River Bend Middle School
Rising 6th Grade Students & Parents
Agenda

1. Who are we? (personnel, vision, core values)
2. Schedule and course selection
3. The transition process
4. Questions / school tours
Dave Shaffer, Principal
David.Shaffer@lcps.org | @Shaffer_LCPS

- 19th year in LCPS | 6th year at RBMS
- Virginia Middle School Association's Region IV Director
- Virginia Schools to Watch Site Visit Coordinator
- Virginia Educator of the Year (2019)
- Loudoun County’s 30 Under 30 / 40 Under 40
- Former LCPS Senior Staff Principal Rep.
- Washington Redskins Education Advisory Board
- Husband & father of three children
Gifted & Talented (Spectrum), In-School Restriction (ISR), School-Based Instructional Facilitator (SBIF), Nurse, Parent Liaison, Reading Specialist, School Resource Officer (SRO), etc.
Jen Kassander, 6th Grade Dean

Guen Wajsgras, 6th Grade House Secretary

Kate Dober, 6th Grade Counselor
Learning
Diversity
Teamwork
High Expectations
Community
MISSION of LCPS:

Empowering ALL students to make meaningful contributions to the world.
A Day

B Day

Math 6 or Foundations of Algebra
Math 6
6th Grade Standards / A few 7th Grade Standards

Foundations of Algebra  *NEW*
7th Grade Standards / A few 8th Grade Standards
(Foundations of Algebra skips the Math 6 Standards)
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment

Classroom Performance & Teacher Recommendation

Student’s Passion for Mathematics & Parent Recommendation
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Algebra 2 OR Algebra 2/Trig</td>
<td>Geometry</td>
<td>Precalculus</td>
<td>Mathematical Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Algebra 2 OR Algebra 2/Trig</td>
<td>Precalculus</td>
<td>Calculus AB</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Mathematical Analysis</td>
<td>Calculus AB or BC</td>
<td>Calculus BC</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Algebra 2/Trig</td>
<td>Precalculus</td>
<td>Calculus BC</td>
<td>Multivariable Calculus Dual Enrollment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Algebra 2 OR Algebra 2/Trig</td>
<td>Geometry</td>
<td>Precalculus</td>
<td>Mathematical Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Algebra 2 OR Algebra 2/Trig</td>
<td>Precalculus</td>
<td>Calculus AB</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Mathematical Analysis</td>
<td>Calculus AB or BC</td>
<td>Calculus BC</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
PERSONALIZED LEARNING

OUR MISSION
Engaging All Students in Making Meaningful Contributions to the World

What is Personalized Learning
Personalized learning is an educational approach that tailors instruction and assessment to meet the individual needs of each student. It is student-centered, focuses on learning goals, and fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration. It uses technology to enhance learning and provide students with opportunities to learn at their own pace and in their own way.

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN THAT LEADS TO DEEPER LEARNING
- Student-driven instruction & pacing
- Encouraging problem-solving through student-driven projects
- Flexible learning environments
- Differentiation in learning to meet each student's needs
- Providing multiple pathways of growth and discovery
- Use of real-world applications

THE REALITY
- The reality of personalized learning
- The impact on student growth
- Flexible pathways
- Differentiation in learning
- Real-world applications

6TH GRADE
HONORS VS ACADEMIC

At River Bend Middle School, we believe in offering learning experiences to meet the needs of all students. We provide opportunities for students to explore their interests and develop their skills.

