

River Ridge Middle School

Class of 2024

Transitioning to 8th Grade Year



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STORM THE CASTLE

NEW RRMS STUDENT ORIENTATION – JULY 31ST

New 8th graders to RRMS are invited to attend Storm the Castle on **Wednesday, July 31st from 8:00AM-1PM**. This day will provide an orientation to RRMS, give new students an opportunity to meet current RRMS students and teachers, 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 12PM 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 6.*

SECONDARY REGISTRATION DAY – AUGUST 6

Tuesday, August 6 is the County-wide Secondary Registration Day from 8AM-2PM in the River Ridge Middle School Cafeteria for any returning 8th graders 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.

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 2024 T-shirt \$10
- Yearbook \$25 (through Jan. 1), \$30 (through May), \$35 (after arrival)
Order online at yearbookforever.com or cash/check to Ms. Baumaister.
- School Pictures TBD
- Fall, Winter, and Spring Dances \$10 each
- NASA Field Trip (Adv. Science)/Field Trip T-shirt \$75
- Gradventure/8th Grade Gradventure T-shirt \$140
- 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.

- December 6: Physics Day @ Busch Gardens Tampa, FL (Physical Science Honors) Cost: TBD
- December 13: Kennedy Space Center NASA, Cape Canaveral, FL \$75 (Adv. Science)
- January/February: Holocaust Museum St. Petersburg, FL Cost: TBD
- May 8: Gradventure @ Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure, Orlando, FL \$140

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 8: Gradventure
- May 15: 8th Grade Dance
- May 18: 8th Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards
- May 21: 8th Grade Picnic

PROMOTION CEREMONY – MAY 22

River Ridge Middle School will host a Promotion Ceremony for the Class of 2024 at 8AM on Friday, May 22 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
- NGSS FCAT 8th Grade Science
- District End-of-Course Final Exams

IMPORTANT 8TH GRADE DATES

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

Storm the Castle for 6th & New RRMS Students – July 31
 County-wide Secondary Registration Day – August 6
 First Day of School for Students – August 12
 RRMS Book Fair – August 26-August 29
 RRMS Open House – August 27 6PM
 RRMS Kick Off Pep Rally – August 30
 RRHS Open House – August 30
 Labor Day – No School – September 2
 School Pictures – September 5
 Kick Off School Dance – September 6
 Early Release – September 11
 Quarter 1 Progress Reports – September 13
 River Ridge Spirit Week – September 23-27
 Early Release – October 9
 Quarter 1 Ends – October 13
 Teacher Planning Day – No School – October 14
 Quarter 1 Report Cards – October 23
 Fall School Dance – October 31
 Early Release – November 13
 Quarter 2 Progress Reports – November 15
 Pasco Pathways Expo – November 18
 Thanksgiving Break – November 25-November 29
 Early Release – December 11
 District Finals Window – December 16-20
 Quarter 2 Ends – December 20
 Winter Break – December 23 – January 6
 Early Release – January 15
 MLK Jr. Day – No School – January 20
 Quarter 2 Report Cards – January 14
 Quarter 3 Progress Reports – February 7
 Talent Show – February 7
 Early Release – February 12
 Valentine's/Kindness Dance – February 14
 President's Day – No School – February 17
 Early Release – March 11
 Quarter 3 Ends – March 13
 Spring Break – March 16-March 23
 Quarter 3 Report Cards – March 31
 FSA ELA Writing Window – April 1-14
 Spring Dance – April 3
 Early Release – April 8
 No School – April 10
 Quarter 4 Progress Reports – April 24
 FSA ELA/Math Windows – May 1-29
 Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics EOCs Windows – May 1-29
 NGSS Science Grade 8 Window – May 4-15
 Gradventure @ Universal – May 8
 RRMS Athletics Dinner & Banquet – May 13 6PM
 Yearbook Signing Party – May TBD
 8th Grade Dance – May 15 6PM-8PM
 District Finals Window – May 18-27
 8th Grade Night of Excellence Awards Ceremony – May 18 6PM
 8th Grade Picnic – May 21 12PM-2PM
 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – May 22 8AM RRMS/HS Gym
 Memorial Day – No School – May 25
 Last Day of School – May 27