

Panther Tales

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Principal's Message

We hope all of our Ridgeview United families had a restful and well-deserved Thanksgiving break. As we enter into the last few weeks of school before the 1st semester ends, please be aware of all of the activities related to assessments, athletics, and performances. More information is below.

-Principal Garrett

Assistant Principals' Message

Students will take iReady winter benchmark tests to assess their growth in reading and math on Nov. 28th (reading) and Nov. 30th (math). Please encourage your students to do their best! We look forward to seeing each student grow when comparing their fall scores. We use iReady winter results for next school year's course scheduling. If students score below the 35th percentile in reading, we will also do additional intervention testing and screening this spring. We will administer the social studies fall interim on Monday, December 11th and the science fall interim on Tuesday, December 12th. It is extremely important to do well on these tests!

On the Court!



Calendar at a Glance

Dec. 4: Basketball Games- Home

Dec. 5: Basketball Games -Home

Dec. 6: Orchestra Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 7: Band Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 11: Chorus Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 11: Social Studies Mid Term -8th Grade only

Dec. 12: Science Mid Term -8th grade only

Dec. 12: Governance at 7:30 a.m.

Dec. 12: Basketball Games -Away

Dec. 13: Basketball Games -Home

Dec. 13: Foundation at 7:30 a.m.

Dec. 14: Basketball Games -Away

Dec. 15: Last Day of 1st Semester

Announcements and Events

Prospective Parent Tour

Ridgeview offers prospective parent tours monthly for parents (and students are welcome!). The next offering is Dec. 12 at 12:45 p.m. Please visit our [prospective parent tour page](#) for more info and to RSVP.

Student Survey CCRPI

The Georgia Department of Education (GA DOE) requires all public schools to participate in their Georgia Student Health Survey. To see the GA DOE informational website, [click here](#). The survey has two parts: one for parents and one for students in grades 3-12. Each school must have a 75% participation rate on the student portion of the survey. Schools failing to meet the 75% student participation rate will score 0.00 points on the school's College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) survey calculation under the survey portion of the School Climate Star Rating.

This GA DOE developed survey asks questions that are covered by the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). For more information about PPRA, [click here](#). PPRA requires that schools provide parents/guardians with advanced notice of student participation, the option to preview the student survey, and the ability for parents/guardians to opt their students out of any surveys that include PPRA protected areas. If you would like to opt your student out of participation in this survey, please email **Principal Thomas Garrett** requesting that your student not participate in Georgia Health Survey **prior to Friday, December 1st**.

Parent Survey CCRPI

Your opinion matters! Tell us about your experiences with the district and your school by filling out the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) **Georgia Parent Survey** required by the Georgia Department of Education. This survey provides a foundation for your school's Climate Star rating score and is part of the CCRPI. These climate scores are an important indicator of culture and climate within each school in the district. Each school will receive a 1-5 star rating, with five stars representing an excellent school climate, and one star representing a school climate most in need of improvement. The surveys are anonymous and confidential and will remain open through **Friday, December 15**. To access the CCRPI survey, click [here](#).

Kendra Scott Give Back Event Ends December 2nd!

20% of all sales will be given back to RCMS! Please don't forget to enter the Promo Code or we won't get credit.



KENDRA SCOTT

Nov. 19 - Dec. 2nd

20% of all sales benefit the Foundation

Enter Promo Code:

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Code may also be used in-person only at the Perimeter Mall Store

Details:

- All items on the website are eligible for the event!
- At Checkout, enter the Promo Code above.
- Enjoy and know that your support is benefiting our students!



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](#).

Media Center News

Mr. Bosarge would appreciate help in the Media Center. Stop by between 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to help shelf books or other assistance Mr. Bosarge may need. [Please sign up here to help!](#)

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.

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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

- **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 [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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