

Navigating the River

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WELCOME TO NAVIGATING THE RIVER!

Each week, you will receive our newsletter containing important dates, events, and school news. Navigating the River is one of the best ways to stay up to date on what's happening at the River and ways to get involved to help make this school year the best yet!
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 24th - PTSO Spirit Night @ Bruster's (1540 Sharon Road)
- August 25th - Club Carnival (will occur during Connections)
- August 29th - Football vs. Lakeside MS (Lambert HS - 6:30 pm)
- September 5th - Football vs. Hendricks MS (Lambert HS - 6:30 pm)
- September 6th - Parent University Curriculum Night for 6th Grade (5:30 pm - 7:00 pm)
- September 7th - Parent University Curriculum Night for 7th Grade (5:30 pm - 7:00 pm)
- September 12th - Football vs. Piney Grove MS (Lambert HS - 6:30 pm)
- September 14th - Parent University Curriculum Night for 8th Grade (5:30 pm - 7:00 pm)
- September 19th - Football vs. Gainesville MS (Gainesville HS - 6:30 pm)
- September 20th - 8th Grade Georgia Studies Field Trip

A NOTE FROM THE PTSO!

Time is running out to be eligible to win one of the RMS PTSO Spirit Wear Raffle Baskets! Go to <https://rmsptso.org/> and select "Join!" to see membership levels and join PTSO. Members who join at \$100 (Pride Level) and above will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a Premium Spirit Wear basket, and members who join at the \$75 to \$99 (Panther Level) will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a Standard Spirit Wear basket.* ALL members who join at the \$50 and above (Cub Level, Panther Level and Pride Level) will receive this year's

RMS car magnet. Deadline to be eligible to enter drawing requires membership by 8/25/2023. Thank you for supporting the RMS PTSO!

Premium Spirit Wear basket includes: : RMS drawstring bag, beanie, keychain, joggers and your choice of one short sleeve t-shirt, one long sleeve t-shirt, and one hoodie from the Panther Pit Stop

Standard Spirit Wear basket includes: RMS drawstring bag, beanie, keychain and your choice of one short sleeve and one long sleeve t-shirt from the Panther Pit Stop

*Winners will be notified via email on 8/28/2023, and do not need to be present at drawing to win.



Thursday, August 24th



Bruster's Ice Cream
1540 Sharon Road
Cumming
(Sharon Greens Shopping Center)

20% of the proceeds
benefits our school.
Please tell them you are
with RMS!



4PM- 10pm

PARENT UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM NIGHT - INPUT NEEDED

We want you to get the most out of your evening at Parent University/Curriculum Night. To best design our presentations to your needs, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey for your child's grade level!

[6th Grade](#)

[7th Grade](#)

[8th Grade](#)

SCOLIOSIS SCREENING INFORMATION AND REFUSAL FORM

Forsyth County Schools conducts scoliosis screenings for 6th and 8th graders per Georgia state requirement. Parents have the option to refuse screenings using this [form](#).

Lambert Girls Basketball ***Feeder Team Tryouts***

Calling all 5th-6th grade girls!



Be part of the Longhorn winning tradition! Our feeder program features

- ✓ Good competition vs other area schools.
- ✓ Games played under high school rules.
- ✓ Experienced coaches.

Tryouts will be **Sep 10** and **Sep 17** at 6:00PM.

Please contact coach Ralph Smith to register at
ralph.f.smith@comcast.net

Looking forward to seeing you there. Go Horns!

SAVE THE DATE!

2023 Career Exploration & Pathway Discovery Fair will be open for middle school families to attend on October 10th from 4:30 - 6:00 PM at the Lanier Tech Forsyth Conference Center.

A NOTE FROM THE PANTHER PIT STOP



RMS PANTHER PRIDE

At RMS, students show their PRIDE everyday. The letters in the PRIDE acronym each represent the positive traits we strive for. This week, in the PRIDE Periodical, we are featuring I and D. The staff of RMS encourage and recognize students for meeting these expectations.

THE PRIDE PERIODICAL

RIVERWATCH MIDDLE SCHOOL



INTEGRITY

HOW DOES A STUDENT SHOW INTEGRITY?

IN THE CLASSROOM:

- Be honest
- Use technology for instructional purposes
- Do your own work
- Reports acts of bullying and harassment



DETERMINATION

HOW DOES A STUDENT SHOW DETERMINATION?

IN THE CLASSROOM:

- Stay on task
- Honor due dates
- Give your best effort
- Develop good study habits
- Respond appropriately to instruction and feedback

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

EARLY RELEASE BELL SCHEDULE

September 1st is an Early Release Day for Forsyth County Schools!! Please see the modified bell schedule [here!](#)





VISITORS TO CAMPUS

As a reminder, all school visitors must follow proper check-in protocol through the front office. Only visitors who have appointments will be admitted into the building. We also do not have space to accommodate visitors during lunch periods in the cafeteria. We appreciate your understanding and compliance for these important safety measures!

