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Dear Parents and Students:

On behalf of the administrators, faculty and staff of the READY Academy Christian School, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you. We will continue to provide a Christian and quality education for our students.

At READY Academy Christian School we believe that all children can learn. We are committed to working with each child's strengths in a way that will capitalize on how they learn individually. We recognize the importance of providing our students with a safe, happy, warm, caring, spiritual and challenging environment in which to grow and learn. We believe that the most effective educational journey is possible only in an environment where parents, teachers and children are working together.

This year we will continue to focus on the Abeka and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) Curriculums. Our teachers will work with our students in a concentrated way to ensure that they gain the knowledge to help them be successful in school and in life. You will notice examples of our students shining all year long.

This handbook for children and family members was developed as a quick reference for information about our school. I hope that it clarifies information about the daily operation of our school and serves as a READY guide to our school procedures. Although this book cannot include all information pertinent to your child's experience at READY Academy, we hope it will give you a better understanding of our school.

You are encouraged to be an active participant in your child's educational journey and in the activities of our school. I look forward to working with you and your family this year.

Yours In God's Service,

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OUR COMMITMENT

A child's pre-school and elementary school years are most important because this is the time when the foundation for life is set. School is where a child first explores his/her role in society. Because it is a time and place for so many of a child's first experiences, much care must be taken to ensure positive passage through those experiences.

"Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth (READY) is the **mission** of the First Baptist Church READY Academy Christian School. It is committed to providing a Christian foundation and quality education for children. In partnership with families and communities, the READY Academy will emphasize specialization in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics, (STEAM) to meet the individual, academic needs of each child. The First Baptist Church READY Academy Christian School's Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff believe God has a purpose for each child and that all children can learn". We, at the READY Academy Christian School, are **committed** to fulfilling the school system's mission in the following seven areas:

- *Safe Christian school*
- *Rigorous educational standards*
- *Effectiveness and efficiency in our programs and operations*
- *Strengthened staff training*
- *Greater use of technology by students and staff*
- *Increased community involvement*
- *Adequate school facilities*



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Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth

August 2023

TO: All Parents, Students, Administrators, Faculty, Staff, Volunteers, and Donors of the
First Baptist Church READY Academy Christian School

May grace, mercy and peace be yours! We are grateful to God as we look back and thank Him for our 18 years as a Christian School dedicated to making disciples and scholars for Christ. Last school year was Awesome as we gave Praise and Thanks to God for “18 Years of Building Firm Spiritual and Academic Foundations!”

Special thanks are extended to the official family and church family of the First Baptist Church in Downtown Norfolk, Virginia where we are “Being a Church of Faith” (1 Corinthians 13:13). We thank God for our Chair, Mrs. Lisa Anderson and the Board of Directors for their faithfulness in promoting a standard of excellence for our school. I also want to express our deepest thanks to Mr. Charles S. Corprew, Jr., who has gone on to be with the Lord, Mrs. Rosa C. Edwards, our former Chair and Co-Chair, and all former Board Members who faithfully served READY Academy, during its 1st Decade. We thank God for Mrs. Amanda B. Murray and Mrs. Rosa C. Edwards; our retired Administrators, for 18 years of dedicated CORE Team of Faculty, Staff and Administrators. To Mrs. M. Trovone Artis, retired Volunteers/Special Events Coordinator and all Volunteers and Donors of the READY Academy Christian School, who work with energy and enthusiasm to provide our children with excellence in education and life enhancing skills.

Our goal remains the same, and that is **Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth (READY)** by providing a Christian based Education with an added emphasis in **Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)**. Our children, along with their parents, are the focus of our prayers, teachings, goals and vision – We believe that our children can be all that God wants them to be. Our school motto is **“failure is not an option”, “mediocrity is unacceptable”; and “excellence is our standard.”** This is our commitment to our children, parents, faculty, staff, volunteers, donors, church and community.

