



Riverwatch Middle School
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School Hours: 9:00AM-4:15PM



RMS Welcomes All New Families!

Welcome to our Riverwatch Middle School (RMS) Panther family! We are excited to have you join us. Middle school represents a time of tremendous growth, exciting change, as well as new challenges such as transitioning to a new school. We are fortunate at RMS to have amazing teachers/staff and with your partnership it will be a smooth transition for your child (ren). Below outlines some helpful tips to assist in the transition to RMS.

Pandemic Update - We continue to consult with the Department of Public Health and Georgia Emergency Management weekly and appreciate your patience as we navigate the challenges and opportunities that are before us for 2020-21. Please visit www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/restartforsyth for updated information.

New Student Video - Since we have been virtual and unable to do tours in person, here is a [short video](#) of our school, meet the administration staff, and hear a few “words of wisdom” from some of our students. Enjoy!

Registration - All Riverwatch students must be registered by Forsyth County Schools. If you have not had a chance to register at the county, please click [HERE](#) and follow these instructions to make an appointment.

Class Schedule – Once registration has been completed at the county, the student and guardian (s) will meet with an RMS Counselor to work on a class schedule, based on previous schedule and records. Class schedules will consist of 4 academic classes, 1 study skills/enrichment class or Spanish/Study skills for 8th grade, 2 connection courses, and Flex Time. Click [HERE](#) to see many of our connection course offerings.

Open House Information – Click [HERE](#) for information about our 2020 virtual Open House.

Virtual Curriculum Information Night –

Parent Portal – [Parent Portal](#) is an online application where parents can update contact information, access grades, check attendance and much more. You may also click [HERE](#) for instructions to add the Parent Portal App to your phone. If you do not have access to Parent Portal, please contact the school as soon as possible as you will find it a necessary tool.



Class Assignments – ItsLearning (On-line Learning Platform)

ItsLearning is where teachers will place assignments and communicate with students. Parents should login to ItsLearning with the Students ID (not parent ID). Students are provided their Its Learning ID the first day of school. ItsLearning can be accessed from the front page of our website.

Grades/Contact Information – Parent Portal*

Login to Parent Portal with Parent ID to view grades, contacts, email addresses, contact preferences, authorized checkout individuals, etc.

* If you do not have a Parent Portal ID, please contact the school for further assistance.

My Payments Plus - An account will need to be created on [My Payments Plus](#), using your Student ID (s). Using My Payments Plus you will be able to make payments for various field trips/events, add money to lunch account, setup reminders when lunch account running low, etc.

Transportation – Arrangements for transportation are between the parent/guardian and the student(s). Student may ride the bus one day and then be car rider the next. Please communicate with your child as the school does not get involved with communicating transportation changes.

- **Bus** – Bus assignments will be made within a couple days of registration.
- **Car Rider** – No car rider numbers, or tags are necessary. After school students will come out front of the building and wait for driver to pull around. Drivers must remain in their car.
- **Walkers** – Students can walk home with an approved permission slip on file. Permission slips may be located on the front page of our [website](#) under Quick Links.



Counselors – RMS has an amazing group of counselors that work together as a team. Counselors are assigned by grade-level but are always willing to help our panthers get acclimated.

Lisa Schroeder: f38498@forsyth.k12.ga.us 6th Grade
Regina Smith: f39438@forsyth.k12.ga.us 7th Grade
Lisa Lemieux: llemieux@forsyth.k12.ga.us 8th Grade

Lunch - Lunches are served by grade-level and times may vary each quarter. You can add money to your child's lunch account on [My Payments Plus](#). While parents may eat with their students at Riverwatch, most middle school students prefer that parents do not. A designated area is provided if you choose to come eat with your student as parents are not allowed in the cafeteria.

Media Center – RMS has a beautiful Media Center, which has great resources, books, and technology that may be checked out by students. Grade level English Language Arts classes will have selected books that the students will read together as a class, the Media Center will have these books available for purchase. Our Media Center is a wonderful place to go to study, relax and enjoy a bit of peace and quiet.

Agendas – All Panthers are encouraged to obtain an “agenda” which helps students stay organized with their assignments, projects, homework, and time management. Agenda are available for purchase in the Media Center.

