

A Message from Mr. Ross...

Today we celebrate the unofficial halfway point of the 2018/19 school year. Seeing our students grow academically, physically, and emotionally is what makes the middle school experience for students, parents, and staff so unique.

The mid-year point of the school year provides parents and students alike the opportunity to take inventory of the successes and challenges they've faced and to strategize before embarking on the second half of the school year. Below are a few questions, directly related to our school's core guidelines, that students and parents are encouraged to process together.

Am I doing what's right?

Middle schoolers can sometimes struggle to make good decisions and they need frequent reminders or "coaching" from their parents and trusted adults. Doing the right thing can be hard at times for young people when other influences can sway them differently. Honest and open dialogue with your student about temptations, negative peer pressure, and risk-taking will enhance the relationship and allow parents the opportunity to set clear expectations about behavior that is aligned with both the school and their family's values.

Am I treating others well?

We aspire to build a culture at Riley Street Middle School where students care for and support one another. Our school is fortunate to have students who set a great example everyday for their peers to follow. However, we have instances where students make poor choices and don't always treat their classmates very well. We desire for our students to be empathetic, forgiving, resilient, and compassionate. Let's make it a point to teach our students these skills in hopes of supporting them in maintaining positive interactions with their peers.

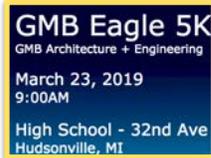
Am I doing my personal best?

School is challenging in so many different aspects for our students. For me it was Chemistry! I struggled mightily in this class. Fortunately, I had a teacher who didn't give up on me and taught me the importance of effort. To this day, I can proudly say that I "earned" a C- in the class. For our students, the same holds true today. Work hard and do your best. Letter grades on a report card are not all we should be striving for. Academic growth and improvement are equally as important as academic excellence. Let's encourage our kids to focus on just getting a little better everyday.

Riley Street Reminder

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM RILEY STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL

Riley Street Middle School
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The Hudsonville Athletic Boosters are presenting the **GMB/ Eagle 5k "Brian Carlson Memorial Run"** on March 23, 2019 at 9am. The event will take place at Hudsonville High School with the route running through the city of Hudsonville. Each year, the Hudsonville Athletic Boosters seeks to supplement the athletics program with thousands of dollars through various fundraising activities, including the GMB Eagle 5K, whose proceeds will go to athletic scholarships. As an organization, we give ten \$1000 scholarships a year to outstanding student-athletes who are pursuing a college education. Be sure to sign up online at www.classicrace.com or visit our website www.hudsonville5k.com for more information and registration. Online registration only. Packet pickup and late registration will be at Harvest Health on March 22 from 4-6pm and race day morning from 7:00am to 8:50am. Be sure to check out and LIKE our Facebook page (GMB Eagle 5k race) for all updates. All runners will receive lots of post-race refreshments.



Save the Date!

On Friday, March 1 from 9:00am-10:45am the RMS sixth grade students are excited to showcase some of our local, Hudsonville-area businesses! They will tell you the stories of these amazing businesses and inform you about what the businesses do. It is a trade show format; come when you can, and stay for as much or as little of it as you wish. As always, if you plan to join us, please sign in at the office. Prepare to be impressed by our amazing local businesses and how well our students represent them!

Last year the attendance at this event was outstanding! We are hoping for a great turnout this year as well, so please join us! We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Ski & Snowboard Club ~ We still have a few dates left for the year:



- Monday, February 11
- Monday, February 18
- Monday, February 25 (Make-up Date).



Spelling Bee

After a fierce fourteen rounds of spelling, the 2018/19 Riley Street Spelling Bee Champs are:

- FIRST PLACE: Gavin VanZee (8th grade)**
- SECOND PLACE: Zoe Randall (6th grade)**

Both will move on to compete in the local spelling bee. Congratulations to the champions!



Upcoming Choir Performances:

- **7th & 8th Grade Pre-Festival Concert:** Monday, February 18 at 8:00 pm. Warm-up at 7:20 pm; Hudsonville Fine Arts Auditorium; Formal Black & White Uniforms
- **6th Grade Performs for 5th Grades:** Wednesday, March 6 during the school day; Casual Uniforms (Choir Polo, Jeans, & Closed-toe shoes)
- **7th & 8th Grade Choir Festival:** March 6, 7 or 8 at West Ottawa Harbor Lights Middle School; We will announce our performance date and time as soon as we get the schedule from the festival supervisors.
- **6th Grade Showcase Concert:** Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm. Warm-up at 6:20 pm; Hudsonville Main Campus Eagle Auditorium; Casual Uniform (Choir Polo Shirt, Jeans, & Closed-toe shoes)



**GIRLS SOCCER
BMS + RMS**

If you are interested in participating in indoor soccer (futsal), please check the Wednesday dates below and **sign up** at RMS each week for the dates in which you plan on attending. **The open gyms take place at Baldwin Street Middle School**, are completely free, and will consist of scrimmaging and competing. Although these open gyms started on January 16 there are still several weeks left on the schedule. All you need to bring is a water bottle and indoor shoes, so grab your teammates and join us for the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Holly VanNoord at hvannoo@hpseagles.net

(1/30) — 6:30-7:30p (2/20) — 6:30-7:30p
(2/06) — 6:30-7:30p (2/27) — 6:00-7:00p
(2/13) — 6:30-7:30p



Bring the world to your doorstep! International Experience (iE-USA) is a non-profit high school student exchange organization, and we are seeking host families for the 2019-2020 school year. Students provide their own spending money to cover personal, school, sports and recreation expenses, their own health insurance, and a desire to become part of your family. Host families provide a safe and caring home, three meals per day, local transportation, and a quiet place to study. Would you consider learning about the opportunity to open your heart and home to an exchange student? Please contact local coordinator Sarah Boucher at [517-331-3460](tel:517-331-3460) or s.boucher@international-experience.net. Sarah lives in Jenison and is close by to be of support throughout the entire exchange experience. You can view available students to host at www.iE-USA.org.

