

The Counselor Connection

Dear Parents and RRMS Community,

As we enter the month of March this becomes the busiest time of the year for our RRMS Guidance Department. Our counselors are preparing our rising 9th graders for the high school transition, visiting all of the RRMS elementary feeder schools and talking with the future 7th grade classes, and meeting with the seventh grade teams here at RRMS about the choices and offerings for eighth grade.

In addition to the many activities surrounding academic planning and course selection, standardized testing begins with the 8th grade Writing SOL on March 2-4, 2009. Finally, at this time of the year, second semester, new emphasis on promotion guidelines, summer school discussion, and remediation plans takes place.

The attached **Calendar of Events** has been revised to reflect the *Standards of Learning* testing dates, along with grading and reporting and course selection deadlines. Please review the calendar and take note of the activities and information that pertains to your student(s).

Throughout the schedule of activities, our counselors are available for answering questions and helping parents and students discuss options and academic choices.

Thank you,

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March/April/May/June – Calendar of Events Course Selection
Orientation and Testing

Thursday, March 12, 2009	RRMS RISING 7th CURRICULUM NIGHT 6:30 PM – Elective Fair 7:00 PM @ Rocky Run Middle School
<i>March 2,3,4, 2009</i>	<i>8th Grade SOL Writing Test</i> <i>Multiple Choice and Writing Prompt</i>
Thursday, March 19, 2009	RRMS RISING 8th CURRICULUM NIGHT 6:30 PM– Elective Fair 7:00 PM @ Rocky Run Middle School
March 18, 2009	High School Course Selections due to High Schools Counselor Classroom Orientations – Rising 8 th
March 26, 2009	RRMS course selection sheets due for all 2009/2010 students (Rising 8 th)
April 2, 2009	End of Third Quarter
April 3, 2009	Teacher Workday – Student Holiday
April 6-10, 2009	<i>SPRING VACATION – Student Holidays</i>
April 8, 2009	Third Quarter Report Cards Mailed
April 13, 2009	Fourth Grading Period Begins
May 14, 2009	4 th Quarter Interim Reports Mailed
May 18, 2009	<i>Grade 7 Reading SOL (Periods 1,2,3)</i> <i>Grade 8 Reading SOL (Periods 1,2,3)</i>
May 19, 2009	<i>Grade 7 Reading SOL (Periods 4/5,6,7)</i> <i>Grade 8 Reading SOL (Periods 4/5,6,7)</i>
May 20, 2009	<i>Grade 7 Reading SOL (Period 8)</i> <i>Grade 8 Reading SOL (Period 8)</i>
May 21, 2009	<i>Grade 7 US History SOL (Periods 1,2,3)</i> <i>Grade 8 Civics SOL (Periods 1,2,3)</i>

Monday, May 25, 2009

Memorial Day – Student Holiday

May 26, 2009

*Grade 7 US History SOL (Periods 4/5,6,7)
Grade 8 Civics SOL (Periods 4/5.6.7)*

May 27, 2009

*Grade 7 US History SOL (Period 8)
Grade 8 Civics SOL (Period 8)*

May 28, 2009

Grade 8 Science SOL (Periods 1,2,3)

May 29, 2009

Grade 8 Science SOL (Periods 4/5,6,8)

June 1, 2009

*Grade 7 Math, MathH, Alg. I SOLs (Periods 1,2,3)
Grade 8 Math, Alg.I, Geom. SOLs (Periods 1,2,3)*

June 2, 2009

*Grade 7 Math,MathH,Alg.I SOLs (Periods4/5,6,7)
Grade 8 Math,Alg.I, Geom. SOLs (Periods4/5,6,7)*

June 3, 2009

*Grade 7 Math,MathH,Alg.I SOLs(Period 8)
Grade 8 Math,MathH,Alg.I,Geom.SOLs(Period 8)*

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Last School Day for All Students

June 19, 2009

4th/Final Report Cards Mailed