

# Panther Tales

Jan. 4, 2024

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## Principal's Message

Dear Ridgeview United:

We have already completed half of the school year, and I want to use this opportunity to express my gratitude for your grace, tolerance, and adaptability while we continue to manage our schedule. Your participation in your child's education is essential to their development, and we are appreciative of the chance to work with you!

Thanks to our music department for finding creative and innovative ways to share our students' talents with you during this holiday season! Congratulations to the students and staff members involved in our holiday performances! Each concert was fantastic, and we are looking forward to more opportunities to celebrate with our students this month!

With winter weather here, school cancellations can be found on local television and radio stations as well as the district's Facebook page and a call out from me if school is closed. Also, please understand that school cancellations due to weather could result in changes to the school calendar.

We continue to be grateful for every opportunity we have to learn and grow together at RCMS. We appreciate your continued cooperation in making that possible. As always, if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or other administrators.

Regards,  
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 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\(fultonschools.org\)](#).

Students and teachers will be reviewing these expectations along with fines on January 3, 2024. Thank you for your support.

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

Accessories – Lost or damaged, \$30 for each accessory

## Counselors' Corner

January	
FRIENDSHIP & KINDNESS	
	
Classroom Guidance Lessons- Diversity Appreciation	Leadership, MTSS, 504, IEP, Grade-level meetings
CS Finalists	Individual, Group Counseling
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletters via Email	Program Data Analysis

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 / 1-855-422-4453

**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.

**StopBullying.gov** - provides information from various government agencies on bullying, cyberbullying, prevention, and response.

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

## Calendar at a Glance

- Jan. 3: Students return from winter break
- Jan. 4: Assessment Night
- Jan. 4: Basketball- Home
- Jan. 9: Governance
- Jan. 9: Basketball Home
- Jan. 10: Basketball Home
- Jan. 10: Foundation and Dress Down Day
- Jan. 11: Basketball Home
- Jan. 13: Sandy Springs Art Festival
- Jan. 15: Dr. King's Observance
- Jan. 16: Student Remote Day
- Jan. 17: 8th Grade Field Trip to Riverwood High School
- Jan. 17: Basketball Away
- Jan. 18: Basketball Home
- Jan. 19: Basketball Home
- Jan. 22: Basketball Home
- Jan. 23: Basketball Home
- Jan. 24: Basketball Home
- Jan. 25: GA Milestones Night
- Jan. 26: Basketball Home
- Jan. 31: Basketball Home

Thank you PTA for all the Treats You Gave to RCMS Staff!



## Announcements and Events

### Assessment Information Night

Learn more about our academic assessments in this informative session. Please see below for more information.





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Middle School  
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Sandy Springs, GA 30342

# ASSESSMENT

## INFORMATION NIGHT

LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE ASSESSMENTS  
OUR SCHOLARS TAKE  
AND WHAT THEY ARE  
USED FOR

- Unit Assessments
- i - Ready
- MAP
- ACCESS
- Georgia Milestones
- Many of these assessments are used to determine class placement for next year.



### FOR MORE INFO CALL

Dr. Mills:  
470-254-8590  
Ms. Soledad:  
470-254-8589

DATE AND TIME:  
January 4th , 2024  
At 6pm

LOCATION:  
MEDIA CENTER



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# EVALUACIÓN

## NOCHE INFORMATIVA

OBTENGA MÁS  
INFORMACIÓN SOBRE  
LAS EVALUACIONES QUE  
REALIZAN NUESTROS  
BECARIOS Y PARA QUÉ  
SE UTILIZAN

- Evaluaciones de la unidad
- I - Listo
- MAPA
- ACCESO
- Hitos de Georgia
- Muchas de estas evaluaciones se utilizan para determinar la ubicación de las clases para el próximo año.



### FECHA Y HORA:

Enero 4th,  
2024 At 6pm

### UBICACIÓN:

PARA MÁS  
INFORMACIÓN

Ms. Soledad:

470-254-8589

## Spring Sports Physicals Due Jan. 9

Complete sports physicals, if not already on file, are due by Jan. 9 to Coach Dixon or Coach Lloyd if your student plans to play spring sports. Those sports include Girls Soccer, Baseball, and Co-ed Track. If you have questions, please reach out to Coach Dixon or Coach Lloyd.

