

Panther Tales

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Principal's Message

Hello, Ridgeview United families! Please spread the word about our Community Open House next week on Tuesday, Nov. 14. It's a chance for all of our neighbors and community partners to visit and find out more about our great school. We have lots more information to share this week, so please read on!
-Principal Garrett

Assistant Principals' Message

Safety is the most important thing at Ridgeview Charter Middle School. Please understand we cannot dismiss your child as a walker to walk to the park or a neighborhood so parents can avoid the carpool line.

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

Grading Timeline: On Nov. 15, grades will be viewable in the portal.

Counselors' Corner

Study Skills

With each new school year comes new and unique challenges. Developing your study skills is critical to helping you succeed in middle school and throughout your academic career! With some dedication and hard work, you will be on your way to success!

What kind of learner are you?

Figuring out how you learn best will help you to understand the best methods for studying. If you're unsure about what kind of learner you are, check out some of the options listed below:

- **Kinetic:** Do you learn best while you are on the move? If so, you may be a kinetic learner!
- **Visual/Spatial:** When learning, do you prefer having an image of the material that you are studying, to best remember the information? If so, you may be a visual/spatial learner!

- **Auditory:** Do you prefer to listen to information and incorporate music or sound into your study routine? If so, you may be an auditory learner!
- **Linguistic/verbal:** Would you rather write out your thoughts, read, and/or have a conversation with someone about the information you are learning? If so, you may be a linguistic learner!
- **Interpersonal:** Do you enjoy working in a group setting while learning? If so, you may be an interpersonal learner!
- **Intrapersonal:** Do you take time to reflect on the information that is being taught, to fully understand the material? If so, you may be an intrapersonal learner!
- **Existential:** Are you able to easily make connections and envision the big picture of what is being taught? If so, you may be an existential learner!

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.

PTA Survey

You will see the surveys required for our PTA to be named a PTA National School of Excellence. The survey is open and live until Wednesday, November 15th. Please take the time to complete the survey so we can acknowledge the wonderful work our PTA does for the school, teachers, and community.

[Parent Survey for PTA National School of Excellence](#)

[Parent Survey for PTA National School of Excellence Spanish](#)

Parent Survey CCRPI

Your opinion matters! Tell us about your experiences with the district and your school by filling out the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) **Georgia Parent Survey** required by the Georgia Department of Education. This survey provides a foundation for your school's Climate Star rating score and is part of the CCRPI. These climate scores are an important indicator of culture and climate within each school in the district. Each school will receive a 1-5 star rating, with five stars representing an excellent school climate, and one star representing a school climate most in need of improvement.

The surveys are anonymous and confidential and will remain open through **Friday, December 15**. To access the CCRPI survey, click [here](#).

Student Survey CCRPI

The Georgia Department of Education (GA DOE) requires all public schools to participate in their Georgia Student Health Survey. To see the GA DOE informational website [click here](#). The survey has two parts: one for parents and one for students in grades 3 -12. Each school must have a 75% participation rate on the student portion of the survey. Schools failing to meet the 75% student participation rate will score 0.00 points on the school's CCRPI survey calculation under the survey portion of the School Climate Star Rating.

This GA DOE developed survey asks questions that are covered by the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). For more information about PPRA, [click here](#). PPRA requires that schools provide parents/guardians with advanced notice of student participation, the option to preview the student survey, and the ability for parents/guardians to opt their students out of any surveys that include PPRA protected areas. If you would like to opt your student out of participation in this survey, please email **Principal Thomas Garrett** requesting that your student not participate in Georgia Health Survey *prior to Friday, December 1st*.

Calendar

Nov. 12: Hands on Ridgeview 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Nov. 13-17: Book Fair

Nov. 14: Community Open House at 9:15 a.m.-10:30 AM

Nov. 16: Tech Night Face to Face at 5:30 PM

Nov. 20-24: Thanksgiving Break

Fall Volleyball



Building Parent Capacity

Need assistance with helping your child manage technology and technology expectations? [This article](#) provides great advice on helping your child manage screen time.

