

5/19/24

It's the last week of school and our Royal Knights have done an amazing job RAISING THE BAR this school year! This week will be filled with end-of-year celebrations and student recognition but we need to make sure that everyone stays focused to finish ROYAL STRONG! Please check out the [Royal Update—Knight News for 5.20-5.24](#).

End-of-year testing has been completed. Please make sure to review your child's test history in myStudent in order to determine yearly progress. The FLDOE scale scores are included in the newsletter.

On Monday, May 20th, 8th grade students will participate in the 8th grade promotion practice at 7:45AM starting in the MS Cafeteria. After the promotion practice, we will watch the 8th grade video and then have the picnic from 11:30AM to 1:30PM. Only students who have paid the \$30 end-of-year activity fee and permission forms and are on track for promotion will be given a wristband to attend. Students may wear bathing suits, flip-flops, and hats but must be covered with a shirt and shorts. You may also want to bring sunscreen and a towel. It is encouraged for the students to wear their 8th grade shirts.

On Tuesday, May 21st, our 8th grade Promotion Ceremony will be held at 8:30 AM at the Stadium. Guests are encouraged to park in the middle school bus loop. The gates will open at 8AM. Students should report to the MS Cafeteria at 7:10AM. After the ceremony, if your child returned the early release paperwork, they will be given a wristband and remain on the field for parent pick up. If you did not return the paperwork and would like to check out your child, you will need to report to the main office with your ID to sign out your student. Students who do not have early release will be reporting back to class. You can still submit the paperwork through Monday, May 20th.

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On Wednesday, May 22nd, during 3rd period we will have a special 6th Grade Play Day. Students will get to select different indoor and outdoor activities to participate in. We will also have ice cream treats to recognize our amazing 6th grade class.

The 6th and 7th grade Celebration of Excellence Awards will be on Thursday, May 23rd at 8AM and 9:30AM. Invitations were distributed on Friday through 1st period teachers.

On Friday, May 24th, we will celebrate our 7th graders with the annual Crowning Breakfast during 1st period. Students should bring supplies to decorate their crowns. We will have crowns, limited supplies, and breakfast for the students.

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Happy Mother's Day to all of our Royal moms and those who play this important role. We have two weeks left of school to finish Royal Strong! Please check out the [Royal Update—Knight News for 5.13-5.17](#).

We finish our state assessments with the Civics EOC on Monday. Then, we begin the district finals, which count as 10% of the student's course grades. There is limited makeup time, so attendance is key! These assessments will determine course placement for the 24-25 school year, so students should show what they know. You got this, Knights!

We begin our end-of-year awards celebration this week with the RRMS Athletic Awards on Monday, May 13th, at 6PM at the River Ridge Center for the Arts. On Tuesday, we will be hosting the 8th grade Knight of Excellence Celebration at 6PM at the River Ridge Center for the Arts. This is by invitation only. The 6th and 7th grade awards celebration will be on Thursday, May 23rd at 8AM and 9:30AM. Invitations were distributed on Friday through 1st period teachers.

The RRMS Music Department will host its spring performance at 6:30 PM on Friday, May 17th, at the Center for the Arts.

Yearbooks will be distributed this week for those students who purchased through the pre-sale on Monday and Tuesday at lunches. We have a few copies remaining for sale on Wednesday at lunches for \$40. Students who purchased a yearbook may attend the signing party on Friday during 6th period. Please contact Mrs. Baumaister at [cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us) if you have any questions.

8th grade families who have not submitted permission forms for picnic and early release from the Promotion Ceremony or paid the \$30 End of Year Activity for the picnic need to do so by Thursday, May 16th. All of the forms are on the RRMS Website, available in the front office, and the fee can be paid on GoFan.co.

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On Wednesday, May 7th, at 6PM, Ms. Hoy will hold an informational meeting in the Media Center about the London and Rome Spring Break 2025 trip. If you are interested, please contact her for more details at [ahoy@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ahoy@pasco.k12.fl.us). This trip is not affiliated with RRMS.

On Thursday, May 9th, at 5PM, we will hold the FAME Academy Induction Ceremony in the Media Center. Then, at 6PM, we will host the 8th Grade Visual Arts Night in the Art Rooms.

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<https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/mform/view.php?id=13869> It only takes a minute to spread positivity.

We are in need of donations; whether you would like to sponsor a meal, snacks, or drinks or provide gift cards, services, items for gift baskets, or completed gift baskets, anything large or small will be appreciated. Please drop them off at the office. Your support is truly appreciated!

We would also like to thank the following business partners for providing items for Staff Appreciation Week: Steamworks Pub, Andy's Frozen Custard, Beef O' Brady's Ridge Rd, Culver's, McDonald's Ridge Rd, Blaze Pizza Trinity, PDQ Trinity, Grain and Berry Trinity, Bahama Buck's, and Menchie's.

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We will be sending Extended School Year (Summer School) letters to students who are in danger of failing a course(s). The Summer School Program will run at River Ridge Middle School from 9:15AM to 3:45PM. Transportation will be provided on the following dates: June 10-13, June 17-20, and June 24-27. We will be offering second-chance learning opportunities for students who need additional support. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school counselor or Ms. Grubbs, Assistant Principal.

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# RRMS SUMMER CAMPS

JUNE-JULY 2024  
SIGN UP ON GOFAN.CO.

**MUSIC CAMP**  
\$50  
JUNE 10-13  
9AM-1PM



**DANCE CAMP**  
\$150  
JUNE 17-20 9AM-1PM



**VOLLEYBALL CAMP**  
\$100 JUNE 3-6 9AM-12PM  
K-TECH HS GYM



**FOOTBALL CAMP**  
\$80  
JULY 22-25 8AM-11AM



**ART CAMP**  
\$275  
JULY 22-31 9AM-2PM



**OLIVER JR.! THEATRE CAMP**  
\$300 INCLUDES T-SHIRT  
JUNE 17-20, 24-27  
PERFORMANCE:  
JUNE 27, 7PM @ RRCPA



## CAMP CONTACTS:

- Dance Camp: Mrs. Vairo @ lvairo@pasco.k12.fl.us
- Theatre Camp: Mr. Bintz @ rbintzepasco.k12.fl.us
- Volleyball Camp: Coach Brando @ cbrando@pasco.k12.fl.us
- Art Camp: Ms. Berberich @ nvicchiaepasco.k12.fl.us, Mrs. Lightbody @ rlightboepasco.k12.fl.us
- Football Camp: Coach Koos @ jkoos@pasco.k12.fl.us
- Music Camp: Mr. Henry @ thenryepasco.k12.fl.us

**DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL OF THE ROYAL SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES!**

The high school also offers STEM Camps, Basketball Camps, Cheer Camps, and Baseball Camps. Information for these camps is on the school websites and social media pages. Sign up today before they fill up!

# STEM CAMP

RIVER RIDGE SUMMER PROGRAM



**JUNE 24-27:**

## **WEEK 1: AQUATIC**

**-DIY COMPASS**

**-WATER TERRARIUM**

**-PENNY BOAT**

**\*DISCLAIMER: YOU MIGHT GET WET ON THESE DAYS**

**JULY 8-11:**

## **WEEK 2: CRESCENDO**

**-VEX**

**-MAKE A SPEAKER**

**-SINGING GLASSES**

**STEM CAMP IS DESIGNED TO GIVE 5-8 GRADERS AN INTRODUCTION INTO THE WORLD OF ENGINEERING.**

**COST: \$150 FOR ONE WEEK \$275 FOR BOTH**

**CAMPERS MUST BRING A PACKED LUNCH**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER**



**NOW REGISTERING FOR ALL DATES**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT US AT [RRHSROYALROBOTICS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RRHSROYALROBOTICS@GMAIL.COM)**



# TINY KNIGHTS CHEER CAMP

**AGES  
3YRS  
&UP!**



## **PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED:**

- sign in/ registration June 25th at 8:30 am in the RRHS cafeteria
- Wear T-shirt, shorts, tennis shoes and hair in ponytail
- waterbottle ( 2 snacks provided daily)

## **PARENT INFO:**

- Registration forms on RRHS website
- Performance for parents on June 27th
- at 11am/wear camp shirt
- Participants will be invited to cheer at RRHS community night football game with the RRHS cheerleaders

**\$125**


**INCLUDES  
TSHIRT AND  
SNACKS**

**PAY AT  
GOFAN.CO**

**COME LEARN TO:  
CHEER - JUMP -  
STUNT -  
PYRAMID- DANCE  
-TUMBLE**

**REGISTER BY  
JUNE 9TH  
FOR A  
T-SHIRT**

## **Camp Information:**

June 25th-27th  RRHS  
9am - Noon Cafeteria

## **More Information**

Coach Kara Mages [coachkararrhs@gmail.com](mailto:coachkararrhs@gmail.com)  
Coach Christina Blanchard [cblancha@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cblancha@pasco.k12.fl.us)



RIVER RIDGE GIRLS  
BASKETBALL



▶ **BASKETBALL CAMP** ◀

**JUNE 10-12**



**\$125 PER  
CAMPER**

**K-8 GRADE  
BOYS & GIRLS**



**CONFERENCE  
CHAMPS**

**DISTRICT  
CHAMPS**

**HOSTED BY YOUR  
LADY KNIGHTS**

**8:30 AM -12-30 PM**

**REGIONAL  
CHAMPS**

**FINAL FOUR**

**AT WENDELL KRINN TECHNICAL HIGHSCHOOL**

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4/14/24

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On Friday, we will also welcome our incoming 6th graders for campus tours and a prep rally. We encourage all of our Royal Knights to wear a school shirt or purple, black, and silver to show our Royal Pride!

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8th Grade End of Year letters were distributed with more information about the 8th Grade Dance, 8th Grade Picnic, and the Promotion Ceremony. There is a \$30 8th Grade Activity Fee for the Dance and Picnic participation that can be paid on GoFan.co. There are also four permission forms that must be submitted to the front office. Students must also be on track for promotion to high school.

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4/7/24



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The the last early release day of the year will be on Wednesday. Students will participate in enrichment activities and should bring appropriate items to participate. School will end at 11:30 AM. There will also be no school on Friday, April 12th.

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3/30/24

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On Wednesday, April 3rd, we will be hosting the RRMS Annual Talent Show. Students can purchase Talent Show tickets through myPBISRewards events for 10 Knight Dollars. Ticket sales will end on Tuesday, April 2nd, by 3PM.

On Friday, April 5th, the Student Council will sponsor the Tropical Spring Dance from 6-8 PM in the RRMS Cafeteria. Tickets are on sale on GoFan.co for \$10. They can also be purchased at the front desk and door. Wear your tropical gear! There will be Kona Ice, a concession, a DJ, a Limbo contest, and a photo booth.

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3/17/24

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This week is the RRMS Spring Spirit Week, with dress-up days, activities, and a Pep Rally/Field Day to take us into Spring Break!

