



Home of the Panthers

Riverwatch

Middle

School

610 James Burgess Road,
Suwanee, GA, 30024

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A PANTHER!!

HOME OF THE PANTHERS!

RMS at a Glance.....

Riverwatch opened its doors in the fall of 2004 with 48 teachers; in 2015 that number had grown to 83 teachers to educate over 1,400 students. RMS very quickly made a name for itself receiving such awards as Georgia School of Excellence in 2009 and Governor's Office of Student Achievement Platinum Award for 2011. Not to mention the fact that RMS is frequently included in lists discussing the top schools in the state as well as in the nation.

RMS was originally led by Ms. Terri North when the doors were opened, and she helped establish the Panther mascot. After two years of hard work, Terri moved on to open Piney Grove. This paved the way for Mrs. Kathy Carpenter. Kathy transitioned from Dave's Creek Elementary to RMS. She was our principal from 2007-2017 and led the panthers to new and exciting heights. Under Mrs. Carpenter's guidance the Panthers received the honor of being recognized as one of the nation's top schools. Our Current Principal is Mrs. Pam Bibik. Mrs. Bibik will be joining us from Lambert High School for her first full year as Principal here at RMS! We are so excited for her to be a part of our family!

The school's motto is, "Together we LEAD- Learn, Exceed, Achieve, and Dream." We believe that through the power

of collaboration we are able to create opportunities for our students to be successful in a 21st century work force where problem solving, creativity, and technology drive growth and prosperity. We provide high quality instruction that focuses on developing 21st century skills.

Here at RMS we also strive to create a culture that we have deemed as H₃. We want to encourage everyone in our building to pursue after and believe in three things: We believe in a **happy** environment. A happy environment is one in which positive communication between all stakeholders is a priority so that everyone feels their work is acknowledged and their time is valued. We believe in a **healthy** environment. A healthy environment is one in which common goals among all stakeholders are met using a support system, understanding the purpose of work, and nurturing self and others. Finally we believe in a **hardy** environment. A hardy environment is one in which our resiliency allows us to overcome challenges, is a product of the support from others, and helps us to maintain balance and flexibility.

As you may have noticed-there is a lot going on here at RMS! Leaves you asking the question...What will we do next?



We are
Riverwatch



SCHOOL COLORS

GOLD

BLACK

WHITE

SCHOOL MASCOT

**THE GOLDEN
PANTHERS**



School Hours

**Early Arrival: 8:00 am
(study sessions)**

Breakfast Served: 8:30 am

Bell to first period: 8:45 am

Start time: 9:00 am

Dismissal: 4:15

Early Release hours

9:00am-1:30pm

Administration Team

Principal:

Pam Bibik

Assistant Principals:

6th grade- John James

7th Grade- Amanda Thrower

8th Grade- Robin Castleberry

SUPPORT TEAM

GRADUATION COACH:

KERRY MASTERSON

QUALITY WORK:

LIZ TUCK

TECHNOLOGY COACH:

BRIAN SUDDERTH

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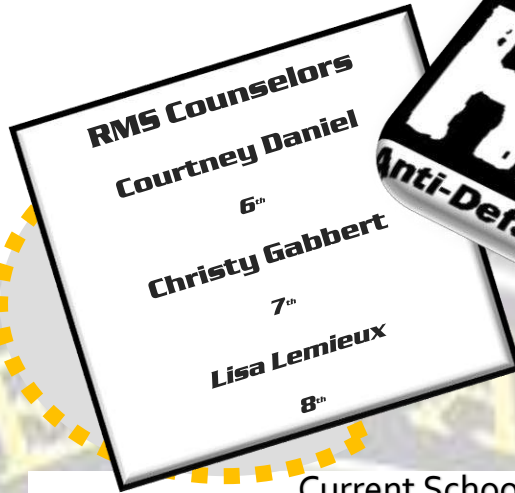


Demographics

2015-2016

Here at RMS we pride ourselves on embracing the idea that WE ARE ALL PANTHERS. No matter where we have been or where we may think we are headed- one thing is for sure, and that is we are all here right now. In order to ensure the beliefs and goals that we have are carried out we find it crucial to ensure that everyone is treated as an equal and that differences are embraced.

We understand as a school and a community that the world is shrinking and that boundaries that may have once kept people apart are no longer in existence. Over the past years, our counseling team has made a tremendous effort in not only conveying this message to staff and students alike, but through their hard work, in the 2014-2015 RMS received its official recognition as a school part of the "No Place for Hate" league. This shows anyone who sees that banner hanging in our hallway that this is a place that embraces culture and ensures that it is always celebrated and never segregated.



Current School Demographics

Hispanic/Latino	5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%
Asian	31%
African American	4%
Caucasian	58%
Multi-Racial	2%

Student Recognition Programs

Golden Panther Luncheon: Ever get caught doing something you were glad they saw? Good- because we are looking for more people like you. Whenever a teacher "catches" a student in the act of doing something good they will give them a golden deed. This enters them into a drawing to have a special lunch with Mrs. Carpenter.

