

# Riverwatch Middle School

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rising Night

# Forsyth County Schools' Learner Profile



Pursue Continuous Learning



Exhibit Strong Personal Qualities



Utilizing Creative and Critical  
Thinking



Engage and Contribute



Interact Effectively

Growing Leaders  
for Success


# H3 beliefs are our foundation . . .

## Happy, Healthy and Hardy

- Believe the best
- Examine the “why”
- Understand the purpose
- Nurture self and others
- Support one another
- Develop common goals
- Work as a team
- Communicate positively and with integrity
- Acknowledge the work of all
- Exhibit resiliency
- Maintain balance and flexibility



# What do the kids say they LOVE about RMS?



Larger Building  
More Independence  
Lockers  
Pep Rallies  
Spirit Week  
Class Changes  
Academic Teams  
School Competitions  
More Teachers  
Quarter System  
Academic Clubs & Sports  
Responsibility  
Breaks to Socialize  
Vending Machines

# Teams

## 4 Teams-

Team 6R

Team 6M

Team 6S

Team 6P

## 4 Teachers Per Team-

Language Arts

Math

Science

Social Studies

## 5th Academic

Enrichment

Literacy

*\*\*Students are randomly assigned to  
one of the four teams.*



# Typical Day

## Arrival:

Doors open at 8:00am (help sessions)  
Cafeteria/Media Center/Gym before 8:40  
Breakfast Served at 8:30am  
Bell to first period at 8:40am  
School starts at 9:00am

## Dismissal:

Bell Rings at 4:15 pm

## Classes:

8 period school day

5 Academic

2 Connections

Flextime

# Typical Day

8:40- Bell to first period

Period 1 9:00 – 9:50

Period 2 9:54 – 10:44

Period 3 10:48 – 12:03

Period 4 12:07 – 12:57

Period 5 1:01 – 1:51

Period 6 1:55 – 2:45

Flextime 2:49 – 3:19

Period 8 3:23-4:15

*\* Lunch is During 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Period*



# Middle School Classes

## 5 Academic Classes

Language Arts  
Math  
Social Studies  
Science  
Enrichment



## 2 Connections Classes



# Math

**There are 3  
levels:  
Math  
Advanced  
Accelerated**

- All students who have been recommended by their teachers to take advanced math are given a placement test at the end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students must receive score above the cut score to be placed in accelerated math.
- Students will receive a letter with their report card letting them know if they qualify for Accelerated Math.

# Accelerated Math Testing Dates

Johns Creek – May 7, 2020

Settles Bridge – May 5, 2020

Sharon – May 14, 2020

Letters will be sent home **with your child's report card** letting you know if your child will be placed in Accelerated Math for the 2020-21 School Year.

# What is Flextime??

An opportunity for every student in the building to connect with at least one adult on a non-academic level.

A time for students to choose what activities interest them and sign up for those.

Some of the activities that happen during Flex Time:

- Small group remediation with Content Teachers
- Silent Reading
- Homework Time/Make-up missed work
- Participate in Club Activities
- Meetings with Club Leadership Groups
- Play Board Games and cards
- Walk and Talk
- Physical Fitness Games (basketball, soccer, running)
- Arts and Crafts
- Chorus and Band practice Time



# How does Riverwatch incorporate Social-Emotional Learning?

Every Monday, students spend time with their Flex Time group engaged in a Restorative Circle Lesson.

What are Restorative Circles??

- 17-20 students paired with 1 teacher that meet weekly all year
- A relationship building process where students are able to share their thoughts with a small group of their peers weekly.
- A place for Students and Teachers to discuss questions that help them grow outside the classroom.
- An environment where students are exposed to topics where they can share and process how to handle situations in a productive way.

# RMS Connections

## **Physical Education & Health**

Physical Education  
Health

## **Fine Arts**

Art  
Drama  
Chorus (Year-long)  
Band (Year-long)

## **CTAE**

### **Career, Technical, Agricultural Education Classes**

Basic Skills of Marketing  
Healthcare Science  
Exploring Engineering and Tech  
Business Administration  
Computer Science  
Journalism

These are potential course offerings, changes may happen for the 2020-21 school year.



# Connections Selection Form

Complete  
Google Form to  
make selections  
by Friday,  
March 6



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RIVERWATCH MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Band or Chorus Connection Option  
2020-21

Student Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Elem. School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The following information is needed for scheduling purposes for next year.

### Connections (Band, Chorus or Regular Connections)

The Connections classes offered at Riverwatch may include:

Fine Arts	Physical Education and Health	CTAE Career, Technical, Agricultural Education Classes
Art Chorus (year-long) Drama Band (year-long)	Physical Education Weight-Training Health	Basic Skills of Marketing Healthcare Diagnostic Services Exploring Engineering and Tech Foundations of Business Admin Broadcasting Career Awareness

Connections are scheduled randomly by the computer and the school will not accept waiver requests to move students into any nine-week connections classes.