**MARCH 18-22** Spring Spirit Week: Theme Days, Dress Up. Be Involved, Join in on the Fun!

Let's Finish ROYAL Strong... Spring Break Here We Come!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>THEME PARK DAY</b> WEAR YOUR DISNEY, UNIVERSAL, BUSCH GARDENS, ETC. GEAR! ON TRACK TREAT @ LUNCH	<b>SPRING HAS SPRUNG!</b> 1ST DAY OF SPRING WEAR SPRING COLORS! ON TRACK TREAT @ LUNCH	<b>STAY-CATION DAY</b> WEAR COMFY CLOTHES OR ACTIVE WEAR! ON TRACK TREAT @ LUNCH	<b>TOURIST BEACH DAY</b> WEAR SCHOOL APPROPRIATE BEACH ATTIRE, HAWAIIAN SHIRTS, SUNGLASSES, STRAW HATS, FLIP FLOPS! ON TRACK TREAT @ LUNCH	<b>ROYAL SPIRIT FRIDAY</b> <b>PEP RALLY DAY</b> WEAR YOUR RIVER RIDGE GEAR! SPRING PEP RALLY & FIELD DAY - PM ACTIVITY AT THE STADIUM

**MARCH 25-29** Students return 4/1 for Quarter 4!

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Monday (3/18) and Tuesday (3/19), RRMS Talent Show auditions will be held from 1:40 PM-3 PM in Mr. Bintz's Drama Room. We are looking for all kinds of talent to showcase at the April 3rd show!

National Junior Honor Society applications are open for all 6th and 7th graders to apply for membership. The application process is available in the SPRING to 6th and 7th graders. APPLY ONLINE TODAY:

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A teacher recommendation

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Please complete the NJHS online application by Wednesday, March 20th. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Wierenga at [hwiereng@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:hwiereng@pasco.k12.fl.us).

This week in sports, track practice will be held each day after school except for Friday from 1:40 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The first track meet will be at RRMS on Thursday, April 4th.

Spring Break for Pasco County Schools will be March 25-March 29. We will return on April 1st. Please mark your calendars for some important upcoming events.

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3/8/24

Please review the latest [Royal Update - Knight News 3/11-3/15](#).

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3/3/24

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Track tryouts will be March 4th-7th from 1:40 PM-3:30 PM on the middle school track. To participate, all paperwork and the up-to-date physical must be uploaded to the Athletic Clearance website. All students make the track team, and the tryouts are for which specific field or running event. See Coach Koos or Coach Brando for more information.

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Finally, the RRMS PTSA is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Royal Color Fest Run on March 19th during the 6th Period. They are looking for sponsors for the event. Please reach out at [riveridgemspta@gmail.com](mailto:riveridgemspta@gmail.com). Students can participate by raising \$5 and get more donations to earn extra prizes like extra color packets, t-shirts, Kona Ice, etc. More information on the donation platform is coming soon! The top earners in each grade level will color-rush the Assistant Principals, and the top earner in the school gets to color-rush the Principal. Don't miss out on supporting RRMS; all donations go back to student and staff programming!

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2/25/24

Please review the latest [Royal Update - Knight News 2/26-3/1](#).

This week in sports, the boys' basketball teams will end their season at home on Tuesday vs. SRK8 at 6PM. We will recognize our 8th graders and their families before the Varsity game around 7:30PM. Girls' Soccer Team plays on Wednesday at home vs. PRSMS at 6PM. The 8th graders will be recognized with their families at 5:15PM. All tickets can be purchased on [GoFan.co](http://GoFan.co) for home and away games. The clear bag policy will also be enforced. Let's Go Knights!

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Let's leap into leap day on February 29th! Look high and low as we jump into Leap Day with a Royal Frog Roundup! There will be 200 mini-frogs hidden around the campus that students and staff can cash in for

prizes at the front office. Bring your frog to Mrs. Pfeiffer; she will let you pick a prize! Only one frog per person, so please make sure to share!

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There will be Saturday School on March 2nd from 9AM-12PM for those students who need extra help and academic support. Please contact Mrs. Sumrall for more information.

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2/16/24

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There is no school on Monday due to President's Day.

Middle School course cards are due to Science teachers completed with all parent signatures by Tuesday, February 20th. High School course cards must be completed with signatures and are due to 8th grade ELA teachers by Thursday, February 22nd.

The FAME Showcase is on Friday, February 23rd, with doors opening at 5:30 PM and the show starting at 6 PM. Tickets can be purchased on [GoFan.co](https://www.gofan.co) for \$5. Student art, dance, music, acting, and singing will be showcased. Don't miss out on celebrating all of the Royal talent!



River Ridge FAME Academy Presents

# FAME

Featuring the FAME Academy  
@ River Ridge Center for the Arts  
Dance, Art, Band, Drama

# showcase



tickets: \$5

feb 23

friday

doors open 5:30pm

show starts @ 6:00pm

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2/11/24

Please review the latest [Royal Update - Knight News 2.12-2.16](#).

**RRMS #BeKind-DoKind Week**  
**February 12-16, 2024**

**Monday**  
  
**"Wake Up" - All You Need is Love!**  
 Wear your school appropriate PJs!  
**Kindness Act:** Hold the door for someone and give someone a high five for being amazing!

**Tuesday**  
  
**Twinning Tuesday**  
 Grab a friend or group of friends and dress up as twins.  
**Kindness Act:** Spread a drop of kindness and see the ripple effect!

**Wednesday**  
  
**Crazy for Kindness Day**  
 Early Release Day/Enrichment  
 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!  
**Kindness Act:** Help clean up and give someone a compliment.

**Friday**  
  
**World Random Acts of Kindness Day**  
 Wear your favorite shirt with kind words or something that inspires you (favorite sports, character, show, book, etc.)!  
**Kindness Act:** Put someone before yourself. Say nice things and treat people with respect. Be open to others. Make someone else's day!

**Throw Kindness Around Like Confetti!**

The RRMS course selection process for the 24-25 school year has begun. Please view this link for more information regarding the [24-25 course selection process](#). School counselors will visit science classes from February 8th to February 15th to distribute course cards and review the course selection process. Current 6th and 7th grade course cards are due 2/20 to science teachers. RRHS school counselors will visit 8th-grade ELA classrooms from February 12th to February 15th. High School course cards are due to ELA teachers by 2/20.

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The students will also visit during that day. Please check our RRMS website for more information on the upcoming 24-25 course selection process.

Wednesday, February 14th is an Early Release Day. We will be running an Enrichment Activity Schedule. Students should dress appropriately and bring materials for their enrichment activity. A FAME Seminar will also be in the theater periods 1-3. Finally, those incoming 8th and 9th graders who signed up can tour the RRHS Academies during enrichment activity.

The RRMS PTSA Strawberry Fundraiser can be picked up on Thursday, February 15th from 12:30PM-2:30PM and later at Curriculum Night. Pick-up is at the middle school car loop. We will have 30 extra flats for \$22 each if you did not get a chance to order your delicious Plant City strawberries.

This week in sports, the Boys' Basketball Team will play away on Monday at GMS and home vs. PRSMS on Tuesday at 6 PM. The 8th grade night will start at 7:30PM. Girls' Soccer plays on Tuesday, February 13th, at Gulf High School vs. GMS at 6 PM. The game previously scheduled for Thursday vs. PRSMS has been postponed. We will let you know the new date as soon as possible. All tickets can be purchased on GoFan.co for home and away games. The clear bag policy will also be enforced. Let's Go Knights!

River Ridge FAME Academy Presents

# FAME

Featuring the FAME Academy  
@ River Ridge Center for the Arts  
Dance, Art, Band, Drama

# showcase



tickets: \$5

feb 23

friday

doors open 5:30pm

show starts @ 6:00pm

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2/3/24

Please review the latest [Royal Update - Knight News 2.5-2.9](#).

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On Friday, February 9th, we will host the Winter Pep Rally and be on a PM Activity Schedule. We encourage students to wear River Ridge gear and show their purple pride.

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1/28/24

Please review the latest [Royal Update - Knight News 1.29.24-2.2.24](#).

It's that time of year again for an awesome opportunity to support RRMS!





It's time for our annual Wish Farms Strawberry Fundraiser!

Help RRMS PTSA raise funds for technology and student incentives by purchasing delicious fresh strawberries from Wish Farms in Plant City! It's a win-win! Each five-pound flat of strawberries is just \$22.

**Here's how to order:**

1. Use this link to fill out your contact information and the number of flats you would like to order: <https://forms.gle/EHv4kMigBMzzXda97>

*\*If ordering for friends and family, collect all orders and fill out the form once with the total number!*

2. Pay for your strawberries using this link: [Givebacks \(memberhub.com\)](https://memberhub.com)

3. Orders are due January 30th. Strawberries will be delivered to River Ridge sometime in February. We will notify you when we have an exact date!

Please be sure to follow all steps to ensure your order is properly received! *If you will be collecting orders from friends and family, please use the attached form for your convenience. Just remember to complete the form using the link above to submit your total order!*

This week in sports, the Boys' Basketball Team begins their season on Monday, January 29th, at HAC at 6 PM and home on Thursday, February 1st, vs. SRK8 at 6 PM. Girls' Soccer kicking off their season on Tuesday, January 30, vs. HAC at HHS at 6 PM and at home on Thursday, February 1st, vs. SRK8 at 6 PM. All tickets can be purchased on GoFan.co for home and away games. The clear bag policy will also be enforced. Let's Go Knights!

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1/21/24

We had a great return to the second semester this past week. Please review the latest [Royal Update - Knight News 1.22-1.26](#). This week is Celebrate Literacy Week. We encourage students to dress up and drop everything and read. The agenda for the week is at this [link](#).

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**RRMS PTSA PRESENTS**

**ROYAL  
DODGATHON**

**JANUARY 26, 2024  
LAST TWO PERIODS**

**Unlimited Play for \$20! Wristbands to watch are \$10!**

Help us reach our goal of \$10,000 to increase technology across the school and to recognize our amazing students and staff!

**WANT TO MAKE A DONATION TO SPONSOR AN ARENA?**  
\$100, \$250, or \$500 Sponsor Donation:  
<https://riverridgemsptsa.memberhub.com/>

**HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?**  
To participate in the Dodgathon, students can sign up with the link and pay \$20 online or at the front desk by 1/25 (Cash or check made out to RRMS PTSA).  
<https://riverridgemsptsa.memberhub.com/>

There are also spectator tickets available for students for only \$10.  
<https://riverridgemsptsa.memberhub.com/>

**CONCESSIONS**  
Gatorades, cookies, candy and chips available for purchase.  
Kona Ice will also be available.

Contact RRMS PTSA at [riverridgemsptsa@gmail.com](mailto:riverridgemsptsa@gmail.com)  
for donations or more information.

