



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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April 2024

Dear Parent/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that the 2023-24 school year is ending and in a short time your 8th grader will soon be transitioning to high school. The final months of 8th grade will be filled with many exciting milestones and memorable events. We wanted to take a moment to share important information and an outline of the 8th Grade End of Year Activities.

Any 8th grade student who does not pass their current courses with a D or higher 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. Student behavior and disciplinary action will also be taken into consideration. All final decisions on academic and behavioral eligibility for end of year activities will be determined by administration and will be based on students meeting promotion guidelines.

April 30th: 8th Grade Video Submissions

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. All pictures need to be sent electronically to Mrs. Baumaister at cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us with the subject line: 8th Grade Baby Picture – Student Name. Deadline for photo submission is April 30th.

End of Year Testing for 8th Graders

The state and district end of year testing is extremely important to measure the progress of your student's learning and future course placement. It is critical that ALL students attend school especially during the testing periods as make up windows are extremely limited. All assessments begin at 7:10AM and are computer-based unless noted.

May 1: 8th Grade FSA Reading

May 6: Algebra & Geometry EOC

May 7: FSSA Science/Physical Science Honors District Final

May 8: 8th Grade FSA Math

May 13: Civics (8th Graders enrolled in Civics)

There will also be district finals scheduled for World History and all other semester and year-long electives worth 10% of the grade.

May 3rd: Gradventure

The deadline for Gradventure tickets has passed. There will be an expectations session for all students attending Gradventure during 5th Period on May 2nd in the cafeteria. Students should be in Pasco County and Universal Studio's Gradventure dress code by wearing your 8th grade t-shirt and appropriate length shorts or pants with no holes or shredding. The dress code is included in this letter. Students may bring an 8x10 string bag but no backpacks. On Friday, May 3rd, buses will be leaving the bus loop at 1:45PM and will return to River Ridge at 2:00AM. Upon arrival back to school, students must be released to a parent or guardian only at that time.

8th Grade T-shirt Orders

T-shirts are included with the purchase of a Gradventure ticket. If your student is not attending Gradventure but wants to purchase an 8th Grade t-shirt to wear at the picnic, you may order one for \$15 by April 30th in the front office or online through GoFan.co.

Get Your Yearbook NOW & Yearbook Signing Celebration

Yearbook Pre-Sale online only for \$35 through April 30th at www.yearbookforever.com. Yearbook Sales will continue in May but will be limited for \$40. Students who purchase a yearbook may attend the Yearbook Signing Celebration in the courtyard. Date to be determined. We sell out of yearbooks each year so don't wait to get yours now!

May 10th: 8th Grade Dance

Students who purchase tickets as a part of the \$30 end of year activities fee are invited to attend the 8th Grade Dance from 6PM-9PM at St. George Greek Orthodox Church (9426 Little Road, New Port Richey). Since the dance is off site, the two attached permission forms must be signed and submitted for students to attend. Complimentary food will also be served such as pizza, chips, chicken tenders, cupcakes, and an ice cream bar. Free photo booth pictures are also included in the price of the ticket.

Dress code for the dance is semi-formal attire and students are expected to follow the Pasco County Schools dress code and Student Code of Conduct. This would include dress pants (no jeans), dress shirt with tie or collared shirt, a dress or skirt of the appropriate length not shorter than the mid-thigh, or blouse and dress pants is acceptable. Jeans, shorts, shirts without a collar or flip flops will not be permitted. Shoes must be worn at all times. Only RRMS 8th grade students who are on track for promotion may attend.

May 14th: 8th Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards Night

The Celebration of Excellence Awards Night is by invitation and will begin at 6PM at the River Ridge Center for the Arts with light refreshments to follow. Students who earned all As and Bs for the first semester and third quarter will be recognized at this ceremony. There will also be Student of the Year content area and elective awards. Invitations will be provided to invited student the first week of May.

May 20th: Kings & Queens of the Castle 8th Grade Picnic & Video Viewing

On Monday morning, students will meet in the cafeteria for promotion ceremony practice. Following the practice, students will have the opportunity to view the 8th Grade video in the theater at approximately 10AM. From 11:30AM-1:30PM, students will be able to participate in games, two Big Kahuna waterslide, obstacle course, wrecking ball, and a picnic meal (hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks) as long as they have a permission form and pay the participation fee of \$30. We are looking for parent volunteers and businesses to donate food items and prizes for drawings throughout the picnic. Please contact Mrs. Pruneau in the front office at 774-7208 or at apruneau@pasco.k12.fl.us. Parents must be an approved volunteer.

May 21st: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

To celebrate your student's promotion to high school, we invite family and friends to attend our 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony on Tuesday, May 21st at 8:30AM at the River Ridge MS/HS Stadium. This is a formal ceremony to celebrate your student's accomplishments therefore dress should be business casual. Since this ceremony will be outside, weather permitting. Students will complete their "Last Walk" through RRMS campus and go out to the Stadium for a ceremony to celebrate our 8th graders. After the ceremony, parents/guardians may sign their children out to go home. Please indicate your preference on the attached permission form.

