

Navigating the River

Wednesday, September 9

#RMSBettertogether

What's Happening on The River?

Upcoming Dates

Sept 14 - 18: 8th Grade Vision Testing

Sept 21-25: Fall Break

Oct 7: Picture Day with special sessions for virtual students



Athletic News

Students MUST be accompanied by an adult in order to attend Panther football games, and the designated adult must stay in the game with the students they have agreed to supervise for the duration of the event.



September 10 - Cross Country @ Vickery Creek Middle

September 12 - Cross Country @ Winder Barrow Middle

September 15 - Football vs. Piney Grove @ Lambert

Go get'em Panthers! We are proud of you!

RMS Teacher of the Year!!

Congrats to Amber Steele as our RMS Teacher of the Year! Amber has a true love and passion to work with our students to help them grow and flourish! When she speaks, people want to listen as you know she has something important to say. Amber coaches cross country, girls basketball, and has an amazing way to connect and integrate with the students in the classroom. We are very grateful and blessed to have her as part of our RMS team.

To send notes to Coach Steele or any of our amazing teachers, please click [HERE](#). Our entire teachers and staff have poured many hours into learning new technology, adapting to new teaching styles, new courses both in-person and virtually, and trying to create a healthy school environment for our kids. Hand written note cards are also much appreciated!



September Teacher of the Month

Riverwatch Middle School is blessed with "Simply the Best" staff. Please take a moment to nominate staff members that exhibit our philosophy of H3: Happy, Healthy and Hardy.

[Link -September Teacher of the Month](#)



Attendance

If your virtual student was mistakenly marked absent prior to August 30, 2020, please **DO NOT** email the teacher or our attendance clerk. Attendance must be updated using [this form](#). Please also note that virtual attendance is **ONLY** updated on Saturdays, so it may take up to two (2) weeks for any issues to be corrected.



[Absence Correction Form](#)

- Please send all (face-to-face and virtual) attendance notes to the attendance clerk in the counseling office or you may email them to krusso81@forsyth.k12.ga.us.
- Virtual participation/attendance is taken weekly and updated over the weekend. Please check updated attendance records on Mondays. Please notify your teacher if attendance records do not appear to be accurate.
- Please note that attendance through FVA is based on work completion, so if a student is marked absent but subsequently completes the missing work, the attendance record can be updated.

Course Information Event

We are unable to host Curriculum Night as we have in the past, so in an effort to share information with families about this school year, we will instead host a Course Information Event. Videos created by each grade level content team of teachers will be posted the week of September 28 and will be available all week for viewing. In these videos, teachers will provide an overview of the course curriculum, some information about specific expectations, and will answer questions submitted by you! Please use [this link](#) to ask any questions you would like teachers



to answer, and we will do our best to answer as many as possible during the brief videos teachers will create.

HOSA & FBLA Virtual Launch for NEW Members

Is your child interested in joining FBLA or HOSA? Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) will hold an informational meeting for students interested in joining on September 10th at 11:00 AM. This meeting will be online, and students can [CLICK HERE](#) to join. This meeting is for students who are new to these organizations, both FVA and face-to-face students are welcome to join. The meeting will be recorded for students who cannot attend live.



Join the Challenge

Our RMS family is very competitive and we MUST win!! Please sign up and join the fun!!

Go to runsignup.com/BYOT to join. Most importantly, we're raising money for such a great cause in our district. This event provides resources and technology for our students who are in need.



31 DAY CHALLENGE!

A friendly challenge between schools that involves the whole family and benefits students in need of technology.

OCTOBER 1-31, 2020

Registration includes a T-shirt that will be shipped to your home!

SIGN UP AT:

runsignup.com/BYOT

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DO YOU HAVE AN
IDEA FOR SOME
NEW PANTHER
SPIRIT WEAR??

**WE ARE LOOKING
FOR NEW SPIRIT
WEAR DESIGNS**

The winner gets a \$25 gift
card so make it count!

GAME ON

**DESIGNS
DUE 9/18**

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**PAY
THROUGH
MY
PAYMENTS
PLUS**
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HOMEROOMS

\$15

YOUTH LARGE AND
ADULT SIZES

Spirit wear designs are due, by Friday, September 18, to Mrs. Ruckert; sruckert@forsyth.k12.ga.us

If you are a virtual student, we can have spirit wear available for you to pick up at the school.