**DODGATHON IS BACK on January 26th! Sign Up today through Members Hub. \$20 to participate and \$10 to spectate. Don't miss out on the fun!**

The RRMS PTSA needs...

Dodgathon Volunteers:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E084DADA82DABFF2-46225492-2023>

Dodgeball Sponsors to sponsor an arena!

Dodgeball 2024 Sponsor \$100 Purchase

here: <https://riverridgemsptsa.memberhub.com/store/items/964054>

Dodgeball 2024 \$250 Donation Purchase

here: <https://riverridgemsptsa.memberhub.com/store/items/964048>

Dodgeball 2024 Sponsor \$500 Purchase here:

<https://riverridgemsptsa.memberhub.com/store/items/964055>

If students are interested in participating or watching, please register and pay at:

Dodgeball 2024 Player

Purchase here: <https://riverridgemsptsa.memberhub.com/store/items/964050>

Dodgeball 2024 Spectator

Purchase here: <https://riverridgemsptsa.memberhub.com/store/items/964051>

There will be a parent meeting for boys' basketball on Monday, January 22nd at 3:30PM in the Media Center

Attention 8th grade families... the 8th grade January newsletter with important information on the transition to high school, Gradventure, and end-of-year 8th grade activities (Promotion Ceremony, 8th Grade Dance, Picnic, Awards Ceremonies) has been published. Gradventure is currently on a waitlist. If you would like to put your child on the list, please contact the front office. We will not take any money for waitlist students at this time.

[23.24 8th Grade Mid-Year Newsletter January](#)

[Gradventure Parent Letter 2024 with Permission Forms](#)

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Thank you for partnering in your child's education!

1/7/24

Happy New Year, Royal Knights! I hope everyone had a wonderful break with family and friends. After two weeks off, we are so excited to welcome our Royal Knights back to the second semester on Tuesday morning, January 9th. On Tuesday morning, students should have lists posted in the grade-level hallways for their first-period classes. New schedules will also be posted on myStudent. There will be several adults with lists to help students navigate their classes. As we begin the new semester, please review the weekly newsletter [Royal Update – Knight](#) News for 1/8-1/12 as there is very important information included regarding upcoming events at RRMS.

There will be an Early Release Day on Wednesday, January 10th. We will follow an enrichment activity schedule, and students will participate in their enrichment activities for the new semester. Those lists will be posted in the cafeteria. School will end at 11:30AM.

The second half of the winter sports season begins this week with tryouts for Girls' Soccer and Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball. Girls' Soccer Try Outs will be on Wednesday, January 10th at 11:30AM-1:30PM for 8th graders, Thursday, January 11th for 7th graders and Friday, January 12th for 6th graders and callbacks from 1:30PM-3:30PM. Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball Tryouts will begin on Thursday, January 11th, for 7th graders, Friday, January 12th, for 6th graders, and Tuesday, January 16th, for 8th graders and callbacks. Final basketball tryouts are on Wednesday, January 17th from 1:30PM-3:30PM. Please ensure that all the athletic paperwork and up-to-date physicals are completed and uploaded to the Athletic Clearance website at least 24 hours before trying out. See Athletic Director Coach Brando for more information.

We want to be sure you know the new Pasco Pathways School Choice and Magnet application process window, which will be from January 8th through January 19th. 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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#### [23.24 8th Grade Mid-Year Newsletter January](#)

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Purchasing a yearbook for your child is a great holiday gift! You can purchase them online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). Prices will go up on December 31st. We sell out yearly, so don't miss out on the memories!

Attention 8th Grade Families... it is that time of year to celebrate your 8th grader with a yearbook dedication! Dedication photos and payment are due no later than December 31, 2023, on GoFan.co. Please submit your pictures and message information using the online form <https://tinyurl.com/27xdh3bs>. Please email Mrs. Baumaister with any questions. [cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cbaumais@pasco.k12.fl.us).

We want to wish all of the Royal Families Happy Holidays and a Royal New Year! Students will return for Semester 2 on Tuesday, January 8, 2024!

Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions, concerns, recommendations, or praise; we are partners in education!

12/10/23

Good afternoon, Royal Families. Please review this week's [Royal Update-Knight News for 12/11-12/15](#).

This week continues the FAST MATH PM 2 assessment window. Lists of student testing times, dates, and locations will be posted in the grade-level hallways. They were also given this information in their ELA classes on an orange ticket. Students NEED to attend their testing sessions as there are LIMITED make-up sessions.

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RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



# Royal Holiday FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 15

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BRING IN THE ITEMS BELOW TO THE FRONT OFFICE OR 4TH PERIOD CLASSES (MS):

Canned Fruits  
Green Beans  
Boxed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Cranberry Sauce  
Rice  
Dessert Mixes  
Juice  
Corn  
Yams  
Stuffing Mix

Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Jelly  
Peanut Butter  
Cereal  
Granola Bars  
Fruit Snacks

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By December 15th the Front Office  
c/o Ana Schaus/RRMS PTSA

This week in sports, the boys' soccer team plays SSMS at home on Wednesday, December 13th, at 6PM. The 8th graders and their families will be celebrated at 5:30PM. Tickets are \$5 on GoFan.co. The clear bag policy will be in effect at all Pasco County Schools. Go Knights!

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The FAME Winter Art Showcase and Concert are on Thursday, December 14th, from 5:30 PM-6:30 PM in the MS Courtyard with the dance team, drama students, and visual arts gallery, and the Music Concert is at 6:30 PM in the theater. There will be free cookies and hot chocolate.

River Ridge Middle School presents the

# WINTER ART SHOW

Main Event :

- Student Artwork
- Live Entertainment
- Family Fun

**DEC 14**  
**2023**

05.30-6.30 PM

RRMS Middle School  
Art Room and Courtyard

**FREE ENTRY**  
**HOT COCO & COOKIES**

Directly after the Art Show  
Come see the  
**FREE Winter Music Concert 6:30 pm**  
at the  
Center of The Arts River Ridge Theater

The week of December 18-22 will be RRMS Winter Spirit Week with dress up days, activities, and special holiday treats!





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12/3/23

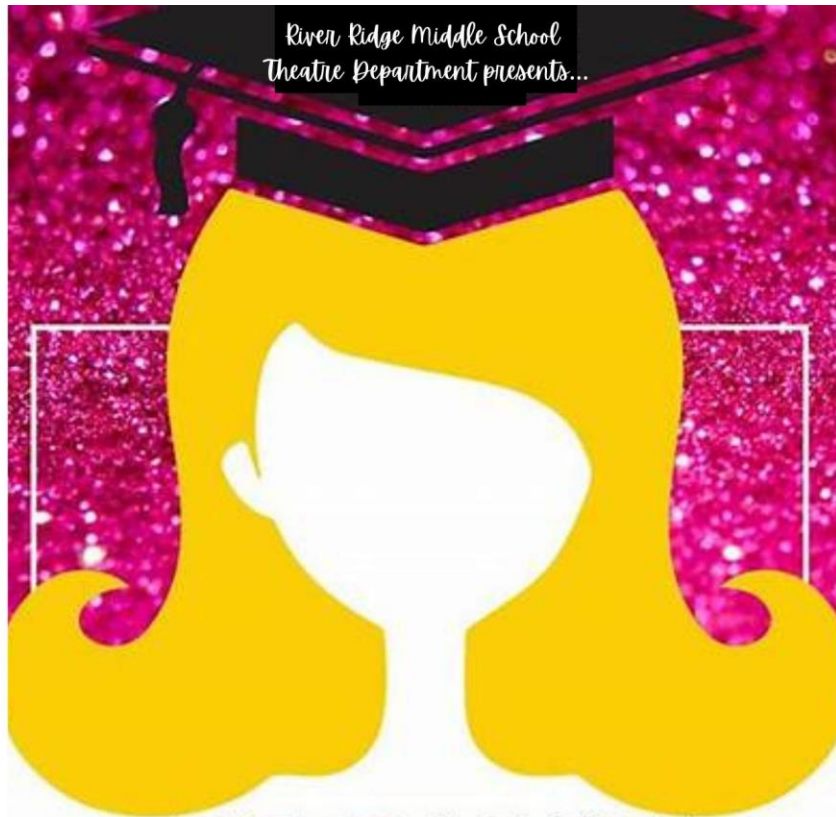
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The School Store will be open online on Monday and Tuesday this week with a special holiday section. Students can use their Knight Dollars through PBIS Rewards to purchase items. Items will be distributed on Thursday and Friday.


The spring musical auditions for Legally Blonde Jr. are this week on December 4th and 5th, with callbacks on December 7th after school. The audition tracks are located on the RRMS website. If you have any questions, please contact MS Theatre Director Ryan Bintz at [rbintz@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rbintz@pasco.k12.fl.us).

River Ridge Middle School  
Theatre Department presents...



**LEGALLY  
BLONDE**  
*The Musical*  **JR.**

March 15 & 16, 2024  
7PM, 2PM, & 7PM  
River Ridge Center for the Performing Arts



Open Call Auditions: December 4 and 5 1:40PM-3:30PM  
Callbacks: December 7 1:40PM-3:30PM  
RRMS Drama Room - Contact Mr. Bintz, RRMS Theatre Director.

Wednesday, December 6th, will be an Early Release Day, with school ending at 11:30 AM. There will be an enrichment activity schedule. Students should bring their materials and dress appropriately for their activity.

On Friday, December 8th, all students who are attending the NASA Field Trip should meet at the MS Bus Loop no later than 6:15AM wearing their RRMS NASA shirt. Students must turn in the required paperwork to Mr. Collier, or they will not be allowed to attend. Students will return to RRMS by 9PM and can be picked up in the middle school bus loop. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Collier.

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The poster features a white background with decorative green concentric circles and red circles containing white starburst patterns. At the top, it says "Let's make our RRMS Teachers and Staff holiday season a little brighter!". The main title is "Holiday Cheer Requests for RRMS Teachers & Staff" in large, bold, black font. Below the title, it lists "GIFT CARDS, GIFT BASKETS, DONATED ITEMS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES". In the center is the Royal Knights logo, which includes a purple and black knight's head and the text "ROYAL KNIGHTS" with "RR" in a diamond below. Below the logo, it says "Each year we like to take a collection to put together gift baskets to be raffled to the staff before Winter Break!". At the bottom, it provides the sign-up link: "Sign Up to donate at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084DADA82DABFF2-46234021-christmas#/" and the deadline: "By December 15th the Front Office c/o Ana Schaus/RRMS PTSA".

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This week in sports, the girls' basketball teams play PRSMS at HOME for 8th grade night on Monday at 6 PM and on Wednesday travels to BPMS at 6PM. The boys' soccer team plays BPMS at Fivay High School on Tuesday at 6 PM and will play CLMS at Hudson High School at 6 PM on Thursday. All tickets are \$5 on GoFan.co. The clear bag policy will be in effect at all Pasco County Schools. Go Knights!

