



Wolf Den News

"Blazing Trails to New Horizons"

River Trail Middle School

May 14, 2021

Upcoming Calendar

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| May 26 | End Quarter 4/Semester 2 |
| May 26 | Last Day of School |

8th Grade Final Exam Schedule-Revised Schedule:

The 8th grade will have semester 2 finals on the following days. These finals will take place in the regular class period.

Wed 5/19 WL/Reading

Thur 5/20 ELA

Fri 5/21 SS, Alg 2 day 1

Mon 5/24 Science, Math, Alg 2 day 2

Withdrawal

Any student not returning to RTMS in August 2021, needs to contact Monica Bhatnagar bbhatnagars@fultonschools.com to start the withdrawal process. Laptops must be returned if leaving the Fulton County Schools district. Please let the school know by May 20th.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now for sale by bringing \$50 CASH to Mr. Kirby in room E114 OR by dropping it off at the office. Copies are limited, so get your Covid edition of the yearbook asap!!

Employees of the Month for April!

Honesty is the policy we are ending our Employee of the month program with! A big congratulations goes out to our staff members recognized for this trait:

Teacher of the Month: **Mr. Scott Fowler**, 8th Grade Language Arts

Student Choice Award: **Mr. Amos Liu**, Orchestra Director

Professional of the Month: **Ms. Laura Ogan**, 6th Grade Assistant Principal

We so appreciate all the students and staff who nominated employs throughout this historic school year! The RTMS Community is PHENOMENAL!

8th Grade events

Upcoming 8th Grade Celebration Events

Congratulations to our rising 9th Grade Students! It is with great pleasure and excitement that we announce both events to celebrate our 8th grade students as they head out to summer vacation and prepare for high school, both are calling out loudly to them at this very moment! Our hope is that our 8th graders take the lessons they learned during their time at RTMS as they endured complex and challenging times and fully remember that as a group, they have been resilient, tenacious, resourceful, and creative.

Thursday, May 20th from 5:30-6:00PM

Join RTMS faculty and staff next Thursday May 20, 2021 from 5:30- 6pm, for an 8th grade wave off! This PTO sponsored event will take place in the carpool side parking lot. Please form a single line of cars. You will have an opportunity to drive through and wave goodbye to the faculty, staff, and administration. Students will receive a small gift at the end of the line from the PTO. Parents, please note, this is strictly a DRIVE THRU, everybody must remain in their cars.

Tuesday, May 25th at 6:00PM – 8th Grade Virtual Celebration Event

8th grade students and Wolf Pack teachers have been hard at work creating their own flip-grid videos as part of our virtual celebration event for this year. Teachers have provided every 8th grade student guidance and resources during Wolf Pack class to equip students to create their own video clip that celebrates their time as an RTMS student. The deadline for students to submit their final video to their Wolf Pack teacher is Tuesday, May 18th. Additionally, faculty and staff are creating their own farewell videos for all to enjoy.

Students who have earned Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll will be acknowledged and celebrated through the student's Wolf Pack teacher farewell video. Principal's Honor Roll is designated for students earning all A's in all of their academic content and connections courses for 1st semester and through 3rd Quarter 2nd Semester. Honor Roll is designated for students earning all A's/B's in all of their academic content and connections courses for 1st semester and through 3rd Quarter 2nd Semester. Any student who earned an Incomplete in 3rd Quarter did not qualify. Students who have earned awards through various clubs, school competitions, or school related events will be added to Wolf Pack presentations.

We invite families, on Tuesday, May 25th at 6:00PM, to prepare the family's favorite meal or simply grab some snacks, travel via your 8th grade student's computer to the RTMS website and click on our 8th Grade Celebration Webpage. Then, relax and let your 8th grade student navigate the family's way through an incredible collection of creative and fun student generated videos and farewell best wishes from faculty and staff. Admission is FREE and your 8th grade student's ID information serves as the ticket to open the event. Students will have the ability to choose and select the family's viewing programs across our seventeen Wolf Packs.

