



# News from the Nest

Hello, Riverwood Ravens! Here is this week's edition of News from the Nest. There have been many questions and concerns regarding parent access to Infinite Campus. I have included the latest information regarding requesting the parent portal and will provide any additional updates as we receive them. Our JCPS district Infinite Campus team is working tirelessly to get everything working correctly with this new state required student information system. We look forward to a year of believing, working hard, and demonstrating Excellence in All Ways!

## New/Time Sensitive/Important Information:

### Upcoming Important Dates

| Monday 9/9                                | Tuesday 9/10                          | Wednesday 9/11                          | Thursday 9/12                          | Friday 9/13 |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|-------------|
| <b>4:15 PM:</b><br>Soc/VB @<br>Benson     |                                       | <b>4:15 PM</b><br>Soc/VB vs.<br>McGee's | <b>4:15PM</b><br>FB vs. Cleveland      |             |
| Monday 9/16                               | Tuesday 9/17                          | Wednesday 9/18                          | Thursday 9/19                          | Friday 9/20 |
| <b>4:15 PM</b><br>Soc/VB vs.<br>Cleveland | <b>7:00 PM</b><br>PTSA General<br>Mtg | <b>6:55 PM</b><br>FB vs. CMS @<br>CHS   | <b>4:15 PM:</b><br>Soc/VB @<br>Clayton |             |

## Congratulations to all Riverwood MS Students and Staff for a Successful 23-24 School Year!!

During the 2023-2024 school year, RMS EOG proficiency data increased by 5% from 52.2% to 57.2%, one of only eight schools in JCPS to improve by at least 5% on EOG composite. We had the second highest EL progress of all JCPS schools, as well as the 2nd highest Reading EOG scores out of all traditional middle schools. All tested subjects improved proficiency from the previous year, some as much as 13.9%! Additionally, discipline was reduced by over 30% from the previous year. Overall, we increased our final School Performance Grade (SPG) by 7 points, moving from a 51/D to 58/C and are officially out of low performing status!!

We have set our School Improvement Goals for this year to increase by at least another 5% in EOG proficiency and are pleased that we are currently FULLY STAFFED in all core content areas! We also have goals to improve the proficiency of our Students with Disabilities subgroup and increase student daily attendance to at least 93%. Our teachers and students will be setting their own individual and class goals throughout the year for proficiency and growth, which will be tracked using the MAP and MVP benchmark assessments.

We are so excited to see how well our students perform this year as we continue to work towards regaining a status of a B school performance grade! We are thankful for the support of our parents and community as we continue to make improvements with both academics and school culture!

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## Shout-Outs

- Congratulations to our cheerleaders, boys soccer, volleyball and football teams for kicking off their season with big WINS last week! Please come out and support our Raven athletes and coaches at an upcoming game.
- Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with concessions at our two home athletic events. See the Athletic Booster Club section below to see how you can help!
- Ms Boudreau, Ms. Benner, and all staff for ensuring two days of successful MAP testing last week!
- Mr. Whitaker, Ms. Gore, and Ms. Williams for setting expectations on their grade level hallways to ensure learning can take place without disruptions!
- OUR STUDENTS for an amazing first two weeks of school! They are truly demonstrating Excellence in All Ways!

## **ACTION ITEM: RMS & JCPS Beginning of the Year Forms**

We are going digital this year with our BOY forms for both RMS and JCPS. We are asking all families to complete the following items:

[RMS Student Information Sheet](#)  
[JCPS BOY Forms](#)

Thank you for helping us to ensure that we have the important information for your student this school year! Thank you!

## **ACTION ITEM: Technology Use Agreement Forms**

All students should have received a paper copy of the JCPS Technology Use Agreement Form last week in Homeroom. These forms **MUST** be signed and returned in order for students to have access to their Chromebook during the school day. Students will be issued a Chromebook to use during the school day only. No Chromebooks can be taken home and must be charged in the classroom ChromeCart each night.

## **ACTION ITEM: 7th Grade Vaccine Requirements**

All 7th graders are required by NC law to have specific vaccinations on file. Nurse Sanders has emailed and sent home a hard copy of a letter with students that are missing the required vaccines. For information on local vaccine clinics click [HERE for English](#) and [HERE for Spanish](#).

The North Carolina Immunization Law requires all children entering into the 7th grade or 12 years of age, whichever comes first, receive the TDap and Meningococcal Vaccine within the first 30 days of school, or be excluded from school on **September 25, 2024**.

If you received a phone call, email, or letter from Nurse Sanders and have an updated record, please share that information with her at [michelesanders@johnston.k12.nc.us](mailto:michelesanders@johnston.k12.nc.us).

If your student needs to receive their immunization the Johnston County Public Health Department has arranged vaccination clinics on September 17th (2 pm - 6 pm) and September 26th (10 am- 5 pm) at the Johnston County Public Health Department. Before attending, please

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use the pre-registration link found at [Johnstonnc.com/vaccine4u](https://Johnstonnc.com/vaccine4u). Registration will close 3 days prior to each clinic or when registration reaches 200 participants.

Please be reminded that these immunizations are required of all students enrolled in NC public schools.

## **Infinite Campus Updates - the New PowerSchool**

The information below is from an email sent to all JCPS parents in August. If you have not already, please complete the form to request access to the parent portal. THERE IS A DELAY in getting access granted but please rest assured that district officials are working diligently to get all of the kinks worked out with Infinite Campus. Once new information is received, I will forward along and we will post on the RMS website and FB page. Thank you for your patience with this transition. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns about your student's classes, please email their teacher(s) directly for any updates.