Lockers – There are 2 different lockers used at Riverwatch. Our lockers are equipped with combination locks. No need to purchase a lock. However, if your student is not comfortable opening combination locks, it is suggested to purchase a lock and let them practice.



- **Academic Locker** –Purchase on your first day of school in the Media Center. A locker fee is assessed for each student. After purchase, the student will take the receipt to the homeroom (HR) teacher and the HR teacher will assign locker number and code.
- **PE/Sports Locker** – Lockers will be assigned by the coaches during PE. A nominal fee is applied per student at the beginning of each quarter (nine weeks).

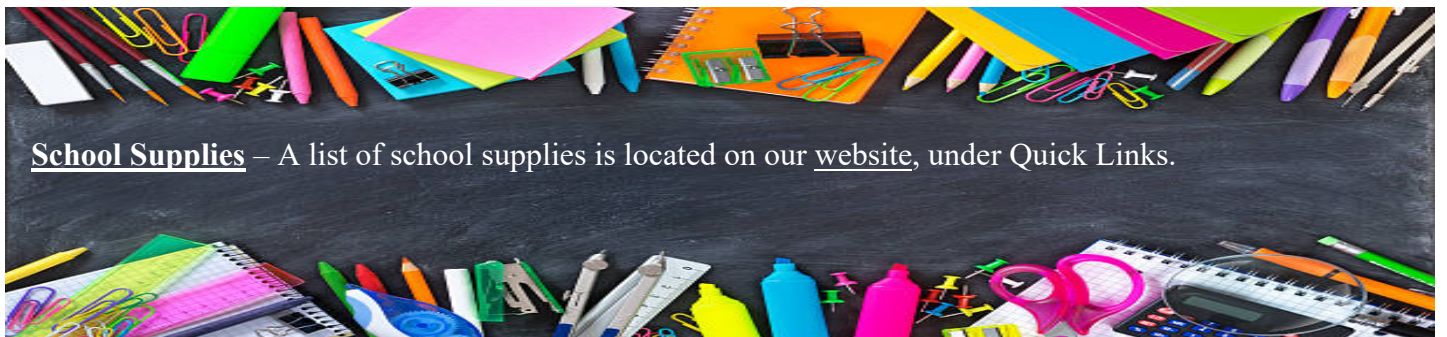
Flex Time - Flex Time is dedicated time during the school day when students will participate in social-emotional learning activities, be able to make up missing work, receive extra help from a classroom teacher, and build relationships with both an adult and other students in our school.

Clubs and Activities - Each year RMS has nearly 40 various clubs and organizations where students may get involved. These are great ways for new students to get to know others and help make school more intimate. Clubs and organizations, driven by student’s desire, may meet during Flex Time, after school, before school, etc. Check out a sampling of [Clubs/Organizations](#) on our website.

Athletics - Panthers in 7th and 8th grade, that are eligible, may participate in school sports in Middle School. We encourage all 6th grade Panthers to come out and cheer on our RMS teams. Please refer to our [Athletics Webpage](#) for more details.

School Store – [The Panther Pit Stop](#) is our school store and the perfect place to get your spirit wear, school supplies, birthday grams, and always has popular seasonal items! The school store is located in the rotunda of the school and managed by our FBLA and DECA organizations.

School Supplies – A list of school supplies is located on our [website](#), under Quick Links.



Clinic– RMS has a full-time registered nurse available. The safety and health of our students is our top priority. Please have your immunization record (3231) to the nurse before first day of school. Parent/guardian may leave medication, including over the counter (Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Advil, etc.), with proper documentation.

Code of Conduct – Code of Conduct policies are available to all students and guardians. The electronic version can be found at <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/28509>

School Calendar - The [student school calendar](#) identifies school days, holidays, early release, school times, etc. for the 2020-2021 school year.

Join our PTSO - We have a very active Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) at RMS. We encourage all families to join the PTSO and become an active part of helping transform and make a difference in education for our children. For additional information or to get involved, email riverwatchmiddleptso@gmail.com or check out the website at www.rmsptso.org.

Stay Connected - We want to hear from you and more importantly want to be able to send you information. Please ensure that your contact information in Parent Portal is up-to-date and follow us on social media.

Riverwatch Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/riverwatchms/>

Riverwatch Middle School Twitter

<https://twitter.com/RiverwatchMS>

Welcome to Riverwatch!!