Rising 9th graders

"Northview will be having a one-day camp for rising 9th graders to tour the school and get a head start on high school! Monday August 2nd 9:00am-2:30pm Cost: \$40 Includes T-Shirt, Drawstring Bag, Snacks and a Pizza Lunch! Please use the following link to print out a registration form <https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/23463>

Upcoming Freshmen will learn the ins and outs of the Northview campus, high school basics and Northview traditions, attend breakout sessions with older students, teachers and coaches and meet and work with other rising freshmen in team building activities.

Orientation will be staffed by members of the Northview faculty both, teachers and coaches, as well as current Northview students, including freshman homeroom mentors and National Honors Society members.

Check in at 8:45am, activities 9:00-12pm, Lunch, activities 1-2:30. Meet in the Auditorium lobby and dismissal from the cafeteria. Comfortable shoes and cool attire for indoor and outdoor touring."

REACH Georgia

Greetings Parents,

[REACH Georgia](#) is a needs-based mentoring and scholarship program providing promising students the support needed to graduate from high school and achieve postsecondary success. Students selected to be REACH scholars will be paired with a mentor who models positive behavior and provides the student with knowledge, advice, guidance, and support related to education and beyond. They will also be assigned an Academic Coach who will help ensure scholars are on track to succeed by monitoring student progress, helping students develop education and career plans, and by identifying academic and social supports. Lastly, all qualifying REACH Scholars will be awarded a financial scholarship to assist them with paying for college upon graduating from high school. **To qualify the following criteria must be met:**

- Future first generation college students.
- Students who have no disciplinary infractions during the two semesters immediately preceding the spring term of the student's 7th-grade year.
- Students who have the potential to succeed at the postsecondary level.
- Students who meet the **updated** [Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines](#)

To access the Reach Scholar Application use this link: [Reach Scholar Application Packet](#)

Applications will need to include ONLY the following documents:

- **Academic Reference Form**
- **Community Reference Form**
- **Proof of Income**
- 2-3 minute video of the student introducing themselves and explaining why they should be selected as a Reach Scholar. They should include any achievements received, extracurricular activities they are involved in, etc. This is an optional requirement but strongly encouraged.

Completed REACH application packets need to be returned to Ms. Bartley by Monday May 24th2021.

Media Center

- **The media center is now closed:** Because of our upcoming renovations, we have now closed the media center for all activities, except tech help. ***Thank you to all of our students and staff for helping to get our books in!***
 - How can you still check out books? Continue using Sora and if you would still like to get your hands on physical books, another Sora library, and Hoopla, sign up for a public library card - Email Mrs. Wise (wiseb) for the forms!
- **Do you still have an overdue library book?**
 - No problem! Virtual students can drop books off into the clear boxes at the front of the school (please replace lid in case of rain). Face to face students can bring their books by the media center to return. Please return as soon as possible to avoid a fine and to continue helping Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Hahn pack for our new and improved space.

Technology Information If you are a virtual student, or if we are remote learning as a school, the **IT Hotline** is open 7:30-3:30 to help you with technical complications with your device. You must call the number to get assistance at **470-254-2300**. Translators are available.

- **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please read the following documents explaining how to handle and store student devices over the summer, how to return a device if you are moving out of Fulton County or transferring schools in Fulton County, and which apps and resources will be available to our students over the summer.**



[FCS Summer Device Information](#)

Heritage Month

We are excited to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI Month) in May! We would love for all River Trail families to join us in learning something new or celebrating AAPI past and present contributions to the

United States and worldwide. If you would like to share or learn, please visit the Padlet. This month, we are focusing on changemakers, book recommendations, arts and media, locations, and more! <https://padlet.com/smithjh11/AAPI>

Padlet will allow you to upload your own content for approval which can be viewed by our school community. Please keep in mind that anything you share can be viewed publicly following approval. We would love for you to add new resources and explore the ones shared by other staff, students, and families in the RTMS community.



