



# Wolf Den News

*"Blazing Trails to New Horizons"*

River Trail Middle School

May 21, 2021

## Upcoming Calendar

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

### School year 2021-2022 Information

Please see the attached letter with important dates for the upcoming school year 2021-2022.

### 8th Grade Final Exam Schedule-Revised:

The 8th grade will have semester 2 finals on the following days. These finals will take place in the regular class period.  
**Mon 5/24 Science, Math, Alg 2 day 2**

### Clinic News

Please remember to pick up any medication that your child may have in the clinic by **Tuesday, May 25th**. Any medication left in the clinic will be discarded according to FCBOE policy. Also, remember that a NEW Medication Authorization form and/or Health Care Plan for your child will need to be completed by you and your Physician every school year. You can retrieve new forms at: <https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/7525>

### Withdrawal

Any student not returning to RTMS in August 2021, needs to contact Monica Bhatnagar [bhatnagars@fultonschools.org](mailto:bhatnagars@fultonschools.org) 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!!

### Remote Student Yearbook Pickup

Yearbooks will be available for pickup from the front office of the school, between 8am and 2pm, starting Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. **ALSO**, Yearbooks will be available for pickup next **Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 to 7:30 at the school for **remote students**. This coincides with one of our remote student textbooks drop offs.

### Remote students and our final days next week

The deadline for changing students to face-to-face instruction has passed. we respect all our families who had personal reasons to keep their children remote and that decision continues through the end of the school year. We worked hard to be creative in finding ways to include the virtual students, and we appreciate your support of those efforts next week.

### Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders

"Northview will be having a one-day camp for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders to tour the school and get a head start on high school! Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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."

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade events**

### **Upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Events**

Congratulations to our rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students! It is with great pleasure and excitement that we announce both events to celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Virtual Celebration Event**

8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> semester and through 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. Honor Roll is designated for students earning all A's/B's in all of their academic content and connections courses for 1<sup>st</sup> semester and through 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. Any student who earned an Incomplete in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM, to prepare the family's favorite meal or simply grab some snacks, travel via your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student's computer to the RTMS website and click on our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Webpage. Then, relax and let your 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **REACH Georgia**

[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 7<sup>th</sup>-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 24<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

## **Media Center**

Did you find a library book at home? We are still taking them! If you find a book over the summer, there will be a large book bin located at the entrance of River Trail that will be available for drop off during summer hours. Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Wise appreciate your help in getting your books back for the new and improved media center renovations!

Do you want to keep reading and creating over the summer? Check out the Sway to see what options you have for reading through Fulton County Schools, RTMS, and the public library. [Summer Reading and Making- Summer 2021](#)

## **Technology**

**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](#)

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.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 1:15pm. Please contact Summit OnSite counselor Max Merritt at [mmerritt@summitcounseling.org](mailto:mmerritt@summitcounseling.org) for more information.”

“Good day parents! Starting in the month of June Summit Counseling Center will be offering several student groups to help aid and support your child throughout the summer! These groups are designed for all age groups so please look at the attached flyer to help decide which is right for your child. Please contact Summit OnSite counselor Max Merritt at [mmerritt@summitcounseling.org](mailto:mmerritt@summitcounseling.org) for more information. Max will also continue to be available for individual counseling sessions throughout the summer at one of Summit’s several office locations.”