To our children, I will continue to pray that you will grow in God’s word and the Bible, as you continue to amaze us with your ability to learn Bible Verses, from “A through Z”, Special Psalms, The Lord’s Prayer and know their meaning. I challenge you this year to exceed last year’s goals and continue “to grow in the grace – and the knowledge of Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). It is my prayer that our READY Academy children will reach even higher levels in their academic pursuits to be the best that they can be and to enjoy being a child of God!

On behalf of the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention, I must also say “Thank You” students and parents for your Missions Offering each Monday that we have chapel. This offering benefits our “Adopted Sister” school, the Lott Carey Missions School in Liberia. I pray we will continue to give!

May God’s richest blessings be yours and thank you for all you do and will continue to do for READY Academy Christian School.

Yours in God’s service,

Jerry Holmes

Jerry Holmes, Interim Pastor/Superintendent



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TO: All Parents, Students, Administrators, Faculty, Staff, Volunteers and Donors of the First Baptist Church READY Academy Christian School.

As we begin this 20th Year of GOD's READY Academy -- the 10th year towards Our 2nd Decade, I must again begin by saying, **"THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!"** to All who were a part of READY's AWESOME 19th YEAR!

First, I must say "THANK YOU" to Pastor Holmes, our Visionary Leader, – to our most dedicated, hard-working Board of Education Members – to the greatest "CORE Team" of Teachers, Administrators, and Staff who work endlessly – to my Awesome Assistant Principal, Ms. Gale Mills and Liaison, Rev. T. Michele Logan and to our many First Baptist volunteers and donors who bless us with their time, talents and treasure!

Secondly, I must say "THANK YOU" to the most wonderful, loving, and supportive parents in the world – to our most committed Parent Student Teacher Association (PSTA), which had an Awesome 2nd year of dynamic, leadership by President: Alexandria Davis, Vice-President: Lekia Worsley and Teacher Recognition & Fundraising Chairs: Arkitia Pegram-Crawley and Alexiss Robinson, and to the Beautiful, Blessed, and Bubbly Students who make every school day a "Loving Joy" to share!

Thirdly, and Most Important, I must say "THANK YOU GOD" for HIS INFINITE Blessings towards HIS READY Academy throughout Our Eighteen Years. Listed below is a Brief Recap of READY's Blessed History:

Year #1: 2004-2005 – Opened with 22 students – closed with 33 – Started with PK3 and PK4; Held 1st Annual STEMA Fair!

Year #2: 2005-2006 – Opening enrollment of 45 – closed with 60 – Held 1st Annual K5 Graduation, with 15 students!

Year #3: 2006-2007 – Opening enrollment of 60 – closed with 90 – Annual K5 Graduation, with 17 Graduates – 1st Grade added!

Year #4: 2007-2008 – Opening enrollment of 90 – closed with 100 – Annual K5 Graduation with 22 Graduates – 2nd Grade added!

Year #5: 2008-2009 – Opening enrollment of 100 – closed with 110 – Annual K5 Graduation with 30 Graduates! – 3rd Grade added! (Initial Vision for PK3 thru 3rd Grade Attained!) 1st 3rd-Grade Finale Program with 8 students And 1st 3-Day "Senior" Trip to Washington, D.C.!

Year #6: 2009-2010 – Opening enrollment of 110 – closed with 120 – Annual K5 Graduation with 25 Graduates – Annual 3rd Grade Finale with 10 students And 2nd 3-Day "Senior Class" Trip to Washington, DC!

Year #7: 2010-2011 – Opening enrollment of 110 – closed with 118 – Annual K5 Graduation with 24 Graduates – Annual 3rd Grade Finale with 8 students And Finally a visit to the White House; During President Obama's 1st Term As President!

Year #8: 2011-2012 – Opening enrollment of 90 – closed with 106 – Annual K5 Graduation with 20 Graduates – Annual 3rd Grade Finale with 6 students and 1st Senior Trip to Williamsburg!

Year #9: 2012-2013 – Opening enrollment of 120! – closed with 134!! – Opened with an Awesome New Playground!! – Annual K5 Graduation with 26 Graduates – And No Ending Finale for Our 12 3rd Graders but an Upper Class Trip to Williamsburg!

