



## Ridgeview Middle School

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*Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.*

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August 21, 2020

Dear Ridgeview Families:

I hope that you are all well and staying safe. This year at Ridgeview (RMS) we will be starting in a remote learning environment as all classroom instruction will be online. Though instruction will be delivered in a different format the teaching staff will still provide your child with high quality, engaging lessons.

Our theme this year is “**Blazing a Trail for Student Success**”. The Ridgeview staff will be focused on helping your child to remove obstacles that may prevent them from being their best selves as we navigate through new learning frontiers together. With this in mind, as a school, we will continue to focus on the principles of the **Growth Mindset** and engage in **Mindfulness** practices. The growth mindset fosters a belief that “with practice, perseverance and effort people have limitless potential to learn and grow” while mindfulness means “being fully in the present moment” which assists in helping our students to learn how to “manage their emotions, make good choices and balance their busy lives”. Though our lives may not be as busy due to the current pandemic it is important for everyone to focus in on their own social and emotional well-being and mindfulness practices can assist in this endeavor. It is my hope that students who embody the growth mindset and engage in mindfulness practices will be well prepared to successfully navigate middle school and beyond!

At Ridgeview, high expectations are a top priority. Our expectations for all students remain the same both in a brick-and-mortar and virtual setting. We expect each student to “**Be Responsible, Be a Member and Be Safe**” (i.e. **Be RMS**) as a member of the school community. These standardized expectations have helped us to create and maintain a positive environment that is focused on learning and is at the core of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. Specific descriptions of each behavioral expectation can be found in our Ridgeview Middle School Student Handbook. Each student will receive a copy of the handbook and a copy will also be uploaded to our website. Additionally, each RMS family should review in detail with their child each expectation and other rules and regulations contained within the pages of the handbook.

Having good attendance is also a top priority at Ridgeview. Every student will be expected to attend school every day on time. **Irregular attendance is a major impediment to academic success**. Parents are expected to ensure that their child will attend school on a daily basis even in a virtual setting.

The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**. In preparation for the first day of school we will have a **RMS Chromebook & Curriculum Materials Pickup** during the **week of August 31, 2020**. Please see the specific date and time below to come and pick up your child's items. Please note that all social distancing guidelines will be enforced and all individuals entering the building will be expected to wear a mask. A detailed summary of procedures for the pick-up days will be emailed prior to September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Note: Only students who have yet to be issued a CCS Chromebook will receive one during these pick up days.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade-** September 2<sup>nd</sup>- 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade-** September 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade-** September 3<sup>rd</sup>- 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Additionally, on **Tuesday, September 1, 2020**, we will have a **Virtual RMS Back to School Parent Meeting**. This event will take place at **6:00 p.m.** on Zoom. During the meeting we will cover: our school focus, remote learning procedures, student & parent expectations, Title 1 Funding and more! I hope that you will join me to kick off the school year in a positive way! A Zoom link will be sent via email prior to the meeting.

**Below are items that need your immediate attention.**

- ✓ **PROJECT CONNECT-** Please review the information regarding the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the services that are available to those who are in need within the district. **Note: This is attached to the email.**
- ✓ **RIDGEVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY-** Please review the Ridgeview Middle School Parent Involvement Policy. Parent involvement is encouraged and expected at Ridgeview. **Note: This is attached to the email.**
- ✓ **PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW-** As a Title 1 School we must meet certain federal regulations related to professional qualifications of teachers. The enclosed information addresses your rights as a parent in requesting this information. **Note: This is attached to the email.**
- ✓ **PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) -** Please take the time to join the Ridgeview PTA. You may contact our PTA President, Mollie Cotton at [ridgeviewpta.com](mailto:ridgeviewpta.com)
- ✓ **PARENT PORTAL-** Please make sure you update your information in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. The most updated contact information for your child is needed for the District and our school to communicate with your family via phone, text and email. **If you have yet to activate your account please email our secretary, Ms. Andrea Evans at [aevans1@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:aevans1@columbus.k12.oh.us) and she will provide you with your activation code.**
- ✓ **STAYING CONNECTED-** Please utilize our school website ([www.ccsok.us/RidgeviewMS](http://www.ccsok.us/RidgeviewMS)) and our social media platforms- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (RidgeviewProud and @Ridgeviewproud-handles) to stay up to date with what is happening at Ridgeview as well as to locate school related resources and documents (i.e. on our website).
- ✓ **GUIDE TO STUDENT SUCCESS-** An orderly and safe learning environment must have clear expectations for positive student behavior. Every child will receive a guide when we return to a brick-and-mortar setting. A copy of the guide is available on the CCS website under the "Families" tab. Please review the guide with your child including the **CCS DRESS CODE**. Students at Ridgeview are expected to follow the CCS Dress Code and additional rules pertaining to student attire can be found in our Ridgeview Middle School Student Handbook. Students who fail to follow our established dress code will receive disciplinary consequences. Once we return

to a brick-and-mortar setting parents will be expected to ***complete and sign the last four pages of the Guide to Student Success acknowledging you have read and understand what is being requested and return to school with their child.***

- ✓ **PERMISSION SLIP TO CONSUME FOOD AND/OR SNACKS FOR SPECIAL OCCASSIONS AT RIDGEVIEW-** This form will be available on our website .**A copy should be completed and returned with your child when school returns to a brick-and-mortar setting.**
- ✓ **ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT RIDGEVIEW-** Students are only allowed to utilize electronic devices at Ridgeview with the permission of a staff member. Without such permission all electronics should be ***off and put away***. This policy includes **cell phones**. Parents please make sure that you are doing your part to reinforce this rule. Please do not call or text your child during the school day on their cell phone. If you need to reach your child please call the office and the office staff will assist you. ***Students who do not adhere to this rule are subject to disciplinary action. Note: This rule will apply once we return to a brick-and-mortar setting.***

Parents, teachers, support staff, students and administrators must continue to work together to make sure that *each child reaches his or her fullest potential*. Though the school year will start out differently the staff and I are looking forward to a productive and mindful year!

Sincerely,

Natalie M. James  
Principal