



News from the Nest

Hello, Riverwood Ravens! Here is this week's edition of News from the Nest. We are excited for our Fall Spirit Week and can't wait to see our students and staff get involved each day. Come out and support our Raven Football team as they take on big rival Archer Lodge Middle under the lights at CHHS on Wednesday night @ 6:55PM. Let's make it an EXCELLENT week!

New/Time Sensitive/Important Information:

Upcoming Important Dates

Monday 9/30	Tuesday 10/1	Wednesday 10/2	Thursday 10/3	Friday 10/4
Jersey/Team Day	Twin Day	RAVEN SPIRIT DAY	Throwback Thursday	Rodeo Day (cowboys & cowgirls)
3:00 PM: Fall Sports Pictures 4:15 PM: VB only @ CMS		6:55 PM: FB vs ALMS @ CHHS	4:15 PM: Soc/VB @ McGee's	
Monday 10/7	Tuesday 10/8	Wednesday 10/9	Thursday 10/10	Friday 10/11
4:15 PM: Soc/VB @ Cleveland		4:15 PM: Soc/VB vs. CMS	4:15 PM: FB @ SCMS	

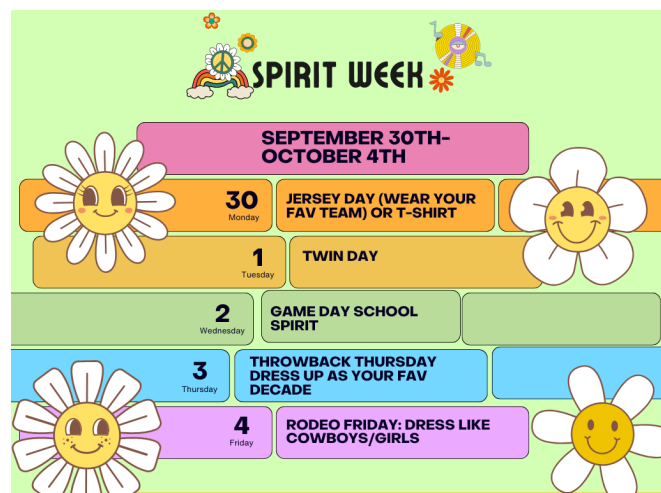
Shout-Outs

- Our Amazing Custodial Staff! They work tirelessly to keep our school clean (which as you know cleaning up after teens/tweens is not an easy task!) We will celebrate them this Wednesday, Oct 2nd for National School Custodian Appreciation Day!

It's Spirit Week!!

Get those outfits ready and join in the fun!! Hats will be allowed, as long as they are part of the theme for the day. No masks, face coverings, or face paint allowed. No slippers allowed. Clothing must meet JCPS dress code policy.

We can't wait to see those fun outfits each day!!



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Student Assignment Community Information Sessions

Johnston County Public Schools employees, community members, and stakeholders are invited to attend the provided Student Assignment Community Information Sessions to learn more about the proposed assignment plan, gather feedback, and provide input. The event dates are as follows:

1. Wilson's Mills Elementary on Sept. 30, 2024, 6-8 PM
2. Swift Creek Middle on Oct. 1, 2024, 6-8 PM

Please see the poster for event details and sharing, [HERE](#). Principals, please feel free to print and post in your office, and high-traffic areas, and share with your school's organizations. For more information, questions, and/or concerns, please contact Mr. Brooks Moore, Chief of Facility Design and Construction.

Infinite Campus Updates - the New PowerSchool

Ms. Carson, RMS and RES Data Manager, has been working to get all parent/guardian contact information updated in Infinite Campus the last two weeks. As you can imagine, with nearly 950 students at RMS alone, this is a tedious process checking each individual student. Once we have confirmed that contact information is added and accurate, she will begin to process Parent Portal requests. This should happen in the next few weeks or so. You will receive an email once your Parent Portal account has been activated.

We appreciate your patience as we work through to ensure that student information is correct and complete!

If you have not yet requested access to the Parent Portal, you may do so 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.

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

Riverwood Middle School PTSA

Please get involved!!

The PTSA still needs committee chairs and members, especially 2 Audit Committee members, which will take about 10 minutes per month, to review our records. We also need chairs and members for Staff appreciation, Student Appreciation and Fundraising, to name a few, to indicate you are interested please fill out this google form. If you only want to volunteer on a case by case basis, we would love that too. Please do not assume someone else will.

<https://forms.gle/nE7EAdzBgMc5zpq39>

To **join the PTSA** for the school year, please click here:

<https://rmsptsa.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true> You don't have to volunteer to join the PTSA.

Spirit Night at Romeo's Pizza--October 9, ALL DAY! Please support the RMS PTSA

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Riverwood Middle School Athletic Boosters

Stay Updated!

Be sure to check out our [Linktree](#) for important information. We'll be posting updates throughout the year, so keep checking back for the latest news and resources!

Volunteers Needed!

Your support is crucial to our success! We need volunteers for the concession stands, and we'd love your help. Sign up today (Fall, Winter & Spring seasons) using the SignUpGenius link located on our [Linktree](#) to secure your spot.

Don't forget to follow us on social media to stay connected! [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

From Previous Editions & Still Important:

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!

Sportsmanship & Support at Athletic Contests

The Riverwood Ravens are excited to welcome all fans to our athletic contests this school year! In conjunction with Johnston County Public Schools and the Johnston County Middle School Athletic Conference, we would like to remind everyone that our athletic contests are an extension of the classroom and part of the school setting. We ask that everyone remain positive, refrain from negative comments or behaviors, as well as treat others with respect and the way they would want to be treated. We ask for a show of appreciation and support of all athletes, coaches, and officials throughout all athletics events. We are thankful that our fans have the opportunity to support us and make our athletic competitions possible. Thank you for joining us in demonstrating Excellence in All Ways at Riverwood Middle School! - RMS Administration

Positive Behavior Incentives & Rewards

Each day, our students have the opportunity to earn positive behavior points/tickets for demonstrating the [RAVENS Core Beliefs](#) in their classes, the hallway, cafeteria, etc. In addition to our RAVENS core beliefs, students participated in creating their grade level Social Contracts in which they came to consensus on how they wanted to be treated by each other, how they wanted to be treated by their teacher, how their teacher wanted to be treated by them, and how they could resolve conflict in an appropriate way. A copy of the grade level social contracts can be found below.

[6th Gr Social Contract](#)

[7th Gr Social Contract](#)

[8th Gr Social Contract](#)

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This year, we will have Fun Friday every 2-3 weeks in which students can cash in points/tickets to participate in fun activities during AIR Time. In order to participate, students cannot have any missing work (outside of an excused absence) and cannot have been assigned ISS or OSS during the previous 3 weeks. Students have been earning LOTS of points in their classes and are excited to cash them in for our fun activities!

Technology Use Agreement Forms

All students should have received a paper copy of the JCPS Technology Use Agreement Form in Homeroom the first week of school. 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.

23-24 Academic Accomplishments

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!

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.

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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.

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.**

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

If you are interested in purchasing voluntary student accident insurance for your student, please visit 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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