



Ridgeway Middle School

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RMS Monthly Student & Parent Flyer Packet



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Reading/Language Arts



Hello Parents,

We are excited to greet all incoming 6th grade scholars! We have high expectations of all our students and are looking forward to a wonderful year. The first week of school, we will focus on rules and classroom procedures we use daily at Ridgeway Middle School. Once these procedures are established, we will begin our first unit, *Myths: Not Just Long Ago*. All students are expected to arrive ready to learn with their materials from the first day of school until the end of the year.

Please feel free to contact us via email with any question you may have.

Respectfully,

Ms. Peluso, M.S.
pelusol@scsk12.org

Mr. Reece
williereecejr@gmail.com



Social Studies

Greetings Students and Parents!

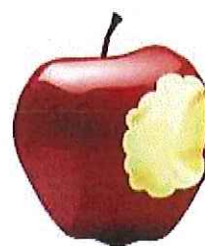
It is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your child to Ridgeway Middle. I am looking forward to working with you all this year in Social Studies. We are about to embark upon a *new* journey through the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, India, Greece and Rome. Students will discover and learn information about these civilizations that will allow them to connect with real life inventions and tools that they use daily. Follow along with us as we explore each of these civilizations in detail. Additionally, I always encourage parents who have visited any of these places to come out and share with the class.

Once again, welcome to Ridgeway Middle and to a year of fun and exciting learning. We will begin our journey in the Prehistoric Era with the discovery of fire then venture out into the Roman Empire. Buckle Up! We are Taking Off Shortly!

I am looking forward to working with you and your child. My theme is always "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!" Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Be on the lookout for Class Dojo!!! Class Dojo will be a "real-time" way for us to stay in contact.



Warmly,
Mrs. Watkins
watkinspd@scsk12.org
901-416-1588/901-230-6675 (cell)



Physical Education



Greeting Parents,

My name is Coach Hadley and I am the 6th grade PE Teacher. As we begin a new year we are eager and excited to have your child in our physical education program at Ridgeway Middle! Our ultimate mission is to educate your child about the importance of exercise and motivate him/her to participate in a lifetime of physical activity by exploring all avenues for health awareness and wellness. We hope to provide each child with many opportunities to succeed.

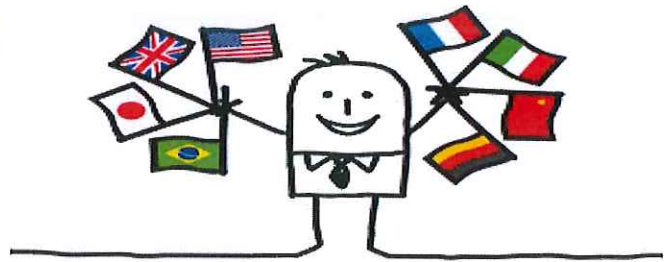
All students taking P.E. this year must have and wear an Orange Ridgeway/P.E. t-shirt daily or solid orange t-shirt w/ blue, white, gray or black shorts/pants. P.E. uniforms can be purchased at school. Information will be sent home later regarding P.E. uniform. Please help your child to remember to dress accordingly and for each P.E. class.

Healthfully Yours,

Coach Hadley
hadleyc@scsk12.org

Spanish

!La clase de español!



Dear parents; **!Bienvenidos!**

I am excited to be a part of the RMS family! I look forward to helping your child to not only learn the Spanish language but also learn about culture and geography of the countries and regions around the world where Spanish is spoken.

This quarter, we will be learning how to introduce ourselves, how to greet each other, and how to describe what makes us unique.

Students will be working very diligently. As a project, each student will choose one country to research and will present their findings to the class toward the end of the quarter.

I look forward to working with you and your child as we navigate through our Spanish journey!

Un cordial saludo (Warm regards),
Señorita Richardson
andrea.richardson29@gmail.com





RIDGEWAY I.B.OPTIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade Team

August 2017

Greetings 7th Grade Parents,

Welcome to Seventh Grade! We have a very busy and exciting year in store for us. We realize teaching your child is a privilege, as well as a tremendous responsibility. We will do our best to make sure that each student has a motivating, fun and safe learning experience.

