

A Message from Mr. Ross...

Thank you for choosing to enroll your children at Riley Street Middle School! The staff and I value our relationship with parents and desire to work in partnership with you during these crucial middle school years.

Today, we've reached the 6-week mark in the 2023/24 school year. The staff and I appreciate the support of our parents as we focus on educating, challenging, and inspiring the nearly 700 students who call Riley Street Middle School, their school. We've recently launched a number of additional learning opportunities for our students that are proving to be successful. WIN time on Tuesdays/Thursdays, lunch and learn, before and after school tutoring are in place to provide additional time and support to our students. Please encourage your child to take advantage of these opportunities throughout the year.

You can track your child's progress in each course by checking the PowerSchool parent portal or by directly contacting your child's [teachers](#). The first grading period will end on October 27.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 14 & 16. You will receive a communication in late October explaining the process to sign-up for conferences.

As we move into October, please continue to encourage your child to do their best, do what's right, and treat others as they would like to be treated.

I appreciate you taking the time to read our monthly newsletter. Please know that I'm here to serve and support you and your student(s).

Riley Street Reminder

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM RILEY STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL

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School Pictures Retakes ~ School Pictures were sent home with students today. Retakes will be taken on Friday, October 13. **If you wish to have retakes, please send your original picture packet to school with your child on Friday, October 13.** Retakes will begin at 7:50am. Geskus Photography will only print new pictures after the original packet is returned.



Science Olympiad - In search of coaches! The Science Olympiad season is fast approaching but RMS does not have head coaches! The Science Olympiad team is looking for two head coaches for the 2023-2024 season. Applicants should be organized, good communicators, and have a love of science, math, and engineering. The application can be found on Hudsonville Public School's website. Feel free to reach out to Sydney Crosby (scrosby@hpseagles.net) with any questions.

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help will be offered to **6th grade** students on **Monday-Friday mornings from 7:20am-7:45am in Room 203.**

Homework Help will be offered for **7th & 8th grade** students **Tuesday-Friday from 7:20am-7:45am in Room 319.**

Homework Help will also be offered for all students after school from 2:50pm-3:20pm in Room 110.

These are **quiet** environments where students will receive academic support, if needed, from instructional para professionals, study quietly on their own, read, etc.

Additionally, **Lunch and Learn** is offered **Monday-Thursday in Room 319.** Students may get their lunch, sign in, and complete homework, study, or take (or retake) tests or quizzes (with teacher permission). This quiet environment allows students to receive academic support or complete missing work from absences. This room is staffed by one RMS staff member as well as volunteer parents.

Golf Irons Donation Needed ~ The RMS PE program is in need of golf irons that you would be willing to donate. We would be incredibly grateful.

These irons will benefit our students by allowing them to practice and develop their golf skills during the PE Golf Unit. Please feel free to drop off any donated golf irons in the box at the front office during school hours in the next week.



Those parents and students interested in hearing more about the **8th grade East Coast Trip** - please be aware of an upcoming informational meeting on **Tuesday, October 3 at 7:30 pm in the RMS cafeteria.**

We would like to welcome to Riley Street Middle School the following students who are new to Hudsonville Public Schools this year:

6th Grade

Lindsey Altamirano De Leon
Malachi Bender
Atticus Cain
Perla Gonzalez Martinez
Emmanuel Guzman-Colter
Emery Inman
Mya Ireland-Lowery
Sterling Longcore
Joseph Martin
Kateri Nanyes
Aiden Park
Emersyn Schmid
Evelynn Wilson

7th Grade

Nancy Altamirano De Leon
Livia Kalabus
Addy Santiago
Layla Serrano

8th Grade

Amelia Bermudez
Bella Guzman-Colter
Kaylee Kozal
Collin Sikkema
Kameryn Tromp



Early Release Day!

Early Release Dates ~ The remaining dates for early release are October 20, November 10, December 15, January 26, February 23, March 15, May 3 and our last day of school, June 5. On the early release dates, students will be dismissed at 11:15am. The purpose of the early release is to provide quality collaborative time for our staff to review assessment data and discuss best practices with the goal of improving student achievement.

On the early release days, transportation will be provided in the same manner as it would be at the end of the school day only beginning at 11:15am instead of 2:45pm. A sack lunch will be made available to students who would like to bring one home on the bus. Students must preorder these lunches and the deadline for ordering a lunch is 9:30AM on the day of each early release day.

