

A Message from Mr. Ross...

The first quarter of the school year wrapped up today! We are extremely proud of our students for the work they've done and the learning progress they've made these first few months of the school year.

The nine-week grading period provides our students opportunities to experience multiple exploratory courses while at the same time receiving more frequent feedback about their progress in year-long courses like math, science, English, social studies, resource, and music. We hope that more frequent information about your child's progress will be valuable to you as a parent. As always, if you have questions about your child's progress in learning, please reach out to us.

On Wednesday, November 1st you will receive an electronic notice from Riley Street Middle School asking you to sign up for parent-teacher conferences using a platform called SchoolBookings. Parent-teacher conferences will take place in-person on November 14th (3:30 PM - 7:30 PM) and November 16th (3:30 PM - 7:00 PM). If these dates don't work for you or you find that a teacher doesn't have availability, please contact the respective teacher(s) to set-up an alternate time to meet. Click on this [Link](#) for access to teacher contact information.

On behalf of our entire staff, I'd like to thank our parents for partnering with us during these crucial middle school years. We pride ourselves on being a school that is responsive to both student and parent needs. I encourage you to reach out to me or any of our staff members to share an idea, suggestion, comment, concern, or praise.

Riley Street Reminder

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM RILEY STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL

Riley Street Middle School
2745 Riley Street, Hudsonville, MI 49426
Phone: 616-896-1920



Support During the Holiday Season ~ RMS has been given the opportunity to partner with local organizations to help support families during the holiday season. If you would benefit from support over the upcoming holidays, please complete the form found [HERE](#). We will do our best to accommodate as many requests as possible. Please complete this form by Friday, November 10.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting ~ Riley Street Middle School utilizes federal Title I funds to support students who are failing or at-risk of failing. Students in need of support are identified through a variety of assessment measures. These identified students receive additional time and support with our paraprofessionals before school, during school, and after school. We invite the parents of these students to attend our Annual Title I Parent Meeting taking place at **7 PM on Thursday, November 16th** in the media center. The meeting will provide parents with an overview of the Title I program and an opportunity to provide feedback.

Morning Student Drop Off Zone ~ There is a designated loop for student drop off on the east side of the building. **We ask that you do not use the front parking lot as a drop off area for your student in the morning.** Using the front parking lot for this purpose creates a hazardous environment in the morning for staff, parents and volunteers who need to use this lot for parking. The purpose of the front lot/circle drive is for a parent or volunteer who needs to come into the building or for late drop off or early pickup of a student due to an appointment or illness. Please help us keep this area safe.

Ski and Board Club Information 2023-2024 ~ Changes are happening. As you may already know, Bittersweet management has made the decision to discontinue the adult discount card and make adjustments to the student club program which would drastically change our club format. This means that the options we have previously enjoyed for our Hudsonville Ski Club participants will no longer be available. We may not be able to go to Bittersweet.

We are actively working on finding alternative solutions for our students and adults. We are currently gathering information from Cannonsburg, Timber Ridge, and Bittersweet to explore the best possible program for our ski club members. We anticipate having more details by the beginning of November.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this transitional period. We will continue to keep you updated as we progress with our plans. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to the ski club organizers.

Roger Zuidema (rzuidema@hpseagles.net) - MS Ski and Board Leader
Jason Glanville (jglanvil@hpseagles.net) HS Ski and Board Leader

Halloween / Tuesday, October 31st ~ Our student council Renaissance team has planned a class color day competition for October 31st.

6th grade - **black**, 7th grade - **purple**, 8th grade - **orange**

Student participation will count towards our yearlong spirit day total.

Students choosing to wear costumes or Halloween attire to school on October 31st are reminded that it must be in compliance with our appearance policy and not interfere with instruction.

Missing Something??

We have many items on display in the cafeteria.

Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Tuesday, November 21, 2023.



Ski & Snowboard Film! The Hudsonville High School Ski Team is hosting a Warren Miller film premiere in the High School Auditorium on Tues, Nov 14! This is a great way to start off your family's winter season and support our team. Grab tix at warrenmiller.blogspot.com Doors open at 6:45 PM with time to meet with representatives from ski resorts and local ski shops. Film starts at 7:30 PM.

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.**

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.