Our priority is to be caring, supportive teachers with high expectations and the belief that every child is capable of achieving. We are extremely happy to have your child in seventh grade, and look forward to working together to make this a successful and memorable year.

Math It Out!

Hello Parents!

This year we are venturing into a new curriculum called Eureka Math. The students have been introduced to the program this first week of school and eager to excel in all of the topics that will be covered. The first module will cover Ratio and Proportions. Please review the syllabus that has been given by the teachers to see all the fun happenings that will take place in math this year!

Best Regards,

Mrs. McLeod and Mr. Diong

Are you geared up for Science!!!

This year students will also have many opportunities to apply what they have learned in lessons through various lab investigations and activities which can be fun and highly engaging. Our goal is to create a classroom learning environment to help your child:

- Develop a strong science vocabulary
- Build a solid foundation of science concepts and understanding
- Make connections among science and other academic areas
- Utilize technology to learn more about science
- Apply mathematics to problem solving
- Develop critical thinking skills and the ability to challenge assumptions, think creatively, and solve real-life problems
- Enjoy learning!

Thanks,

Mr. J. Calhoun and Mrs. A. Edwards



Humanities to the Rescue!!

Hello World Travelers!

Having been in the classroom before, we know that many students find Social Studies a little boring. We promise to do our best to make it interesting, fun AND educational. The curriculum for 7th grade is really a journey around the world and a look into both ancient and modern cultures. Your scholar may become a knight in a royal court one day and a Samurai the next.

Thanks,

Mrs. S. Reeves and Ms. Z. Smith



Dear parents,

In this class, we will be covering a variety of literature options, both fiction and nonfiction, as well as practicing our writing skills which will be very important as students progress through school. We are looking forward to the major goals and accomplishments that your student will reach throughout the course of the year!

Best Regards,

Ms. N. Cotton and Ms. N. Norwood

Physical Education Is Great!!

All students taking P.E. this year must have and wear an orange Ridgeway/P.E. t-shirt or solid orange t-shirt w/blue, white, gray or black shorts/pants DAILY. Only PE approved tights are to be worn with PE approved shorts are worn over them. GYM SHOES ONLY!!

PE uniforms can be purchased from the school. Information will be sent home at a later date regarding the P.E. uniform. Each child is expected to participate every day. Please help your child remember to dress accordingly. Students will be asked to change if there is clothing that generates negative attention. Students must purchase a lock to lock any clothing or valuables daily. RMS is not responsible for any lost or stolen items in gym or locker room.

Coach E. Randolph



I SCREAM

YOU SCREAM

WE ALL
SCREAM
I.B.!!!

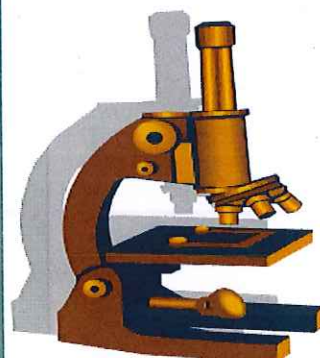
7th Grade Team Schedule

8:15 – 8:25 Homeroom
8:30 – 9:20 2nd period
9:25 – 10:15 3rd period
10:20 – 11:05 4th period
11:10 – 11:45 5th period
11:50 – 12:30 Lunch
12:35 – 1:25 6th period
1:30 – 2:15 7th period
2:20 – 3:15 8th period

Please schedule all conferences during our planning time from 11:00am to 11:45am and 1:30pm to 2:15pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.



