



River Ridge Middle School

Class of 2022

Transitioning to 8th Grade Year

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STORM THE CASTLE

NEW RRMS STUDENT ORIENTATION – AUGUST 2

8th graders new to RRMS are invited to attend Storm the Castle on **Wednesday, August 2 from 8:30AM-2PM**. This day will provide an orientation to RRMS, give new students an opportunity to meet current RRMS students and teachers, and learn about the campus, clubs and sports. Students will receive a RRMS shirt, bag, breakfast, lunch, and snacks at no cost. Parents can join their students at 1PM to pick up schedules, pay fees, purchase spirit items, PE uniforms, etc. *Students who attend do not need to attend the County-wide Secondary Registration Day on August 8.*

SECONDARY REGISTRATION DAY – AUGUST 8

Tuesday, August 8 is the County-wide Secondary Registration Day from 8AM-2PM in the River Ridge Middle School Cafeteria for any returning students to RRMS. Parents/Guardians can come with students to pick up schedules, pay fees, purchase PE/Dance uniforms and lockers, buy yearbooks, and take tours of the campus. We will also have new RRMS spirit items on sale for purchase.

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

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

Required:

- General Course Fees: TBD based on courses
- Athletic Participation Fee: \$50 1st sport, \$30 2nd sport (Collected prior to playing the sport)

Optional:

- Class of 2022 T-shirt \$10
- Yearbook \$25 (through Jan. 1), \$30 (through May), \$35 (after arrival)
Order online at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> or cash/check to Ms. Baumaister.
- School Pictures TBD
- 8th Grade Panoramic \$13
- Fall, Winter, and Spring Dances \$10 each
- Gradventure/8th Grade Gradventure T-shirt \$120
- 8th Grade Activity Fee (8th grade dance, picnic) \$15



8TH GRADE FIELD TRIPS

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

- November: Holocaust Museum, St. Petersburg, FL TBD
- February: Kennedy Space Center NASA, Cape Canaveral, FL TBD
- May 11: Gradventure @ Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure, Orlando, FL \$120

SAVE THE DATES: END OF YEAR

8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES

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

- May 11: Gradventure
- May 18: 8th Grade Dance
- May 22: 8th Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards
- May 23: 8th Grade Picnic

PROMOTION CEREMONY – MAY 24

River Ridge Middle School will host a Promotion Ceremony for the Class of 2022 at 8AM on Thursday, May 24, 2018 in the RRMS/HS Gymnasium. This is a formal occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of our 8th graders being promoted to high school. We invite family and friends to join us to recognize our outstanding 8th grade class.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS TO HIGH SCHOOL

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

8TH GRADE REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

All 8th Grades will take the following assessments:

- Florida Standards Assessment ELA
- Florida Standards Assessment 8th Grade Math or Algebra I EOC or Geometry I EOC
- NGSSS FCAT 8th Grade Science
- District End-of-Course Final Exams

IMPORTANT 8TH GRADE DATES

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

Band Camp – July 17-20 7:30AM-4:30PM

Storm the Castle for 6th & New RRMS Students – August 2

County-wide Secondary Registration Day – August 8

First Day of School for Students – August 14

RRMS Book Fair – August 25-September 1

RRMS Open House – August 29 6PM

School Pictures – August 30 (Tentative)

RRHS Open House – September 1

Labor Day – No School – September 4

Quarter 1 Progress Reports – September 15

River Ridge Community Tailgate/Football – September 22 5:30PM

Fall Dance – October 6

Quarter 1 Ends – October 13

Teacher Planning Day – No School – October 16

River Ridge Spirit Week – October 17-October 20

Quarter 1 Report Cards – October 23

Career Exploration & RRHS Academy/RRMS Program Night – November 1

Quarter 2 Progress Reports – November 17

Thanksgiving Break – November 20-November 24

Winter Dance – December 15

Quarter 2 Ends – December 22

Winter Break – December 25 – January 8

MLK Jr. Day – No School – January 15

Quarter 2 Report Cards – January 16

Quarter 3 Progress Reports – February 9

Parent Night/Curriculum Showcase – February 21 6PM

FSA ELA Writing Window – February 26-March 7

Spring Dance – March 9

Quarter 3 Ends – March 16

Spring Break – March 19-23

Quarter 3 Report Cards – March 27

FSA ELA/Math Windows – April 9 – May 4

Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics EOCs Windows – April 16 – May 11

Quarter 4 Progress Reports – April 27

NGSSS Science Grade 8 Window – April 30-May 4

District Finals Window – May 7-24

Gradventure @ Universal – May 11

RRMS Athletics Dinner & Banquet – May 16 5:30PM

Yearbook Signing Party – May TBD

8th Grade Dance – May 18 6PM-8PM

8th Grade Night of Excellence Awards Ceremony – May 22 6PM

8th Grade Picnic – May 23 12PM-2PM

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – May 24 8AM RRMS/HS Gym

Last Day of School – May 25