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James W. Robinson Secondary School
5035 Sideburn Road
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Robinson Middle School! We invite all rising 7th grade students and their parents to attend the Rising 7th Grade Curriculum Night on the evening of **Thursday, January 18, 2018 (Inclement weather date: January 22**). This program is designed to provide students and parents an opportunity to learn about the middle school course selection process, academic and elective course offerings and requirements, and afterschool programs that are available.

The program for parents/students participating in ESOL, Spanish Immersion and special education will begin at 5:15 pm. Please see the text box below for the specific rooms for parents and students to report to for this introductory session on ESOL, Spanish Immersion and/or special education.

At 6:00 pm, the general session for all parents/students will begin. Students should report directly to the Gold Cafeteria for an elective showcase, while parents will report to Russell Theatre for the general program overview. Please see the table below for the additional tour and elective information that will be presented. The Curriculum Night will conclude at 8:00 pm. Parents please be sure to identify a place to meet up with your child outside of Russell Theater in the main hallway.

It is our hope that you will gain valuable information to facilitate conversations with your child as you help them prepare to make appropriate course selections.

Curriculum Night Events		
	Parent's Schedule	**Student's Schedule**
5:15-6:00	**Meeting for parents of students enrolled in the following programs:** English Speakers of Other Languages (Room A 225) Spanish Immersion (Room D 217) Special Education (Media Center)	**Meeting for students(with parents)currently enrolled in the following programs:** English Speakers of Other Languages (Room A225) Spanish Immersion (Room D217) Special Education (Media Center)
6:00-6:40	**Rising 7th Grade Curriculum Program (Russell Theatre)**	**Welcome/Elective Showcase:** Welcome begins in the Gold Cafeteria with students being greeted by counselors who will explain the format of the evening. Students will then have the opportunity to explore electives at RMS by visiting three elective classrooms of their choice.
6:45-8:00	**Elective Courses:** Parents will visit 4 elective classrooms of their choice.	**An Overview of RMS:** Learn about life at Robinson Middle from our SGA students, counselors, and administrators. Highlights will include a presentation by RMS drama students, a performance from the Robinson Cheer Club, and Student Jeopardy Q & A Session.

The agenda for the Rising 7th Grade Curriculum Program and a list of the electives available to seventh graders are on the reverse side of this letter. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, January 18, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Robinson Middle School Student Services at 703-426-2222.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Miley
Jennifer Miley
Director of Student Services
Robinson Middle School

Rising 7th Grade Curriculum Program
Thursday, January 18, 2018 6:00 pm

I. **Welcoming Remarks**
Matthew W. Eline, Principal
Christopher Farmerie, 7th Grade Sub School Principal

II. **Overview of Core Classes**
Classroom Teachers

III. **Middle school transition, course selections and academic advisement timeline**
Jennifer Miley, Director of Student Services

IV. **Elective Fair**

Elective Fair Program Guide : Parents Only

Please take time to review the enclosed Elective Explorer catalog with your child at home.
Then, select 4 different elective classes to visit.
Each session will last 15 minutes. Tour guides will be available to give directions to rooms.
The Elective Explorer is also located online on the Robinson Secondary Website
MS Electives Explorer Announcement on https://robinsonss.fcps.edu

Visit Classrooms- Student guides will help you find each room

Session Time	Session	Session Name - Elective Course Name	Session Location (Room Number)
6:45-7:00	(Session 1)		
7:05-7:20	(Session 2)		
7:25-7:40	(Session 3)		
7:45-8:00	(Session 4)		
We hope you enjoyed the sessions and learning more about RMS!			
8:00-8:10		Meet you child near Russell Theatre.	Russell Theatre

7th Grade Electives Offerings:

Please visit us in the classroom for a first-hand look at your child's elective options!

Course	Teacher Contact Information	Room Number
Art Foundations/Computers in Art/ 3D Art/Peer Helping	Ms. Clarita Herce mcherce@fcps.edu	E203
Band	Ms. Judy Einuis jkeinuis@fcps.edu	402
Chorus/Advanced Treble Chorus/Piano	Mr. Mike Horanski mthoranski@fcps.edu	400
Computer Solutions/ Coding & Innovative Technologies	Ms. Cara Lambert clambert@fcps.edu	E218
Creative Writing/Newspaper/Reading/Yearbook	Ms. Adrienne Forte amforte@fcps.edu	E217
Family and Consumer Science	Ms. Kathryn Esslinger kwesslinger@fcps.edu	D107
Orchestra	Ms. Francesca Fitzgerald ftfitzgerald@fcps.edu	401
Media Communications (TV Broadcasting)	Mr. Chris Moore clmoore@fcps.edu	E219
Spanish for Fluent Speakers	Ms. Ana Gonzalez akgonzalez@fcps.edu	D210
Technology & Engineering Exploration	Mr. Steve Snyder slsnyder@fcps.edu	E101
Theatre Arts (Drama)	Ms. Amy Hard amhard@cps.edu	D106
World Languages	Ms. Emily Massey emassey@fcps.edu	D-Pod