Leaving School During the School Day ~ If a student must leave at any time during the school day, parents are asked to phone or write a note stating the reason for early dismissal and the time their child needs to be dismissed. Students should bring the note directly to the office before the school day begins for an early dismissal pass. This pass should be shown to their teacher at the beginning of the class from which they will be leaving.

Should a student need to leave school due to sudden illness or injury, the student should come to the office. Students should NOT call home from their cell phone to be picked up if they are injured or ill. The office will call parents to pick up the student. Students will be signed out in the office before they leave.



Choice Reading at Riley

Reading is a central focus in our classrooms -- and not just in English classes. One of our highest priorities is to provide a solid foundation upon which our students can grow and develop as lifelong readers. As is true of any skill, reading is a skill developed through intentional practice. The reading or practice students do as part of their ELA classes in the reading workshop allows them to develop the stamina they need for success as they continue their education throughout middle school, high school, and beyond. We know that one of the most important indicators of success in high school and college is the ability to read and comprehend complex text fluently, and that skill isn't one to be quickly activated. Just like training for a marathon, training for the complex reading of high school and beyond takes regular practice in gradually more complex books. This is one reason at least 20 minutes of reading is required of all students every night. We want the students at Riley Street Middle School to be building a reading habit, training regularly.

In our classrooms, we make every effort to provide students with opportunities for the practice they need to establish and maintain reading lives. To that end, some of our ELA teachers continually work to develop classroom libraries containing a wide variety of texts to support all readers. Classroom libraries include a broad range of books regarding issues, topics, styles, genres, and readability. We strive to have interesting, relevant, challenging texts for all readers in order to provide students at varying levels the ability to scaffold their skills throughout middle school. Because classroom libraries are continually growing and changing, it is not possible for teachers to read every book before adding it to a classroom library. To select materials for their classroom libraries, teachers rely on recommendations from students, staff, and a variety of additional review sources.

While teachers may recommend books based on your student's interest, rest assured that books from classroom libraries are never assigned; students are allowed free choice concerning their independent reading selections. We realize that each family has a unique set of standards regarding what is considered acceptable reading material. As a parent or guardian, you set standards to help your child decide which movies, TV shows, music, apps, and video games are acceptable for your family. In the same manner, we encourage you to talk with your child about your family's standards for selecting reading materials, to remain aware of the books your child is selecting throughout the year, and to assist in determining appropriateness. Independent reading books are chosen by your child, so there can certainly be other choices if you are not satisfied with any book. Students are not at all limited to reading only the books in classroom libraries. Many students also purchase new or used books from book stores or thrift shops, borrow from friends or family, or use the public or school libraries.

We are excited to see the growth all students make this school year with the books they choose. This reading foundation is crucial to your student's future success in high school and beyond, and we can't wait to help foster a reading life in your child.

WINTER 1 SPORTS

The Winter 1 sports season is starting in the coming weeks. If your child is interested in Winter 1 Sports, they will sign-up by following a link that was emailed to them.

CHEER



SWIM TEAM

Winter 1 Athletics will begin on October 24 as follows:

Girls Swim & Dive - The first practice will be on October 24 until 5:15pm at the high school pool. A shuttle will bring them from Riley Street Middle School to the pool.

Competitive Cheer - 7th and 8th grade tryouts will be held on October 24 and 25, from 4:30pm to 7:30pm, at the Baldwin Street cafeteria.

Boys Basketball 7th grade tryouts will be October 24, 25, 26, and 27 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm and 8th grade tryouts will be October 24, 26, and 27 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

The Athletic Physical form and Athletic Code form must be turned in to the office and the pay to participate fee/club fee must be paid prior to the first day of Winter 1 sports tryouts or practices. When all forms are turned in and the pay to participate/club fee is turned in, athletes will receive an entry ticket that must be brought to their coach on the first day of tryouts. If you completed the forms for a fall sport, you don't need to re-submit the forms. If you paid the \$75 for a fall sport you don't need to pay it again, however if you paid \$50 for football (club sport) you do still need to pay the \$75.00. Competitive Cheer is a separate fee (club fee).

