Panther Tales

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Principal's Message

All of our communication platforms (Governance, PTA, Foundation, Ridgeview United, and Student Government) have done an excellent job coordinating activities and providing support to our school. As the year progresses, I am thankful to work with such good people and students. It is a short week filled with a lot of activities and we will enjoy them all!

Principal Garrett

Assistant Principals' Message

1st semester report cards will be posted in Illuminate on January 12.

Please take a moment to read our New Uniform Policy.

As we begin our 2nd semester, we want everyone to be aware of the student pledge and obligations for their laptop devices. Fines for student devices can be reviewed on the Fulton County School Webpage under Information Technology / Department Overview (fultonschools.org).

Policy information regarding expected use and care of devices can be found within the Fulton County Schools 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook at Student Discipline / Department Overview(fultonschools.org).

If the device is damaged, lost or stolen the fines listed below will be applied to the student's account and should be paid through the Online School Payment account on the school website. This fee will include a small processing fee for the online account. Thank you.

FINES:

Lost/stolen/serious abuse, \$250 Damaged, \$100

Counselors' Corner



Happy Birthday Dr. King!



REFLECTION: LIST 3 POSITIVE THINGS THAT HAPPENED TODAY

GOAL SETTING: WHAT ACADEMIC & PERSONAL GOALS CAN YOU SET FOR YOURSELF IN 2023?



Useful Links from the Student Support Team

Georgia Department of Family & Children Services Child Abuse Hotline -

Reports are taken 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-855-GACHILD / 1-855-422-445

Georgia Crisis and Access Line - For immediate access to routine or crisis services, please call the Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL) at 1-800 715-4225 or 988. GCAL is the 24/7 hotline for accessing mental health services in Georgia.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - We can all help prevent suicide. Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. 1-800-273-8255

Health Crisis Resources - Parent resources on COVID-19 from the National Association of School Psychologists

National Online Safety - Here you will find the most up to date guides for social media apps and platforms. There is very useful information for parents about apps such as Fortnite, Instagram, Snapchat, Tik Tok, YouTube and others.

 $\underline{\textbf{StopBullying.gov}} \cdot \textbf{provides information from various government agencies on bullying, cyberbullying, prevention, and response to the stopping of the provided provided by the provided provided$

Be the Voice - a student-driven initiative that results in a kinder, more inclusive school environment

Calendar at a Glance

Jan. 17: Basketball Away

Jan. 18: Basketball Home

Jan. 19: Basketball Home

Jan. 22: Basketball Home

Jan. 23: Winter Spirit Night

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Jan. 24: Basketball Home

Jan. 25: GA Milestones Night

Jan. 26: Basketball Home

Jan. 31: Basketball Home

Announcements and Events

Issues with a Laptop?

Here is the new protocol. Please complete <u>this questionnaire</u> if your students are having difficulties with his or her laptop. Mr. Johnson, the IT technician, will respond quickly to your

Sandy Springs Education Force

Do you have electronics you'd love to recycle? You are in luck! Sandy Springs Education Force is partnering with eWaste ePlanet to provide an opportunity to recycle electronics on January 27th from 10am-1pm at North Springs High School's parking lot. We will accept electronics for a minimum donation of \$25 per car to SSEF. Working and non-working items are accepted, and all data will be wiped clean. We are also collecting new school supplies!

SSEF will need to pay extra, per-pound charges to eWaste ePlanet to recycle certain items, so additional donations are appreciated for TVs, printers, etc. See our website for specific details and to make your donation ahead of time: https://www.sandyspringseducationforce.org/electronics-drive/



Winter Spirit Night

The Foundation will host its 2nd Spirit Night to support our sports teams on Tuesday, January 23 in the school gym, right after school. Free Chick-fil-A sandwiches will be available, while supplies last. We will also have drinks and snacks for \$1, so bring cash. Please spread the word and come and support our sports teams!



Candygrams Are Coming Up!

