

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade University

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# Parent Meeting

## August 1, 2019



CHARLES S. RUSHE MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Home of the Ravens*

# Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

Welcome from our PTSA President, Monique Nickerson



# After School Enrichment



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dcfLXI8baY&list=PL-pkqh26xjam5cwluxDZAtHlvWGF38ODE&index=2>

# Soar Team



- ONLINE CURRICULUM WITH LIVE LESSONS
- INDIVIDUAL & SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT
- SELF PACED
- OPPORTUNITY FOR ACCELERATION

- APPLICATION ON OUR WEB SITE
- GRADE LEVEL CLASS PERIODS
- GRADE LEVEL ELECTIVES

Learning for the  
21st century  
student.

TEACHERS:  
MATH - Mrs. Livingston  
HISTORY - Ms. Smith  
SCIENCE - Mrs. Grassick  
LANGUAGE ARTS - Ms. McCracken



# School Grade – “A”

The largest number of points for acceleration among all middle schools in Pasco County!

The second largest increase in points among middle schools in the District!

Tremendous growth in students making learning gains!

# Assessments

**Formative Assessments and summative assessments.**

**Quarterly assessments will continue this year which will assess instruction that has recently been taught throughout the quarter.**

**Final exams will be administered throughout all courses.**

**All assessments are used to measure classroom teaching and learning.**

**All assessments identify student mastery of standards and academic growth throughout the school year.**

# **Second Chance Learning – All Means ALL!**

All students have a 30-minute intervention/study hall period each day. Students are assigned on team for this time, referred to as A.I.R. Time (All-In Ravens). Please reinforce with your children to seek assistance from teachers, study, and complete homework during daily A.I.R. Time.

Some teachers will often also provide tutoring either during lunches or after-school. Students are welcome to come and receive extra support during these times. If your child's teacher doesn't offer these services, ask for help and we will try to accommodate any way we can.

Many of our teachers mentor students and provide them assistance in motivation, organization, and determination. Please see a guidance counselor if you feel this would benefit your child.

# Homework

Can be expected on a regular basis from all classes.

Students are expected to read nightly a minimum of 30 minutes

Often, students will be assigned 20 minutes of homework per subject

This may include projects or long term assignments and also reviewing and studying for quizzes and tests.

Students know of up coming assessments, usually a week in advance

Even if no homework is assigned, all students should review concepts taught in the day's lesson (e.g., re-read, review notes, visit online sources, etc.)

All teachers will have a syllabus at the beginning of the year that will explain their policies and procedures. PLEASE READ THESE CAREFULLY WITH YOUR CHILD.



# Electronics Policy

These rules are specific to common areas such as cafeteria, hallways, bathrooms, locker rooms, track, bus and car loop, etc.

Students are responsible for their own devices. Do not lend your phone or borrow a phone from another student.

All electronic devices should be kept on Silent Mode. Not complying with this rule will result in disciplinary action.

Students are allowed to use electronics in the hallways and cafeteria freely as long as they abide by the rules above.

Electronic privileges can be revoked if students do not respect the policies and procedures in place.

# Electronics Policy - continued

There is absolutely no use of electronics allowed in any restrooms or locker rooms. Electronics should be put away at all times.

Taking of pictures or videos is not allowed on campus unless authorized by your teacher for educational purposes.

Making phone calls is prohibited from the moment you come on campus to the moment you leave. If you need to use a phone, go to the front office.

# Student Attendance

There are only *180 school days* in an academic year.

If a student misses:

**1 day** of school = they miss **270 minutes** of instruction

**3 days** of school = they miss **810 minutes** of instruction

**5 days** of school = they miss **1,350 minutes** of instruction

**10 days** of school = they miss **2,700 minutes** of instruction

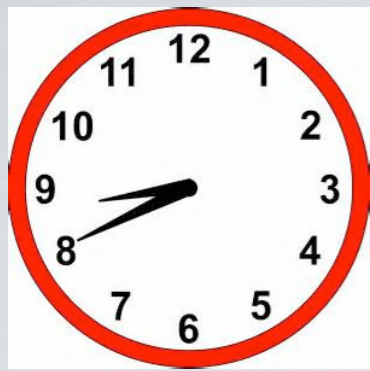
**15 days** of school = they miss **4,500 minutes** of instruction



**EVERY**  
**SCHOOL DAY**  
**COUNTS**

# Student Attendance

- When possible, please **provide 24 hours notice of absences.** A written note or email to the principal and team teachers will suffice.
- **Students are responsible for any missed work.**
- Excused absences are granted for:
  - Illness of the student or major illness of an immediate family member
  - Death of a student's immediate family
  - Religious holidays; religious instruction
  - Trips deemed appropriate by the principal and approved in advance



# School Hours



School Hours officially **begin at 7:25 a.m. and end at 1:52 p.m.** However, there is a warning bell that rings 15 minutes prior to the beginning of class.