Student Spotlight: Teachers select one male and one female from their team to recognize them for the outstanding things that they do inside and outside of RMS. Students selected receive a special shout out on their locker so everyone can see the great things they do!

End of the year Awards Day: Each grade level hosts an award night. This is a very special invitation only event where students get recognized for a year of hard work!! Awards range from academics to ethics. See you there!!

Athletics Banquets: At the end of each sport season teams will host a banquet to celebrate and recognize their team accomplishments for that season.





RMS Athletics

FOOTBALL

COMPETITION CHEERLEADING

BOYS BASKETBALL

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD

GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD

GOLF- COED

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOOTBALL-2009, 2011, 2013

COMPETITION CHEERLEADING-2010, 2014

BOYS' BASKETBALL-2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

GIRLS' BASKETBALL-2010, 2011

GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD-2008, 2012

GOLF- 2010, 2011, 2014

***Athletics are only offered for 7th and 8th graders*



Clubs and Extracurriculars

I just don't know what to do after school!!!!????!!!

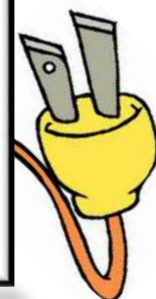


Ya.....we've got a club for that.....

Get Plugged In Today!!

- *Art Club *Academic Bowl *Builder's Club *Future Business Leaders of America Club *Geography Bee *Guitar Club
- *Hiking Club *Homeless Pets Club *Jazz Club *Chess Club
- *Fellowship of Christian Athletes *Yearbook *Chorus *Band
- *Math Club *Junior Beta Club *Science Olympiad
- *Student Council *Robotics Team *RMS Nutrition Advisory Group
- *Cross Country Running Club *Wellness Club
- *Making A Difference! - MAD Club *Model UN *Panther Guard
- *App Builder

Don't See your Club? We are always looking for more!!!!



ACADEMICS

CORE CLASSES

- **Mathematics**
- **Language Arts**
- **Science**
- **Social Studies**
- **Enrichment**
- **Spanish-8th grade**

CONNECTIONS

- **Physical Education**
- **Art**
- **Broadcast Journalism**
- **Computer Science**
- **Computer Literacy**
- **Health**
- **Weight Training**
- **Chorus**
- **Band**
- **Drama**
- **Health Care Science**

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT CLASSES

- **Accelerated Algebra**
- **Geometry**
- **Physical Science**
- **Spanish I**
- **Band**
- **Chorus**



ADVANCED STUDIES COURSES

6th Grade: Advanced Social Studies, Advanced Science, Advanced Math, Accelerated Math, and Advanced English/Language Arts

7th Grade: Advanced Math, Accelerated Math, Advanced English/Language Arts, Advanced Science, and Advanced Social Studies

8th Grade: Advanced Math, Accelerated Math, Accelerated Algebra Geometry A Honors (HS Credit), Advanced English/Language Arts, Advanced Social Studies, and Advanced Physical Science (HS credit), Spanish I (HS credit)

THE STUDENT LIFE.....

Lunch

Lunch period is 25 minutes. There are 2 serving lines with hot meals, salads, sandwiches, and various "extras".

Lockers

Students may go to their lockers at set times during the day. The lockers have a built-in combination lock and are located in the vicinity of the students' core academic classes.

Grades

Report Cards and Progress Reports
Report cards are distributed at the end of each 18 week semester in December and in May. Progress reports are distributed at the 9 weeks mark of each semester.

90-100 = A
80-89 = B
70-79 = C
Below 70 = Failing

Summative Grades

Assignments such as unit tests, projects, essays, research papers, and presentations which may integrate multiple standards. These grades reflect student mastery of standards after the learning activities are completed and count as 80% of each semester average.



Formative Grades

Assignments such as homework, class work, quizzes, drafts or portions of essays, projects, research papers, and presentations, and count 20% of each semester average. They provide practice while learning, and are used to inform both the teacher and student about the learning process and lead to potential success on summative assessments.

Schedules

Classes

THE SCHOOL DAY CONSISTS OF 7 CLASSES EACH DAY – 4 CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES (MATH, ELA, SCIENCE, & SOCIAL STUDIES), LITERACY/ENRICHMENT (6TH & 7TH GRADES), SPANISH OR LITERACY (8TH GRADE), AND 2 CONNECTIONS CLASSES. ALL CLASSES ARE APPROXIMATELY 53 MINUTES LONG. LITERACY AND ENRICHMENT ARE CLASSES THAT DIFFERENTIATE, ENRICH, AND BROADEN THE AREAS OF READING, WRITING, RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION SKILLS. THEY ARE ALSO DESIGNED TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO ARE IN NEED OF EXTRA HELP IN THE AREAS OF MATH, READING, SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

Teams

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS ARE MADE UP OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WORKING TOGETHER. TEAMS CONSIST OF 2, 4 OR 5 TEACHERS, AND ARE NAMED BY GRADE LEVEL AND LETTER (I.E. 6R, 7S, 8M). TEAMS HAVE A CROSS SECTION OF STUDENTS FROM ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND A HETEROGENEOUS GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM ALL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS.

Welcome to Riverwacht Middle School!



We are Proud you are a Panther!!

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