



Renaissance Report

October 2, 2026



Have you heard about Middle School jobs? Many of our 7th & 8th grade students have applied for jobs around the building. They help with everything from composting, to helping Kindergarteners with lunch, playing on the playground with younger students, and helping out in the kitchen. Pictured are two Middle School students reading with Voyagers during their inside recess this week.



There are so many great things happening around RPSA right now, and one of our favorite things to see is how our students are taking greater ownership of their school community. Our Middle School

students have started taking on “jobs” around the building and are quickly becoming an important part of caring for our school. Our Voyagers (1st/2nd grade) have been busy creating signs and videos to share with the entire school, reminding all of us how we can take care of the different spaces we share. These are great examples of students learning that they are in important part of making RPSA a great place to be.

With Student Led Conferences coming up, we are especially excited to welcome families into the building to see some of this learning and student ownership firsthand. As you walk the halls, be sure to check out student work on display, our schoolwide “Bricks of Belonging” mural, and the giant interactive Michigan map our 3rd graders will be using as part of their learning. Our building is becoming a reflection of the questions, ideas, creativity, and contributions of our students—and we can’t wait for you to see it!

Speaking of great things our students are doing - check out this flyer for a great community outreach project being run by one of our students!

Humans Helping Humans!

A student-run independent project supporting the Hoops for Hunger contest through Central Michigan University

Donate at a desk near the fish tank and book vending machine

One class per pod who donates the most will win a prize!



DONATE
OCTOBER 12th-22nd
ALSO AVAILABLE
DURING SLCs



All donations go to the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen.

YOU CAN DONATE non-perishable FOOD, OR SELF CARE ITEMS.

Suggestions:

Canned fruit & vegetables, canned chicken & tuna, beans, rice, pasta, peanut butter, pet food, dipers, socks & toiletries, etc.



#RAMSPRIDE SHOUT OUTS

Be Safe. Be Responsible. Be Kind. Work Hard.

We love celebrating our students when they're caught showing RAMS Pride. We look for students who are being safe, being responsible, being kind, or working hard and try to highlight them with a "Shout Out". Students receive a blue paper to bring home and show off to their families. Their names are also included in the weekly newsletter. The first time a student receives a shout out, they get to visit the book vending machine too!



We're excited to celebrate these amazing students who received a Shout Out this week!

Michael M.
Duke S.
Weston S.
Kayden H.
Coraline M.
Austyn T.
Grayson P.
Brinly D.
Kavon T.
Brynlee K.
Jameson T.
Zoey D.
Claire L.
Jackson F.
Mia S.
Sovai B.
Norah M.
Isabelle O.
Eden S.
Autumn M.
Audrey L.
Antonio P.
Anneliese L.
Alexander C.
Justis P.
Savannah T.
Ramie M.
Esme G.

Raelynn C.
Landyn L.
Amelia R.
Charlotte B.
Viola B.
Kyan T.
Bryson R.
Danielle L.
Nikos F.
Noah M.
Ezekiel P.
Jenesis W.
Rebeca M.
Pollux E.
Juliana E.
Alyviah G.
Harper B.
Jovilyn P.
Raidyn R.
Avery H.
Braxton P.
Jacoby B.
Karter M.
Jasper L.
Bentlee M.
Kross M.
Zaagi'idiwin B.

Breakfast & Lunch Menu, October 5th - October 9th, 2026



	10/5/26	10/6/26	10/7/26	10/8/26	10/9/26
Breakfast	Cereal Frozen Sorbert Fruit Juice Milk	Banana Bread Cheese Stick Frozen Sherbet Fruit Juice Milk	Cereal Fruit juice Apple Sauce Milk	Cereal Apples Fruit Juice Milk	Donuts Berry Sorbert Fruit Juice Milk
Lunch	Chicken Tenders Waffle fries Fresh Fruit Milk or Chicken Salad	Breakfast Bagel (Turkey & Egg) Hashbrown Fresh Fruit Milk or Chicken Salad	Dominos Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Vegetable Juice Fruit Cup Milk or Chicken Salad	Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Milk or Chicken Salad	Chicken Egg Rolls Fried Rice/w Veggies Sweet & Sour Sauce Strawberry Crisp Milk or Chicken Salad

