



**RIVERSIDE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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**AWARD WINNING  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- **“A” Federal Accountability Rating**
- **“Excellent/Excellent” Rating on School Report Card 4 years in a row**
- **National PTSA School of Excellence**
- **Palmetto Gold Award**
- **Palmetto’s Finest Award Recipient**
- **Red Carpet School**

## Report to the Community 2017-2018



***Our diversity is our strength at Riverside Middle School. We've brought together many different backgrounds, talents, and ways of thinking to create one of the finest middle school environments.***

Located in the foothills of the Piedmont in Greer, South Carolina, Riverside Middle School opened its classrooms to students in the fall of 1999. The school contains 137,000 square feet of space that accommodates our current enrollment of 1,130 students. There are 50 classrooms (100% of which are equipped with state-of-the-art Promethean Boards), 14 labs, classrooms for fine arts and vocational education, along with a cafeteria for special performances and assemblies. Our physical education and sports facilities include a gymnasium, two softball fields, a baseball field and batting cage, a football/soccer field, a track, four paved basketball courts, and four tennis courts.

The vision for our school is that every student will be provided diverse opportunities to experience

success academically, socially, emotionally, and physically, and for them to be encouraged to take responsibility to become active learners. Ultimately our vision is for our students to experience success in future educational endeavors and to be productive members of society.

In reaching that vision, many accomplishments (see side bar and page 5) have been realized, among them, RMS being named winner of the **National PTSA School Excellence**. RMS students' academic achievement has been well documented by a Good or Excellent rating every year (including the pilot year) on the State School Report Card. Students participate and excel in local, state and national competitions that represent all aspects of school life

including academics, the arts and athletics.

Though always proud to discuss our successes, the faculty, staff, parents and students of Riverside Middle School realize that excellence is the *vision* and not the *destination*. Working together, we continue to identify and set goals that must be attained in order to continue to provide the best possible educational community.



*Riverside Middle School, in cooperation with the home and community, will provide opportunities which prepare students intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically to become productive and responsible members of society.*

**OUR MISSION**



# Riverside Middle School:

*Learning Today. Leading Tomorrow.*

## Report to Parents 2017-2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Riverside Middle School! I am excited and honored to be part of your family's journey through middle school. The faculty and staff of Riverside Middle School strive to provide the highest quality education possible to our students and over the years, have developed an extraordinary reputation for success, as individuals and as a school-community.

We work to incorporate research-based practices in teaching and learning, use technology appropriately to enhance the educational experience, and create a balanced middle-school experience that prepares our students to be well-rounded individuals capable of leading in a global society. We are dedicated to preparing students for success through the tenants of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate and in keeping with the district's Graduation Plus Initiative

Over the past year, we have focused our efforts on building a strong school community through the Capturing Kids Hearts model that serves as a foundation for continued student achievement. Through partnerships with local businesses, the state, and our community, Riverside Middle School is continuing to find new avenues through which to create an exceptional school experience!

Again, I welcome you to our school and invite you to contact our staff at any time if you need assistance. Parents are always welcome at Riverside

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine A. Malone". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Principal**

**Riverside Middle School**

*"...this  
is  
indeed  
an  
amazing  
place  
for  
learning."*

Mackenzie Fisher

RMS Student Council President 2017-18

*"Riverside Middle School is an amazing school because it promotes excellence and cares for its students!"*

Gretchen Moore

RMS Teacher of the Year 2018-19

*"Our Royals learn by doing and exhibit leadership by taking initiative and investing in our school and community each and every day!"*

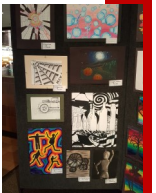
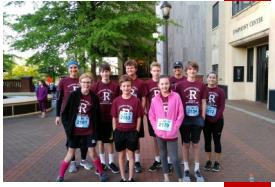
Jennifer Phillips

PTSA President 2017-18

*"It is the hard work of our students and teachers in the classroom, the involvement of our parents at school and at home, and the contributions and support of our local community that make Riverside Middle special!"*

Gaelyn Jenkins  
Media Specialist

*"RMS is the perfect place to learn and grow. Students are empowered, teachers are dedicated, the community is engaged, and we continue to excel!"*