## 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!

## Issues with a Laptop?

**Issues with a Laptop?** Here is the new protocol! Please complete [this questionnaire](#) if your students have difficulties with his or her laptop. Mr. Johnson, the IT technician, will respond quickly to your concern.



## 212 Awards

To celebrate the IB traits our staff exemplify and to highlight those who have gone the 1 extra degree, we give monthly 212 Degree Awards. It is built on the premise that at 211 degrees, water doesn't boil. With just one extra degree, it boils. We're thankful for 5 staff members each month who will be highlighted for giving that 1 extra degree to our school.



- **Ms. C. Davis** (7th Grade Science) was given the Risk-Taking & Thinking Award: the recipient is not afraid to use creativity to inspire and to help others succeed.
- **Megan Kalany** (7th ELA) was given the Inquiry & Knowledge Award: The recipient has innovatively instructed with MYP, WICOR, and Personalized Learning instruction that empowers student ownership of learning.
- **Sensei Davis** (Japanese) was given the Caring & Communicator Award: The recipient maintains a positive, caring attitude in difficult situations and steps outside his/her job description to help others.
- **Ms. C. Brown** (ESOL Paraprofessional) was given the Principled & Balanced Award: The recipient demonstrates principled leadership during difficult times, showing balance and sensitivity to those following his/her lead.
- **Ms. Arzate** (Registrar) was given the Open-Minded & Reflective Award: The recipient is open-minded and reflective to support students in powerful ways beyond the expected as an educator.

**PLC of the Month- 6th Grade Math (Ms. Alvarez, Mr. Grigsby, Ms. Minor, Ms. Berrios, Ms. Smith)**



## Art Beat

Sandy Springs Arts Foundation will sponsor a free art showcase featuring Ridgeview and other schools. For more information, please see below.



WHERE KIDS SING, DANCE, CREATE, & IMAGINE

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PROUDLY PRESENTS

# ARTBEAT

**JAN 13|2024**  
**TWO O'CLOCK PM**

**BYERS THEATRE**

1 Galambos Way Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Come **experience** the visual & performing arts **talent** of our own  
public-school **students** in **Sandy Springs!**

## A FREE art showcase featuring:

Ridgeview Charter Middle School

Riverwood International Charter School

Sandy Springs Middle School • North Springs High School

## Junior Raiders Lacrosse - registration open!

Registration is open for all 6-8th grade boys for the Junior Raiders Lacrosse spring season. Practices start in late January. The season runs February through April with games on the weekend and typically two practices a week. The cost is \$325. We will have a skills clinic (all gear will be provided) open to all new and returning players this Sunday, Jan. 7, 2:30-4 p.m. The skills clinic cost is \$20. Reach out to [Meredith.foushee@gmail.com](mailto:Meredith.foushee@gmail.com) with questions or to register.



## SSEF Electronics Recycling Event

Are you purchasing new electronics for the holidays? You are in luck! You can recycle your old electronics and have the data securely wiped with a donation to Sandy Springs Education Force! Save the date and recycle your items for a good cause: Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

January 27, 2024, 10am-1pm, North Springs High School Parking Lot, 7447 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs. Your donation of \$20 per car will help provide urgently needed funds to support Sandy Springs Education Force's STEAM, literacy, after-school and mentoring programs in our schools. [Learn all the details.](#)

Sandy Springs  
**EDUCATION FORCE**

Electronics Recycling & New School Supply Drive  
January 27, 2024 / 10am-1pm: 7447 Roswell Road  
North Springs High School Parking Lot  
\$20 Donation to SSEF to Recycle Electronics\*  
All data securely deleted / Free to Donate School Supplies

\*Additional per pound fees for some items.  
Visit website for details.

Visit [www.SandySpringsEducationForce.org](http://www.SandySpringsEducationForce.org) for details

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 [Amazon wish list link](#).

## 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** [here](#) and look below to see and support our generous sponsors.

## Jaguar Partner



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## Cougar Partners

# serving more wins for our community

Join me in supporting the Ridgeview Panthers.



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## Consider Joining PTA and Foundation!

- **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

- **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](http://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 [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) 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 [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) 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, [please fill out this form](#) and the Panther Tales team will get back to you with any questions.



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