Welcome Mighty Colts Families,

It is a pleasure to serve this school and community as the new principal of Jean Ribault Middle School. As we embark on the 2024-2025 academic year, I am extremely excited about the new possibilities and productive partnerships as we collectively strive to challenge our students to grow academically and socially to perform at their maximum potential. This is achieved by setting high expectations and creating a learning environment conducive to every student’s success. Together, we will make JRMS a model school for academic excellence, collaboration, leadership, and continuous improvement to develop life-long learners to be globally competitive! This year’s theme is **C.O.L.T.S: We are Collectively Owning Learning, Teaching for Success!** We have exciting initiatives to enhance the overall educational experience this year. Our dedicated teachers and support staff designed engaging and meaningful lessons to address areas of deficiency to ensure that set goals for proficiency and growth are achieved. We will continue implementing innovative instructional practices, offer career and high school preparation courses, and encourage participation in a wide range of extracurricular activities. We strongly recommend every student explore the programs, clubs, or sports offered to increase their sense of belonging. It will be an amazing school year as we work collaboratively for our students.

We will continue to adhere to the 3 Guiding Principles at JRMS:
1. Be On Time Everyday
2. Do Your Best Everyday
3. Follow Directions Everyday

The 2024-2025 school year will begin on Monday, August 12, 2024. It is the expectation that students arrive at school on time and in uniform daily. School starts promptly at 7:40 am and students are dismissed at 2:25 pm. Parents, your support is required to ensure these expectations are upheld. We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and rich learning experience for our students.

Student orientations will be held in the cafeteria on **August 1, 2024.** Please see the times listed below by grade level:

- **6th grade** 9:30 am – 11:00 am
- **8th grade** 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
- **7th grade** 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
- **6th grade** 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

School uniforms can be purchased online at [www.graphicsbyjerami.com](http://www.graphicsbyjerami.com). I encourage you to order now so students are ready for the first day of school. The uniform policy, school supplies, and JRMS expectations are on the school website, [https://dcps.duvalschools.org/rms](https://dcps.duvalschools.org/rms).

Again, welcome to our new and returning “Mighty Colts.” Let us embrace this new academic year with enthusiasm and a determination to achieve greatness. Together, we will overcome challenges, celebrate achievements, and create a thriving learning community where every student can succeed. It is a privilege to lead this school community where parents, teachers, and students believe in the power of teamwork and the significance of a strong positive partnership between home and school.

Colts, let’s make it a great year of collective ownership in our continued pursuit of academic excellence!

Sincerely,

Dr. Latoya Brown
Principal
Jean Ribault Middle School, Supplies, Electronics, School ID, Tardy, and Uniform Policies

School Supply List
- 2 Good quality 4" or 3" ring binders with pocket insert
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 10 colored tab subject dividers
- CLEAR or MESH book bag (ONLY)
- Notebook paper
- USB Flash Drive
- Scientific Calculator
- Zipper pouch to store supplies
- Subject Notebooks
- Composition Books
- Pencils
- Pens
- 1 Pack of Highlighters

Check-Out
There will be no student check outs after 1:55 pm during the regular school day and 12:00 pm on early release days. A picture ID is required for student check out and the person who's picking your child up must be named on the emergency contact form. Over the phone authorizations are prohibited.

Cell Phones, Headphones, or Other Electronic Devices (used for games, music, etc.)
Cell phones, headphones, and electronic devices must be off and away once students are on campus at 7:15 am and must remain off and away until dismissal at 2:25 pm. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in the cell phone being confiscated and a parent or guardian will be required to come to the school to pick it up. Refusal to give the cell phone to school board employees when requested will result in progressive discipline. Parents can retrieve cellular devices from the school between 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

ID School Picture Card
Each student will be issued a 2024-2025 JRMS ID. Students will be required to wear their IDs around their necks (visible on the outside of clothing) throughout the school day. This is a safety issue and therefore compliance is mandatory. The first ID will be issued at no charge. If your child comes to school without their ID and no one can bring their ID to the school, progressive discipline will be administered. If a student loses their ID or defaces their ID, another ID must be purchased at a cost of $10.00.

Ride Share Services and Food
Uber, Lyft, Taxis, and ride share services are NOT allowed to pick students up from the Jean Ribault Middle School campus. In addition, outside food and drink cannot be delivered to students on campus regardless of who is bringing the food.

Tardy Policy
All Ribault Middle School students are expected to arrive at school and class on time every day, alert and willing to work effectively. Consequences for being tardy to school and class

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Dress Code
Ribault Middle School students are required to adhere to the uniform policy in place. This includes students wearing their IDs daily. Students are prohibited from wearing bandanas, bonnets, or any other head coverings. Shorts and skirts must be at minimum fingertip length. No backless shoes, crocs, or foam runners are permitted. The wearing of these items is not permitted and a parent or guardian will be contacted to bring the appropriate items to the school. Continued violation of the uniform policy will result in progressive discipline. We appreciate your cooperation and adherence to policy in this area.

Hoodies/jackets with hoods or camouflage paraphernalia are not permitted on campus.

I will take a proactive approach to enforcing these rules. By signing below, you acknowledge that you and your student have read and understand the policies for Jean Ribault Middle School.

Parent/Guardian (Print): ______________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature ______________________________
Student Name (Print): ______________________________ Student Signature: ______________________________