Announcements and Events

Come to Our Community Open House!

Our annual community open house is coming up on Nov. 14. This event is for prospective parents, neighbors, realtors, and anyone else who wants to learn about our top-tier, international baccalaureate school. Join us as we showcase the many amazing benefits of our neighborhood public middle school. [RSVP with this link](#) or via the QR code below.

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**AN EVENT FOR REALTORS, BUSINESS OWNERS,
PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

Tuesday, November 14th • 9:15 am

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★ **MORE INFO** ★
FOR MORE INFO & TO RSVP, VISIT
QR.CO.DE/RCMSOPENHOUSE
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

Sign Up to Help with the Book Fair!

Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming next week to RCMS: Nov. 13-17. We will need volunteers to make the Book Fair run smoothly. Please [sign up for a shift here](#) and get ready to empower our readers!

Food Drive

Ridgeview is organizing a food to benefit the Community Assistance Center (CAC). CAC provides food for about 500 families on a monthly basis at their 2 mini-markets in Sandy Springs and Dunwoody. Please help us support this wonderful organization! The drive is from November 6-17 and food collection bins will be located in front of the media center and cafeteria. Please see the attachment below for items needed.



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Hands On Ridgeview

Students, parents, grandparents and friends are invited to work together to beautify our school grounds. Activities include pine straw spreading, trash pick up, pressure washing, tree felling and possibly some painting and planting.

This is a meaningful way for students to invest in and engage with Ridgeview from the outside for once! All participants are eligible for volunteer credit (for any organizations they are part of) and 6th graders can earn extra credit in science!

Feel free to drop in and leave whenever your schedule permits, but please sign up for a time shift so we know approximately when we can expect you and how many volunteers you will bring. That way we can plan for how many volunteers we will have throughout the day. [Sign up here](#).

Technology Night: Parent Skills for Student Success

All parents and families are invited to tune in virtually for this informative presentation on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Learn about the most critical technology applications and how to use them effortlessly. This presentation is VIRTUAL. Please see below for more information.





Ridgeview Charter Middle School Spelling Bee

RCMS classroom level spelling bees will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 15. All ELA classes will participate in their classroom. The student with the highest number of correctly spelled words will represent their class in the schoolwide spelling bee on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 5 p.m. The District Spelling Bee will be conducted at North Springs Charter School on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Below are the spelling words for each grade level, as well as the Words of the Champions study resource. For more information, please contact your student's ELA teacher. Please see the flyers below for class spelling lists.



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8th Grade Spelling Study List.pdf

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Overall Bee Study List.pdf

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Daffodil Project



Members of the High Point Civic Association, together with RCMS families and staff, spent a beautiful Sunday planting 250 daffodil bulbs to expand the Daffodil Project Garden at RCMS. The Daffodil Project is an international effort to create a worldwide living Holocaust memorial by planting 1.5 million daffodils in memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust. Thank you to HPCA for

sponsoring this project and including RCMS as one of your gardens. We can't wait to see these daffodils bloom. More about the Daffodil Project can be found [here](#).

The Clinic Closet Needs Your Help!

RCMS families- Please help keep the clinic closet stocked with items that our students need from time to time. Thank you for your help! Here is our [Amazon wish list link](#).

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!](#)

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.

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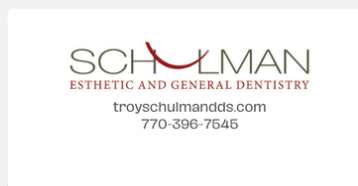
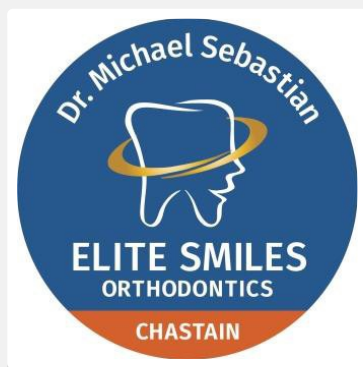




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Consider Joining PTA and Foundation!

- **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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