Year #10: 2013-2014 – Opening enrollment of 127! – Closed with 138!! – Opened with A New 4th Grade Class of 12 students! – Annual K5 Graduation with 25 Graduates - **A Year of 10th Anniversary Celebrations Including: A Homecoming & Grand Reunion Weekend – Scholarship Banquet – Volunteers & Donors Thank You Weekend – 1st Annual Grandparents Day - 5 Day Finale Trip to Orlando!**

Year #11: 2014-2015 – Opened with 120 students – closed with 147!! - Opened with A New 5th Grade Class of 13 students! – Annual K5 Graduation with 29 Graduates – 1st 5th-Grade "Crossing Over" Ceremony with 13 Seniors and a Senior Trip to Richmond!

Year #12: 2015-2016 – Opened with 126 students – closed with 136!! – Went "Green" with emailed Teachers' Weekly and Director's Monthly Newsletters – Awarded a Grant for 30 Tablets – Awesome K5 Graduation (30 students) AND 5th Grade "Crossing Over" Ceremony (7 students) And 3 Day Finale Trip to the D.C. Area and White House During President Obama's 2nd Term!

Year #13: 2016-2017—Opened with 152 students-Our 1st Time Reaching/Exceeding Our Goal of 150 students!—Awesome K5 Graduation (29students); 5th Grade "Crossing Over" Ceremony (8 students) AND a 5 Day Finale' Trip to Atlanta! And to God Goes All the Glory!!

Year #14: 2017-2018 – Opened again with 152 students – Closed with 162! Celebrated READY's 1st K5 Grads of 2006 –Now High School Grads, 2018! –12 of the Original 14 marched with Our 30 K5 Grads! – They received \$8,500.00 in Scholarships! – 5th Grade "Crossing Over" Ceremony (10 Students) And 3 Day Finale' Trip to Williamsburg /Great Wolf Lodge!

Year #15: 2018-2019 – Opened with 159 students – closed with 164! – With A Match From An Angel Donor, Opened Our 1st Foundation Fund (in the Hampton Roads Foundation) with \$50,000 –Awesome K5 Graduation (36 Students) And 5th Grade Crossing Over (9 Students) AND A 5 Day Finale' Trip to New York! Celebrated 14 – 2nd Year K5 Grads Graduating High School with \$9,500 in Scholarships!

Year #16: 2019-2020 – Opened with 158 Students – Physically closed in March Due to OCVID19 – But blessed to Close Virtually with 141! Foundation Fund grew to \$75,000 – Awesome Virtual K5 Graduation (23 students) and 5th Grade Crossing Over (7 students). No Senior Trip But A "Grateful" End of the Year "Drive Thru" Celebration!

Year #17: Opened 100% Virtually with only 99 students—Teachers Trained Weekly in latest Technology—Creativity provided Our Special Programs Virtually. March 15, 2021 opened its Combined In-Person and Virtual School—enrollment of 105!—STEMA Fair Virtual and In-Person, with Special T-shirts from PSTA!—In-Person 5th Grade Crossing Over (9 students) and K5 Graduation (12 students), also Live Streamed! Another End-of-the-Year "Drive-Thru" Celebration.—Grateful to God to Survive and Thrive!

Year #18: Opened in Person- with 115 Students- Although we stayed masked-up, our students were able to thrive academically while bridging the educational gap caused by COVID 19. End of the Year Hybrid 5th Grade "Crossing Over Ceremony", with 9 Graduates and Hybrid Kindergarten Graduation with 22 Graduates. This was the 2nd High School and College Alumni Graduate Recognition and Scholarship Awards given.

Year #19: Opened in Person with 134 Students. Kindergarten Graduation consisted of 20 Graduates. This was our 3rd Alumni Graduate Recognition with 17 High School Graduates and 6 College Graduates receiving Named Scholarship Awards. Fund Raisers were a Tremendous Success. We started our 1st STEMA Fair, bringing PK3-K5 together and 1st-5th together in Taste N See Auditorium with Student Projects being Judged Nightly. Each Grade Level received 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place Awards.

