



# The Royal Report

The Newsletter of the Riverside Middle School PTSA, Greer, SC  
Palmetto's Finest and Red Carpet Award Winner for 2010

July 2010

Summer Edition

## PTSA

The Riverside Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association, "PTSA" is an active group dedicated to supporting our teachers, staff members and students. We do this by volunteering at school and in raising funds to purchase school supplies. These vital supplies assist our school in making our students' educational experience a successful one!

This year the RMS school budget has been reduced by \$75 per student. With a little over 1,000 students this year, the total budget cuts amount to over \$75,000! With this in mind our PTSA is asking you to consider joining our "75 Club"! Details will be available at the Student Orientation Days and be included in your child's First Day Packet along with ways on how you can volunteer at RMS.

Please contact Diana Farrall, RMS PTSA President ([jrfarrall@charter.net](mailto:jrfarrall@charter.net)) with any questions.



## Volleyball Tryouts

7th & 8th Grade Girls  
Aug. 9, 3:30 p.m in Gym  
Bring completed physical form.

(Form available on RMS website.)

## Attention Bus Riders!

Information on bus schedules will be given out during orientation. Only if you have a change from last year on transportation or if you are new to the district do you need to complete a transportation form. For questions, please contact the Taylors Bus Center at 355-7330.

## Student Orientation Schedule

8th Grade	Thurs., Aug. 12	12:30 - 2:00	A-L
		2:00 - 3:30	M-Z
7th Grade	Fri., Aug. 13	8:30 - 10:00	A-L
		10:00 - 11:30	M-Z
6th Grade	Fri., Aug. 13	12:30 - 2:00	A-L
		2:00 - 3:30	M-Z

**All students must report for school pictures. Schedules and books will be issued. Gym suits and school supplies will be available for sale. Payments may be made into lunch accounts. Bus information will be available.**

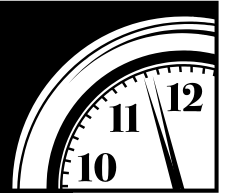
## NEW SCHOOL HOURS

8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

School starts promptly at 8:30 a.m.

## OFFICE HOURS

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



*The RMS teachers are looking forward to welcoming this year's students! Students will receive specific supply lists for their classes during orientation and the first week of school. General school supply lists for each grade are available on the RMS website. Students should not bring backpacks the first day of school; only a pencil and paper will be needed.*

## HEALTH ROOM NEWS

Please note this new policy change: Before any prescription med can be administered at school, a parent will need to have the Dr. permission form turned in at the same time the med is brought to the health room. If your child has an appointment with their Dr. before school begins, you will want to take the new form with you to have the doctor fill it out. The new forms can be found on the Greenville County web site. Once at the site, click on "student, student services, health services and finally scroll to the bottom to permission forms." You may print med forms from this site. The permission form is also on the page for "over-the-counter" meds., procedures etc.

You may also want to begin adjusting the time your student gets up and goes to bed so that the first day of school will not be such a shock compared to their flexible summer schedule. Rudie Ivester, R.N., BSN., Riverside Middle School Health Room

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[www.greenville.k12.sc.us/riverms](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/riverms)

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Lynn Truitt  
7th Gr. Counselor  
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8th Gr. Counselor  
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Cindy Dill  
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Rudie Ivester  
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Food Services  
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Media Center  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Riverside Middle School, in cooperation with the home and community, will provide opportunities which prepare students intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically to become productive and responsible members of society*

## Return Service Requested

### Important Upcoming Dates!

- Aug. 9 - Volleyball Tryouts, 3:30 p.m. in Gym (7th & 8th grade girls)
- Aug. 12 & 13 - Student Orientation
- Aug. 16 - First Day of School, 8:30 a.m.
- Sept. 2 - PTSA Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 3 - Volunteer Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. in cafeteria

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### Dear Parents, **Important Information from the RMS Guidance Department**

As we are sure that you are already aware, we are facing difficult times with our economy, and public education has been hit hard with budget cuts for the upcoming school year. These cuts have led to some very difficult decisions for our administration concerning scheduling for our students. After discussing several options for our schedule and making choices based on what we believe to be best for our students, the master schedule has changed since you last received information during student registration and curriculum night in the spring. We wanted to go ahead and make you aware of some of these changes so that you are not surprised when your child receives his or her schedule in August. Some of the differences are:

- Rather than having homeroom first thing in the morning, students will have an advisory class in place of homeroom in the middle of the day. Students will go to lunch with their advisory class, which will be either 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> period.
- Each day, students will take four academic classes (English, Math, Science, and Social Studies), two related arts classes, and one advisory class. Rather than having a separate Literature class, Literature will be taught as part of the English and Language Arts curriculum.
- There were several changes made to the courses offered for related arts. Students requested specific related arts courses through SRS in the spring. However, due to the number of changes that we had in the related arts department, it was very difficult to schedule students based on these requests. We did look at the requests and scheduled students based on their requests whenever possible, but the master schedule often made it impossible. We always try to give students at least one related arts course that they request, however for the upcoming school year that was not always possible. We never make guarantees regarding related arts courses, and for the upcoming school year that will be the case even more than in the past.

We do believe that we have created the best possible schedule that we could with the loss of teacher allocation that we are facing. The schedule that we decided on has helped us to keep our average academic class size as low as possible, which we feel will benefit our students the most. If you have concerns about your child's schedule once he or she receives it at the orientation in August, there will be a schedule concern form that you can complete. However, keep in mind that we will not be making any changes to related arts classes based on preferences. All other concerns will be addressed after all students are scheduled and the school year begins. We appreciate your assistance and support as our school becomes acclimated to our new schedule. We are looking forward to a great 2010 – 2011 school year.

RMS Guidance Department