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to email Ms. Hayworth at f41677@forsyth.k12.ga.us if your student is absent for any reason! Absence letters/emails must be received within 5 days of your student's absence.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

- No check outs will be processed after 3:30 PM.
- Students will only be released to a parent or adult listed in Infinite Campus. No student will be released to anyone under the age of 18.



ITEM DROP-OFFS

For safety reasons, we will not accept any drop-off items for students (instruments, backpacks, etc.). Acceptable drop-off items include medication for the clinic, eye glasses, and anything dealing with dietary concerns. We thank you for your understanding in helping make our school secure!

WATER BOTTLES

Middle schoolers spill... a lot. Please make sure water bottles sent to school are non-glass and spill-proof to avoid messes.



ATTENTION!

2023-24 Riverwatch Exam Schedule and Policy.

The following is the exam schedule and policy for the 2023-24 school year. All courses will have midterms and final exams. The test dates for this year have already been set. Please see the schedule of tests listed below and mark your calendars!

Midterms: December 13-15

- December 13th - Language Arts (All grades)
- December 14th - Science (All grades) and Spanish (8th grade only)
- December 15th - Math (All grades) and Social Studies (All grades)

Final Exams: May 16-21

- May 16th - Social Studies (All grades)
- May 17th - Language Arts (All grades)
- May 20th - Science (All grades) and Spanish (8th grade only)
- May 21st - Math (All grades)

Please note that no exams may be taken early - there will be no exceptions. All exams that are missed due to being out of town early will be placed into the gradebook as missing. Missing grades do calculate as a **zero**, but a grade change can be made for missed midterms (midterms only) if the student takes the midterms on the first day back to school in January. **There will be no opportunities to make up for missed end-of-year final exams.**

We hope that providing this information at the very beginning of school will ensure that all parents can plan and prepare in

UPDATED EXAM POLICY

Check out our updated Exam Policy!

STUDENT MEDICATION PROCEDURE

If your student needs medication during the school day, please see the page for Nurse Brenda!

[Student Medication](#)

BUS SAFETY WITH CARRY-ON ITEMS

Any large item (band instrument, athletic equipment, school projects, etc.) on an FCS school bus during AM and PM routes must meet the following guidelines:



1. The student must be able to safely manage the item without any assistance while loading, sitting in their seat, and unloading the bus.
2. The item must be maintained in that student's seating space at all times.
3. The item cannot be stored on the floor, under a seat, or on a seat.
4. The item being held by a student in their seating space cannot block the driver's view of the passenger compartment or the immediate exterior of the bus.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to ensure student safety.

BUS STOP CHANGES

Students are assigned one bus stop, morning and afternoon. FCS Transportation does not authorize bus stop changes where students can go home with friends or relatives or get off the bus at a bus stop other than their designated bus stop assigned to them and their home address. The only exception is in court-ordered joint custody scenarios where an additional address has been updated and verified in their IC profile.



EVERYTHING YOU EVER NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT PARENT PORTAL

Got a question about Parent Portal and grades/schedule/forms/navigation? Check out our Resource Guides [here](#)!

[Resource Guides for Parent Portal](#)

CANVAS HOW-TO GUIDES

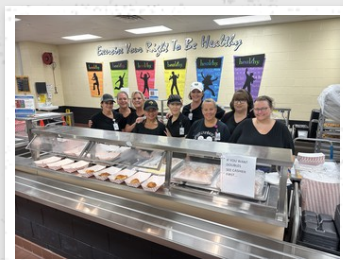
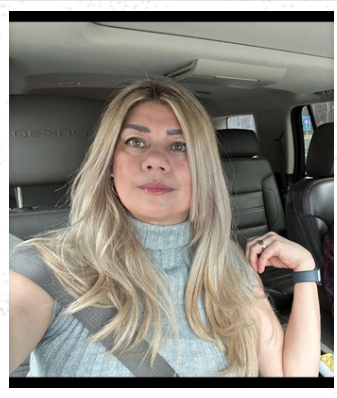
To be best prepared for the first day of school, it would be beneficial for you and your student to review some navigation tips for our new learning management system, Canvas! Click [here](#) to be taken to the Forsyth County School's Canvas How-To Guides!

We do ask for grace as we are all learning Canvas together. With it being new for everyone this year, there may be times where bugs exist. If that's the case, please show patience as we work through the issues!

RMS GOOD AS GOLD SPOTLIGHT

A HUGE thank you to our custodial crew and our nutrition crew. School days wouldn't be possible without these amazing teams and the dedication to our facilities and students!





A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS IN EDUCATION!