Valentine's Day is almost here and that means it is time for Candygrams. Send a friend, teacher or student a Conversation Heart treat. Each Candygram is only \$1! Candygrams will be for sale during all lunch periods beginning Monday, February 5 through Thursday, February 8, and they will be delivered to the student's homeroom teacher for distribution. This fundraiser benefits our 8th grade programming, including the 8th grade dance. Want to help? Please look for a volunteer link coming soon.

Parent Q&A Night

Our Parent Night is coming up Jan. 23 where Riverwood parents and students will answer all your questions in an informal setting at Ridgeview from 6-7 p.m. Come when you can and bring your questions!

Student Group Pop-in Celebrations for Honor Roll

We are excited to have honor roll students pop in to the cafeteria for a brief and somewhat informal celebration of honor roll on January 24. Honor Roll will recognize all students achieving ALL A's in ALL content areas as well as all students achieving ALL A's and B's in ALL content areas. Students will "pop in" to the cafeteria to receive a certificate and snack along with a few words of congratulations for the group at the following times on January 24: 8th grade: 9:00, 7th grade: 9:30, 6th grade: 10:00.

Parents, we share this information with you for awareness, but this ceremony - while special - isn't one we encourage parents taking time off of work or busy schedules to attend.

Save the Date! RCMS Parent Party & Auction

Save the Date! Our annual RCMS Parent Party & Auction will be held on April 20th at the new El Azteca on Peachtree Dunwoody Road! This fundraising event is a tremendous support for our RCMS Foundation. Our Auction will be available online this year and we are in need of amazing auction items! If you have something that you are willing to contribute, please <u>fill out this form.</u>

RCMS FOUNDATION PARENT PARTY & AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 7:00 PM EL AZTEGA* PEACHTREE-DUNWOODY RD, *FORMERLY UNCLE JULIOS Ticket sales open in March.

Hardship Window

Applications for a hardship transfer are open and will remain open through Feb. 29. Applications are reviewed annually by the Student Assignment Office. Through this process, parents can seek a transfer for medical reasons, curriculum differences, child care situations or if they are an employee of the school system. Parents may also request the renewal of an existing hardship transfer. The Hardship Transfer Policy as well as the Hardship Transfer Guidelines will be used to determine student eligibility. Please remember that all staff who have children here on a hardship, MUST fill out this form annually to maintain enrollment.

The Clinic Closet Needs Your Help!

RCMS families- Please help keep the clinic closet stocked with items that our students need from time to time. Thank you for your help! Here is our <u>Amazon wish list link.</u>

RCMS Foundation

The RCMS Foundation supports BOTH the Music and Sports programs at the school. We would like to thank our community sponsors for believing in the mission the Foundation is supporting and helping to fund all of these programs for the students. Our Foundation sponsors include Shep Lawrence of Allstate Insurance Co. and Jennifer Barnes of Barnes Young Realty Team.

Joining the Foundation helps ensure that the school can continue to support these wonderful programs, and becoming a Corporate Partner is a great way to promote your business and support

the students. **Find out more about our Corporate Partnership Program** <u>here</u> and look below to see and support our generous sponsors.

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- Parent Teacher Association: Consider joining PTA with a range of donation levels to suit all
 families. These donations fund teacher grants, classroom supplies, staff gifts and
 recognitions, and student treats and incentives throughout the year. Please join at
 www.ptarcms.org.
- RCMS Foundation: Our amazing Foundation provides funding to our music and athletics
 programs. If your student participates in these hallmark programs, we need your support.
 Community partners are needed, too. Donate at www.rcmsfoundation.org.

Want to be Social?

Besides Panther Tales, Ridgeview Charter Middle School has several ways you can stay up-to-date on news and happenings. Follow us on our main <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> pages for a peek into the daily life of RCMS, plus read success stories about some of our RCMS alumni! The Ridgeview PTA also has <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> pages for PTA-sponsored happenings, spirit wear updates and volunteer opportunities.

Got News?

Panther Tales takes submissions for RCMS news or events that would benefit our student body. To submit your information, <u>please fill out this form</u> and the Panther Tales team will get back to you with any questions.

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