Summit Counseling

“Hello parents! Summit Counseling Center will be offering a summer support group for RTMS students of all grades this year. The group is called DBT STEPS-A and is designed to teach students emotional problem solving, interpersonal effectiveness, and decision-making skills. This group is perfect for any student who might be struggling with impulsive behavior, peer rejection, low self-esteem, anxiety, and depression. This is a no-charge group to students of River Trail. The group will run for eight weeks and is set to start Monday June 7th from 12pm to 1:15pm. Please contact Summit OnSite counselor Max Merritt at mmerritt@summitcounseling.org for more information.”



May is Mental Health Awareness Month #FCSMentalHealthMatters

This past year presented many different challenges and obstacles that tested our strength and resiliency. The global pandemic forced us to cope with situations we never imagined, and a lot of students, staff, and community members struggled with their mental health as a result. Now, more than ever, we need to combat the stigma surrounding mental health concerns. During the month of May, we are focusing on different topics that can help process the events of the past year and the feelings that surround them, while also building skills and supports that extend beyond COVID-19. The good news is that there are tools and resources available that can support the well-being of individuals and communities. We want to remind everyone that mental illnesses are real, and recovery is achievable. It is possible to find balance between life's ups and downs and continue to cope with life's challenges.

Week 2: Dealing with Anger and Frustration

In challenging times, you may find that you have little patience with other people or get upset over minor things. Anger and frustration are complicated emotions that often stem from other feelings, like disappointment, fear, and stress. Taking some extra steps to decrease your overall tension can prevent your feelings (and the reactions that they cause) from spiraling out of control.

MAY DAYS

In years prior to Covid we would celebrate MOYA- Month of the Young Adolescence in the month of October; however we were not able to celebrate at the time because of all the new demands this year required for teachers, parents, and students. In reflecting on the year, we want to take the opportunity to celebrate the students and promote community. We cannot imagine ending the year with out taking the time celebrate all that the students and teachers have accomplished during this time in middle school. Therefore, we are excited to announce and designate the last 8 days of school as MAY Days because we at River Trail we are "Mad About Youth!"

MAY Days= Mad About Youth 🎉. Please join the fun by participating in the following dress up days, starting Monday May 17.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 17 SWEATS DAY  | 18 SILLY SOCK DAY  | 19 COLOR OUT DAY 6TH: BLACK OUT 7TH: WHITE OUT 8TH: GREY OUT | 20 FAVORITE T-SHIRT DAY (College/ Team/Sports)  | 21 CLONE DAY  |
| 24 Tacky Tourist Day! Dress up as a tourist!  | 25 Funky Hair Day  | 26 WEAR A HAT DAY  | | |

Cafe Serves Farm-fresh Cucumbers & Tomatoes this May!

For the entire month of May, farm-fresh Cucumbers & Tomatoes at lunch are part of Fulton County's School Nutrition Harvest of the Month Initiative. These regionally grown Cucumbers & Tomatoes are heading straight from a family farm to your lunch plate! Not only is it good for the environment because they are regionally grown by a family farmer and takes less fuel to get it to your cafe, but they are also great for your body! So enjoy farm-fresh Cucumbers & Tomatoes this month!

Meal kits distribution for Remote Learning Students

Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. the cafeteria staff passes out drive-up meal kits. Don't forget to pre-order meal kits! Grab & go meal kits **need to be pre-ordered weekly online by Tuesday at 11:59 p.m.** [CLICK HERE](#) for the online pre-order form.



FREE MEAL KIT PRE-ORDER FORM INSTRUCTIONS

Visit [fcsnutrition.com](https://www.fcsnutrition.com) for menus and more info.
THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.

PRE-ORDER MEAL KITS ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://NUTRITION.FULTONSCHOOLS.ORG/PREORDER](https://nutrition.fultonschools.org/preorder)



FOLLOW THE ONSCREEN DIRECTIONS
ORDERS MUST BE PLACED WEEKLY BY TUESDAY AT 11:59 P.M.