I pray that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will be our TEAM Leader and continue to grant “Favor” to HIS READY Academy Christian School.
“THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!”

Yours in God’s “Purpose”,
Fatima Joyner, Principal



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August 2023

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Welcome to the READY Academy Christian School, (**R**eaching **E**ducationally **A**spiring **D**ynamic **Y**outh) where Christianity and Dedication run hand in hand. As we begin the 2023-24 academic school year, the 10th year towards our 2nd Decade; it is my prayer that this will be a year of continued success for our students, teachers, faculty, staff, and the entire school community. I encourage each parent to guide and direct your child on a daily basis to help him or her to thrive in this most dynamic and innovative program.

This year we continued our Fundraising Project – the “Fence of Honor”. We encourage all parents to help READY and also honor your student(s) and yourselves by purchasing personally engraved stones to be placed on the Fence of Honor.

This READY Academy is truly a “state of the art school.” Many thanks are bestowed upon the retired, Rev. Dr. Robert G. Murray, for his vision and the help of dedicated, faithful and loyal members of the Education Board who continue to give of their time, energy and religious convictions.

To our Retired Director and Assistant Director, Mrs. Amanda B. Murray, and Mrs. Rosa C. Edwards, I say, “A job well done with the help of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!” Indeed, our vision continues to be made a reality.

To all who are committed to the success of our READY Academy I say, “Thank You” and “To God Be The Glory!”

Sincerely yours,

Board of Education

"Failure is not an option", Mediocrity is unacceptable" and "Excellence is our standard!"

VISION STATEMENT

The READY Academy Christian School, (**R**eaching **E**ducationally **A**spiring **D**ynamic Youth), is dedicated to preparing Christ-like children and youth, according to their ability, who will be spiritually, morally, academically, physically and socially ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century and beyond. ***This is a school where “failure is not an option”, “mediocrity is unacceptable” and “excellence is our standard.”***

In addition to acquiring a solid foundation in the Bible, being challenged to achieve excellence in academics, and being nurtured in a loving and caring environment, these students will be intentionally exposed at an early age to the “exciting” world of science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics (STEAM).

“... Reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 3:13b-14 NKJV

MISSION STATEMENT

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

The tenets of the school shall be the Word of God interpreted by the following Purpose *Driven* statements of faith:

- For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. – *Ephes. 2:10 (NIV)*
- Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others. – *Peter 4:10 (NIV)*
- So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all others. – *Romans 12:5 (NIV)*
- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. – *Mark 12:30 (NIV)*
- Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. – *Philippians 2:5 (NIV)*
- Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. – *Colossians 4:5 (NIV)*

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PHILOSOPHY

The First Baptist Church fosters Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth (READY). The READY Academy Christian School is committed to providing students with educational opportunities and academic challenges necessary to meet world-class standards. By emphasizing high expectations, academic rigor and student achievement, we will encourage students to become productive citizens and life-long learners in a diverse and global 21st century society. As part of our philosophy:

- The READY Academy will partner with parents and the community to promote the development of Christian values and high moral standards.
- The educational curriculum will have a strong focus on academic achievement in science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics (STEAM).
- An academic emphasis on high level thinking skills, problem solving and decision-making will prepare students for life-long learning.

First Baptist Church has historically confronted the ills of the community and sought social justice for all. The READY Academy supports these accomplishments by promoting academic excellence and a belief in the importance of character and moral education, based on Christian values, as the foundation to confront the challenges of the world.

The Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff, in collaboration with parents and community, will provide a safe, nurturing and creative learning environment. Through the use of proven strategies and learning techniques and a special focus on issues of diversity that best support student learning, the READY Academy will have a positive impact on our children in a Christian setting.