After School Homework Help - After school homework help is available as follows:



MONDAYS - 6th Grade - Room 209
TUESDAYS - 7th Grade - Room 116
WEDNESDAYS - All Grades - Media Center
THURSDAYS - 8th Grade - Room 105

Homework help begins right after school and ends at 3:30pm. Students must have their own transportation home.

SNOW DAY PROCEDURE FOR HOT LUNCH

The weather outside is frightful....but what's for lunch tomorrow?



If school is cancelled on a Monday through Thursday, the menu that was supposed to be served on the snow day will be moved to the next school day. The original menu from the return day will not be served. If school is cancelled on a Friday, Friday's menu will be cancelled and we will serve the published menu on Monday. We will also Tweet the menu on Twitter @jenhudfood and send out a note via School Messenger.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

(CURRENT 8TH GRADERS)

Freshman Orientation for Current 8th grade students ~ We have two nights set for freshman orientation. Both nights begin at **7:00pm in the Freshman Campus auditorium.**

This is meant to be a night for both parents and students. If a family has a conflict the night of their school's orientation, they can attend the other one with the understanding they might not receive their orientation packet that evening. It would be delivered to the student at school the day after their school's event.

Tuesday, February 26 - Riley

Wednesday, February 27 - Baldwin

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 (Hudsonville Branch Office Phone: 616-669-0040). 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.



Lunch Money ~ This is just a reminder to keep enough money in your student's lunch account. Send a check or cash with your student and we will deposit it in his or her account. Remember to put your student's first and last name on the check so it can be applied to the correct lunch account. Deposits can be made in the mail slot on the cafeteria door or at sendmoneytoschool.com. There are applications for free and reduced lunches available in the office or at lunchapp.com throughout the year.



Box Top Contest ~ A new contest started in January and runs through the end of the school year. Please turn in trimmed box tops (NOT expired) in bags or envelopes of 25 to be entered into the contest. There is a collection box in the office. Remember....WRITE your name on the bag or envelope. We will have 2 more chances to win. Drawings will be held on Monday, March 25 and Wednesday, June 5.

Thank you for supporting Riley Street Middle School!



TEENS & VAPES: A PARENT TOWN HALL

Wednesday, February 6
7:00pm-8:30pm
HHS Main Campus Auditorium

This is a free event but registration is encouraged: osapvapingtownhall.eventbrite.com

Vaping and the use of e-cigarettes is the fastest growing trend among teens. In Ottawa County, 1 out of every 4 teens has used a "vape" in the past month.

Join us for an informative Town Hall where you will learn more about this rising trend, it's impact on youth and how to help prevent addiction for your teen. Speakers will include experts on the potential health impacts of vaping, youth and addiction, including an opportunity to hear from youth themselves. This workshop is meant for parents, educators, youth pastors, administrators, general community members and anyone who works with youth.



UPCOMING DATES

- Jan. 25 End of Quarter 2
- Feb. 1 Early Release (Classes dismiss at 11:15)
- Feb. 4-5 Winter Break
- Feb. 6 Teens & Vapes: A Parent Town Hall
7pm-8:30pm at HHS Main Campus Auditorium
- Feb. 12 Pre-Festival Band Concert 7pm @ FAC
(7th & 8th Graders Only)
- Feb. 18 Pre-Festival Choir Concert 8pm @ FAC
(7th & 8th Graders Only)
- Feb. 19 Festival Orchestra Concert 6pm @ FAC
(7th & 8th Graders Only)
- Feb. 26 Freshman Orientation (Current 8th Graders)
7pm in the Freshman Campus Auditorium
- Mar. 5 P/T Conferences
- Mar. 7 P/T Conferences
- Mar. 8 Early Release (Classes dismiss at 11:15)
- Mar. 28 End of Quarter 3
- Mar. 29 Spring Break Begins
- Apr. 8 Classes Resume

LINKS

Important Links

Food Service Menu	http://www.jenhudfood.org/images/Menus/Secondary/Feb-2019-Secondary-Menu.pdf
Hudsonville Athletics	http://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org/rileystreet/athletics/index
Community Ed Information	http://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org/communityed/
Community Bulletin Board	http://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org/rileystreet/community-bulletin-board
TCB	http://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org/rileystreet/school-news

RMS RENAISSANCE NEWS

GOLD LEVEL MEMBERS

With February almost upon us, it's time to announce our newest Business of the Month! We are happy to say that Vitale's will be offering a **FREE order of breadsticks and sauce. Take-out only. No purchase necessary.** We appreciate their efforts in honoring our Renaissance kids during the month of February.

It's businesses like these 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 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 January Students of the Month.

They are....

6th Grade: Ruby Sinke, Dacoda Teneyck, Brecken Koorndyk, and Cohen Kral

7th Grade: Mary Cuthbertson, Ashanti Mirelez, Joey Conrad, and Lee Braun

8th Grade: Sidney DeKock, Haili Poortenga, Grant Lewis, and Layne Krikke

Each student will receive a Renaissance Student of the Month T-Shirt, an Eagle lanyard, and a pizza party with the rest of the student of the month members at the end of the year as a way to recognize their efforts. Our heartfelt congratulations go out to them! We are excited to see who will be next for February.



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