Purchasing a yearbook for your child is a great holiday gift! You can purchase them online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). Prices will go up on December 31st. We sell out yearly, so don't miss out on the memories!

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Mark your calendars for the FAME Winter Art Showcase and Concert on Thursday, December 14th, from 5:30 PM-6:30 PM in the MS Courtyard with the dance team, drama students, and visual arts gallery, and the Music Concert at 6:30 PM in the theater. There will be free cookies and hot chocolate.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions, concerns, recommendations, or praise; we are partners in education!

11/26/23

Good afternoon, Royal Families. I hope you all had a fantastic Thanksgiving Break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, November 27th, for the remaining four weeks of the semester. Please review this week's [Royal Update-Knight News for 11/27-12/1](#).

We have several field trips this week with 6th Grade Accel. Science is going to Crystal Springs on Tuesday and Wednesday. Physical Science Honors students will attend Physics Day at Busch Gardens on Friday. We will also host the school science fair on Thursday, November 30th, in the Media Center.

River Ridge Middle School will sponsor our annual Holiday Food Drive from November 27-December 18th to benefit River Ridge families for the holidays. Please bring in items on the list to the front office or 4th period class. All of the donated items will go to Giving Tree families.





RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



# Royal Holiday FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 15

Royal Knights, please show you care by helping to provide holiday food baskets for our River Ridge families in need.

BRING IN THE ITEMS BELOW TO THE FRONT OFFICE OR 4TH PERIOD CLASSES (MS):

Canned Fruits  
Green Beans  
Boxed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Cranberry Sauce  
Rice  
Dessert Mixes  
Juice  
Corn  
Yams  
Stuffing Mix

Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Jelly  
Peanut Butter  
Cereal  
Granola Bars  
Fruit Snacks

*Thank you for the support!*

It's that time of year again to celebrate our teachers and staff for all they do with some HOLIDAY CHEER! The RRMS PTSA and Administration request holiday sweet treats, cookies, cupcakes, etc., as donations for the Sweet Treat Room! Each staff member will be able to take home a dozen of sweet goodies. The treats can be homemade or store-bought. Please have all donations to the front office by Wednesday, December 13th. You may sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084DADA82DABFF2-46225288-2023#/>.



### **Holiday Cheer Baskets, Gift Cards, and Donations for RRMS Staff**

The RRMS PTSA and Administration is proud to help sponsor a happy holiday season for our Royal staff! Each year, we create a collection of gift baskets to be raffled to the staff before winter break. We welcome donations of ready-to-go baskets or individual items we can assemble into baskets. Some items from the past have included spa items (massage, pedicure, bath and body, etc.), date nights (dinner), car detail (car wash), sports, family fun, holiday decor, and more! We will gratefully take any items we can use to celebrate our amazing teachers and staff! We would love to have all items turned in by December 15th.

The donation link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084DADA82DABFF2-46234021-christmas#/>

Let's make our RRMS Teachers and Staff  
holiday season a little brighter!

## Holiday Cheer Requests for RRMS Teachers & Staff

GIFT CARDS, GIFT BASKETS, DONATED  
ITEMS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES



Each year we like to take a collection to put together gift  
baskets to be raffled to the staff before Winter Break!

**Sign Up to donate at**

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By December 15th the Front Office  
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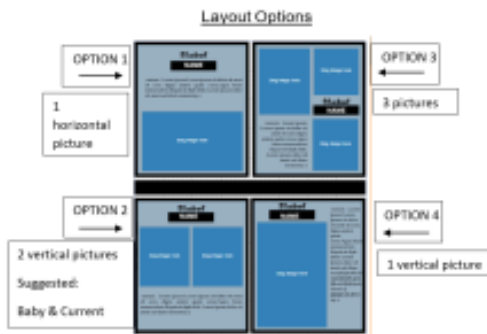
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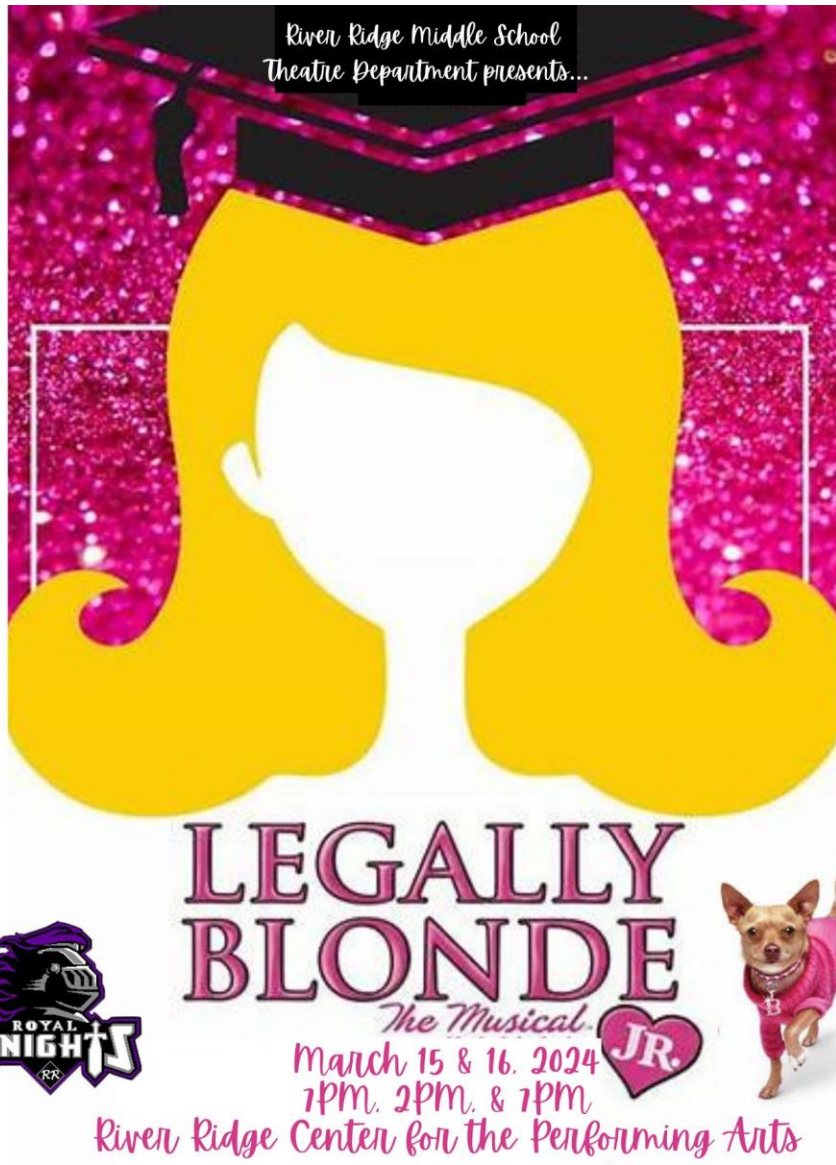
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11/12/23

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Student Data Chats will continue this week, where the Student Success Team (Administrators, SSAPs, SSAs, School Counselors, and other Student Services staff) will be meeting with each student to go over their academic progress, set goals, and, as a general check-in to see how their year is going thus far. The Quarter 1 report card will be printed, and notes will be made, which will be mailed to each parent. This will include the Progress Report grades. We will also keep a copy for reference for each student. Students with a D or F are considered off track or at risk of not being promoted to high school. Four weeks are left

to make progress by taking advantage of all the academic opportunities and support. The Student Data Chat also provides an opportunity to create a success plan for each student.

The schedule for this is as follows:

11/13: Norris – 7th Grade

11/14: McLeod – 7th Grade

11/15: Fallon-Johnson – 7th Grade

11/16: L. Moore

11/17: Make Up

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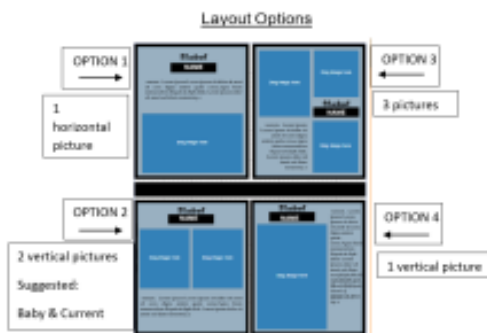
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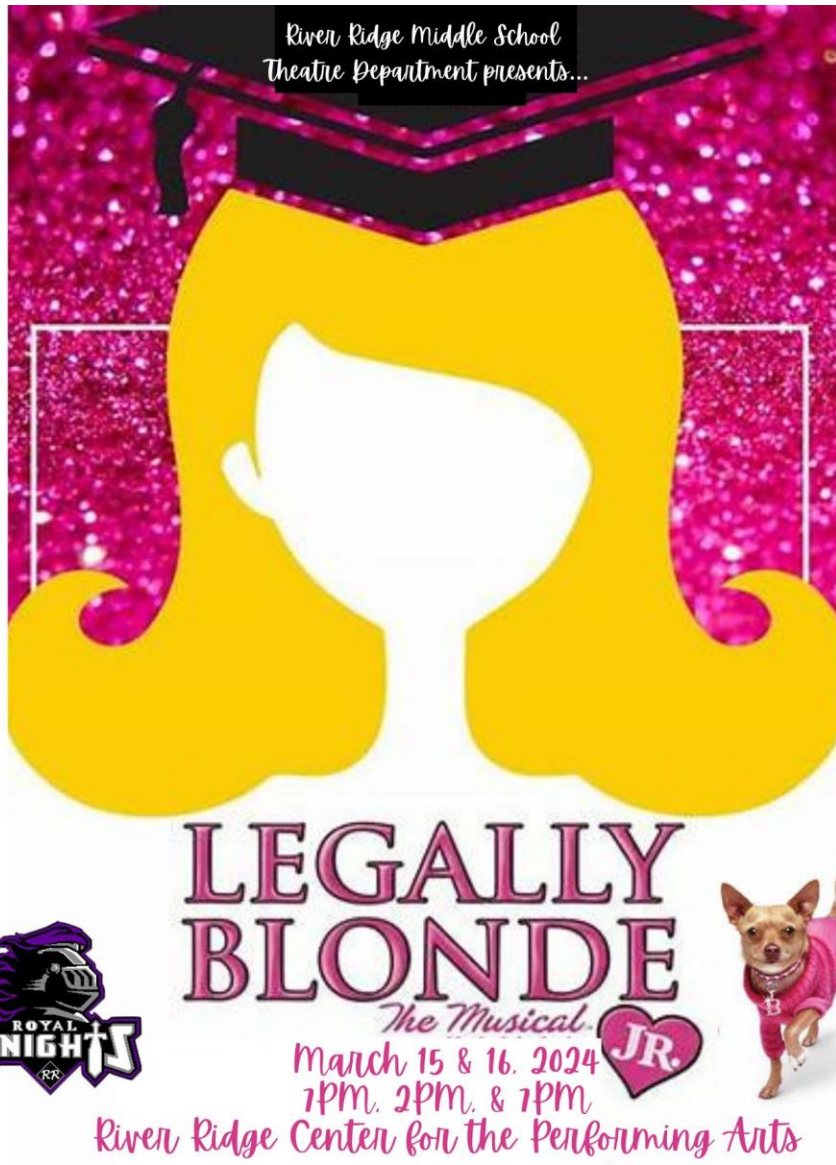




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Finally, there will be no school from November 20-November 24 for the Thanksgiving Break. We are so grateful, thankful, and blessed to be Royal!