“RMS + ME =
Knowledge, Pride &
Success”



Pre-Algebra: C. McLeod and M. Diong

Humanities: S. Reeves and Z. Smith

Science: J. Calhoun and A. Edwards

Language Arts: N. Cotton and N. Norwood

Physical Education: E. Randolph

Co-Teacher: D. Jones



RIDGEWAY I.B.OPTIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



August 2017

Welcome to 8th grade at Ridgeway International Baccalaureate Middle School! The 2017-2018 school year promises to be full of exciting changes for both your student and the community. We want to take a moment to introduce the eighth grade team and to give you our contact information. We utilize **CLASS DOJO**: behavior management system used to track behavior, **REMIND** and/or **GOOGLE VOICE**: a text message alert system that will alert you through text messages regarding activities, events, or messages for you and your child. Be on the lookout for more information from your child's teacher about these. Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to a great school year!

Teacher Contact Information

Math

Mrs. A. Long
School: 901-416-1588
Cell: 901-310-5091
Email address: longah@scsk12.org
Website:
<http://mrslongmathclass.weebly.com/>
Tutoring Time: Tuesday (3:35-4:35)
Planning Period: 8th period

Math

Mr. Eric Winfrey
School: 901-416-1588
Cell: 901-596-6831
Email address: Winfreyej@scsk12.org
Tutoring: 3:30-4:30 on announced days
Planning Period: 6th period 11:50-

Science

Mrs. Natasha Medford
School: 901-416-1588
Cell: 901-878-5748
Email: Medford.science@gmail.com
Tutoring: 3:30-4:30 Monday/Thursday
Planning: 6th period 12:40-1:20

Science

Mrs. Bracey-Hills
School Number: 901-416-1588
Cellphone: 901-410-3173
Email: mrs.braceyhills@gmail.com
Tutoring Time: 3:30-4:30 Monday
Planning Period: 8th period 2:20-3:15

Language Arts

Mrs. Johnson
School: 901-416-1588
Cell: 662-333-5565
Email: nmasseyjohnson@gmail.com
Tutoring: Thursday 3:30-5:00
Planning Period: 6th Period

Language Arts

Ms. Sallie Pendley
School: 901-416-1588
Cell: 901-602-6982
Email address: Sallie39601@gmail.com
Tutoring: 3:30-4:30 Tuesday
Planning Period: 8th Period

Social Studies

Mr. Christopher Berry
School Number: 901-416-1588
Cell Phone Number: 901-628-5902
Email: christopherberry1911@yahoo.com
Tutoring Time: 3:30-4:30 Monday/
Thursday
Planning period: 8th period 2:20-3:15

SPED

Ms. Dotson
School Number: 901-416-1588
Ext. 76216
Email: dotsonbc@scsk12.org

8th grade TEAM Schedule

8:15 - 8:25 Homeroom
8:30 - 9:25 2nd period
9:30 - 10:15 3rd period
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11:05 - 11:45 5th period
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Please schedule all
conferences during our
planning time from
11:50am to 12:30pm and/
or 2:20pm to 3:00pm on
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday.

Dates to Remember
Back to School Dance:
August 18, 2017!

The 5 A's

Attitude
Actions
Appearance
Accountability
Achievement

"RMS + ME = Knowledge, Pride & Success"

Exceptional Children

August 2017 Newsletter #1



6th GRADE INCLUSION

Greetings parents and students!

I'm Ms. Samantha Melkonian and I will be the 6th grade inclusion teacher for the 2017-2018 school year here at RMS. I am so excited to be working with you all to ensure a successful transition into middle school and a very productive 6th grade year. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at:

Classroom: 416-1588 ext. 76211 email: melkonians@scsk12.org

7th GRADE INCLUSION

Teaching is my passion and I am so excited to be your 7th grade inclusion teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. I believe that my experience in the high school setting has prepared me for the work needed here at RMS. School should be safe, fun, and prepare students for their postsecondary goals. We are here to guide and help students discover and learn beyond their current knowledge. I am Ms. Deanna Jones and I will strive to make this year one that is positive and productive. Please feel free to contact me at:

Classroom: 416-1588 ext. 76211 email: jonesd16@scsk12.org

8th GRADE INCLUSION

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. I am Ms. Belinda Dotson and I am the 8th grade inclusion teacher. Are you ready for this exciting school year? I hope each student will come prepared each day with all necessary school supplies. I am looking forward to working with each child. Parents, you can reach me at the following contacts:

Classroom: 416-1588 ext. 76216 E-mail: dotsonbc@scsk12.org

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Hello Parents! Welcome to all our returning and new students. All of our students will become familiar with our Ridgeway Middle School setting and procedures. Although many are new to Ridgeway Middle we are anticipating wonderful and exciting learning adventures ahead. Please look for more information to come regarding the 2017-2018 Community Based Instruction (CBI) trips. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concern.

You can reach me at the following contacts: Classroom: 416-1588 ext. 76250 classroom, 214-5516 cellular. E-mail: gatewoodsn@scsk12.org Classroom assistants: Mrs. C. Woods and Mr. J. Stephen

CLUE

I am so excited to be joining the Ridgeway Middle School team as the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade CLUE teacher! My name is Ms. Muir and my goal this year is to prepare students for high school and beyond. I know these are exceptional students and I can't wait to show them all that they are capable of! Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Until I receive my SCS email and phone number, you can reach me at: Email: almuir0012@gmail.com





(also known as)

* *THE EXPERIENCE* *

S.T.E.M.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to RMS and STEM EXPLORATORY. Thank you for choosing our school to serve as the ambassador of your precious child's education. Just as you have brought us the best that you have, I can assure you that I will give my best at improving your child's academic advancement and achievement. Through the course of the year we will cover various topics as it relates to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.) Please look for my parent letter and return the necessary portion. I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to meeting you.

Carl Mason

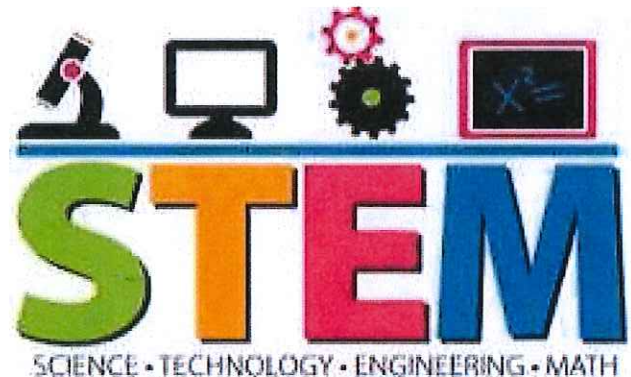
S.T.E.M.

Ridgeway Middle IB School

Email: masonc@scsk12.org

Phone: 901-416-1588

After School Hours: Tues., Thurs. 3:30 – 4:30



VOCAL MUSIC

Welcome back to school students! I'm even more excited that students came in the Vocal Music classroom excited to learn. At this time, Choir students are learning the fundamentals of music on a quest to learn to read Music! Right now, they are singing exciting songs as they explore the treble and bass clef staves. Additionally, students are preparing music for upcoming performances. Stay tuned for upcoming information on the Choir Parent Meeting.

Queen McClain, B.S., M.A., Ed.S.

Fine Arts Department Chair

Director of Choirs

Ridgeway Middle IB School

Email: ruddqe@scsk12.org

Phone: 901-416-1588 EXT. 76257

After School Hours: Mon. & Wed. 3:30 – 4:30



BAND

Welcome to Band class. We look to have another great year of learning and performing. All students need to secure their supplies for class. You will get a notice within a couple of weeks concerning the Band Parent Meeting. Use the information below to contact me for questions.

Kevan Johnson
Director of Bands
Ridgeway Middle School
Email: johnsonk1@scsk12.org
Phone: 901-416-1588



After School Hours: Tues., Thurs. 3:30 – 4:30

SPANISH

Spanish Blurb: This quarter we will be learning how to introduce ourselves, how to greet each other, and how to describe what makes us unique. Additionally, we will be learning about the culture and geography of the countries and regions around the world where Spanish is spoken. Students will each choose one country in particular to research, and will present their findings to the class toward the end of the quarter.