PICK-UP MEAL KIT(S) FROM YOUR CHOSEN LOCATION ON WEDNESDAYS

ENJOY NUTRITIOUS & DELICIOUS MEALS!

FCS Summer Curbside Meal Distribution

To meet the needs of our students & children in the community, the Fulton County School Nutrition Program will continue to provide nutritious meals even when school is not in session!

Students attending face-to-face summer school or Pre-K will receive free breakfast and lunch meals during their school's scheduled mealtimes.

For children not attending face-to-face summer school, Summer Curbside service provides an opportunity for families to drive through and pick up FREE Meal Kits for children 18 and under, or those under 21 with special needs. Meal Kits will include a weeks' worth of meals. Meal Kits contain a variety of kid-friendly choices such as whole-grain rich breakfast cereals, 100% fruit juice, assorted fresh fruits and vegetables, and low-fat milk.

Summer Curbside service will kick off on Wednesday, June 9th at 20 school sites throughout the district. Summer Curbside sites will be open on Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30 AM.

Families can pick up from any Summer Curbside location. However, to assist with our planning and more evenly distribute participation across these 20 sites, we are encouraging families to pick up meal kits from a specific location based on their student's school.

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| Suggested Pickup Location for River Trail MS is: |
| Barnwell ES |
| 9425 Barnwell Road Johns Creek, GA 30022 |

The Northview Fine Arts Association (FAA) is a group of parents dedicated to enhancing the fine arts programs at Northview. If you have a student in art, band, chorus, drama or orchestra you will be asked to join at the level that fits your budget. There are some open volunteer opportunities for 2021-2022

Please contact Kim Ware if you are interested: kimberlysware@yahoo.com

Board position

Co-VP Drama-- This parent works with another parent to act as a liaison between FAA and Ms. Pieri and Ms. Lake to support the drama program.

Concession Team positions

FAA runs concessions at home football games as our main fundraiser. Each art provides volunteers for at least one game throughout the season. A request will come from the teacher when it your art's turn to help. There are spots for parents and students. In addition, several people are needed to commit to jobs that run the entire season.

Volunteer Coordinator – This parent creates a signup via signup.com for volunteers for each home game. The signup is sent to the teacher(s) of the department(s) responsible for that week's game at the beginning of the week and then, if there are still open spots, out to all the other departments on Wednesday. Copies of the list of volunteers are given to the home stand, the visitor stand and the Northview staff member responsible for the stadium gate by the morning of each game day. They also keep track of volunteer hours for each department. This job can be done from home!

Weekly Supply Purchaser -- This parent makes a weekly Sam's run before each football game to get needed supplies.

Home Stand Supervisor – This parent opens and prepares the home stand before each game, coordinates operation of the home stand during games, makes sure all inventory is counted at the end of sales, and makes sure all cash is counted and given to the treasurer at the end of the game.

Visitor Stand Supervisor -- This parent opens and prepares the visitor stand before each game, coordinates operation of the visitor stand during games, makes food available for the officials at half time, makes sure all inventory is counted at the end of sales, and makes sure all cash is counted and given to the treasurer at the end of the game.

NHS PTO Opportunities for 2021-2022

Please contact Kim Ware if you are interested: kimberlysware@yahoo.com

Secretary—The secretary takes notes at the monthly board meetings and types up the minutes. These are sent out to all the board members to review before the next board meeting.

VP Student Enrichment- This VP's responsibilities include coordinating with the committee chairs for Arete Awards, cultural arts, mini grants student ambassadors and voter registration.

Community Liaison- This committee chair works with area businesses to schedule fundraisers for the PTO. This job can be done from home with no need to go into the school.

Campus Beautification - This committee chair works with Mr. Hunter on any projects to spruce up the building and grounds. This may include providing any of the following: funds, supplies, and volunteers.

Dance Coat Check - PTO provides a secure place for students to leave their belongings while at school dance. The committee chair works with the administration to select and prepare a classroom for this. The chair is responsible for scheduling parent volunteers to work coat check.

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