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11/5/23

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Beginning this week, the Student Success Team (Administrators, SSAPs, SSAs, School Counselors, and other Student Services staff) will be meeting with each student to go over their academic progress, set

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11/6: Davis - 8th Grade

11/7: Fields - 8th Grade

11/8: McQuatters - 8th Grade, 6th Grade

11/9: Sollami - 6th Grade

11/10: Murtha - 6th Grade

11/13: Norris - 7th Grade

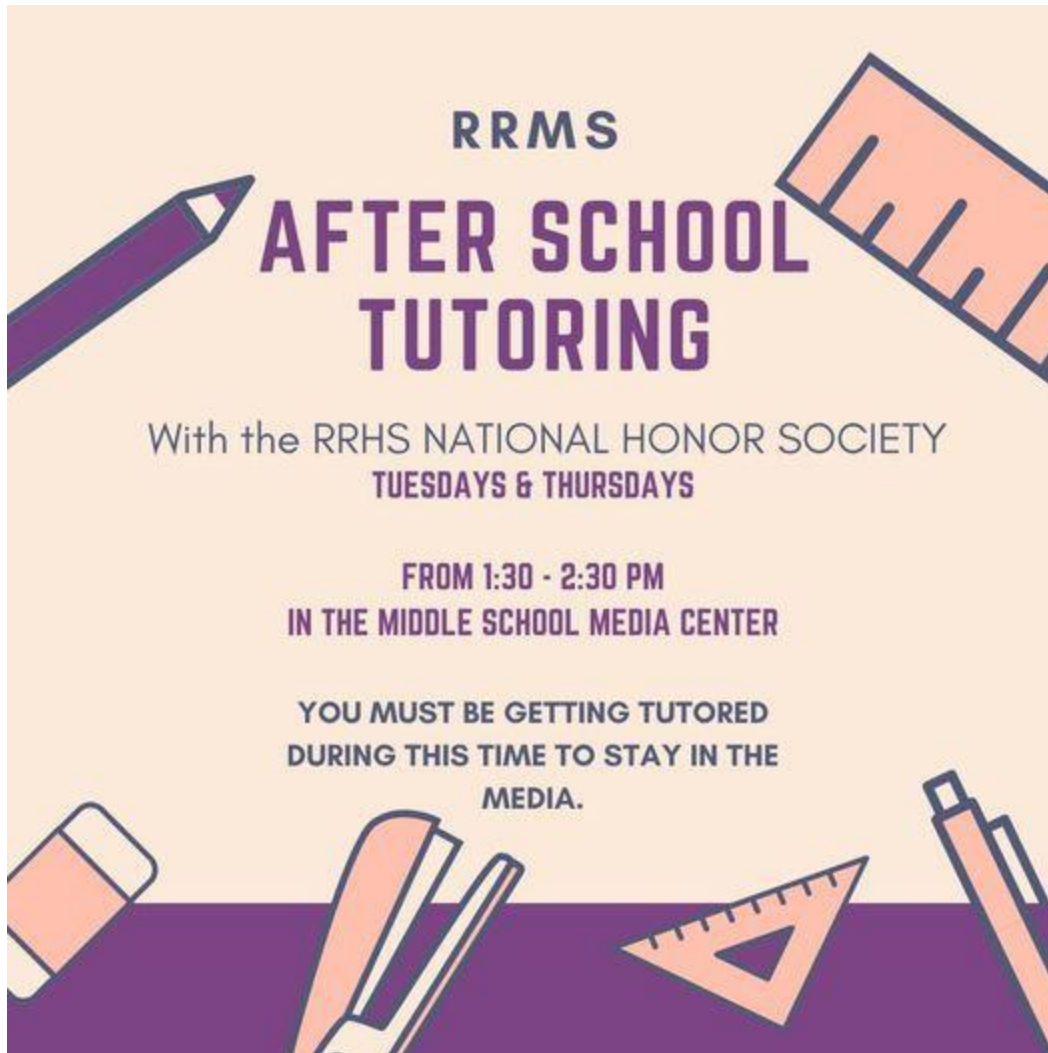
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[zoom out map](#)

**Please SIGN UP for the mySTUDENT Parent Portal & the mySTUDENT App!**

Please check myStudent regularly to keep up with grades, attendance, and test history. **To be promoted to high school, students must earn a D or higher in all Core classes (Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies) for the semester and complete the career component.** Progress Reports will be available on myStudent Parent Portal on Friday, November 10th.

However, for "On Track" events at RRMS, students must earn As, Bs, and Cs and have no referrals. Please encourage your student to take advantage of all the Royal Opportunities we offer to get academic help.

1. Academic Lunch in the Media Center or with the teacher (daily)
2. Daily intervention time in class
3. Second Chance Learning Opportunities (work out with teacher as needed)

4. Course Recovery Lab & Opportunity Hall
5. Extended School Day on Mondays and Wednesdays
6. After School Tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays

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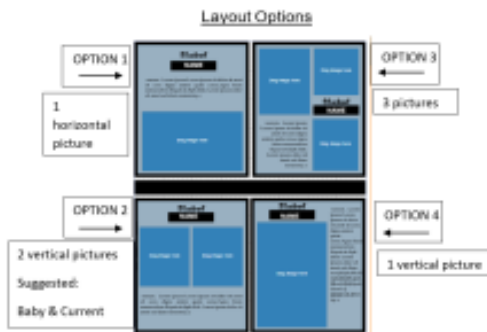
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**THE GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN**

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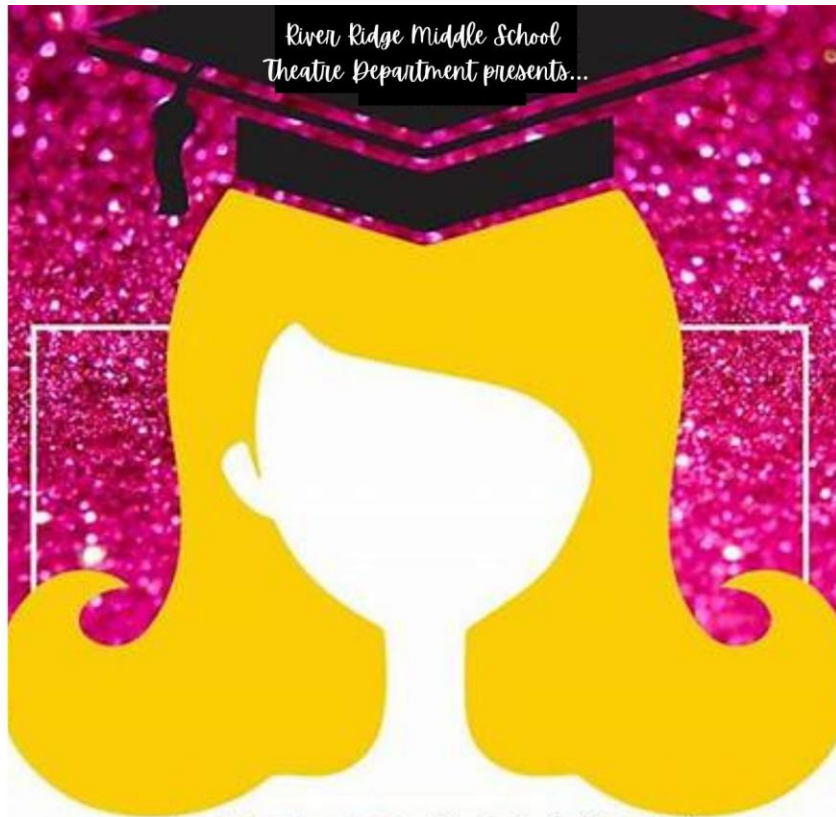
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The poster features a purple and white color scheme with a wavy border at the bottom. It includes the RRMS logo and the Royal Knights logo. An illustration of several hands of different colors reaching upwards is positioned in the center-right area.

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10/29/23

Good afternoon, Royal Families! Please review this week's [Royal Update-Knight News for 10/30-11/3](#).

As a reminder, students have several opportunities to receive academic support at RRMS. Please encourage your students to take advantage of after-school tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays, extended school days on Mondays and Wednesdays, academic lunch, second chance learning opportunities from their teachers, and opportunity hall. We will also have two academic Saturday



Schools per month. Don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's teachers or school counselor for more information.

Tuesday is Halloween. Students may wear costumes but no masks or props.

Wednesday is an Early Release Day, with school ending at 11:30 AM. We will have the Enrichment Activities. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately for their activity and bring materials needed.

This week in sports, there will be a parent meeting for Boys' Soccer and Girls' Basketball, once the team is announced, on Thursday, November 2nd at 4 PM in the Media Center.

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10/22/23

Good afternoon, Royal Families! Please review this week's [Royal Update - Knight News for 10/23-10/27](#). This week is Red Ribbon Week.

We will have dress-up days, guest speakers on drug and alcohol awareness, and the signing of the Drug Free Pledge at lunches. We will also be sponsoring with RRHS the Candy at the Castle event on Thursday, October 26th, from 6pm-8PM on the RRMHS Campus. The community is invited. The Say Boo to Drugs Halloween Dance will be after school on Friday, October 27th, from 2PM-4PM. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on GoFan.co or at the front office. There will be creepy crawlers, concessions, and Kona Ice. Students are encouraged to come in their costumes.



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Red Ribbon Week

OCTOBER 23-OCTOBER 27

Royal Ambassadors will give a "drug free" fact of the day on the morning news each day.



**MONDAY, OCT. 23RD**  
**RALLY IN RED**

Wear red to send a message & make positive choices!  
Be a "Smartie" and sign the Drug Free Pledge in lunches!



**TUESDAY, OCT. 24TH**  
**FUTURE CAREER OR COLLEGE DAY**

Think of all that you could be when you stay drug-free. Dress as your future career or represent a college.  
Follow your DREAMS, not drugs!  
\*On Track\* Bands & Treats @ Lunches



**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25TH**  
**SUPERHERO DAY**

Show your bravery and stand up against drugs! Wear your favorite superhero shirt.  
\*On Track\* Bands & Treats @ Lunches



**THURSDAY, OCT. 26TH**  
**THROWBACK THURSDAY #TBT**

Make drugs history and dress up as your favorite childhood character.  
**CANDY AT THE CASTLE**  
6PM-8PM on the RRMHS Campus



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**  
**BOO! SAY BOO TO DRUGS!**

Wear Halloween costumes (no full-face masks or props), orange and black!



