

### *A Message from Mr. Ross...*

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving! The staff and I would like to share our appreciation to the parents and families who provided food during our parent-teacher conference week back in mid November. Riley Street Middle School families are the best!

The holiday season that is upon us provides students many opportunities to think outside of themselves and build empathy towards others. Let's encourage our kids to give their time and talent to causes that are important to them. Practicing kindness is a great way to build empathy and instill caring values in our students.

Our goal is to build a culture of kindness at Riley Street Middle School where our students and staff interact in ways where all people feel supported and encouraged. Positive words and actions can make the biggest difference for a person who might be dealing with stress or trauma in their life. Former Detroit Tigers Manager, Sparky Anderson said it best, "It doesn't cost a nickel to be nice to people."

Treating others the way you want to be treated is a common message heard by our students not only here at school, but at home. Peer relationships are extremely delicate during the middle school years and frequent coaching by parents is required. During times of stress or struggle, students of middle school age will need a listening ear and sound advice in order to successfully navigate any challenging experience.

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

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## **Ski and Board Club Information 2023-24**



Due to a change in programming, Hudsonville Ski and Board Club will now be participating with Timber Ridge Ski Area for their discount cards and bus trips. Individuals and families associated with the HPS District are invited to take advantage of the Timber Ridge Discount Card for ages 6 and up through Hudsonville Ski and Board Club. Registration is now open and the **deadline to sign up is December 8**. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Questions can be directed to Roger Zuidema ([rzuidema@hpseagles.net](mailto:rzuidema@hpseagles.net))  
MS Ski and Board Leader

## **Parents of 6th Grade Students:**

**Immunizations** ~ Most 6th grade students need a couple of new immunizations (Meningitis and T-dap) after turning 11 and before entering 7th grade. Students are assessed as they enter 7th grade and must be up-to-date before they can start school for their 7th grade year. As your 6th grader has their well-child check-ups and receives the updated immunizations, please obtain a copy of their updated official immunization record and give a copy to the RMS office anytime this year. (We are required to have a copy of this official document in their file.)



**Immunization Waivers** ~ If you are a parent who chooses to waive immunizations for your child, please know that if you haven't gotten a new waiver since your child turned 11, you will most likely need to get a new waiver which states Riley Street Middle School as the current school and also includes the new immunizations that were not previously required. Getting a new waiver requires making an appointment at the Ottawa County Department of Public Health 616.396.5266. Only waivers that are obtained this way are accepted as valid. If you have any questions or would like us to check on the current waiver, please contact Anne Erickson at 616.896.1920 or at [aerickso@hpseagles.net](mailto:aerickso@hpseagles.net).

**Covid Tests Kits Available** ~ Free Covid Test Kits are available at the RMS office. If it would be beneficial to you or your family, please stop by the office to pick one or two kits up for your family.

**Chromebooks** ~ The Media Center has a limited number of loaner devices available for students who forget their Chromebooks or need a loaner while their unit is being repaired. Often times, we don't have enough loaners to go around. Encouraging your child to bring their Chromebooks to school every day would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**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.

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**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.

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### 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.

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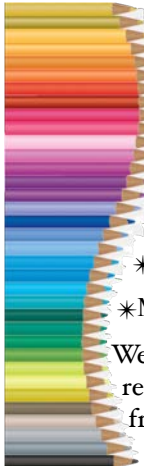
**Early Release Dates** ~ The remaining dates for early release are December 15, January 26, February 23, March 15, May 3 and our last day of school, June 5. On the early release dates, students will be dismissed at 11:15am. The purpose of the early release is to provide quality collaborative time for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

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- \*Your design should be on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper (not notebook paper).
  - \*The cover must say Riley Street Middle School and 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 2 SPORTS



**Winter 2 Sports** (7th & 8th grade Girls Basketball, 6th-8th grade Wrestling, and 7th & 8th grade Boys Swim & Dive) 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 who want to participate in Winter 2 sports, should turn in ALL the required paperwork and participation fee (if applicable) **before the holiday break**. Once everything is turned in, students will receive an entry ticket which will allow them to participate in tryouts/practice.

If you have any questions, please reach out to:

Josh Magley ([jmagley@hpseagles.net](mailto:jmagley@hpseagles.net)) or  
Karen Hill ([khill@hpseagles.net](mailto:khill@hpseagles.net)).



## UPCOMING DATES

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

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

# RENAISSANCE NEWS

## GOLD LEVEL MEMBERS-NOVEMBER

Our December Business of the month is Biggby on 32nd St. They are offering \$1.99 speciality beverages! Thanks to Biggby 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 December Students of the Month.

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH-DECEMBER

#### 6th Grade

Mackenzie Dodd & Sterling Longcore

#### 7th Grade

Nicole Horn & Cameron Feyen

#### 8th Grade

Madelyn Bilberry & Samuel Bowman

### DECEMBER 18-22 IS SPIRIT WEEK

CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD TO SEE  
WHAT THE THEME IS EACH DAY!



**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!**