



Welcome to RCMS

SMART START

August 11, 2022

Mr. Shane Trager, Principal

Mr. Chad Klover, Assistant Principal

6th Grade Website

Students Last Names A-J start in the commons @5:30

Students Last Names K-Z start in the 6th Grade Wing

Attendance – The first step to success!!!

• Absences

- A parent must call in by 8 AM
- Up to 7 excused absences without a Dr. note
- All absences with Dr. note are “medical” and do not count toward 7
- After 7 absences without Dr. note, further absences are unexcused– can lead to negative consequences
- After 16 absences without Dr. note, a student will be required to attend summer school
- **Regardless of reason for absence, work must be made up!** If an absence is likely to be extended, we encourage parents to call the office to request work for their child.

• Tardies

- 3rd unexcused tardies and beyond to school for any individual class, results in consequence
- 2 types of tardies
 - Tardy to school – check in with office, class period does not matter
 - Tardy to class – accumulates by class period



Absences Related to COVID

Please note that students testing positive or displaying COVID symptoms after being in close contact with a known positive case will be considered excused in regards to any quarantine related absence from school. These will not count toward the 7 days of excused absence, described in the previous slide. A positive test result must be provided to the school for the absences to fall in this category. Please see Mr. Mitchell's email regarding further specifics on COVID-related absences.

HOMework

Homework Expectation: Quality work completed in full and turned in during class. Up to an hour of homework can be expected each evening (includes studying, reviewing, reading). If your child uses his/her study hall time appropriately, he/she should have little “home”work to complete.

- Late assignments, but prior to being referred for Time for Homework Thursday (#THT) = 75% credit
- If a student is assigned a #THT, he/she will receive 50% credit, as long as the assignment is turned in by the end of the #THT process.
- At the end of the #THT process, no credit may be assigned.

Here’s how to keep track:

- Student’s planner filled out during study hall or in class that indicates the name of the assignment and how it should be completed (wksht, Google Classroom, IXL, No Red Ink, etc.)

- 6th Grade Link on RCMS website www.rc255.net under **Student Resources** will also include the information found in the student planner.



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#THT (Time for Homework Thursday)

A program that students attend when they do not complete assigned work. It is NOT meant to be a consequence or even called a detention.

Who attends #THT? Students who do not complete assigned work, resulting in a “0” grade. An assignment marked “0” means that the student has not turned it in at all. Students may complete work in #THT for half credit.

Ex. If an assignment was due on Wednesday, but the student did not turn it in, the assignment becomes a “0”. If by the end of the day Friday of that week it has still not been turned in, the student would be required to attend #THT the following week.

#THT is not for students who turned assignments in late.

- **When is #THT determined?** Teachers submit a list to Mr. Klover by Tuesday at 10:00 am of students who currently have a “0” for a *missing* assignment. Students on that list will get a #THT slip at lunch with the name(s) of missing assignment(s), and parents will receive an all call for notification. Students stay on Thursday from 3-4 PM.
- **Mandatory THT for Failing Students** - Students who are cumulatively failing two or more core classes after the first semester will be required to attend #THT weekly for the duration of the 3rd quarter. The student’s grades will be reviewed at the end of the 3rd quarter to determine further participation in mandatory #THT

Redo Policy

- **Includes: Chapter, Unit, Topic Tests**
- Students who pass a test, but wish to earn a better score, can redo 1 test in each class per quarter for full credit.

The redo test must be taken within one week.

- Students who fail a test may re-take the test. They must demonstrate re-learning of the material before re-taking it, and may earn full credit on the first attempt. If a student fails the same test twice, he/she will receive a maximum of 60% on the next attempt. *(this does not count as the 1 redo for the quarter)*

Sports, Clubs, and Activities

- Physical – required for sports (6th grade mandatory physical covers for 6th grade sports)
- Fee - \$20 IESA fee for sports, \$20 for band, \$20 for chorus, or \$50 for all 3
- Please get involved! Extra and co-curricular involvement can help grades, attendance, etc.
- Chart available to view all choices and when seasons/meetings take place
- Announcements/signups are typically at lunch (daily announcements also available on website)

A Quick Note on Safety

For active shooter situations...

- Our primary goal is for students to evacuate the building when safe to do so
- There is no established accountability point
- **THEREFORE:** Please establish a designated rally point with your child
 - Somewhere they can travel on foot, but not too close (DQ is too close - Comet Dr. would be shut down)

P.E. Information

- Main difference from ES to MS – change into PE uniform daily
- If forgotten, students will be required to rent a uniform or shoes for that day
 - Most common reason – brought home to wash, forgot to bring back on Monday
- One uniform will be given to your child
 - If you would like to purchase additional uniforms, send money with your child on that Friday - \$11 total: \$4 for shirts, \$7 for shorts
- Students will receive a locker and an additional lock combination that they will need to memorize
- As a courtesy, please make sure your child's uniform makes it home every Friday to get washed :)