## ACADEMIC

- Accelerated Math Classes
- Gifted and Talented Language Arts
- High School Credit Courses including: English I Honors, Algebra I Honors, Geometry Honors, Google Basics, Multi-Media, Financial Literacy, Personal Finance, French I, Spanish I, Art I and Theater I
- DLC/Discovery Ed.
- Student Mentoring through community-based partnerships and the **Early Warning Response System**
- Gateway to **Technology** courses in Design, Automation & Robotics
- Before-school **Extra-Help Computer Lab**
- Related Arts
- Saturday School/ Credit Recovery
- Spectrum of Inclusive Settings for Students with Special Needs
- Promethean Boards, which allow for interactive learning
- Multiple **Computer Labs** and **Google Chromebook Carts**
- Six-period day plus **Student Intervention Time**
- Media Center with **15,000 volumes**, one **full-time certified librarian**, one **full-time library clerk**

## ENRICHMENT

- Beta Club
- Capturing Kids Hearts
- Fine Arts
  - Art
  - Band/Color guard
  - Chorus
  - Drama
  - Guitar
  - Jazz Ensemble
  - Orchestra
  - Strings
- Running Club
- Intramural Sports
- Greenville Remembers
- Interscholastic Sports
- Model United Nations
- PTSA Reflections Art Contest
- A/B Honor Roll program
- Service Learning
- MakersSpace
- Mock Trial
- MathCounts
- Student Council
- Yearbook Staff
- Engaging field trips: US National Whitewater Center; Dollywood, Festival of Nations; Biltmore; and more!
- Debate Club
- Library Club

## ATHLETICS

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Volleyball
- High School Sports:
  - ◆ Football
  - ◆ Cheerleading
  - ◆ Cross Country
  - ◆ Track
  - ◆ Golf
  - ◆ Lacrosse
  - ◆ Swimming
  - ◆ Lacrosse
  - ◆ Tennis
  - ◆ Fishing
  - ◆ Dance

GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS  
**Graduation Plus**

- Highest level of academic rigor in all classes
- 10 High School credit classes at RMS
- Career speakers & field trips
- IGP's
- Junior Achievement in a day

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

- Active School Improvement Committee (SIC)
- Active PTSA
- Rising Sixth Graders Tour & Orientation
- Back-to-School Orientation
- Open House
- Curriculum Night
- Parent Portal
- Breakfasts with Moms & Dads
- Social Media Presence: Facebook/Twitter/Instagram
- Community Service projects and events
- Fine Arts Performances
- ACE Award
- Student Agendas provided by PTSA
- Classroom phones & voice mail for communication
- Faculty websites/Google Classroom
- Faculty email
- Weekly School Messenger
- Schools to Watch
- Presented Screenagers



**Writing Improvement Network**  
READING & WRITING IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- Award-winning PTSA Organization
- SC PTA Award Winning Communication Tools
  - RMS eBlast
  - PTSA website [www.rmsptsa.com](http://www.rmsptsa.com)
- Fundraising campaigns for technology, materials, supplies and providing teacher support
- Talent Show
- Fro-yo Friday
- Lunchroom Friends
- Red Ribbon Week
- Reflections Art Contest
- Family Fiction Fright Night
- Community Fest
- Royal Pride Donation Campaign
- School Store
- Volunteer tutors
- Volunteer opportunities Sports, book Fairs, Fine Arts, Field trips, PTSA Dances
- Coffee with the Counselors



**Making Middle Grades Work**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

- National PTSA School of Excellence; Parent Involvement Award Winner; Honor Unit
- "A" Federal Accountability Rating
- Excellent/Excellent State School Report Card Rating
- Palmetto's Finest
- Capturing Kids Hearts Showcase School Nomination
- Student Art Awards (State & District)
- Exemplary Writing School
- Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards
- PTSA Reflections District Winners
- SC PTSA State Outstanding Volunteer of the Year
- SC PTSA Middle Level Outstanding Administrator of the Year
- Greer City Black History Month Essay Winners
- Civitan Essay Winners
- 485 Gifted & Talented Students
- Red Carpet School Award for creating a family-friendly school atmosphere
- National Board Certified Teachers
- Safe Routes to Schools—Silver Partner
- LiveWell Greenville
- Special Olympics

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### MATH

- Offered **broad range** of math courses to meet the needs of students at **every achievement level**, ranging from **inclusion** and **skills** classes to **grade-level** and **accelerated** courses, including **Algebra I** and Honors **Geometry**
- **Highest** SCREADY scores of any middle school in Greenville County, based on Spring 2017 SCREADY scores
- Offered **most sections of honors high school credit math** classes of any school in the district
- **End of Course Examination Algebra I 100% pass rate** on the since 2003
- **ALEKS and IXL** programs used to create student centered

### ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

- Offered **broad range** of ELA courses to aligned with the students **achievement level**, including **Gifted and Talented** classes in every grade and **English I Honors** for eighth-grade students who excel in language arts
- **Consistently ranked among the top schools** in the district, based on PASS scores in both ELA (reading and research) and Writing
- English I Honors students posted **exceptional scores (99%)** on the state's **End of Course Examination**
- **Designated four times as Exemplary Writing School**
- "Clean sweep" (first, second, and third place) City of Greer **Black History Month Essay Contest Winners**
- "Clean sweep" (first, second, and third place) **Greenville Civitan Essay Contest**

### SCIENCE

- **Highest SCPASS scores** of any middle school in the district for 2017 test administration
- **Achievement beyond mere participation** is stressed
- Computer-Based Laboratory (**CBL**) activities and projects
- **Research projects** with class presentations and debates
- Engineers from Fluor visited during "**Engineering Week**" to discuss career options with students and present a hands-on construction activities
- **Dissection Labs:** 8th graders - cow or sheep eyes; 7th graders - frogs
- **Virtual field trips**
- **Roper Mountain Science Center field trips**
- **Fossil Dig** and Geologic Time/Pangaea project PBL
- Student-driven **Recycling** Program
- **Soil and Conservation essay contest winners**
- **Gizmos**



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## SOCIAL STUDIES

- Highest **2017 SCPASS scores** of any Greenville County Middle School
- SCPASS scores approximately **12% higher** than the district average
- **Award-winning** Model United Nations
- **Guest speakers related to content-specific reading experiences**
- ***Greenville Remembers***
- **Art in History**
- **Geography Bee**

## BAND

- Numerous students participate in **Riverside High School Marching Band and Colorguard**
- Numerous students selected by audition for **All-State Band, Region All-State Band** and **Greenville All-County Band**
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands - **Superior Rating** - State Concert Band Festival.
- Awarded **Tenth Outstanding Performance Award**, **only 10%** of middle school band programs across the state receive this award.

## CHORUS/GUITAR

- **Spring Sing** chorus participation
- **Only middle school** in Greenville County that offers beginner guitar courses to grades 6, 7 and 8
- Two-time recipient of the **Art Innovation Curriculum Grant** which funded purchase of guitars
- **Community service** performances
- **Local musicians as guest instructors**

## STRINGS/ORCHESTRA

- **Superior Rating** - State Concert Festival for 7th, 8th, and Full **Orchestra**; OrlandoFest Grand Champions for String Orchestra.
- Numerous students participated in extra curricular orchestras including **Carolina Youth Symphony** and **Greenville County Youth Orchestra**.
- **Artist-In-Residence Program** with Greenville Symphony Musicians.
- Numerous students selected by audition for All-State Orchestra, Region Orchestra, and Greenville All-County Orchestra

## DRAMA

- **RMS Drama program** is **unique** in that **students** present totally **student-centric productions**; **students write their own plays, design their costumes and make-up**, and **critique fellow actors** during rehearsals students are also eligible for High School Credit in Theater
- Drama students have attended **SC Governor's School for Theatre, Fine Arts Center of Greenville County** and **Governor's School Summer Program**
- Students have performed with **Greer Children's Theatre, South Carolina Children's Theatre** and **Greenville Little Theatre**