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- **To provide a Christ-centered education where the word of God is an integral part of the entire curriculum.**
- **To excel in an advance level of academic standards, with an educational program that will prepare students to achieve their fullest potential for the glory of God.**
- **To provide a strong specialization in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and the arts.**
- **To provide excellence in individualized instructions that will meet the needs of students academically, spiritually, mentally, socially, emotionally and physically.**
- **To instill a strong moral code of behavior in the life of each student, based God's Word that will serve as a guide for the student.**
- **To provide a low-moderate child to teacher ratio.**
- **To teach the whole child.**
- **To provide and maintain partnerships and collaborations between parents and school personnel which will foster a sense of well being among all children.**

Students will be able to:

- **Academically compete with the same high or higher academic rigor as other students within their peer group.**
- **Spiritually understand and know Christ in every aspect of their life.**
- **Mentally discover and develop individual aptitudes, cultivate the power of critical thinking and relate to the truth of God's Word.**
- **Socially be prepared to live and interact with others in a global society.**
- **Emotionally develop self worth and self discipline and adjust to life's situations.**
- **Physically develop, learn to respect the body and learn the proper care of the body.**

READY Academy

The logo for 'READY Academy' features the word 'READY' in a bold, blue, serif font at the top. Below it, the word 'Academy' is written in a blue, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' in 'Academy' is significantly larger and more prominent. The text is surrounded by several golden-yellow, abstract, brushstroke-like shapes that resemble stylized leaves or feathers, adding a dynamic and artistic feel to the design.

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PARENT PLEDGE

**I WILL HELP MY CHILD BE ALL THAT HE/SHE CAN BE
HE/SHE WILL STUDY HARD
HE/SHE WILL READ MORE
HE/SHE WILL IMPROVE HIS/HER GRADES AND TEST SCORES
BECAUSE HE/SHE IS SOMEBODY!**

**I WILL TEACH HIM/HER TO LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL HIS/HER HEART
I WILL TEACH HIM/HER TO RESPECT HIM/HERSELF
I WILL TEACH HIM TO RESPECT OTHERS
I WILL TEACH HIM/HER TO BE A RESPONSIBLE PERSON
I WILL LOVE AND RESPECT HIM/HER
I WILL TEACH HIM/HER TO KEEP HIS/HER MOUTH, BODY, AND MIND CLEAN
I WILL TEACH HIM/HER TO TREAT OTHERS THE WAY HE/SHE WANTS TO BE TREATED
BECAUSE HE/SHE IS SOMEBODY!!**

**MY CHILD'S EDUCATION WILL ALWAYS BE MY NUMBER 1 PRIORITY
I WILL SUPPORT MY CHILD'S SCHOOL
I WILL SUPPORT MY CHILD'S TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATION
I WILL SUPPORT MY CHILD'S PARENT STUDENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
BECAUSE HE/SHE IS SOMEBODY!!!**

**HE/SHE WILL STUDY GOD'S WORD, PRAY DAILY, AND LEARN ABOUT THE GOODNESS
OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
HE/SHE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE
HE/SHE WILL ALWAYS SURVIVE
BECAUSE HE/SHE IS SOMEBODY!!!!**

**I WILL PRAY WITHOUT CEASING FOR MY CHILD
I WILL BE MY CHILD'S POSITIVE ROLE MODEL
I WILL RESPECT HIM/HER, I WILL PROTECT HIM/HER
I WILL NEVER NEGLECT HIM/HER
BECAUSE HE/SHE IS SOMEBODY
AND BECAUSE HE/SHE IS A CHILD OF GOD!!!!!!**

