

# *Navigating the River*

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## WELCOME TO NAVIGATING THE RIVER!

We are so excited for the upcoming school year! 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! #RMSGoodAsGold



## A NOTE FROM MRS. MACALLASTER

# Riverwatch Middle School

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Dear Panther Families,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Principal of Riverwatch Middle School. My name is Carrie MacAllaster, and I am incredibly excited to start this new school year with you and your child. As we begin this year together, I want to extend a warm welcome to each of you in our wonderful school community and encourage you to get involved through our PTO.

My passion for education and dedication to supporting a school community and working with our teachers to help each of our students grow, has led me to Riverwatch. I believe in H3 – a Happy, Healthy, and Hardy student who faces challenges with resiliency and a growth mindset. Throughout my career, I have seen the transformative power of education when we collaborate as a team, unite in our commitment to our children's growth, and empower each student with the tools to be successful. With our partnership, we will ensure that every student feels valued, encouraged, and challenged to reach their full potential.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events so that we can connect before the school year begins. I encourage you to join all our social media outlets and to visit our website frequently for up-to-date information. I look forward to working with you to provide the best learning environment possible for your child.

Thank you for entrusting us with your student. I know that the 2023-2024 school year will be remarkable!





Sincerely,

Carrie MacAllaster, Principal  
Riverwatch Middle School

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## SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 2023 - 2024

Check out the requested school supplies for your grade level!

<div><div>Riverwatch Middle School School Supplies List for 2023-2024</div></div>			
Class Supplies by Grade Level			
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drawing bag or small backpack (12" x 12" x 4") that easily fits in locker</li><li>• Felt 1- or 1.5-inch binders</li><li>• Notebook Paper</li><li>• 3 Composition Notebooks</li><li>• Pencil Pouch</li><li>• Black/Red pens</li><li>• Highlighters in 3 colors</li><li>• Colored Pencils</li><li>• Scissors</li><li>• Clear Sticks</li><li>• White-Out</li><li>• Calculator with cover for the computer</li><li>• Dry Erase Markers</li><li>• Pencil 4 index</li><li>• Homework Folder</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drawing bag or small backpack (12" x 12" x 4") that easily fits in locker</li><li>• Felt 1- or 1.5-inch binders</li><li>• One pag 5-count Tab Dividers</li><li>• 3 Composition Notebooks</li><li>• Graph Paper &amp; Notebook Paper</li><li>• 2 plastic three-ring, two-pocket folders</li><li>• 10 sheet protectors</li><li>• Pencil Pouch</li><li>• Black/Red pens</li><li>• Highlighters in 3 colors</li><li>• Colored Pencils</li><li>• Scissors</li><li>• Clear Sticks and Tape</li><li>• Dry Erase Markers</li><li>• Homework Folder</li><li>• Agenda</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drawing bag or small backpack (12" x 12" x 4") that easily fits in locker</li><li>• Three 1- or 1.5-inch binders with Tab Dividers</li><li>• Graph Paper</li><li>• Notebook Paper</li><li>• 2 Composition Notebooks</li><li>• Pencil Pouch</li><li>• Black/Red pens</li><li>• Highlighters in 3 colors</li><li>• Colored Pencils</li><li>• Scissors</li><li>• Plastic two-pocket folder</li><li>• Clear Sticks</li><li>• Dry Erase Markers</li><li>• 1 pack of 4 x 6 index cards</li><li>• Homework Folder</li></ul>	
Requested Supplies for your Homeroom Teacher			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 boxes of tissues</li><li>• 2 rolls of paper towels</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 boxes of tissues</li><li>• 2 rolls of paper towels</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 boxes of tissues</li><li>• 2 rolls of paper towels</li></ul>	
Optional but Useful			
TI 30XS Calculator	TI 30XS Calculator	TI 30XS Calculator	
			



## EARLY ACCESS LOCKER EVENT - JULY 28

We know your students are eager to select their locker and show their style! They have an opportunity to choose their locker location and decorate it early with the purchase of a Panther Pack. Early Access Panther Packs will be available for \$30 on July 21 via School Pay. After purchase, you will be able to reserve your time slot for access.

During this event, students will be able to select a locker of their choice from their team's section of lockers. Schedules will be released the evening prior, so students will know their team. They will have time to practice their combination and decorate their locker (if they wish). Parents may assist with this.

For this event to be successful, we need your help! If you are interested in helping make the day run more efficiently, please sign up [here](#) to be a parent volunteer!


If a student is not interested in early access, lockers will be assigned on the first day of school. If students are interested in purchasing a regular Panther Pack, they will be available for \$20 after the event.

## RMS MEET & GREET - JULY 31

Schedules? Check! Supply List? Check! Now it's time to join us for a Meet & Greet on July 31 to meet teachers, get information on extracurricular offerings, and how to best navigate the River. We can't wait to meet you!





Welcome to  
*Riverwatch*


Checklist

☐ Meet your homeroom teacher!
 ☐ Check out RMS club options by scanning the QR Code!
 ☐ Meet your 4 academic teachers! (8th Grade will have 5)
 

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Room #: \_\_\_\_\_
   
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 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Room #: \_\_\_\_\_
   
 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Meet your counselor! (Hosted in the Media Center)
 ☐ Meet your 2 Connections teachers!
 

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Room #: \_\_\_\_\_
   
 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Locate the Cafeteria
 ☐ How will you travel to/from school? (Locate the area)
 

☐ Bus? Tour bus arrival/departure area. Know the route/bus # \_\_\_\_\_
   
☐ Car? Tour drop-off/pick-up area.

☐ Join the PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) in the Rotunda and learn about the ways you can support RMS.

## MEET & GREET CHECKLIST

This checklist will help prepare you and your student for the Meet & Greet. You will be able to walk your student's schedule while finding out more about different offerings at Riverwatch and locating common areas! We will have paper copies of the checklist available that day.

## COMING UP NEXT:

In next week's issue of Navigating the River, we'll be providing some insight on things you can do to make it a great first day of school! We'll be looking more at transportation, lunch schedules, and other logistical information for day-to-day operations.