



Club Information 2014-2015

Dear Parents and Students,

Clubs are a great way for students to connect to the middle school environment. Please review the attached list and consider joining one of these great opportunities to extend your learning within the RMS experience! If you would like more information regarding one of the clubs, please contact the club sponsor. We hope you have a stellar 14/15 school year on the "river!"

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carpenter

Art Club is sponsored by Jennifer Turlington, RMS art teacher. This club meets monthly here at RMS. The purpose is to explore art theory and apply advanced art techniques. There is a small fee for supplies.

Academic Bowl is sponsored by Jay Lambert and Michael Turlington, RMS teachers. This club meets regularly to prepare for a variety of academic bowl competitions across the state of Georgia. This group competes on Saturdays throughout the school year.

Builder's Club – This group is the youth club associated with the Kiwanis Club. Students in grades 6 – 8 may participate. Students meet after school once a month to plan philanthropy activities for the school and to hear month community speakers. The sponsor of this club is Dana Hunley.

Geography Bee – This club meets throughout the fall to prepare for the Geography Bee which is held in January. The student who wins the school Geography Bee goes on to compete at the county level. The sponsor for this group is Ward Prather.

Guitar Club – This group meets once a month on Friday afternoons to play guitar together. They learn and practice different techniques and try new music together. The sponsor of this club is Tim Mack.

Hiking Club – This club is a family-oriented club that meets one Saturday a month to explore interesting local sites. RMS Hiking Club is for just about anyone: students, teachers, staff, siblings, and parents! The only requirements are a positive attitude and a guardian. Students must come accompanied by an adult. Plus, parents, what a great way to get outdoors, get active, learn interesting facts, and bond with your adolescent! The sponsors for this club are Jennifer and Michael Turlington.

Odyssey of the Mind - OotM is an international academic competition that provides imaginative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics, to devising powerful structures of balsa wood. They then bring their solutions (in the form of an 8 minute skit) to competition on the local, state, and world level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S., and from about 25 other countries, participate in the program! Come, & be a part of something amazing! The sponsor of this club is Lindsay Cramb.

Chess Club – This club is a group of student who play chess together after school on a monthly basis. Students in grades 6 – 8 may participate. As a culminating activity students participate in a chess tournament. The club sponsors are Randolph Thrower.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes - FCA meet after school for fellowship, food, and fun. We work on local, national, and international mission projects in order to make a difference in others' lives. This club is a Christian organization. The club sponsors are Denise Dickenson.

Yearbook - The RMS yearbook is created and produced for students by students. This is the purpose of the Yearbook Club. Most of the Yearbook meetings are held during the student's connection class or in the morning. Students participating in Yearbook are expected to attend after school activities for the purpose of taking pictures. Yearbook club is open to 8th graders only. Students must apply in the spring of their 7th grade year to be considered for this club. The sponsor is Linda Scheaffer.

Chorus – This activity is a group of 6-8 grade students who meet on a regular basis before, during, and after school. Students participating in Chorus commit to performing at after school events and our annual fine arts night. Additionally, this group has 2 concerts during the school year – one in the December and one in May. The choral director is Miriam Reynolds.

Band – This activity is a group of 6-8 grade students who meet on a regular basis before, during, and after school. Students participating in Band commit to performing at after school events and our annual fine arts night. Additionally, this group has 2 concerts during the school year – one in the December and one in May. The band director is Matt Koperniak.

Math Club – The purpose of this club is to prepare for various math competitions. This club meets two times a month. The sponsor of this club is Terri Cline.

Junior Beta Club - Junior Beta Club is a part of the National Beta Club. The club promotes the ideals of character, service, leadership, and good citizenship among 7th and 8th graders at Riverwatch Middle School. Membership is made up of 7th and 8th graders who meet the requirements of all A's in all classes during the previous school year. After qualifying students must complete an essay and receive two teacher recommendations. Students who complete the application process will then be inducted into this club and participate in service projects. This club sponsor is Amy Johnson.

Science Olympiad – This club meets monthly and weekly to prepare for competition in the national Science Olympiad. The club sponsor is Rabun Hunziker, Lisa Alliston, and Lori Calupca.

Student Forum - Student Forum will consist of student representatives who will have the opportunity to make a difference at Riverwatch. Two 8th graders will hold the positions of President and Vice-President and will lead the students of RMS to develop a school environment that is safe, fun, and educational. Representatives of 6th and 7th grade will represent the concerns, needs, and suggestions from their classmates and propose solutions and projects for our school to be successful for all students. The club sponsors are Melissa Ryan, Sarah Federspiel, and Melodi Shanks.

Robotics Team is sponsored by Sarah Kirkley and Jeff Whiting. This team competes in various robotics competitions like Vex Robots and Legos.

RMS Recycling Club – This club meets during school every week. Students participating in this club help pick up recyclable materials from the classrooms on every other Thursday. The sponsor for this club is Michael Turlington and Jennifer Turlington.

RMS Nutrition Advisory Group – This club meets 5 times per year. Students are selected to serve in an advisory capacity from Health classes. Students offer suggestions for improving the cafeteria and sampling new menu options. The sponsor for this club is Cheryl Burgett, Cafeteria Manager.

5-K Club – The purpose of this club is to train for running a 5K race throughout the school year. Students participating in this club meet after school one time per month. The club sponsors are Jeff Whiting and Sarah Kirkley.