Winter Colorguard ~ Hudsonville Public Schools offers a competitive winter colorguard program. It is open to all HPS students grade 7-12. We are seeking new members for our 2023-2024 season. Students do not have to be in band to be a part of this team! The winter colorguard is a successful program that travels the state of Michigan and competes in February and March. Our varsity guard is the current state champion! Rehearsals start in November. There is a meeting on November 14, 2023 in the band room at the high school. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Parents will be able to get important information about the program. Students will have a chance to give colorguard a try. Reach out to Mr. VanderWall at cvanderw@hpseagles.net for more information.

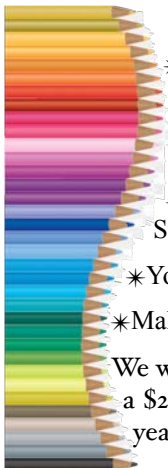
Early Release Dates ~ The remaining dates for early release are November 10, December 15, January 26, February 23, March 15, May 3 and our last day of school, June 5. On the early release dates, students will be dismissed at 11:15am. The purpose of the early release is to provide quality collaborative 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.

**Early
Release
Day!**

Yearbook Cover Contest

Designs are due to the office by Monday, December 4, 2023



- *Your design should be on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper (not notebook paper).
- *The cover must say Riley Street Middle School with the year 2023-2024.
- *You may submit as many designs as you wish.
- *Must be original artwork of a current 6th, 7th, or 8th grader attending Riley Street Middle School.

*You are encouraged to sign your name on the artwork but it will be covered during judging.

*Make sure you put your NAME and GRADE on the back of your entry.

We will have a front cover and a back cover winner. First place winner will have their entry on the front cover and receive a \$20 prize along with a free yearbook. Second place winner will have their entry on the back cover and receive a free yearbook.



WINTER 1 SPORTS

Winter 1 sports began this week for Boys Basketball, Girls Swim & Dive, and Competitive Cheer. Competitions will begin the week of November 6th. Please check the website at Hudsonvilleathletics.com for a full schedule.

CHEER



SWIM TEAM

Signups for Winter 2 Sports (Girls Basketball, Wrestling, and Boys Swim & Dive) will be emailed to students next week and will begin the week of January 8th. To be prepared for **Winter 2 Sports**, be sure that your athlete has a sports physical and athletic code, as well as the \$75 participation fee turned in (unless you have already paid it this school year). Links to the forms and payment are below:

1. Pay to Play and athletic code link: <https://hudsonville.recdesk.com/Community/Program>
2. [Physical Form](#)

All athletes will need a ticket from the office once everything has been submitted in order to try out and/or practice.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Josh Magley (jmagley@hpseagles.net) or Karen Hill (khill@hpseagles.net).



UPCOMING DATES

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. 6	Choir Concert, 7pm at FAC
Dec. 7	Band Concert, 7pm at FAC
Dec. 15	Early Release
Dec. 17	Orchestra Concert, 2pm at FAC
Dec. 25	Holiday Break Begins
Jan. 8	Classes Resume
Jan. 17	Creative Music Class Performance, 7pm at RMS
Jan. 19	End of Quarter 2/Semester 1
Jan. 26	Early Release (Classes dismiss at 11:15)



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

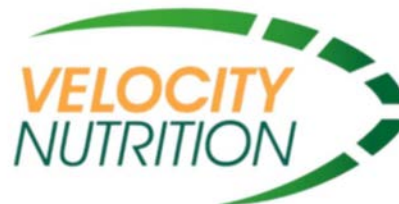
RENAISSANCE NEWS

GOLD LEVEL MEMBERS-NOVEMBER

Our November Business of the month is Velocity Nutrition. They are offering a ***FREE tea or \$5 off a mega bomb!*** Thanks to Velocity Nutrition of Hudsonville 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!



RILEY RENAISSANCE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Riley Street Middle School prides itself in having students that do what is right, do their best and treat others as they want to be treated. Earlier this month, the staff had the opportunity to nominate four students from each grade to showcase as our Riley Renaissance Students of the Month. The criteria is broad and we left it very open ended to our teachers. After considering a number of nominations, we are pleased and honored to announce the following students as October and November Students of the Month.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH-OCTOBER

6th Grade

Reagan Radosa & Elijah Glass

7th Grade

Reese Kloppe & Judah Molchan

8th Grade

Avery Bernard & Musa Bandial

STUDENT OF THE MONTH-NOVEMBER

6th Grade

Lainey Baldwin & Blake Fedewa

7th Grade

Faith Hartman & Eli Feenstra

8th Grade

Malia VanZee & Traverse Keskitalo

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



WHAT IS EAGLE RENAISSANCE

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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!