**RRMS HALLOWEEN DANCE**  
**2PM-4PM \$10 IN THE CAFE**

Tickets will be on sale through GoFan.co online, at the front desk, or at the door from 10/23-10/27 for \$10.  
Students with no referrals are eligible to attend.  
There will be a DJ, Concession, Kona Ice, Creepy Crawler room, craft area, and photo booth!



**GET CREATIVE, ROYALS!**  
**DOOR DECORATING CONTEST**

Sponsored by Student Council. Each 4th Period Class will decorate their door for the week based on the Red Ribbon Week theme! The top three classes will earn class parties. Doors will be judged 6th period on 10/27.



**BE KIND TO YOUR MIND.  
LIVE DRUG FREE!**

On Wednesday, October 25th, from 5PM-8PM skip the cooking and come to Blaze Pizza-Trinity will be the next Royal Dine Out Night! Come and support River Ridge!



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

**River Ridge Middle School**

Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization!

Organization name: **River Ridge Middle School**

Date: **October 25th, 2023**

Time: **5:00PM until 8:00PM**

Using: [BLAZE PIZZA APP](#) OR [BLAZEPIZZA.COM](#)

Visit us at Blaze Pizza, 3194 Word Way Suite H-3, Trinity, FL 34655



**DOWNLOAD THE APP**

**Support the cause with online ordering too!**

Orders that are placed online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com

must enter code 1356A

into the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you'll see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total Donation

For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time and date specified above will be counted towards the donation total. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Excludes 3rd party delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds are void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.



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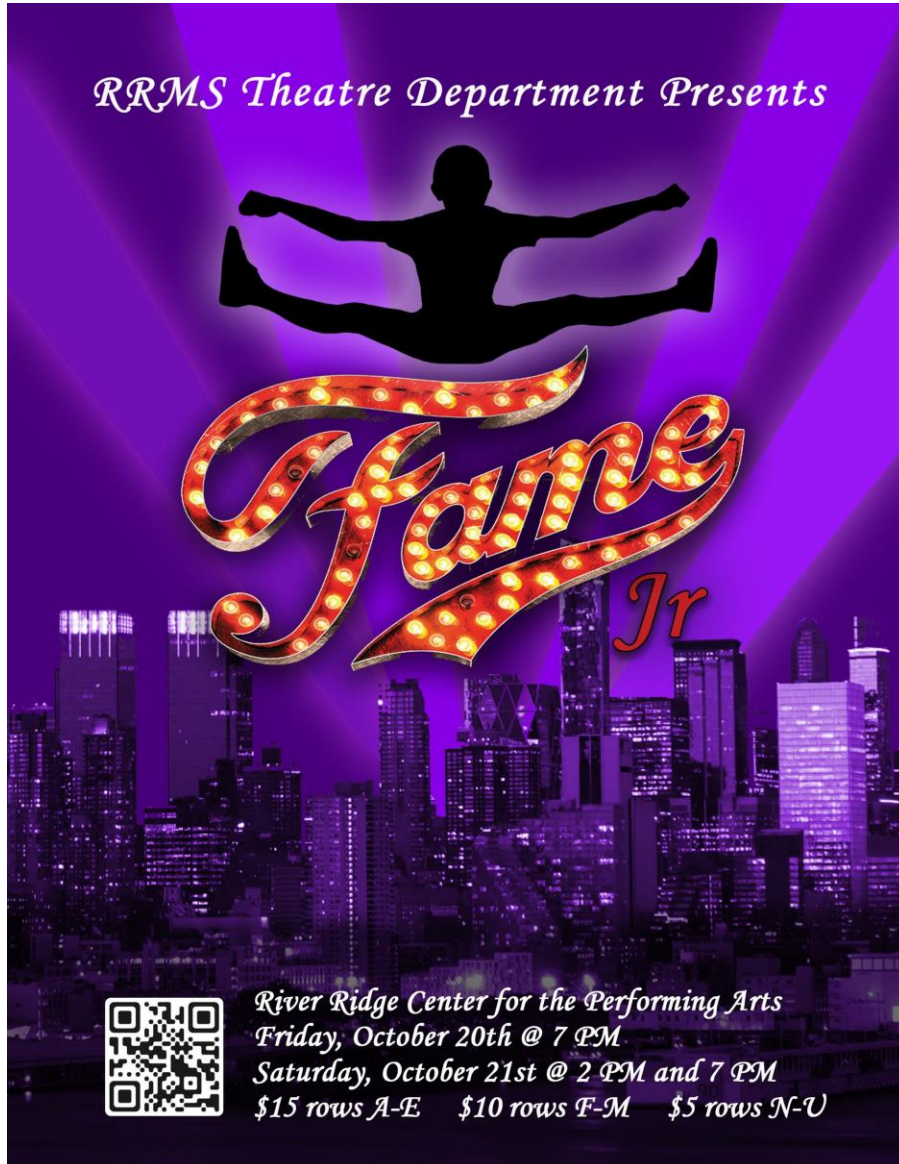
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Extended School Day will begin on Tuesday, October 17th, from 1:30PM-3PM in the Media Center for students invited. Please get in touch with Mrs. Sumrall for more information.

On October 20th at 7PM and October 21st at 2PM and 7PM, the River Ridge Middle School Theatre Program presents FAME Jr. at the River Ridge Center for the Arts. This is an amazing show with so much




Royal talent! Tickets can be purchased on [rrms.booktix.com](http://rrms.booktix.com). The community is welcome; don't miss out!



*RRMS Theatre Department Presents*

*Fame Jr*

*River Ridge Center for the Performing Arts*  
*Friday, October 20th @ 7 PM*  
*Saturday, October 21st @ 2 PM and 7 PM*  
*\$15 rows A-E \$10 rows F-M \$5 rows N-U*



This week's sports will be Boys' Soccer Tryouts with 6th Grade on Tuesday, 7th Grade on Wednesday, and 8th Grade on Thursday from 1:30PM-3:30PM at the middle school track. Please ensure your updated physical and paperwork are uploaded to the Athletic Clearance website before tryouts. The RRMS Football team travels to Fivay High School to take on BPMS on Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30PM. Come out and support your Royal Knights!



## Girls' Basketball Try Outs



Monday, Oct. 23-Wednesday, Oct. 25

1:40PM-3:30PM @Gym

Coach Brando and Coach Newman



## Boys' Soccer Try Outs



6th graders - Tues. Oct. 17

7th graders - Wed. Oct. 18

8th graders and call backs -Thurs. Oct. 19

1:40PM-3:30PM @MS Track

Coach Etherton

In order to try out, you must have up to date athletic paperwork and physical on the Athletic Clearance website.

See Athletic Director Coach Brando for more information.

*#WeAreRoyal*

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We will be hosting the Great American Teach-In on November 15th! Please get in touch with Mrs. Hammelman at [shammelm@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:shammelm@pasco.k12.fl.us) if you are interested in sharing your expertise, career, or area of interest with our students.

**RRMS**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

# **THE GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN**



## **Volunteers Needed**

**We are looking for parents, business owners, and community members to share their careers and hobbies with our students!**

**Present for 1 period, or stay the entire school day!**

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

Share your career, hobbies, or talents...

- First Responders
- The Arts
- Engineering and Sciences
- Fitness and Health
- Chef
- and so much more!

If you have something to share with our students, please call or email to find out more!

**COMPLETE THE FORM OR CONTACT MRS. HAMMELMAN FOR MORE INFORMATION AT 727-774-7208 OR SHAMMELM@PASCO.K12.FL.US**



### **BENEFITS:**

- Inspire Students
- Connect with your community
- Promote your business

**REGISTER ON OR BEFORE 11/10/23 TO PARTICIPATE**

Finally, mark your calendars for Red Ribbon Week 10/23-10/27... we will have dress-up days, guest speakers on drug and alcohol awareness, and the signing of the Drug Free Pledge at lunches. We will also be sponsoring with RRHS the Candy at the Castle event on Thursday, October 26th, from 6pm-8PM on the RRMHS Campus. The community is invited. The Say Boo to Drugs Halloween Dance will be after school on Friday, October 27th, from 2PM-4PM. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on GoFan.co or at the front office. There will be creepy crawlers, concessions, and Kona Ice. Students are encouraged to come in their costumes.



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL



# Red Ribbon Week

OCTOBER 23-OCTOBER 27

Royal Ambassadors will give a "drug free" fact of the day on the morning news each day.

**MONDAY, OCT. 23RD**

## RALLY IN RED

Wear red to send a message & make positive choices!

Be a "Smartie" and sign the Drug Free Pledge in lunches!



**TUESDAY, OCT. 24TH**

## FUTURE CAREER OR COLLEGE DAY

Think of all that you could be when you stay drug-free. Dress as your future career or represent a college.

Follow your DREAMS, not drugs!

"On Track" Bands & Treats @ Lunches



**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25TH**

## SUPERHERO DAY

Show your bravery and stand up against drugs! Wear your favorite superhero shirt.

"On Track" Bands & Treats @ Lunches



**THURSDAY, OCT. 26TH**

## THROWBACK THURSDAY #TBT

Make drugs history and dress up as your favorite childhood character.

## CANDY AT THE CASTLE

6PM-8PM on the RRMHS Campus



Royal Dine Out Night at Blaze Pizza Trinity 5PM-8PM



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

## SAY BOO TO DRUGS!

Wear Halloween costumes (no full-face masks or props), orange and black!



## RRMS HALLOWEEN DANCE 2PM-4PM \$10 IN THE CAFE

Tickets will be on sale through GoFan.co online, at the front desk, or at the door from 10/23-10/27 for \$10.

Students with no referrals are eligible to attend.

There will be a DJ, Concession, Kona Ice, Creepy Crawler room, craft area, and photo booth!



