra I EOC or Geometry I EOC
- NGSSS FCAT 8th Grade Science
- District End-of-Course Final Exams

IMPORTANT 8TH GRADE DATES

Storm the Castle for 6th & New RRMS Students – July 27
 Returning 7th & 8th Grader Open House Day – August 4
 First Day of School for Students – August 10
 State Progress Monitoring 1 – August 14 – Sept 1
 Student Town Hall Meetings – August 15-17
 Happy New Year School Dance – August 25 6PM-8PM
 School Pictures – August 29 (through ELA)
 PTSA Family Bingo Night – August 29 6PM
 Labor Day – No School – Sept 4
 Early Release – Sept 6 (Enrichment Day)
 Quarter 1 Progress Reports – September 8
 Step It Up Fall Fundraiser – September 13-September 30
 Start with Hello Week – September 18-22
 School Picture Make Up – September 26
 Early Release – October 4
 Homecoming Fall Spirit Week – October 2-6
 RRMS Skate Night @ Spin Nations – October 5 (TBD)
 Fall Pep Rally – PM Activity – October 6
 Day of Awesome – October 10
 Last Day of Quarter 1 – October 13
 Teacher Planning Day – No School – October 16
 Red Ribbon Week – October 23-27
 Quarter 1 On Track Bands/Royal Rewards – October 24
 Quarter 1 Report Cards – October 24
 Halloween Dance – October 27 2:00PM – 4:00PM
 Early Release – November 1
 Student Data Chats- November 7-16
 Quarter 2 Progress Reports – November 10
 Thanksgiving Break – November 20-November 24
 State Progress Monitoring 2 – December 4 – January 27
 Physical Science Busch Gardens Physics Day Field Trip – December 1 Winter Dance Showcase – December 3
 Early Release – December 6
 NASA Field Trip (8th Gr. Science, ACC. 7 Science) – December 8
 Winter Concert & Art/Design Showcase – December 14
 Winter Dance Showcase- December 16
 Winter Spirit Week – December 18-22
 District Finals Window – December 18-22
 Dodgathon – December 20
 Quarter 2 Ends – December 22
 Winter Break – December 24 – January 8
 Teacher Planning Day – No School – January 8
 Early Release – January 10
 MLK Jr. Day – No School – January 15
 Quarter 2 Report Cards – January 16
 On Track Royal Reward Quarter 2 – January 16
 Winter Dance – January 19 6PM-8PM
 Celebrate Literacy Week – January 22-January 26
 Winter Pep Rally-January 26
 Quarter 3 Progress Reports – February 9
 Talent Show – February 9
 Kindness Week-February 12-16
 Early Release – February 14
 President's Day – No School – February 19
 FAME Showcase – February 23 6PM
 Quarter 3 Ends – March 7
 No School Teacher Planning Day-March 8
 Early Release – March 13
 Quarter 3 Report Cards/Royal Rewards – March 15
 Spring Musical – March 15-16
 Spring Spirit Week-March 18-22
 Spring Pep Rally – PM Schedule-March 20
 PTSA Color Run- March 22
 Spring Break – March 25-29
 FAST Writing-April 1-5
 Early Release – April 10
 Spring Dance – April 12 2PM-4PM
 Quarter 4 Progress Reports – April 19
 No School for Students & Staff – April 26
 Gradventure @ Universal – May 3
 State Progress Monitoring 3 – May 1 – May 25
 Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics EOCs Windows – May 1-May 25
 NGSSS Science Grade 8 Window – May TBD
 Yearbook Signing Party – May TBD
 8th Grade Dance – May 10 6PM-9PM
 End of Year Dance Showcase – May 11
 District Finals Window – May 13-24
 8th Grade Night of Excellence Awards Ceremony – May 13 6PM
 Spring Concert – May 14 6PM
 RRMS Athletics Recognition Ceremony – May 16 6PM
 8th Grade Promotion Practice/8th Grade Video – May 20 7:30AM-11:30AM
 8th Grade Picnic – May 20 11:30AM-1:30PM
 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – May 21 8:30AM RRMS/HS Stadium
 Last Day of School – May 25