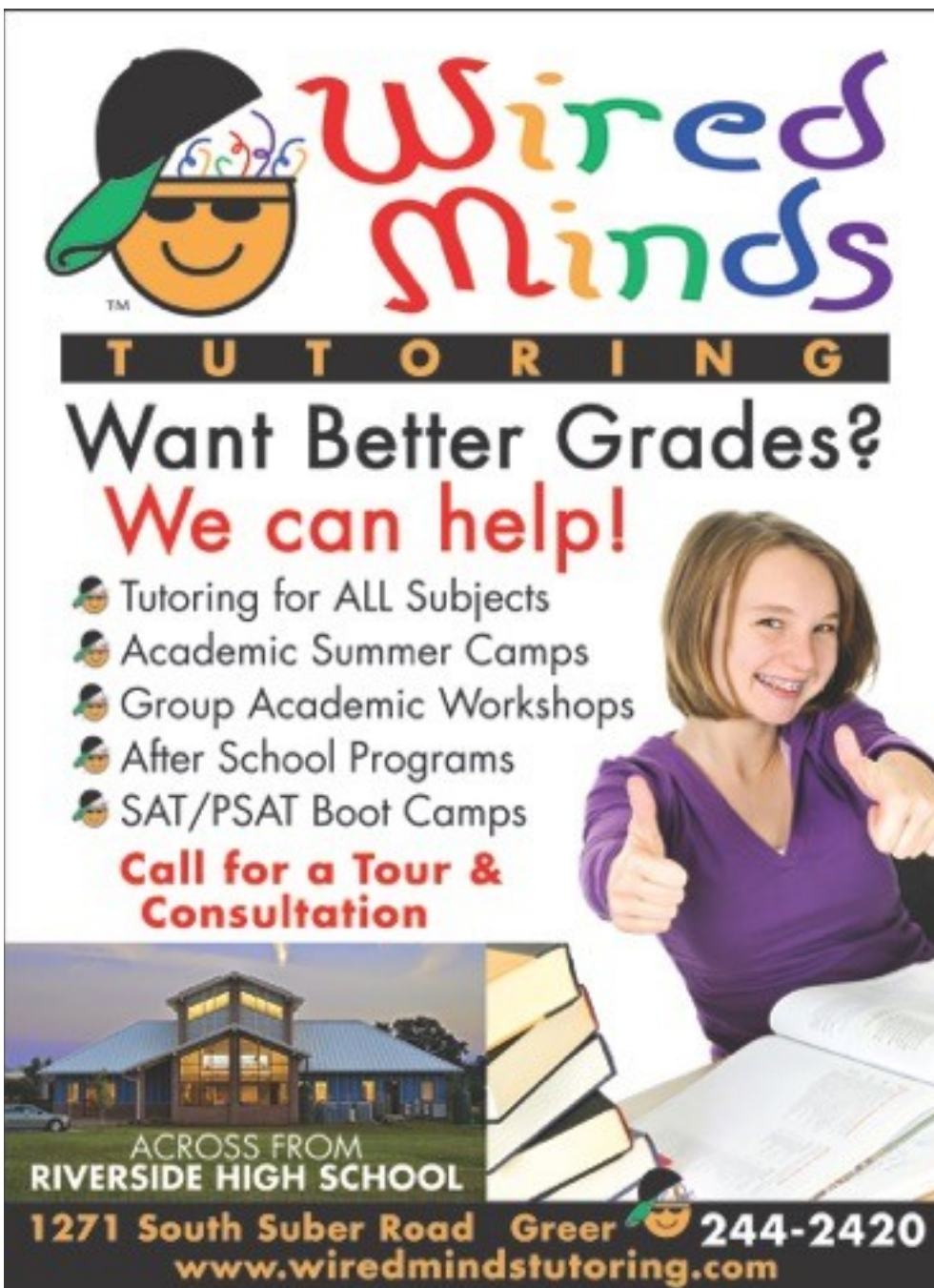
## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- **PE curriculum** includes **archery** and **lacrosse**; **Comprehensive health education curriculum**
- **Dodge ball tournaments**; **intramural basketball, soccer and volleyball**
- **Adaptive PE using a peer model inclusive curriculum**



## CAMPUS FEATURES

- 137,000 square feet of space
- Video camera surveillance system
- Fifty classrooms
- Nine science labs
- Five computer labs and 14 Chromebook carts and iPad cart
- Media Center (Makerspace and Flexible Furniture)
- Classrooms for fine arts and vocational education
- Cafetorium (seats 364 for dining and 444 for assemblies)
- 25% free and reduced lunch
- Gymnasium (seats 350)
- Baseball field
- Batting cage
- Two softball fields
- Football/soccer field
- Lacrosse Field
- Track
- Four paved basketball courts
- Four tennis courts
- Tetherball
- 4-Square
- Gaga Pit
- School Resource Officer




**Wired Minds**  
TUTORING

**Want Better Grades?  
We can help!**

- Tutoring for ALL Subjects
- Academic Summer Camps
- Group Academic Workshops
- After School Programs
- SAT/PSAT Boot Camps

**Call for a Tour & Consultation**

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## RMS: FAST FACTS

**ESTABLISHED**

**August 1999**

**ENROLLMENT**

**1,138 Students**

**GRADES**

**6-8**

**ATTENDANCE RATE**

**97.5%**

**STUDENT:TEACHER RATIO**

**21:1**

**SCHOOL MASCOT**

**Riverside Royals**

**SCHOOL COLORS**

**Blue & Silver**

## RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Kate Malone,  
Principal**

Debbie Goulart,  
Assistant Principal - 8th Grade

Cindy Bush  
Assistant Principal - 7th Grade

Chris Guth  
Assistant Principal - 6th Grade

Becky Rogers,  
SIC Chair

Jennifer Phillips,  
PTSA President 2017-2018

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