



RJ Murray Middle School Rising 6th Graders Virtual Night May 3rd, 2023 – 6:00pm

FAQ

Q: When can I see my schedule?

A: Rising 6th graders will be able to preview schedules on July 19th and 20th. Final schedules become available on August 4th, 2023.

Q: What is the Cambridge Program and how can I make sure my student is accepted?

A: RJ Murray utilizes Cambridge courses as honors courses. Placement in these courses is based on test data, teacher recommendations, and historical academic performance. Final Cambridge placement decisions will be made after all FAST-testing results have been finalized and reviewed. Expected to be the first week of June.

Q: How can we join National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)?

A: NJHS is only available to 7th and 8th graders. Applications are distributed after quarter 1 interims.

Q: What is the daily schedule like?

A: Doors open for students at 7:10am every day. Class begins at 7:30 am every day. Students take seven (7) 45-minute courses with 4 minute transitions between each class. Lunches occur during 4th and 5th period daily. School is dismissed at 1:50pm. On Wednesdays, classes are 35 minutes and students are dismissed at 12:50pm.

Q: Are there any summer events to be aware of?

A: New Bulldog Camp will be on July 31st (Exact times to be determined) New Bulldog Night will be held on August 8th.



Q: What should I be doing with my child over the summer to prepare for middle school?

A: Daily reading for 30 minutes or more is highly recommended to all of our students over the summer.

Q: What precautions are in place to keep students safe?

A: The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. We routinely practice our active assailant drills. Further, our staff undergoes training during pre-planning and throughout the year. We follow all Florida guidelines for maintaining a safe and secure educational environment.

Q: How can my student select electives?

A: Most students met with Mr. Cofield or Ms. Wilbur in March and April. Or students made elective selections online in late March. If your child never met with a representative of RJMMS and you never completed the online elective request form, please contact Chris.Cofield@stjohns.k12.fl.us or Norma.Wilbur@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Q: Where can I get more information on carpooling?

A: If you have not completed the survey sent out by Mr. Brown previously, please complete that as soon as possible. Once all families have had an opportunity to complete the survey, more information will be sent directly to those families.

Q: Do students have access to lockers?

A: Many classrooms do have lockers. However, we do not require students to transport textbooks back and forth from school to home, which will minimize backpack weights. Traditionally, students do not have the need for a locker.

PE students are very strongly encouraged to bring their own lock for PE locker rooms.

Q: What is student dress code?

A: RJ Murray adheres to the St. Johns County School District Student Code of Conduct rules on dress code. The Code of Conduct can be found here <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/wp-content/uploads/sites/23/2022/07/FINAL-22-23-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>



Q: Where do I get bus information?

A: All transportation logistics are handled through the SJCS D transportation department. Information on bus stops and bus routes are sent out prior to school starting. Reach out to the transportation department specific questions for busses. <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/transportation/>

Q: What if my child needs to take medications during the school day or have emergency medications available on campus?

A: Some medications are approved to be carried by the student with the appropriate documentation on file. Other medications will be kept in the nurse's office and distributed by the nurse at prescribed times. Use this link for more information <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/health/medication/>.

Q: Does it cost anything to participate in the SJCCA Arts Programs?

A: Some of our programs have fare share fees to cover transportation, event costs, costumes, props, instruments, etc... All fees are dependent on enrollment and planned events, but likely will not exceed \$100 per student, per program, for the school year. All of this information will be sent out within the first month of school by the respective art programs. No student will be denied participation in SJCCA Programs for monetary reasons.

Q: Will students ever be required to bring their own laptop or tablet to school?

A: RJ Murray has one of the best student : laptop ratios in the county. Students can bring their own device with the proper AUP documentation on file, but there will never be an expectation or requirement to bring their own device.