Students are *not allowed* in the building until 15 minutes before classes.

The only exception to this is when we start to have cold weather. Students are then allowed to enter the building earlier.

Students *must not be on campus* more than 30 minutes before school (6:55 a.m.) or more than 30 minutes after school (2:22 p.m.) without permission from a staff member.



# CSRMS School Structure

The **1st floor** is primarily all the **6th grade teams**. There is one 6th grade course (Research/Health) that is stationed outside in the **portables**.

The **2nd floor** is primarily **7th grade teams**, including reading and some elective/CTE classes.

The **3rd floor** is primarily **8th grade teams**, including some CTE/Elective/Foreign Language classes/SOAR Team.

# **CSRMS Student Car Rider Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures**

**Drop-off and Pick-up occurs on the gymnasium side of the building for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. We ask students to wait until their car is in front of the gymnasium area to load and unload. We will have adults outside with the students to help them with the process.**

# **CSRMS Student Walkers and Bike Riders Procedures**

**Please help us by reinforcing that bike riders must walk their bikes while on campus and should wear a helmet while riding their bikes. For safety of all students, both bike riders and walkers should cross the road at the light and/or using designated crosswalks.**



# Student Activities

In addition to athletics, band, and chorus, we encourage our students to get involved in a number of activities and clubs including :

Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)

Student Government

Future Florida Educators Association (FFEA)

Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS)

Drama Club

Odyssey of the Mind

Chess Club

Fit Club

Million Word Challenge/Book Club



Student  
Activities'

# Student Supplies

Please remember that we don't have lockers for the students. *They will carry all their supplies, books, and belongings all day to each of their classes.*

Therefore, always consider trying to buy the lightest and less bulky products to save space and weight in your child's backpack.

As well, please always make sure to provide your student with the basic materials such as:

- Pens/Pencils
- Paper
- Folders
- Binders/Notebooks



# Dress Code Violation

## The Basics:

No sleeveless shirts, tanktops, muscle shirts

No Belly shirts or off-shoulders shirts

Shirts/sweatshirts with print are questionable-Use judgement

No V-neck shirts or dresses

No dress or shorts higher than 4" above the knee

No holes in jeans, pants, or shorts above 4" above the knee

No baggy pants with undergarments showing

No spandex, yoga pants, or leg-ins

No lace shirts that are see through

Hoods are not permitted to be worn in school

No sunglasses throughout the school day

No high heels/slides (sandals with no backs) allowed

# What should I expect from my student as they enter middle school?

**\*New people will enter their lives and different behaviors may arise as a result of this.**

*Open communication, patience, and understanding will go a long way*



**\*Students may become more independent and will fight the notion of parents interfering in their lives.**

*Establish the idea that you have the right to question, inspect, and investigate anything going on in their lives.*

**\*More work may cause them to become a little overwhelmed and frustrated.**

*Sit with them and try to set up good organizational techniques that allow them to be successful.*



**\*There may be a sudden interest in the opposite sex.**

*Again, good communication and patience will make them to share more information with you.*

**\*Technology becomes a high priority for them.**

*Snapchat, Twitter, Kick, Facebook, and other Social Media Sites. Let them know you will consistently be checking their devices and will always be aware of what they are doing.*



# **6<sup>th</sup> Grade University Events**

**1. Locker Frenzy - Unlock PE lockers and selfie station**

**2. Learning Our School Song - *SOAR to Success!* and Don't Clown Around with Dress Code**

**3. Guess Who? Learning About Our School Staff and Media Center**

**4. Scavenger Hunt**

**5. STEM Activities**

# Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, August 6, 2019** – Orientation/Registration

Pick-up schedules, pay fees, complete paperwork (e.g., emergency card)

**Monday, August 12, 2019** – First Day of School for Students

**Thursday, September 5, 2019** – Open House