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FINANCIAL PAYMENT GUIDELINES & PAST DUE ACCOUNT POLICY

1. I agree to pay a non-refundable Registration Fee, at the time of enrollment and again at the beginning of each school year. Seat-Hold expires the first day school officially begins in September, for the current academic year.
2. I agree to pay all Academic Fees (i.e. Book and Resource Fees at the beginning of each school year).
3. I understand that the tuition is divided into 10 equal monthly payments, beginning August thru May OR Other Payment Options of Yearly or Bi-Yearly Tuition Payments are available.
4. I agree to pay the Tuition Fee on the 1st of each month and according to the terms of my financial agreement. If the 1st is on the weekend, I agree to pay tuition on the following Monday. Late fees will be applied on the sixth day of each month.
5. No student will be permitted to attend school if the tuition is more than 30 days past due. Report cards and other records will be held until the tuition balance is zero. Non-Essential School Trips and/or graduation participation can be withheld until all financial obligations are met.
6. The tuition fee will be paid via Procure in the form of credit/debit card, electronic check, money order or cashier's check. Cash is not accepted for tuition payments.
7. If tuition is not paid prior to the close of business on the fifth day of the month, a Late Payment Fee of \$25.00 will be automatically posted to the student's account.
8. A \$25.00 Stop Payment Fee will be assessed for any stopped automatic tuition payment or stopped payments on personal/business checks.
9. I agree to pay the full monthly tuition fee even if my child is absent for one or more days during that month.
10. I agree to pay a Late Pickup Fee per child for each minute my child is not picked up from School past the designated pick-up time. A late pick-up fee will be charged for each minute after the closing time of 6:00 p.m. for Extended Day Students and each minute after 3:35PM for Academic Day Students.
11. I agree to complete an official form to change the "Tuition Rate and Term of Day, in accordance with my tuition contract. I also agree to submit the above referenced form no later than the 15th of the month, prior to the change being in effect.
12. I agree and understand that if my child has a pattern of staying beyond the "Term-of-Day" that I selected, I will be assessed the entire tuition rate that coincides with the extended time they were present at READY Academy.
13. Any parent receiving funding from external providers, such as an EMPLOYER RELATED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS, WORKFORCE CHILDCARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM, etc.), must inform a finance administrator of his/her intent to use this funding to subsidize tuition. Parents receiving this funding must also attend a financial assistance meeting with a finance administrator to ensure that the parent understands his/her financial commitment beyond the external funding; and to ensure that all necessary paperwork is completed.
14. Multiple Siblings Discount Rule: A 10% Discount will be applied to each additional sibling after the 1st enrolled student. The discount will be applied to the sibling(s) with the higher tuition rate. (NOT TO BE COMBINED w/OTHER DISCOUNTS).
15. All Accounts Must Receive Clearance before a child's name can be placed on the travel roster for the Upper Class & Senior Trip. Accounts must also be Granted Clearance (3) "Business Days" Prior to the date of travel.
16. IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE APPROVAL FOR ANY SPECIALIZED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT, A FORMAL REQUEST NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO A FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR. ALL ADDENDUM FORMS/STIPULATIONS MUST BE FULLY ADHERED TO AND DOCUMENTED/SIGNED BY THE FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT.
17. Withdrawal Procedure & Policy: Any student withdrawing during the school year for medical reasons or for military relocation must submit official documentation 30 days prior to the date of the official withdrawal. All Official Withdrawal Forms must be completed by both a Parent/Guardian and a READY Academy Student Account Representative before a withdrawal is considered official. There must also be a zero balance on the student account before a withdrawal is considered official. All student records will be held until there is a zero balance on the account. All other withdrawals will be assessed 30% of the remaining contract.
18. Parent Volunteer Hour Addendum: In an attempt to maintain low and competitive tuition rates, READY Academy requires that all READY families complete a total of 4 volunteer hours. (REFER TO VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES)

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TEMPORARY HOLD GUIDELINES FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNT POLICY

A suspension of a student's account is a rare occurrence. But when it occurs, it can be inconvenient for both the parent and the student. READY Academy makes every attempt to avoid these circumstances; however, they do sometimes occur. Listed below are reasons why a student account will be suspended and the procedure that must be followed in order to re-instate the student account:

1. **A temporary hold of all academic and/or extended-care services will be executed due to failure to submit all requested/required documentation.**

