

Panther Tales

October 12th

Principal's Message

Welcome to the second 9 weeks of our school year! We hope everyone enjoyed their Fall break and wonderful weather. Our newsletter is packed with loads of great info on upcoming events and news. Enjoy!

Assistant Principals' Message

Vision screening: All students will have a vision screening on Oct. 12 and 13. If students qualify for glasses, they will receive a pair of free glasses based on a new county initiative.

Uniforms: This year, black khaki pants are acceptable. Anything other than khaki pants, shorts, or skirts is prohibited, including black jeans and black sports shorts.

Grades: The first quarter ends on Friday, Oct. 6. Parents can view progress reports in Infinite Campus starting on Friday, Oct. 13.

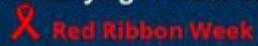
PantherPalooza Fun!



Counselors' Corner

► October

► National Bullying Prevention Month &



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This week we are wearing blue and making friends with someone new!

Optional Classroom Guidance Lessons- Bullying	Leadership, MTSS, 504, IEP, Grade-level meetings
Slur lessons	Individual, group counseling
Student Government Campaign	Program Data Analysis

Useful Links from the Student Support Team

Georgia Department of Family & Children Services Child Abuse Hotline - Reports are taken 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-855-GACHILD / 1-855-422-4453

[Georgia Crisis and Access Line](#) - For immediate **access** to routine or **crisis** services, please call the **Georgia Crisis and Access Line** (GCAL) at 1-800-715-4225. GCAL is the 24/7 hotline for accessing mental health services in Georgia.

[National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) - We can all help prevent suicide. Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. 1-800-273-8255

[Health Crisis Resources](#) - Parent resources on COVID-19 from the National Association of School Psychologists.

[National Online Safety](#) - Here you will find the most up to date guides for social media apps and platforms. There is very useful information for parents about apps such as Fortnite, Instagram, Snapchat, Tik Tok, YouTube and others.

[StopBullying.gov](#) - provides information from various government agencies on bullying, cyberbullying, prevention, and response.

[Be the Voice](#) - a student-driven initiative that results in a kinder, more inclusive school environment.



Calendar

- Oct. 16: Spirit Night at Chastain Chipotle
- Oct. 17: Governance at 7:30 AM
- Oct. 17: Prospective Parent Tour 12:30 PM
- Oct. 18: Foundation Meeting at 7:30 AM
- Oct. 19: Hispanic Heritage Festival starting at 5:30 p.m.

212 Award Winners

To celebrate the IB traits our staff exemplify and to highlight those who have gone the 1 extra degree, we give monthly 212 Degree Awards. It is built on the premise that at 211 degrees, water doesn't boil. With just one extra degree, it boils. We're thankful for 5 staff members each month who will be highlighted for giving that 1 extra degree to our school.

- **Trinity Infinity** (SEC Teacher) was given the Risk-taking & Thinking Award: The recipient is not afraid to use creativity to inspire and to help others succeed.
- **Michelle Nobles** (7th Grade Math) was given the Inquiry & Knowledge Award: The recipient has innovatively instructed with MYP, WICOR, and Personalized Learning instruction that empowers student ownership of learning.
- **Mary Kathryn Price** (PA2) was given the Caring & Communicator Award: The recipient maintains a positive, caring attitude in difficult situations and steps outside his/her job description to help others.
- **Greg Brown** (Custodian) was given the Principled & Balanced Award: The recipient demonstrates principled leadership during difficult times, showing balance and sensitivity to those following

his/her lead.

- **Renee Daniel** (ESOL Para) was given the Open-minded & Reflective Award: The recipient is open-minded and reflective to support students in powerful ways beyond the expected as an educator.



Building Parent Capacity

As a middle-school principal, a big part of my job is to help parents support their children emotionally as well as academically. Here a great article on tips for parents of preteens:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/school-involvement/13-tips-success-middle-school-principal.html>

Bus Driver Appreciation Week!

Bus Driver Appreciation Week is Oct. 16-20! Our bus drivers play an important role in getting our kids to school safely. With the nationwide bus driver shortage, it is more important than ever to let our drivers know how much we appreciate them. We are asking for donations to make this week really special! Our RCMS bus drivers always go the extra mile! Please Venmo donations to @Taryn-Lum-1 or PayPal to lumt@bellsouth.net.



PLC of the Month: 6th grade ELA and Reading



Employee Spotlight: Ms. Trinity Infinity- Special Education

"I am Miss Infinity! I am from Charleston, South Carolina where I graduated from the College of Charleston with a degree in special education and concentrations in emotional, behavioral, and intellectual disabilities. I am currently attending graduate school through the City University of New York School of Professional Studies to pursue a degree in disability studies/ critical disability theory. I have two cats, Sage and Spike, who help me with graduate work and lesson plans ♥. I was born Trinity Gallerani, but at age 19, I added Infinity to my last name. Being Trinity Infinity means providing research-based and person-centered support for people with disabilities across all levels with infinite love. Disability is diversity, and disability is beautiful!!"