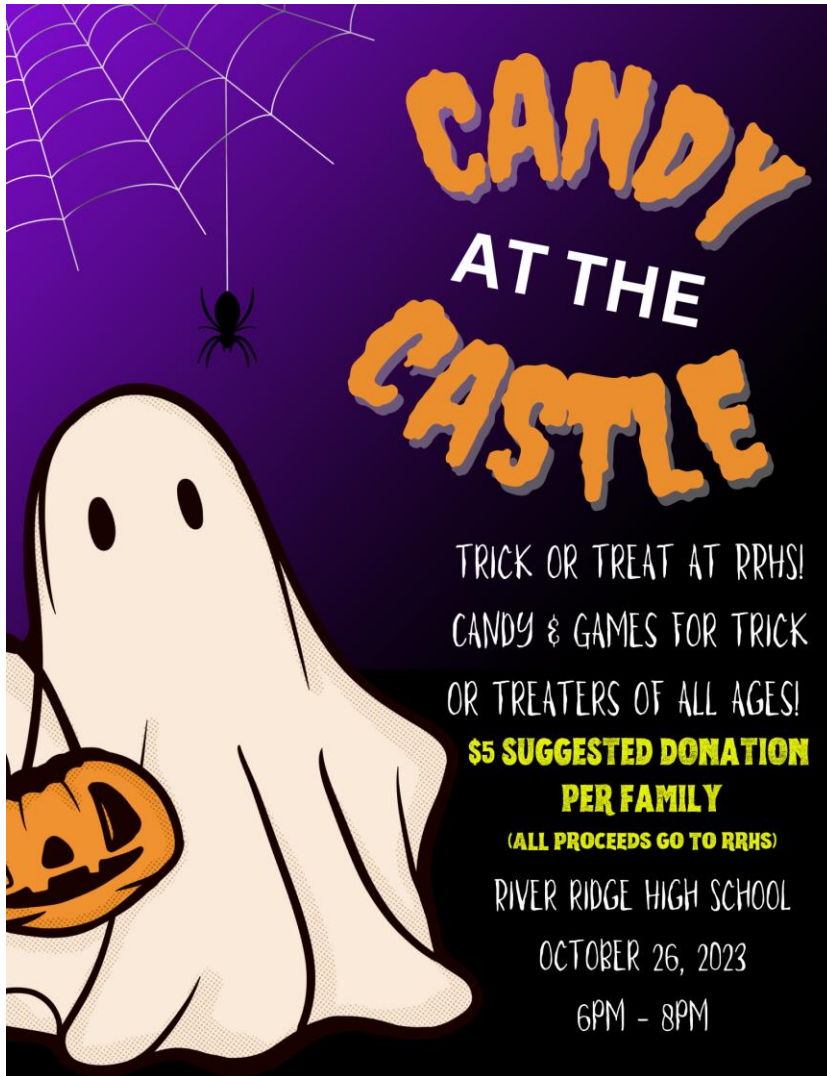
## GET CREATIVE, ROYALS!

### DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

Sponsored by Student Council: Each 4th Period Class will decorate their door for the week based on the Red Ribbon Week theme! The top three classes will earn class parties. Doors will be judged 6th period on 10/27.

**BE KIND TO YOUR MIND.  
LIVE DRUG FREE!**





# CANDY AT THE CASTLE

TRICK OR TREAT AT RRHS!  
CANDY & GAMES FOR TRICK  
OR TREATERS OF ALL AGES!

**\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION  
PER FAMILY**

**(ALL PROCEEDS GO TO RRHS)**

RIVER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 26, 2023

6PM - 8PM



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10/8/23

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is the last week of the first quarter, and we want every Royal Knight to finish Royal Strong! Please review this week's [Royal Update - Knight News for 10/9-10/13](#). We had an out-of-this-world fall spirit week! We want to congratulate the RRMS Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Doerrfeld, and the RRMS SRP of the Year, Mrs. Blanchard. Congratulations to both Royal Knights!

Thank you to everyone participating in the Next Level Step It Up Donation Drive! We raised \$30,000 for technology, student and staff recognition, and classroom curriculum resources. Students who earned \$50 or 10 contacts can attend the Day of Awesome on Tuesday, October 10th, during 2nd and 3rd periods. Eligible students will receive a wristband in their first-period classes on Tuesday morning. Students should bring extra socks and a water bottle to the event. Thank you again for supporting the students and staff at RRMS!

Tuesday, October 10th, will be the annual Royal Pink Out Day! We are taking donations for \$15 for the Pink Out shirts on GoFan.co.



## PINK-OUT SHIRTS



\$15 on GoFan   
Donations end on October 10th  
Our pink-out football game is Tuesday 10/10.

In sports this week, Knights Football plays their last home game of the season on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 PM. This is the annual Pink Out game and Recognition Night for football, cheer, dance, and band. Parents and family members should meet on the field at 5:45 PM to be introduced with their Royal Knight. Tickets can be purchased on GoFan.co, there will be no cash taken at the gate. Pasco County Schools enforces a clear bag policy at all athletic events. Come out and support our Royal Knights!

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10/1/23

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*RRMS Fall Spirit Week*  
**OUT OF THIS WORLD**  
*October 2-6, 2023*

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**GAMES:**  
 Flying Saucer Challenge  
 Space Jam Knockout  
 Moon Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament  
 Space Invaders

10/3 Galaxy Games – Get your tickets NOW on GoFan.co or at lunches!



Compete in a series of space-themed games against your fellow Royals!

You can win prizes and POINTS for your grade level while having a blast...

You don't want to miss an out of this world event!

Tickets are limited and may be purchased on GoFan.co or with cash in lunches. Students must be on track with no referrals to attend.

GAMES:

Flying Saucer Challenge

Space Jam Knockout

Moon Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament

Space Invaders

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*Tuesday, October 3rd*  
*12pm to 1:30pm in the Gym*

GAMES:  
Flying Saucer Challenge  
Space Jam Knockout  
Moon Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament  
Space Invaders

**\$2 on GoFan.co or \$3 CASH to**  
**Play Against Your Classmates & Earn Spirit Points (Ticket Sales End 10/2 )**

On Wednesday, October 4th, there will be an Early Release Day, school will end at 11:30AM. We will be on an enrichment schedule for the Enrichment Activities. Lists will be posted in grade level hallways and students should dress appropriately for their activity.

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# Royal Skate Night @SpinNations



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
INVITES ALL STUDENTS  
TO OUR NEON SKATE NIGHT!

**THURSDAY, OCT. 5TH  
6:00-8:00PM**

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On Friday, we will be on a PM Activity Schedule. It's Royal Spirit Friday and we will be hosting a Pep Rally in the gym!



**RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Who will WIN the Spirit Stick?**

*Royal*

**SPIRIT FRIDAY**

Wear your **River Ridge...**  
**Purple, Black and Silver Gear!**

**PEP RALLY**

**Friday, October 6th PM**

**If you would like to participate in the Pep Rally games for your class, the Raffle is open on PBIS Rewards. Students will be selected on Thursday.**

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9/24/23

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**Florida Statutes designates the month of September as American Founders' Month and recognizes the last full week of classes in September in public schools as Celebrate Freedom Week. Celebrate Freedom Week encourages instruction on the intent, meaning and importance of the Declaration of Independence.**

At the beginning of each school day during Celebrate Freedom Week, public school principals and teachers shall conduct an oral recitation by students of the following words from the Declaration of Independence:

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."*

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 25</b>	<b>STARS AND STRIPES</b> Show us your patriotic spirit by wearing stars and stripes.
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 26</b>	<b>HEROES DAY</b> Our nation is full of heroes who make it great. Dress up as your favorite hero.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 27</b>	<b>SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY</b> You are a great citizen in your school. Wear a school shirt or school colors.
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 28</b>	<b>THROWBACK THURSDAY</b> History rocks. Dress from your favorite decade.
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 29</b>	<b>FREEDOM FRIDAY</b> We are so grateful for our flag that waves. Wear our flag colors, Red, White and Blue.



[www.pascoschools.org](http://www.pascoschools.org)

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**DINE**

*Give* LOCAL  
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**WE ARE ROYAL**  
RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Come Support River Ridge Middle School!**  
DATE: Thursday, September 28th  
TIME: 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Dine with us during this event, mention River Ridge Middle School while ordering, and a percentage of the proceeds from your meal will be donated back to River Ridge Middle School!

Come on in to your local Culver's restaurant:  
Culver's of Port Richey  
8425 US-19 Port Richey, FL 34668  
(727) 846-6000

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RRMS Fall Spirit Week

# OUT OF THIS WORLD

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9/19/23

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This week at The Ridge we are celebrating Welcome Week to promote our Royal Culture of Caring with inclusive dress up days, kindness acts, and daily icebreakers coordinated by the Royal Ambassadors and Student Services. On Tuesday, there will be a new student social for 6th and 8th graders during lunch who have come from out of county. On Wednesday, the 7th graders will have their new student social. This event is by invitation. The dress up days coordinate as Monday is Hey Day! - wear the colors of

inclusion yellow or green. Tuesday is Encourage Everyone! Wear a shirt with encouraging words and crazy socks. Wednesday is Let's Reach Out and Connect. Wear something that connects you to others like favorite sports teams, books, movies, music, etc. Thursday is Look for Ways to Help! Wear pink the color of compassion. Finally, Friday is Own It! Make It Your Job to be the Nice Kid! Wear your River Ridge gear!

**ROYAL WELCOME WEEK** **SEPT. 18-22, 2023** **#ROYALCULTUREOF CARING**

**9/18  
MONDAY  
Hey Day!**

**Dress Up:**

- Wear Yellow or Green - the colors of inclusion!

**Act of Kindness:**

- Say hello to someone you don't know!

**Daily Ice Breakers:**

- Find someone who has lived in a different state and say hello.



SAY SOMETHING

**9/19  
TUESDAY  
Encourage Everyone!**

**Dress Up:**

- Wear a t-shirt with an encouraging message. Crazy socks to spread kindness too.

**Act of Kindness:**

- Compliment Day - Give one, Get one!

**Daily Ice Breakers:**

- Find someone who plays a sport and say hello.

**New Student Social**

- New Students to RRMS will be invited to a special lunch in the media center. They will meet their Royal Ambassador pairing.

you're amazing

**9/20  
WEDNESDAY  
Let's Reach Out & Connect!**

**Dress Up:**

- Wear something that connects you to someone else (favorite sports team, band, activity, book, movie, etc.). Hats are allowed.

**Act of Kindness:**

- Hello Greeters - Pass out Hello Passes to meet new people.

**Daily Ice Breakers:**

- Find someone you've never talked to and say hello.



**9/21  
THURSDAY  
Look for ways to help!**

**Dress Up:**

- Wear pink for compassion and care.

**Act of Kindness:**

- Be the I in Kind! Photo Booth at lunch.

**Daily Ice Breakers:**

- Find someone speaks a different language and say hello.



**9/22  
FRIDAY  
Own It! Make It Your Job to Be the Nice Kid!**

**Dress Up:**

- We are ONE Team!
- Wear River Ridge Royal Spirit Gear!

**Act of Kindness:**

- What's your HELLO style? Fist Pump, High-Five, Elbow Bump.. share it!

**Daily Ice Breakers:**

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A few things to note:

- This program will be extremely easy for you. It only requires about 10 minutes of your time.
- Your students can earn great rewards just for their effort. No money is required!
- This is an online, donation-based fundraiser, and the email and text message donation requests can go to people you know anywhere in the world. That means no direct pressure on your shoulders.