Questions can be directed to:

Athletic Facilitator: Josh Magley (jmagley@hpseagles.net)

Athletic Admin Assistant: Karen Hill (khill@hpseagles.net)



UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 10	Choir Concert, 7:00pm at FAC
Oct. 13	School Pictures Retakes (starting at 7:50am)
Oct. 17	6th Grade Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm FAC
Oct. 19	7th/8th Grade Orchestra Concert, 6:30pm FAC
Oct. 20	Early Release (Classes dismiss at 11:15)
Oct. 23	No School
Oct. 24	Band Concert, 7:00pm at FAC
Oct. 27	End of Quarter 1
Nov. 10	Early Release (Classes dismiss at 11:15)
Nov. 14	P/T Conferences
Nov. 16	P/T Conferences
Nov. 22-24	Thanksgiving Break (Wednesday - Friday)
Dec. 15	Early Release
Dec. 25	Holiday Break Begins
Jan. 8	Classes Resume



Important Links

Food Service Menu	https://jenhudfood.nutrislice.com/menu/hudsonville-public-schools/riley-street-middle
Hudsonville Athletics	https://hudsonvilleathletics.com/
Community Ed Information	http://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org/communityed/
Community Bulletin Board	http://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org/rileystreet/community-bulletin-board

RMS RENAISSANCE NEWS

WHAT IS EAGLE RENAISSANCE?

EAGLE RENAISSANCE IS A PROGRAM BUILT TO ENCOURAGE:

- ★ **ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**
- ★ **IMPROVEMENT**
- ★ **INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**
- ★ **INCREASED ATTENDANCE**
- ★ **POSITIVE BEHAVIOR**

.... THROUGH CREATIVE RECOGNITION AND REWARDS.



THERE ARE TWO LEVELS OF INCENTIVE FOR STUDENTS: BLUE LEVEL AND GOLD LEVEL.

BLUE LEVEL IS BASED ON THE PREVIOUS QUARTER'S ACHIEVEMENTS

1. **3.5 G.P.A., NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, NO TARDY DETENTIONS, NO SUSPENSIONS, NO IN-HOUSE SUSPENSIONS, AND LIFE SKILLS PROFICIENT OR BETTER**

OR

2. **.5 G.P.A. INCREASE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, NO TARDY DETENTIONS, NO SUSPENSIONS, NO IN-HOUSE SUSPENSIONS, AND LIFE SKILLS PROFICIENT OR BETTER**

OR

3. **PERFECT ATTENDANCE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, NO TARDY DETENTIONS, NO SUSPENSIONS, NO IN-HOUSE SUSPENSIONS, AND LIFE SKILLS PROFICIENT OR BETTER**

GOLD LEVEL IS BASED ON CUMULATIVE ACHIEVEMENT ON THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR

1. **CUMULATIVE G.P.A. OF 3.75 OR ABOVE, NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, NO TARDY DETENTIONS, NO SUSPENSIONS, NO IN-HOUSE SUSPENSIONS, AND LIFE SKILLS PROFICIENT OR BETTER**

EAGLE RENAISSANCE/STUDENT COUNCIL CREW IS FOR ANY STUDENT INTERESTED IN IMPROVING SCHOOL CLIMATE. WE SPONSOR SPIRIT DAYS, STUDENTS OF THE MONTH, LOCKER SIGNS, TEACHER APPRECIATION, AS WELL AS CELEBRATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN AREAS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM. MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN ROOM 217 AFTER SCHOOL OR DURING WIN! PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL CREW!

Eagle Renaissance Student Council Crew met for the first time this year on Thursday, September 12. We had an amazing turn-out with all three grades well-represented! Our goal for the meeting was to get informed about what Student Council Crew is and what our goals are. We also had time to brainstorm and plan HOMECOMING EVENTS like Spirit Week, a Pep-Rally, and the Pop-up Spirit Store pictured below!



**FIRE UP,
GO EAGLES!**



RENAISSANCE NEWS

GOLD LEVEL MEMBERS-SEPTEMBER

Our first Business of the month was Action Water Sports. They offered a **FREE 2 hour wake park pass and rental - no purchase necessary!** Thanks to Action Water Sports's for being a proud supporter of the program. We appreciate their efforts in honoring our Renaissance Gold kids.

It's businesses like this that make our community great!



GOLD LEVEL MEMBERS-OCTOBER

Our October Business of the month is Jimmy John's. They are offering a **FREE 8 inch sub with the purchase of a drink!** Thanks to Jimmy John's of Hudsonville for being a proud supporter of the program. We appreciate their efforts in honoring our Renaissance Gold kids.

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**CHECK OUT OUR EAGLE
RENAISSANCE WEBSITE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION!**

