



Renfroe Welcomes Rising 6th Graders!

Dear Parents of Rising 6th Graders,

Let me officially welcome you to Renfroe Middle School. My staff and I look forward to a normal school year beginning August of 2021. We can't wait to get to know you and your soon to be 6th graders. Renfroe is an amazing middle school with dedicated teachers and staff. The 6th grade team is especially adept at making the transition from elementary school to middle school seamless for students (and parents). Students currently enrolled at F.AVE and Talley need not register to attend Renfroe, they automatically roll up to us.

Please take some time to read the important information below.

Sincerely,

Greg Wiseman
Principal, Renfroe Middle School

1. **Rising 6th Grade Tours:** In the following weeks each F.AVE and Talley in-person fifth grade class will take a walking field trip to RMS to visit the school and get the lay of the land. Keep an eye out for the walking field trip Google Form to grant your child permission to join.
2. **Rising 6th Grade Parent Webinar:** Join us Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30 PM for a presentation of what 6th grade is like, and to get your questions answered. [Here is the link](#). This presentation will be recorded and available for any families who cannot attend the live session.
3. **World Language:** Beginning in the 6th grade, students have the choice of taking Spanish, French, or German. Students will learn communication skills in regards to the Self, Family, Food, School Day and Community. Please have the conversation with your child now about their choice for World Language. In the next week or two, all rising 6th graders will complete a google form in school indicating their choice. RMS administration will confirm all student choices via email over the summer. Questions about World Language? Email Kelsey Ulm, Department Chair, at kulm@csdecatour.net

4. **Band, Chorus, and Orchestra:** Renfroe has an amazing music department! Band, Chorus and Orchestra are different from the other connections classes we offer in that taking them is a full year commitment, rather than a 12-week course. Students must sign up for these classes, as they are not assigned. Students registering for these classes do not have to have prior music training or know how to read music. There will be an instrument selection period at the beginning of the year, so Band and Orchestra students can make decisions about what instrument they like and play the best.

For questions and to sign up for either Band, Chorus, or Orchestra, use the links below:

Band: ckraemer@csdecatour.net [LINK](#) to the Band Registration website
Chorus: dhirschorn@csdecatour.net [LINK](#) to the Chorus Registration website
Orchestra: hmccranie@csdecatour.net [LINK](#) to the Orchestra Registration & [website](#)

If that's not enough, the music department will host its own webinar on Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30 PM to answer any questions you may have. [Here's the link](#).

5. **Tours for Virtual 5th Grade Students:** Please be on the lookout for additional 6th grade orientation materials including a virtual tour of RMS hosted by our very own 7th grade ambassadors, musical performances from our talented Band, Chorus, & Orchestra programs, as well as "Meet a Middle Schooler" sessions that can be scheduled with interested 5th grade classes!
6. **Other Important Information:** For more information, please click [HERE](#) to access additional rising 6th grade orientation materials that we created last spring. For all other questions, email Ragan Hudson, 6th grade counselor at rhudson@csdecatour.net, or Summer Clayton, 6th Grade Assistant Principal at sclayton@csdecatour.net.