Choice of White or Chocolate Milk Served Daily

USDA is an equal opportunity provider

[Download the school calendar and handbooks here!](#)

Important Dates

October 3rd - CMU Homecoming Parade

October 6th - Picture Retakes

October 8th-15th Scholastic Book Fair

October 10th - Harvest Festival

October 13th - Musical Informational Meeting

October 15th - Student Led Conferences (no school for students)

October 16th - No School for All Students

October 26th - Parent Club Meeting

Reminders

Student Led Conferences

Student-Led Conferences are coming soon! At Renaissance, we believe students should have a strong voice in their learning, and conferences give them the opportunity to proudly share their work, reflect on their growth, and talk about where they want to go next. **Please be sure to sign up for a conference time and give your child the opportunity to take the lead! SLCs will take place on October 15, 2026 - there is no school for students this day.**

Why Student-Led Conferences Matter:

- Builds **student voice, ownership, and confidence**
 - Encourages students to **reflect on their learning and growth**
 - Provides an authentic opportunity to **share projects, learning, and accomplishments**
 - Helps students identify their **strengths, challenges, and next steps**
 - Develops important **communication and leadership skills**
 - Gives families a deeper look at learning **through their child's perspective**
 - Strengthens the partnership between **students, families, and teachers**
 - Reinforces our belief that students are not just participants in learning—they are **leaders of their learning**
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From the School Counselor

September SEL Focus

October is National Bullying Prevention month. Renaissance students kicked off the month with an assembly to reinforce the fact that "Every Child Matters." All classes signed the following anti-bullying pledge:

I pledge to:

SPEAK UP when I see bullying.

REACH OUT TO HELP OTHERS who are being bullied.

BE A FRIEND TO ALL people, so that they know they matter.

All classrooms are also creating a shared mural called "Bricks of Belonging." Each student will create a brick with a picture and message to help others know that they are valuable just the way that they are, and they all belong and matter to our school community.

Finally, Mrs. Schumacher and Ms. Sanchez will be visiting every classroom to deliver bullying prevention lessons. They will focus on the three R's: **Recognize, Refuse, and Report. Recognizing**

bullying includes the three hallmark components: deliberate actions to hurt or upset someone on repeated occasions, and directed toward a person with less power. **Refusing** includes assertively telling a bully to stop and standing up for others, and **Reporting** includes alerting school staff about the incident. Students will engage in activities this week to practice identifying different scenarios and discussing how they might respond.

= Know the Difference =

Words and actions matter. It's not always easy to tell, but it's important.
Here's how to spot the difference between bullying, teasing, joking and other situations, and what to do when they happen.

BULLYING Hurts on purpose. It happens over time.  What it looks like: - Repeated, on purpose - Trying to gain power or control - Can be physical, verbal, social, or online - Often makes the target feel unsafe, scared, or worthless Examples: - Name-calling - Spreading rumors - Excluding on purpose - Hitting, pushing, or damaging belongings - Threats or intimidation	TEASING Usually not meant to be hurtful, but can still feel bad.  What it looks like: - Often based on something about you (looks, interest, habits, etc.) - Can be playful but may still hurt - Usually stops when you ask them to Examples: "You're such a nerd!" "You're always so slow!" "That's so lame!" - Gentle teasing about a friend (if it's not repeated or mean) If it bothers you or makes you feel embarrassed, it's not okay — even if they say "it's just a joke."	JOKING Is meant to be fun. Everyone is okay with it.  What it looks like: - Friendly and fun - Everyone is laughing and feels included - Doesn't target or make anyone feel bad Examples: "That was a funny movie!" "You're hilarious!" - Silly comments that are lighthearted - Inside jokes with friends Even with jokes, always check in: if someone isn't laughing or looks uncomfortable, stop and change the subject.	CONFLICT A disagreement between people.  What it looks like: - Happens between 2 people (or a small group) - Both people may be upset - Can be solved with communication - Doesn't have to be mean or ongoing Examples: "You took my seat!" "I don't agree with you." - Different opinions about a game or plan - Accidental bump or misunderstanding Conflict is normal. It's how you handle it that matters.	ACCIDENTAL COMMENT Not meant to be hurtful. Usually unintentional.  What it looks like: - Said by mistake - Not meant to hurt - May be misunderstood - Usually corrected when noticed Examples: "That's not what I meant!" "I didn't realize that would be hurtful." - Making a comment without thinking If you accidentally hurt someone, apologize and learn from it. Then move on.
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= WHAT TO DO =