Chorus and Band are year-long courses and are the only connections classes selected by the student. It is also an option to take both Band and Chorus. All other courses are 9 weeks in length. At this time, we need to know if your student plans to take band, chorus, band AND chorus OR regular connections so we can determine our class requirements for next year.

Any questions regarding Band should be directed to Dean Patterson (678) 455-7311 ext. 300541. or [dpatterson99@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:dpatterson99@forsyth.k12.ga.us)

Any questions regarding Chorus should be directed to Mike Abreu (678) 455-7311, ext. 300514 [mabreu@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:mabreu@forsyth.k12.ga.us)

# Teacher Recommendations/ Course Change Consideration Form

Course Recommendation letters will be sent home  
with students **Friday, April 17, 2020**

If you have concerns regarding teacher  
recommendations, please fill out the course change  
consideration form located on the front page of the  
RMS website. This form will be posted on the school's  
website **Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>**.

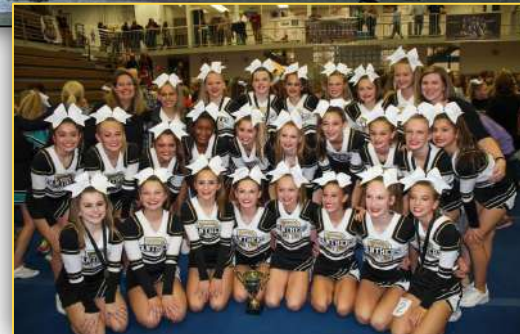
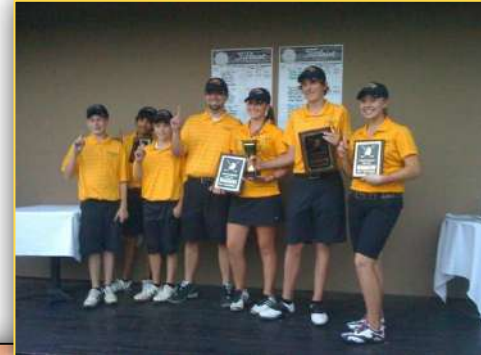
The form needs to be completed by  
**Friday, May 1, 2020 at 5:00 PM.**

# Clubs & Organizations

Art Club	Homeless Pets Club	Student Council
Academic Bowl	Jazz Club	Robotics Team
Builder's Club	Math Club	Panther Guard
Geography Bee	Junior Beta Club	
Cross Country Running Club		
Future Business Leaders of America Club (FBLA)		
Fellowship of Christian Athletes		
DECA		

# RMS Athletics

Football  
Competition Cheerleading  
Basketball Cheerleading  
Boys Basketball  
Girls Basketball  
Boys Track & Field  
Girls Track & Field  
Golf (Co-Ed)



*\*\* Athletics are only offered  
to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders*



# Communication at RMS

**From the Principal**  
Weekly Newsletters -



**RMS PTSO**  
**Website**





# Communication at RMS

## **ItsLearning**

Know what is happening in the classroom.

Upcoming Assignments,  
Tests/Quizzes, and Projects

*(Best view is with Student's user id and password)*

## **Infinite Campus**

Student Grades

*(Make sure you have the updated App)*

*Email is usually the quickest way to  
get in touch with teachers.*



- Teacher Grants \$13,000 +
  - ❖ School wide Positive Behavioral Intervention System
  - ❖ Flex Time Manager program
  - ❖ Drug & Alcohol Intervention
  - ❖ Business - Support the Pant
  - ❖ Science - Digital Microscope
  - ❖ Social Studies - Large Scale Maps
  - ❖ ELA - built up Classroom Libraries





- School Enhancements – This Year

- ❖ Installed 3 additional water bottle
- ❖ Working towards an Outdoor Clas

- Upcoming Events

- ❖ Zaxby's Spirit Night (March 17<sup>th</sup>)
- ❖ Culver's Spirit Night (April 14<sup>th</sup>)
- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Semi-Formal Dance (March 27<sup>th</sup> )





# Connect with RMS PTSO



- Volunteers Needed
  - ❖ Fill out a volunteer form
  - ❖ Seeking Board members for the 2020-2021 school year
- Connect with us
  - ❖ [www.RMSPTSO.org](http://www.RMSPTSO.org)
  - ❖ Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

# 6th Grade Open House

**When:** August 3, 2020 9:00-11:00 am

**Where:** Riverwatch

**What happens:** Students get lockers, can practice their locker combination, get their schedule, meet their teacher, tour the building, and join the RMS PTSO



# Questions?