THE BENEFITS
- Improved academic performance
- Increased motivation and engagement
- Enhanced critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Development of independent learning skills
- Opportunities for social and emotional growth

FUTURE OF THE FUTURE
Growth & Development in River Bend
A Day

H Language Arts

B Day

H Language Arts
A Day

H Science

B Day
Science 6 presents an integrated focus on the role of the sun’s energy on Earth systems, water in the environment, air and the atmosphere, space, forces, transformations of energy and matter, and basic chemistry concepts.
U.S. History to 1865
A Day

- Books
- Flasks
- Yoga mat
- Art (S1)/Computer Applications (S2)

B Day

- Trees
- Sheet music
- Geometry
- George Washington
Art
Introduction to Computer Applications
A Day

B Day

Music (45) / Res./Spec. (45)
Band (45 minutes)
Strings/Orchestra
(45 minutes)
Music Lab/Guitar
(45 minutes)
Chorus

(45 minutes)
Resource or Spectrum
(45 minutes)
Moving to Middle School
8:00 Doors open

8:00-8:18 6th graders to the main gym (library, breakfast, or with a teacher)

8:18-8:30 6th graders to their lockers

8:30 School begins!
5 minutes between each class

10 minutes between 1st/2nd

3:18 school ends
Orientation & Instrument Test Drive (February 3 & 4)
*February 11 – SNOW DATE

Student Visit (February 10 & 11)

RBM 101 (August 11 & 12)
Instrument Test Drive

Student Visit

Drop by for a summer visit

Open House on August 25 @ 4:00-6:00 p.m.

RBM 101

I missed an event!

Contact
Terence.Blum-Marciano@lcps.org
Jessica.Eastridge@lcps.org
Lara.Buchko@lcps.org
Now – February 21
(5th Grade Teacher Recommendations & Music Choice through ParentVUE or StudentVUE)

Late February
Elementary Schools will send parents a course requests verification letter

April 1, 2020
Due date for all middle school course requests/changes
Deadline for all schedule changes is April 1, 2020

Contact
Kathryn.Dober@lcps.org
RBM 101

Get a flying start on 6th grade
August 11 & 12 • 8:30 a.m. – 3:18 p.m.

Cost = $60.00 (early registration) prior to April 1, 2020
$75.00 after April 1, 2020
Registration = Now to July 1, 2020

✓ Math Scavenger Hunt Around the School with Puzzles and Games
✓ Science Lab
✓ The History of River Bend
✓ Physical Education & Team Building (with Locker Room Tour)
✓ Creative Writing Activity
✓ Music Project & How to Be Organized @ RBMS
✓ Art/Keyboarding Project
✓ Library Orientation with Read Aloud & Q & A
Open House
August 25\textsuperscript{th} from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
The Commonwealth of Virginia requires that all students entering seventh grade must have received a Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine booster unless the student has received a Tdap vaccine after the age of seven years. Prior to the 2019/2020 school year, this immunization was required for students entering sixth grade.

The 2007 General Assembly passed legislation that requires sixth grade girls to receive the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine series. In 2011, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) made an additional recommendation that boys of the same age routinely receive HPV vaccine.
How can I connect to River Bend?
www.facebook.com/RBM.LCPS

@RBMS_Official

LCPS App – follow River Bend MS
After School Clubs
October 2020+
How can our family connect to River Bend?
Does River Bend offer middle school sports?
Does my child need a cellphone?
Where can I find information?
River Bend Middle School Music

- **Band** → Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Percussion
- **Strings** → Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass
- **Chorus**
- **Music Lab** (Guitar 6)
Chorus & Music Lab
Mrs. Eastridge & Mr. Marciano
Band Directors
• Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion
• Pre-requisites
• General Curriculum
• Summer Band Academy (June 15-19)
Ms. Lara Buchko
Orchestra Director
Music Department Nuts & Bolts

Instrument Rentals
Large Instruments
Performance Expectations
Course Selection & Assignments
Instrument Test Drive
Test Drive

- **Pink** Strings → Woodwinds → Brass → Percussion
- **Green** Percussion → Strings → Woodwinds → Brass
- **Yellow** Brass → Percussion → Strings → Woodwinds
- **Purple** Woodwinds → Brass → Percussion → Strings

Woodwinds & Brass – Cafeteria
Percussion – Band Room
Strings – Library