If You See It, Experience It, or Are Involved

 VERBAL RESPONSES Use your words. Keep it calm, confident, and respectful. ✓ "That's not okay. Please stop." ✓ "I don't like that." ✓ "I'm not interested in that." ✓ "Can we change the subject?" ✓ "I don't want to be part of this." ✓ "That's not a joke to me." ✓ "I need a break." ✓ "I'm going to walk away now." ✓ "Let's talk to a teacher or trusted adult."	 PHYSICAL / BEHAVIORAL RESPONSES Keep yourself safe. Remove yourself if needed. ✓ Keep a safe distance. ✓ Walk away or move to a different area. ✓ Use your body language (calm face, neutral expression, not engaging). ✓ Take deep breaths or use a calming strategy (e.g., count to 10, squeeze a stress ball). ✓ Get support from a trusted adult, teacher, or counselor. ✓ Don't retaliate (it can make the situation worse). ✓ If you feel unsafe, tell an adult right away.
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YOU HAVE OPTIONS!

 **Be kind.**
It's power, not weakness.

 **Include others.**
Small actions make a big difference.

 **Choose your words and actions.**
You control you.

 **Look out for each other.**
Real strength is respect.

 **If it's not okay... say something.**
You're not alone.

= Be the person who lifts others up — and stands up for what's right. =

Upcoming Events

Parent Club Harvest Festival



HARVEST *Festival*

HOSTED BY THE RAMS PARENT CLUB!

SATURDAY OCTOBER, 10TH

2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

RPSA PLAYGROUND AND FIELD



- GAMES
- FACE PAINTING
- MAZE
- CARAMEL APPLE BAR
- PUMPKIN PAINTING
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)



CMU Homecoming Parade

RPSA is walking
and riding on a
float in the...

CMU

**Homecoming
Parade!**

Saturday, October 3rd.

Parade starts at
11:00am, participants
will meet up before the
parade begins.

Interested in
joining? Make
sure to fill out
the Google Form
right away!



Our amazing Rams Parent Club is helping to make this opportunity possible! All staff, and students in grades 3-8 are invited to join!

Please complete this form if interested in walking in the parade:

[RPSA Walks in the CMU Homecoming Parade-2026!](#)

Musical Information Night

Ram's players presents:

FROZEN JR

AUDITIONS
DECEMBER

7.8.10.11
3:30-6:30

NEW THIS YEAR:
WORK SHOPS
AND
PRODUCTION
CLUB

Grades 3-8

INFORMATION
MEETING
OCTOBER 13TH
6PM
PRESENTATION
SPACE



Please reach out to Fia at
froebuck@renaissancepsa.com
with any questions

Parent Club



RAMS CARD SALES OFFICIALLY END WEDNESDAY 9/30/26

If you have cards checked out
or money to return, please do
so as soon as possible

**THANKS SO MUCH FOR THE
SUPPORT AND SALES!**

Questions?



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Athletics



ATTENTION:
BOYS BASKETBALL
& CHEER TEAM



5th through 8th Grade

INFORMATIONAL MEETING; OCTOBER 26th - 5:15pm

Renaissance Gymnasium

**Interested students and their families are encouraged to attend.
Remember to register and complete Final Forms. This is NOT optional.
Reach out to Mr. McCausey if you have any questions.**

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be October 6, 2026. All students will have their photo taken for the yearbook. Parents will receive an email from Guys and Dolls Photography after picture day is complete with information for ordering picture prints.



Picture Day FAQs With Student ID Number.pdf

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School Price Guide.pdf

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12.0 MB

Attendance Matters

We continue to rock our average daily attendance! Here are some awesome stats so far this year:

- schoolwide we reached the 95% attendance goal 4 out of 5 weeks
- 3 classes met the attendance goal all 5 weeks

- no classes have fallen below 92% since the start of the year
- our schoolwide average daily attendance for the full year is 95.4%

Way to go Rams! We love having our students here and plan to continue to celebrate our great attendance.

Be here. Be curious. Be a Ram!



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