Students will be bringing home more information after our Launch Party presentation next week to help your student register and complete the Golden Ticket assignment that very night on Wednesday, September 13th! All students who complete the Golden Ticket assignment will receive fun PRIZES, which do not require any money to register. We will also have awesome drawings for a \$250 Amazon Gift Card and Mini-Party Fridges stuffed with CASH for those students who sign up and provide 20+ emails! We will also be hosting the amazing DAY of AWESOMENESS in October for those students who raise \$50 or more.

Let's RAISE THE BAR and take RRMS to the next level with your generous support!

On Thursday, September 21st from 6PM-7:30PM in the cafeteria the 6th Grade Math Teachers and Mathnasium will host the 6th Grade Math Night! Bring the whole family to play math games, meet the teachers, and win prizes. Flyers went home with students last week, please return to your math teachers as an RSVP by Monday, September 18th.

# Math + Night



## RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: River Ridge Middle School Cafeteria



An evening of fun and excitement for 6<sup>th</sup> grade Royal Families!  
Cool math games, math tricks, rewards, and RAFFLE.

**Sponsored By: Mathnasium of Trinity-New Port Richey**

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9/10/23

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Monday is September 11th and Patriot's Day... students are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue! On Tuesday and Friday of next week, we will have Royal Spirit Days to celebrate the kick-off of home football with a pre-pep rally before school in the courtyard and the community night. Wear your River Ridge gear and show your purple pride!

We are excited to offer a way to give back to River Ridge Middle School! On 9/13/2023, we will be kicking off an event to help raise funds that will benefit all of our students and staff. Our Next Level program will help with funding resources to support students, teachers, and our community. It is going to be AWESOME; we are excited to get started!

A few things to note:

- This program will be extremely easy for you. It only requires about 10 minutes of your time.
- Your students can earn great rewards just for their effort. No money is required!
- This is an online, donation-based fundraiser, and the email and text message donation requests can go to people you know anywhere in the world. That means no direct pressure on your shoulders.

Students will be bringing home more information after our Launch Party presentation next week to help your student register and complete the Golden Ticket assignment that very night on Wednesday, September 13th! All students who complete the Golden Ticket assignment will receive fun PRIZES, which do not require any money to register. We will also have awesome drawings for a \$250 Amazon Gift Card and Mini-Party Fridges stuffed with CASH for those students who sign up and provide 20+ emails! We will also be hosting the amazing DAY of AWESOMENESS in October for those students who raise \$50 or more.

Let's RAISE THE BAR and take RRMS to the next level with your generous support!

Are you interested in Thespians? A Thespian Parent Meeting will be held in the RRMS Media Center on Tuesday, September 12th, at 5PM. Thespian auditions will be on Thursday, September 14th, from 1:30PM-3:30PM in the Drama Room. Contact Mr. Bintz at [rbintz@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rbintz@pasco.k12.fl.us) for more information.

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There will be no school on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day.

School pictures have been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 5th, through ELA classes and can be purchased online at [Gigante.com](http://Gigante.com). These pictures will also be included in the yearbook. If the parent acknowledgments in myStudent, still need to be completed, the photo may not be included.

The RRMS Royal Merchant Online School Store will be open on Monday and Tuesday using the PBIS Rewards app. Students can use their Knight Dollars earned for being respectful, responsible problem solvers to purchase 2 items and a privilege. Items will be distributed on Thursday and Friday at lunches. The school store will be open monthly for students. We are always looking for donations of food, gift cards, toys, and school supplies for the school store. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Sumrall at [ksumrall@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ksumrall@pasco.k12.fl.us).

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Wednesday, September 6th, will be the first Early Release Day of the Year. We will be on an alternative schedule, and the school will release at 11:30 AM. Students will also participate in assigned Enrichment Activities, and lists will be posted in the cafeteria. Students should bring materials for their activity and dress appropriately. If you have any questions regarding enrichment, don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Brissey at [mdinamid@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mdinamid@pasco.k12.fl.us).

If you are interested in Robotics, join the RRMS First Lego League Robotics Team! Learn how to code, build, problem-solve, design and team build through robotics. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 6th, from 11:45AM-1:45PM in Mr. Hall's Engineering Room 3-115 on the high school side. Meetings will be after school weekly on Wednesdays. Contact Mr. Hall for more information at [drhall@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:drhall@pasco.k12.fl.us).

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Calling all dancers, singers, and actors... We proudly announce open auditions for the RRMS Theatre Department's Fall Production of FAME Jr. on August 30th & 31st! If you are interested, please sign up for an audition time and date at the link on our website.



<https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=9974>

Audition materials are also available on the website, including the audition songs. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Mr. Bintz at [rbintz@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rbintz@pasco.k12.fl.us). We look forward to a fantastic production in October!

On the evening of Thursday, August 31st, at 6PM in the Media Center, there will be an informational meeting for the 2024 Costa Rica Spring Break trip. See meeting details and register for the meeting here: <https://bit.ly/47vpagP>. Registration is mandatory, so don't wait! Please get in touch with Mrs. Wierenga for more information.

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This week in sports, there will be a parent meeting for football, volleyball, and cheerleading on Tuesday, August 22nd at 4PM in the RRMS Cafeteria. All RRMS athletic tickets are available for purchase on GoFan.co at this time. There is also a season individual and family pass. Cash will not be taken at the gates so get your tickets ahead of time! Also, only clear plastic bags will be allowed into the athletic events.

We have several clubs that are currently holding open applications at this time. Applications have been released for Student Council elections for 6th-8th grade. Online applications are due by Monday, August 21st. <http://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/mform/view.php?id=108903> Elections will be on August 24th and 25th online. Please see Mr. Corley for more information.

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8/13/23

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We had an amazing start to the year and will continue the positive momentum throughout the year with the support of our parents/guardians and the River Ridge community. Please read and carefully review the [Royal Update – Knight News for 8/14-8/18](#) as there is a lot of important information included weekly at the link above.

We will be hosting Town Hall Grade Level Meetings on 8/15-8/17 where we will have face to face introductions of the RRMS Student Success Team members to our students. Grade level administrators, School Counselors, SSAP, Student Support Assistants, SRO and other support staff will walk students through Academic and Social Behavior Expectations, Student Code of Conduct, Royal Rewards, Safety on Campus, and involvement at River Ridge. These meetings will take place in the media center in Social Studies classes. Students will be asked to give input during the Town Halls about future On Track

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8/10/23

Royal Families,

We had a fantastic first day back at The Castle! We look forward to welcoming everyone back for day two tomorrow for Royal Spirit Friday! Wear RRMS gear or purple, black, and silver to show your purple pride!

Students participated in community-building lessons today called Bridge the Ridge. These opportunities deepen classroom connections, creating a strong Royal Culture of Caring. We also reviewed The Castle Expectations and Student Code of Conduct videos, which families are strongly encouraged to view with their child at this link: [https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?page\\_id=6313](https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?page_id=6313). 6th graders will bring home planners, and 7th and 8th graders will have We Are Royal folders with important information included. All teachers provided students with their syllabi today. Please review this important information with your student and return the signed acknowledgment with your child.

As a reminder, if you are driving your student to school, please use the middle school car loop. There are two lanes that cars can follow to keep a steady traffic flow and ensure safety. Please only use the car loop and do not park in the middle school staff parking spots to wait to drop off students, as it restricts staff access to work. Please, please, please DO NOT drop off or pick up students in the **STUDENT Parking Lot**. It is a safety issue, and you may be delayed leaving as staff closely monitors the exit to ensure safety. We may hold cars exiting in the student lot until the traffic clears to allow parents accessing the designated car loop a smooth ride in and allow student drivers a clear entry. **Please drop off and pick up in the Car Loop only.** We appreciate everyone's patience and attention to safety by following the pick-up and drop off procedures.

Finally, if you have not registered for a myStudent Parent Portal, please do so as soon as possible. This year, you will miss valuable information regarding student grades, attendance, testing, and communication. Parents also need to complete the Parent Bill of Rights acknowledgments each year. There is also a myStudent app that assists in accessing information and communications.

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8/9/23

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I want to welcome you to the new 23-24 school year at RRMS! We had a fantastic turnout on Friday at



the Meet the Teacher Day Open House event! It was great to see all of our students and their families on campus. The new school year is upon us, so here is your first of many weekly phone calls.

Our school theme this year is #RAISE THE BAR! We are committed to SETTING THE ROYAL STANDARD by RAISING THE BAR to foster a royal culture of caring with a safe and loving school environment where learning happens at high levels, and ALL students succeed!

The first day of school is this Thursday, August 10th. School hours are 7:10AM-1:30PM. Students will be permitted onto campus at 6:50AM. We will also have a new bell schedule which will rotate times for each period.

As you are aware, student schedules are available on myStudent. Please be sure to check your schedule this evening, as we will be making schedule adjustments based on the schedule change requests that we received on Friday, and you will need this schedule to locate your first period class on Thursday. When students arrive on Thursday, first period rosters will be posted in the grade-level hallways. Staff members will be stationed throughout the campus to assist with directing students to their 1st period class. There will be a breakfast cart in the middle school courtyard where students can grab and go a free breakfast and head directly to their first period classes. During 1st period, all students will receive a NEW schedule that will be LAVENDAR. This is the schedule that they are to follow from that point forward. Announcements will be made during 1st period for students to report to the media center if they have an error in their schedule. All students taking a high school class 1st period will pick up their schedules at the front office.

7th grade families – if you have not provided the school with your immunization records, we need this documentation as soon as possible, or your child will not be able to attend school on the first day. Please contact school nurse, Hailey Theisen at [htheisen@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:htheisen@pasco.k12.fl.us), if you have questions. Also, parents can drop off medication for students at the clinic. Please also make sure to go on to myStudent Parent Portal to update emergency card information, sign consents, and to Rycor to pay school fees for the year. We also have new spirit wear on sale on GoFan.co which can be picked up in the front office. Don't miss out on our Royal Spirit Fridays to show your Purple Pride... students who wear their River Ridge gear will get a special treat at lunch!

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7/8/23

The countdown is on for Back to School! We can't wait to welcome all of our Royal Families back to The Castle!

Please click on the link to review the RRMS Student Summer Newsletter: [RRMS Student Summer Newsletter](#). This includes very important information about Storm the Castle (July 27th), Open House (August 4th), and the start of school on August 10th!

There is also a special beginning of the year newsletter for our 8th grade families at the same link and attached below!

[Rising 8th Grade BOY Newsletter 2028.pdf](#)

It is crucial that all of our families create a myStudent account in the Parent Portal as that will be the primary means of communication this year. This will also allow you to view your child's schedule, pay fees, check attendance, grades, test history, and communicate with teachers through email. Schedules and fees should be made available in myStudent by Monday, July 24th for those families who have completed the emergency card update, parent bill of rights acknowledgement, etc.

[Create A Parent Portal Handout\[1\].pdf](#)

[Emergency Card Information for Parents.pdf](#)

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to us.

Have a great rest of your summer! Proud to be Royal!