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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Greetings, Hawk Families! Reminder to everyone that the 3rd marking period ends tomorrow and leads us into Spring Recess. There are no classes next week. The 4th marking period will start April 10th when the building re-opens, and report cards can be accessed in the Parent Portal April 12th.

News of the devastating events that took place earlier this week at The Covenant School in Nashville remind us of the evil that exists in the world today. The security of our RDMS students and staff remains a top priority. If your students are struggling at home trying to come to terms with these recent events, the following resources may prove useful for holding conversations:

[Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers \(nasponline.org\)](https://nasponline.org)

[How to Talk to Kids About Gun Violence \(parents.com\)](https://parents.com)

In recent morning announcements, I have mentioned both 7th and 8th grade student responsibilities for next year's scheduling. Students in grade 7 were emailed a link to a survey that asks them to decide on their level of participation in next year's music program. Not responding (which is okay) will lead to a continuation of their current participation in band, chorus, both band and chorus, or neither. Students in grade 8 have access to choosing high school electives in the Parent Portal. Counselors from River Dell High School will visit us April 11th and 12th and meet with each 8th grade student individually to review next year's preliminary schedule.

With the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments scheduled for May, students have started receiving math *Problems of the Day*. These problems come straight from the released practice tests located at <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>. There are also resources to help students prepare for the Mathematics Part of the NJSLA in the [Student Resources for Math Notebook](#). Students can ask their math teacher any follow up questions or contact Mathematics Supervisor, Mrs. Ali via email.

Reminder that tomorrow is the last day to purchase RDMS yearbooks. These mementos celebrate students in grade 7 and grade 8. Purchasing the yearbook by tomorrow is the last chance to guarantee receiving a copy. The current order form is attached in this email.

As the end of the school year fast approaches, please mark the following events on your calendar:

- June 12: 7th Grade Pool Party (information to follow)**
- June 13: Student Government Middle School Dance (information to follow)**
- June 15: 8th Grade Picnic/Pool Party (rain date 6/16)**
- June 19: 8th Grade Breakfast/Yearbook Signing (during school hours)**
- June 22: Moving Up Ceremony @ 1:30 RDHS Stadium**

Have a wonderful weekend and fun-filled Spring Recess!

Best Regards,



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