Andrea Richardson
Spanish
Ridgeway Middle IB School
Email: andrea.richardson29@gmail.com
Phone: 901-416-1588
After School Hours: Mon. & Tues. 3:30 – 4:30



ORCHESTRA

You will receive information a number of ways. Please check our website for updates at www.ptotiafurloworchestra.com, email assignments to rmsorchestra.furlow@gmail.com, and watch for Remind notices to receive updated information.

In class, we will work on sight reading skills, musical terminology and history, and common performance practices.

Students will work to prepare for performances for the school year and test grades. Dates will be sent through Remind. The most immediate performance is our recruitment trip in October.

Please look out for a reminder for Parent Meeting on Friday, August 25th at 5:45 PM. Thank you for your support!

Ptotia Furlow, B.A., M.M., Master's 45
Orchestra
Ridgeway Middle IB School
Email: furlowpc@scsk12.org
Phone: 901-416-1588
After School Hours: Tues. 3:30-4:30



VISUAL ART

Hello, Parents and students. Welcome back to school and welcome to Art class! I am Ms. Kindt, the new Art Teacher and I am excited to be a Roadrunner. I look forward to teaching your child. The students are eager to learn and we're off to a fantastic start. Kudos to all for a great first week.



Bethany Kindt

Visual Art

Ridgeway Middle IB School

Email: kindtb@scsk12.org

Phone: 901-416-1588

After School Hours: Tues., Thurs. 3:30 – 4:30



Ridgeway Middle Media Center

A Year at a Glance -Promotional Literacy Activities

Promotional Literacy Activities 2017-2018

- Book Adventure
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Pizza Hut Book It Program
- International Literacy Day
- Riverkings Read
- Read Across America Week
- Family Literacy Night
- Book Character Day
- National Library Week
- Teen Read Week

More information regarding these activities will be sent home throughout the year.



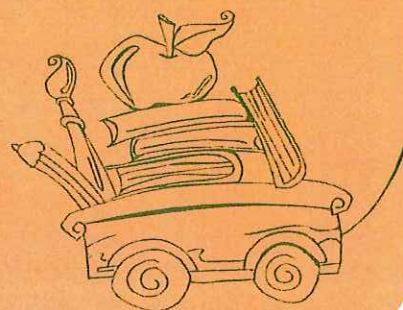
August 2017

Welcome Students and Families

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for a great school year. My name is Mrs. Bobo and I am excited about being your Media Specialist at Ridgeway Middle this year. Reading is Fundamental and my goal is to ensure that students and families have access to quality books, resources, and technology.

About Me

I am a native of Memphis, Tennessee. Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee is where I began my college career. This is my 17th year teaching. I began my career in teaching in Nashville, Tennessee where I taught 2 years. MCS/SCS is where I have been a teacher/librarian for the last 15 years. I am married with 3 sons. We also have a family dog. My motto is "When you reach high you should expect success".



Dear Parents,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you and your family. I am Stacey Erves and I will be the new School Counselor at Ridgeway Middle School for the 2017-2018 school year. I am excited and honored to be joining this amazing team of educators and staff. I look forward to meeting you and your student(s) and helping your student(s) succeed to meet their own personal goals for this school year and beyond.

Our school offers counseling services as an additional resource to help your student succeed in their academic goals, as well as support social and emotional growth throughout the school year. Counseling sessions in a school setting are typically short-term in nature and focus on solutions to help your child succeed in all areas of their development.

Counseling activities can include individual or group counseling, whole class presentations, and observations. Many of these activities will focus on helping students learn ways to build positive social skills, gain confidence in their ability to interact with others, and learn ways to deal with problems and conflicts constructively.

You may call the school at **901-416-1588** or email me ervess@scsk12.org directly should you have any questions or concerns. I am thrilled to be working with your students and hope to meet all the families that make Ridgeway Middle School such a wonderful learning community. Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Stacey Erves