Birthday Grams



For \$5 you can get your child's locker decorated

with wrapping paper, streamers, and a personalized card with candy bar delivered to homerooms

Go to [MyPaymentsPlus](#) to pay and complete the google form.



The school store, marketing class, is working on some additional new innovative items just for our virtual students....stay tuned. Additional spirit wear and miscellaneous items are available for purchase from the school store on [My Payments Plus](#).

Grade Level Contacts

In order to support more timely communication, please contact the appropriate administrator and counselor pair as indicated below:

6th Grade -

Liz Tuck - Assistant Principal (ltuck@forsyth.k12.ga.us)

Lisa Schroeder - Counselor (f38498@forsyth.k12.ga.us)

7th Grade

Kelly Lamb - Administrator (klamb@forsyth.k12.ga.us)

Gina Smith - Counselor (f39438@forsyth.k12.ga.us)

8th Grade

Beth Loedding - Assistant Principal (bloedding@forsyth.k12.ga.us)

Lisa Lemieux - Counselor (llemieux@forsyth.k12.ga.us)



Reference Information

Click On the Links Below

[2020 Football Schedule](#)

[2020 Cross Country Tentative Schedule](#)

[Check In and Check Out Procedures](#)

[FCS COVID Communication Guide](#)

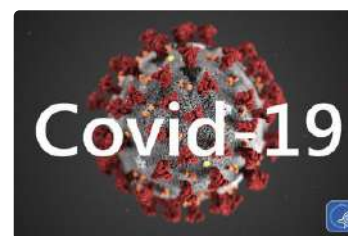
[Lunch Schedule](#)

[Qrt 1 Block Schedule](#)

[RMS News Link](#) (Daily School Announcements)

COVID-19 Information and FAQs

Please click [HERE](#) for COVID 19 symptoms, school guidelines, communication procedures, etc.



Lunch/Breakfast Cafe Information

All students "in-person" have been provided a laminated card to purchase food in the cafe. The card allows the student to scan their code to eliminate the need to type in their student numbers. It is important that the students hold on to their cards to keep the process safe and efficient. Students may want to get a "badge" holder or lanyard that would clip on the inside of their backpack or elsewhere.



Families can now download and customize the [Riverwatch MealViewer App](#) from the School Nutrition page on our school website. This App allows you to identify any food allergies your child may have and see a months worth of menu choices at a glance for both breakfast and lunch. Try it today!

Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) News

Please share your suggestions!

Our teachers and staff have worked extremely long hours trying to keep up with students and procedures for both face-to-face and virtual over the past few weeks. With lots of rapid changes and requests, our teachers and staff NEED to hear how AWESOME and appreciative we are that they are supporting our RMS students. Please (students and parents) write a personal note, send it in to the school, mail it, etc. or you may use click on this link to show that our [Panther Community Cares!](#)



Join us now!!

A heartfelt thank you to all our Parents and Staff Members who have joined the PTSO! Whether you are virtual or face to face, we are #RMSBetterTogether. We are working to provide webcams for virtual learning and umbrellas for some shade at the new outdoor picnic tables.



It's NEVER too late to join!!

<http://riverwatch.my-ptso.org/content.asp?PageID=12>

Staying Connected to Riverwatch!

Website: <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/riverwatchms>

A screenshot of the Riverwatch Middle School website. The page has a dark blue header with the school logo and navigation links like "OUR SCHOOL", "ACADEMICS", "EXTRACURRICULAR", "STUDENT SERVICES", and "PARENTS & PARTNERS". Below the header is a "Quick Links" section. The main content area is divided into three columns: "Dates", "District News", and "Follow Us!". The "District News" column contains several news items, including "2019-20 FCS School Level Teachers of the Year!" and "Registration is now OPEN for the Forsyth BYOT Benefit's annual iRun 5K Race & Fun Run!". A red callout box with a white background and a red border points to the "District News" section. Inside the callout box, the text reads: "Locate archived newsletters and student school announcements...right on the front page of our website!". The "Follow Us!" column shows a "Tweets by @RiverwatchMS" section with a tweet from August 1, 2019, about nominations for an April Teacher of the Month award.