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 GoFan.co. Some people have already made payments so please check your records. Students will need a signed parent permission form to go on the waterslides, wrecking ball, and obstacle course at the picnic. Please see the attached form.

Thank you for the opportunity you have given River Ridge Middle School staff to work with and teach your children. We look forward to finishing the year strong. ***In order for your student to participate in the 8th grade activities, please sign, provide payment and return the permission form pages to the front office no later than Thursday, May 16th.***

Sincerely,

Angie Murphy, Principal

Daniell Grubbs, Assistant Principal

Meredith Alston, 8th Grade School Counselor



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RRMS 8th Grade Early Dismissal on Tuesday, May 21st

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to celebrate your child's promotion to high school with you at our promotion ceremony on 5/21 at 8:30AM. In order to expedite a safe and secure check out process for all students, we are implementing a pre-checkout authorization procedure. Students who have a completed form on file **prior to the end of the day on Thursday, May 16th** will be issued a wristband for easy identification on the morning of the promotion. At the conclusion of the promotion, all students wearing a wristband will be permitted to leave as planned. All other students will return to class.

If you would like to check out your child early on Tuesday, May 21st at the end of the promotion, please complete this form and turn it into the front office by the end of the school day on Wednesday, May 16th.

Circle your child's Language Arts teacher's name:

Daba Francis Love Morton

I, _____ (print parent's name), give _____ (print child's name)

permission to check out early on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the conclusion of the promotion ceremony.

- I give permission for my child to leave RRMS with _____.
- I will take my child with me at the conclusion of the promotion ceremony.
- My child has my permission to walk home or ride his/her bike at the conclusion of the promotion ceremony.

Parent Signature _____

Student's Name _____ Student ID# _____

RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PARENT CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of _____ ID# _____
(Student's Name) (Student ID Number)

I hereby give consent for my child/ward to participate in the water slides, bouncy obstacle course, and other activities that will take place at **River Ridge Middle School on May 20, 2024, at the 8th Grade Picnic.**

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF MY CHILD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOL BOARD, TEACHERS OR OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM MY CHILD'S SCHOOL, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE SUPERINTENDENT, THE PRINCIPAL, TEACHERS, OR OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS, IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEER LEADERS AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY, IF THE FORM IS NOT SIGNED.

I know of and acknowledge that my child knows of the risks involved in the types of activities described herein and attest that my child has no known health issues or disabilities that would prevent him/her from participating in these types of activities. I understand that serious injury is possible in such participation and choose to accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in such activities. With full understanding of the risks involved, I release and hold harmless my child's school, the individual members of the school board, the superintendent, the principal, teachers or other employees of the school and volunteer leaders from any financial responsibility or any and all liability for any injury or claim resulting from such participation and agree to take no legal action against the school, the individual members of the school board, the superintendent, the principal, teachers or other employees of the school and volunteer leaders because of any accident or mishap involving participation of my child.

I authorize emergency medical treatment for my child should the need arise for such treatment while my child is under the supervision of the school. I further hereby authorize the use of disclosure of my child's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. To ensure prompt attention in case of sickness or accident, I hereby authorize the person(s) in charge of said event to incur expense considered necessary for treatment and I agree to pay for same if this is in excess of the amount paid by any accident or health insurance policy that may be in effect at the time of the sickness or accident.

I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY.

Name of Parent/Guardian (Printed) Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Emergency contact number (where you may be reached on 5/20/24 during the day) (_____) - _____

**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE, COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE
SUBMITTED TO THE FRONT OFFICE.
NO LATER THAN Thursday, May 16th.**



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY
PARENT RELEASE

MIS Form #166
Rev. 01/18

TRANSPORTATION BY:

School Bus/Van ___ Private Vehicle ___ Walking ___ Charter Bus ___ PCPT ___

Date of Field Trip 5/10/24 Sponsor RRMS - Grubbs

In consideration of _____ having been accepted by the
Student Name - Please Print Date of Birth

principal, teacher(s) or other personnel of RRMS School of the District School

Board of Pasco County to go on a school sponsored trip to St. George Church - Kendra's Event Center

and I, the undersigned, understand that my child, if transported by a privately owned vehicle, charter bus, school bus or walking, hereby release the District School Board of Pasco County, the individual members of said Board, the Superintendent, the principal, teachers or other employees of the school, and volunteer leaders from any financial responsibility because of sickness of the student while going to, returning from, or attending said field trip or because of any accident in which the student is injured. To ensure prompt attention in case of sickness or accident, I hereby authorize the person(s) in charge of said trip to incur expense considered necessary for treatment, and I agree to pay for same if this is in excess of the amount paid by any accident or health insurance policy that may be in effect at the time of the sickness or accident.

In any situation in which the safety and security of students might be compromised (e.g., Red Alert Status issued by the Department of Homeland Security, severe weather conditions, etc.) the District School Board of Pasco County will take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of its students and staff, including the cancellation of scheduled field trips and school events. Should this trip or event be cancelled as a result of such an event, the District cannot guarantee any monies (including deposits) will be refunded by the vendor(s) associated with this transaction. Therefore, students, parents, guardians, etc., are hereby cautioned and advised that the District will not be liable for any reimbursements associated with this event that are not refunded by the vendor(s) and returned to the District.