Johnston County Public Schools (JCPS) is excited to announce the new North Carolina Student Information System (NCSIS), Infinite Campus! Just as PowerSchool did in the past, this system offers enhanced features for monitoring your child's educational progress with a user-friendly mobile experience, and more.

Two of the features, The Campus Parent and Campus Student portals, provide real-time access to grades, attendance, assignments, and schedules. These tools facilitate seamless communication between parents, teachers and students, keeping everyone informed about school activities.

### Key Features of Infinite Campus Parent Portal:

- Announcements
- Assignments
- Attendance tracking
- Academic planning
- Grades and Class schedules
- Document Access
- Notifications

JCPS parents can request access to the Parent Portal by completing the [Request for Parent Portal Access Form](#). Please be sure to provide the most accurate information (full name, phone number, and email address) when completing the form. It will take 3-5 business days to process the request.

Please visit the JCPS website for more information on Infinite Campus, [here](#).

Thank you!

[Request for Parent Portal Access Form](#)

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## Riverwood Middle School PTSA

Please join the RMS PTSA for the first general meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 17 at 7pm in the RMS Cafeteria. You can come in person or join virtually (at the following link: <https://meet.google.com/boc-rhth-eas> ) If you would like to join the PTSA please click here: <https://rmsptsa.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true>

The PTSA is still looking for a Vice President of Committees and committee chairs and members. If you only want to volunteer on a case by case basis, we would love that too. Please fill out this form to show your interest. Please do not assume someone else will.

<https://forms.gle/nE7EAdzBgMc5zpq39> Thanks!

## Riverwood Middle School Athletic Boosters

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Your support is crucial to our success, and Boosters could use your help at the concession stands! Please sign up today!!

Be sure to purchase your game passes for the year! Not only do these passes offer significant savings throughout the year, but all proceeds go directly back into our athletic programs, helping to support our student-athletes!

Sign up to volunteer at concessions and purchase game passes [HERE](#).

## From Previous Editions & Still Important:

### Bus Transportation Info from JCPS

All individuals who received school bus transportation last school year, or have requested school bus transportation for the 2024-2025 year prior to Tuesday, August 13, 2024, your child's bus assignment has been completed and is ready to be reviewed in the Edulog Parent Portal app.

If you are interested in viewing your child's bus assignment today - including your child's school bus number, stop times, and bus location - you must download the Edulog Parent Portal app on your smart device.

### To download the Edulog app, please:

1. Download the Edulog Parent Portal from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.
2. Search for "Edulog Parent Portal" and choose the app with the white bus on the teal background. Once you have the app downloaded, sign up using your email address.

### To register your student(s) you will simply need to:

1. Click on the STUDENT LIST tab by selecting the "+" icon or the ADD STUDENT button.

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2. Follow the prompts. You must have the following 5 pieces of information to ensure security.
  - a. Student's First Name (spelled correctly)
  - b. Student's Last Name (spelled correctly)
  - c. School to which the student is assigned.
  - d. Student's date of birth
  - e. Student ID Number, assigned by the school district.

Learn more about the Edulog Parent Portal [here](#)!

We are excited to begin the new year and look forward to safely transporting your student(s) to school and back home!

## **RMS Carpool**

Carpool drops off and picks up in the front of the school, entering off Athletic Club Blvd. Please follow the direction of the staff directing carpool and bring patience this week. It will be slower this week but by the end of the week, things will be running smoothly and we will get you and your child through the line quickly.

Remember that you cannot enter the carpool lane before 7:00 am in the morning or 2:55 pm in the afternoon. Until then, carpool drivers must wait on the side of Athletic Club Blvd at the end of the school.

## **Breakfast & Lunch is FREE for ALL RMS Students**

Breakfast will be available at the beginning of each grade level hallway for students to grab & go to their Homeroom each morning. Menus can be found at [tinyurl.com/JCPSMenus](https://tinyurl.com/JCPSMenus).

## **Student/Parent Handbook**

Please review the 2024-25 RMS Student/Parent Handbook linked [HERE](#) and also available on the RMS website.

## **Over-the-Counter Medications - A NEW CHANGE**

If you have a student that will be taking over the counter medication at school this year, please be aware that they, too, will need a physician signature. Please complete [THIS FORM](#) and bring medications to the Front Office to Nurse Sanders. She is at RMS on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week.

## **Late Arrivals and Early Check-Outs**

Students arriving after the 8:05 AM tardy bell must check-in in the main office. Parents do not need to accompany students for late arrivals. Students will check themselves in using the office Chromebooks. A note is required for medical appointments in order to be excused.

Students may be checked out early by a parent/guardian or adult listed on the Student Info sheet completed at Open House/Orientation. Parents must come in to check out a student and sign them out using the office Chromebooks. **Please remember that students cannot be checked out after 2:45 PM.**

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## **Voluntary Student Accident Insurance**

If you are interested in purchasing voluntary student accident insurance for your student, please visit [www.k12studentinsurance.com](http://www.k12studentinsurance.com). The site contains [enrollment instructions](#), enrollment application, [claim forms](#), and coverage details ([English](#) and [Spanish](#))

Thank you all for your continued support of our Riverwood Ravens and have a great week! - MJS

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