**May is Mental Health Awareness Month #FCSMentalHealthMatters**

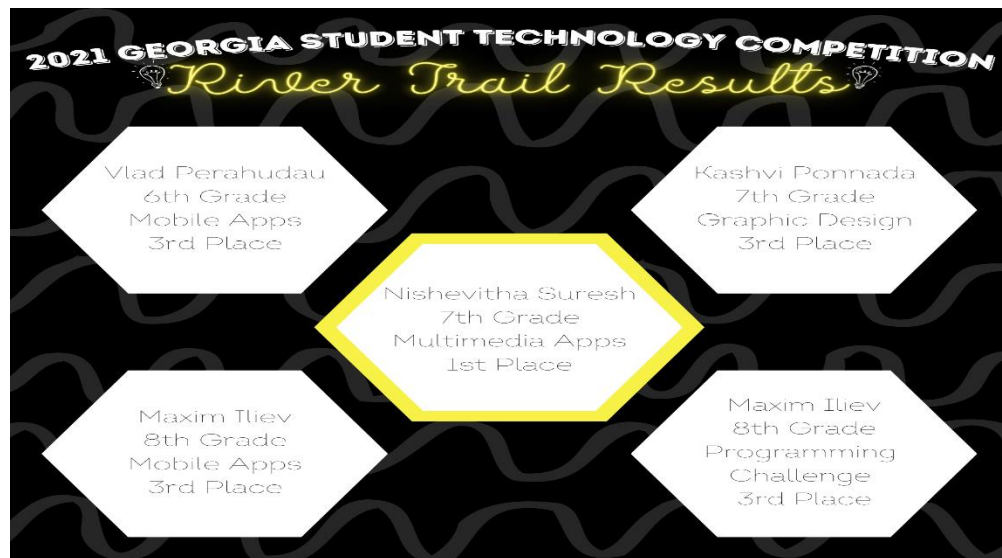
This past year presented many different challenges and obstacles that tested our strength and resiliency. The global pandemic forced us to cope with situations we never imagined, and a lot of students, staff, and community members struggled with their mental health as a result. Now, more than ever, we 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 3: Processing Big Changes**

Change is a guaranteed part of life. It's something everyone experiences at one point or another good or bad. Sometimes that change happens in big ways when we aren't expecting it or aren't prepared for it. These types of situations can make navigating your path forward really difficult. By providing yourself with tools for processing change, you can adapt more easily.

**2021-Georgia Student Technology Competition Winners**

Congrats to all of our students who participated in the Georgia Student Technology Competition. River Trail Middle School had FIVE wolves place in different categories. What an honor! River Trail is very proud of you and your dedication to succeed. Congratulations!



**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 unable 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** (with a smiley face). Please join the fun by participating in the following dress up days, starting Monday May17.



**MAYDAY**  
**"MAY" – DAYS**  
**MAD ABOUT YOUTH!**

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

**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!

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

Suggested Pickup Location for River Trail MS is:
<b>Barnwell ES</b>
<b>9425 Barnwell Road</b> <b>Johns Creek, GA 30022</b>



**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

### **Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recipients of the Chorus 3-Year Pins:**

Oluwasetemi Aina  
Eowynn Boyd  
Mina Chahboune  
Jonathan Chen  
Sophia Choe  
Kervin Felicien  
Jacob Ferrero  
Sara Gagguturu  
Sailee Gokhale  
Anthony Hsiung  
Anvitha Jagannatha  
Bhargavi Kaarthigeyen  
Vishwajit Kalimikonda  
Fallon Keel  
Aaliyah Ladhani  
Kate Lazewski  
Jenica Lei  
Laura Martin

Lea Masson  
Anastasia Mermigka  
Maanvi Mohan  
Anuva Mulamalla  
Anvitha Nath  
Erika Noh  
Janice Oh  
Anna Parthiban  
Raaga Sarraff  
Rhea Senthil  
Ameya Shet  
Aryan Shetty  
Saanvi Shetty  
Senthilnathan, Nandhini  
Shreya Venkatesh  
Silas Wiler  
Xianglin Yuan

**Anna Parthiban** is a recipient of a chorus medal for her excellence in Honor Choir and Solo & Ensemble.

### **A Special Farewell to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Students:**

Thank you for your perseverance, patience, and positivity. I am so proud of you for singing your way through this pandemic and not giving up! Good luck in high school and please keep in touch. Virtual students going to NHS, I will meet you in person when we sing at the football game next fall – come say hello! Two rules for life: be safe and be friendly. All the best, virtual hugs, Mrs. Adams

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