I have documented below all precautions/instructions regarding my child's medication. I have noted any special health related conditions or allergies regarding my child. I understand that the trained school employee who usually dispenses medication may or may not be present during the trip. Medications will be dispensed by a trained school employee (in accordance with Board Policy 5330).

Please list any medication(s) your child is currently taking (at home or school): (Dosages/Times)

Allergies: _____ Additional Health Concerns: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian - Please Print Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian Primary Phone Alternate Phone Business Phone

Street, Rural Route, or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

Name of Additional Emergency Contact / Relationship to Student Phone



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY
District and/or School Sponsored
Events/Activities
Parent Permission Form

Pursuant to 1001.02(1), (2)(n), F.S., Pasco County Schools strives to protect the safety and welfare of all students and the fundamental rights of parents regarding school and/or district sponsored events and activities.

District/School-sponsored refers to any event or activity created for students to study or participate in while in the custody of the school district, including field trips, extracurricular activities or other supplemental programs and activities as defined in Rule 6A-10.085, F.A.C.

Name of the event or activity: 8th Grade Dance

Activity Description:

8th grade dance

Date of event or activity: 5/10/24

Time of event or activity: 6PM - 9PM

Location: St. George Church, Kondos Event Center

Types of sponsors and or guests: RKMS

Anticipated Number of Chaperones: 15-20

By signing and returning this form to my child's school, I formally state that I grant permission to the District School Board of Pasco County to allow participation in the above-described event or activity.

Last Name of Student _____ First Name _____

Student # _____ Grade _____ School _____

I understand fully the conditions set forth in this document.

Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print) _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____ Contact Phone Number _____

-----*****For District/School Use Only*****-----

DISTRIBUTION: Original - School or Department Data Entry: Copy - Individual Copy - Individual



Dress Code

All schools should conduct their own security and dress code screening prior to departing for Gradventure.

OK

GIRLS

- Dresses, skirts, capris or shorts
- Casual pants (including jeans)
- Casual blouses and tops with sleeves
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, dress sandals, boots and flip-flops)
- Hats
- Purses under the size of 8.5" x 11", fanny packs, and drawstring backpacks

GUYS

- Casual pants or shorts (including khakis and jeans)
- Shirts with sleeves (polos, dress and t-shirts)
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, boots and flip-flops)
- Hats
- Drawstring backpacks

CHAPERONES

- Large backpacks

NOT OK

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

- Clothing with holes or shredding
- Clothing with obscene, offensive language or graphics
- Visible undergarments
- Tank tops or undershirts
- Clothing that exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate at a school function (e.g., bikini tops and bottoms)
- Short shorts
- Area codes displayed on clothing
- Accessories such as chains, spiked collars or studded/spiked belts
- Bandanas
- Selfie sticks

STUDENTS

- Large backpacks

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS WEAR MATCHING, BRIGHTLY COLORED SHIRTS WITH THEIR SCHOOL CLEARLY IDENTIFIED ON THEM.

***Universal Orlando reserves the right to refuse entry into the event or require the purchase of appropriate clothing for non-compliance with the dress code.**

..... UNIVERSALORLANDOYOUTH.COM/GRADVENTURE

Don't miss out on the End of Year Royal 8th Grade Activities!

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Tickets for the 8th Grade Dance and Picnic will not be available on the day of the event.

River Ridge Middle School presents
A KNIGHT UNDER THE SEA
8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance
Friday, May 10th from 6PM-9PM
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
Kontos Event Center

\$30 8th Grade EOY Activity Fee on GoFan.co & Signed Permission Form
**Students must be on track for promotion to high school and not have any Level 2 or 3 referrals during semester 2 to attend.

ROYAL KNIGHTS 8TH GRADE DANCE

Modest Dresses

- Dresses may **NOT** be revealing on the front, side or back of dress.
- Dresses may be strapless and / or spaghetti straps but **MUST** have full coverage.
- Dress length should **NOT** be shorter than mid-thigh.



NO jeans.
NO shorts.
NO t-shirts.

Shoes **MUST** be worn at **ALL** times.



NO Hats

Collared Shirt

Ties

Dress Slacks

RRMS DRESS CODE

Questions about your outfit? See an administrator during school for clarification.

RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE PICNIC MAY 20, 2024 11:30AM-1:30PM

Tickets included in the \$30* EOY 8th Grade Activity Fee G can be purchased on GoFan.co. Tickets will not be sold the day of the event. Water slides, games, food, and Kona Ice will be provided.



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THE AMAZING 8TH GRADE CLASS OF
RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2028
Promotion Celebration
TUESDAY, MAY 21ST 8:30AM
RIVER RIDGE STADIUM

WE INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND OUR 8TH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY.
DOORS OPEN AT 8AM.
STUDENTS MEET BY 7:10AM IN CAFETERIA.
AFTER THE CEREMONY, PARENTS/GUARDIANS MAY SIGN THEIR CHILDREN OUT TO GO HOME.