Need a Remote Day?

Approved Participate Remote Learning Days are a new addition to the Fulton County attendance policy as of last year. Each student is able to take 5 approved remote learning days each semester. These can be used when you have a special family event, religious holidays, required travel, etc. These days must be requested at least 5 days in advance and require the principal's approval. These days may not be used on testing days. Simply e-mail front desk professional assistant, Ms. Price at pricem@fultonschools.org.

Lightning 5K/ 10K

Saturday, Oct. 21 is a 5K or 10K walk or run that benefits Sandy Springs Education Force. The Sandy Springs school with the largest team of participants wins a trophy and if they have at least 40 members they win \$350 for their school. We won the trophy once before and we can do it again! [Sign up here](#) and select Ridgeview as your team.

Media Center News

Mr. Bosarge would appreciate help in the Media Center. Stop by between 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to help shelve books or other assistance Mr. Bosarge may need. [Please sign up here to help!](#)

Girls Junior Raiders Fall Lacrosse Clinic

Try a new sport or hone your stick skills if you are already a lacrosse player. Sign up for 2 clinics led by the Riverwood Varsity coaching staff and members of the Riverwood Varsity girls team. The focus will be on instruction in a fun, fast-paced, environment. The clinics will be held from 4pm-6:15pm at Riverwood on Sunday 10/22 and 10/29. Let's get ready for the Spring Season! See the flyer below for more info on how to sign up.



Junior Raiders Girls Lacrosse

Fall Clinics

Grades 6th - 8th

All girls are welcome, no prior playing experience required!

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This fall will consist of 2 Sunday clinics, 4:00PM-6:15PM.

Dates:

- October 22
- October 29

Location:

- Hoskyn Stadium @ Riverwood. 5900 Raider Drive, Atlanta, GA 30328

Equipment required:

- Lacrosse stick, goggles, mouth guard
- *Cleats helpful, but not required

Registration (covers both clinics):

Email to: dumlerhouse@gmail.com

Fee: \$50 to @juniorraidersgirlslax (Venmo)

RCMS Foundation

The RCMS Foundation supports BOTH the Music and Sports programs at the school. We would like to thank our community sponsors for believing in the mission the Foundation is supporting and helping to fund all of these programs for the students. Our Foundation sponsors include Shep Lawrence of Allstate Insurance Co. and Jennifer Barnes of Barnes Young Realty Team.

Joining the Foundation helps ensure that the school can continue to support these wonderful programs, and becoming a Corporate Partner is a great way to promote your business and support the students. **Find out more about our Corporate Partnership Program [here](#)** and look below to see and support our generous sponsors.



RIDGEVIEW CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Come tour Ridgeview and learn why our Middle School is AWESOME.

Prospective Parent Tour Dates:
Tours begin at 12:30. Students are welcome to join their parents.

- October 17, 2023
- December 12, 2023
- January 9, 2024
- February 13, 2024
- March 5, 2024
- April 16, 2024

Community Open House Date:

- November 14, 2023, 9:00 - 11:00 am

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Ridgeviewtours@gmail.com



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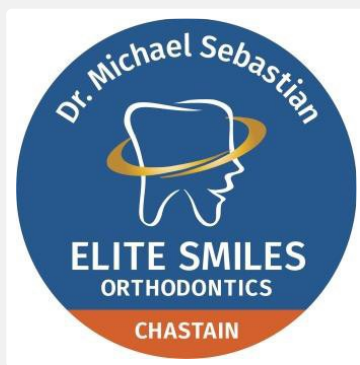
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- **Parent Teacher Association:** Consider joining PTA with a range of donation levels to suit all families. These donations fund teacher grants, classroom supplies, staff gifts and recognitions, and student treats and incentives throughout the year. Please join at www.ptarcms.org.
- **RCMS Foundation:** Our amazing Foundation provides funding to our music and athletics programs. If your student participates in these hallmark programs, we need your support. Community partners are needed, too. Donate at www.rcmsfoundation.org.

Want to be Social?

Besides Panther Tales, Ridgeview Charter Middle School has several ways you can stay up-to-date on news and happenings. Follow us on our main [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for a peek into the daily life of RCMS, plus read success stories about some of our RCMS alumni! The Ridgeview PTA also has [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for PTA-sponsored happenings, spirit wear updates and volunteer opportunities.

Got News?

Panther Tales takes submissions for RCMS news or events that would benefit our student body. To submit your information, [please fill out this form](#) and the Panther Tales team will get back to you with any questions.



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