Hello Thundercat families,

Happy Summer! I hope everyone is enjoying this time to relax and to get ready for the upcoming school year. We have been working hard at campus making preparation for our Thundercats, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on the first day of school, which is Wednesday, August 10, 2022. RTMS has an excited and energized staff ready to start the school year. School starts at 8:55am and doors open at 8:20am. Below is some important information for the upcoming school year, as well as an important experience coming up next week.

**RTMS Thunder Camp**

RTMS Thunder Camp will be July 20th and is held for our incoming 6th graders and any new students in the 7th or 8th grade to RTMS. I have included the tentative schedule of activities for Thunder Camp below. Students will enter through the RTMS gym doors. (Map Attached)

**For Students**

Group 1 -9:00-9:30 AM (A-L alpha split) Check in/Welcome/Presentation

9:30-10:45 Thundercamp activities

10:30-11:00 meet back with parents to purchase Thundergear

Group 2 -2:00-2:30 PM (M-Z alpha split) Check in/Welcome/Presentation

2:30-3:00 Thundercamp Activities

3:30-4:00 meet back with parents to purchase Thundergear

**Parent Schedule-** Due to the limited time at our scheduled parent meeting, we are asking that you submit any questions you may have about Ronald Thornton Middle School prior to the event. This will allow us to determine the FAQ's our parents may have. Please use the link below to access the form. <https://forms.office.com/r/nSvvZXXFKi>

Group 1 9:30-10:00 (A-L alpha split) Parent presentation and Q&A (see link from Mr. Cardenas)

10:30-11:00 parents can pick up students and purchase Thundergear

Group 2 2:30-3:00 (M-Z alpha Split) Parent presentation and Q&A

3:30-4:00 parents can pick up students and purchase Thundergear

**RTMS Tailgate**

Also, mark your calendars! RTMS will be hosting our first Tailgate on August 19th from 5pm-7pm. Every Thundercat family is welcome and we are looking forward to our Tailgate event. This event will be held in the RTMS parking lot. Details to come!

**Lockers**

Some helpful back to school information, RTMS will distribute lockers to incoming 6th graders through their discovery period. Marcos Cardenas, Assistant Principal, will be leading distribution of lockers. He can be reached at [marcos.cardenas@fortbendisd.com](mailto:marcos.cardenas@fortbendisd.com). 7th and 8th graders receive lockers upon request.

**Schedules**

Hard copy of Schedules for all students will be distributed through their 1st period class on the first day of school. Students can locate their 1st period teacher/class using rosters posted throughout the building, using Skyward, or having a staff member assist them in the morning to get to 1st period.

**Lunches**

This year RTMS will have 4 lunches this year. If you wish to have lunch with your child, please let you grade level principal know the date you would like to visit.

**Bell Schedule:**

Thundercat students follow a seven-period school day. We will have staggered dismissal during class period changes. The 6th and 7th grade will transition together and then 8th grade to follow.

**Advisory**

RTMS also has advisory time twice a week. We call this Thundertime and use it for a variety of purposes such as intervention and social-emotional lessons. Thundertime helps us to maximize learning on campus.

We look forward to an amazing year at Thundercat Country. As we get closer to August 10th, we will be sending out our newsletter with lots of great information as school approaches. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. If you choose e-mail please put 2022 New Year in the subject line.

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**If you need to contact your Counselor:**

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Thank you for your continued support of your Ronald Thornton Middle School!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Petru

Principal, RTMS