2. **A temporary hold of all academic and/or extended-care services will be executed due to failure to maintain payment terms as well as failure to meet any other requirements according to the READY Academy Admission Criteria, Enrollment Continuation Standards, Financial Contract, and any Financial Addendums.**

An account that has generated a total of (3) Hold Notifications for any reason, within the same (10-month) academic-year, will be placed on Probation. Account(s) will incur the following penalties and the following protocols must be completed in order to re-instate the account:

- All academic services will be suspended according to the date listed on the notification.
- The student will not be allowed to return to school without clearance from the finance administrator.
- Student records will be placed in a "Hold Status" and will not be released or available for viewing, etc. until the entire tuition/fee amounts for the remaining (10-month) academic year are paid in their entirety.
- The Student account will no longer be eligible for any payment plan or financial assistance for the next 10 month academic year.
- An Appointment for reinstatement must be requested in writing and submitted to a finance administrator. (Yellow Appointment Slips are located at the Payment Station)

*** READY Academy reserves the right to make all superseding decisions regarding any student account and TERMINATION.***

Please Note:

- **Financial assistance at READY Academy is based on donations received.**
- **Please be advised that it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to maintain timely payments in accordance with the READY Academy Tuition Contract.**

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ENROLLMENT & GENERAL INFORMATION GUIDELINES

- Enrollment is open to children ages (3-10) for the appropriate PK3-5th grade-level-designation by September 30th.
- The child must be toilet trained prior to enrollment.
- To be eligible for enrollment, parent must present the following at the time of registration:
 - *Original Birth Certificate
 - Picture ID for Dismissal
 - Proof of Address
 - Record of Current Physical Examination Completed by a Physician
 - Official Verification of Child's Next Scheduled Wellness Visit on Physician's Stationery
 - Up-to-Date Immunization Records (*See Below for Additional Medical Information)
- Immunization record(s) and annual physical examination(s) must be included for:
PK3, PK4, K5 and ALL FIRST TIME STUDENTS TO READY ACADEMY.
- IT IS MANDATORY TO SUBMIT A CURRENT-YEAR COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL ENTRANCE HEALTH FORM AND EACH PAGE MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED (PAGES 1-4, TOP TO BOTTOM) IN ITS ENTIRETY, AT THE ONSET OF ENROLLMENT. ALL PAGES (1-4) MUST REFLECT THE DESIGNATED PARENTAL/MEDICAL-PERSONNEL SIGNATURES. EXPIRED FORMS ARE CONSIDERED INVALID.
- If a condition and/or section does not pertain to the student, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE A "LINE/SECTION" EMPTY. These sections can be marked "N/A" indicating Not Applicable. This confirms to staff that the student is not impacted by the information requested as well as the parent/guardian has reviewed the information in question.
- READY Academy reserves the right to request additional information at any time and can decline/postpone/suspend enrollment/attendance until all information deemed necessary has been submitted, accordingly.
- READY Academy requires additional forms/documentation issued by the student's physician for ALL prescriptions being requested to be administered during the period while the student is at school. --- Action/Treatment Plans may also be mandated from the designated medical authority.
- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL REOUIREMENTS: It is mandatory for all students to wear their yellow, READY Academy Monogrammed shirts/blouses. READY Academy Monogrammed shirts/blouses may be ordered on-line at FrenchToast.Com or by placing orders at READY Academy for a local vendor to process. All students are required to wear READY Academy Spring/Winter Physical Education Uniforms, according to the printed uniform schedule.
- The A-Beka Curriculum will be used for Christian Education and Academic Subjects.
- Special Emphasis in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics).
- The Parent Hand-Book and Newsletters list a Calendar-of-Events as well as the "Message Board" includes daily updates.
- Assessments will be conducted within approximately the first 45-60 days of the official September start-date, which would be the day following Labor day. Class performance and/or test scores may require for a student's grade level to be changed.
- READY ACADEMY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ALL SUPERSEDING DECISIONS REGARDING ADMISSIONS, FINANCES CONTINUATION OF ENROLLMENT, DESCREANCIES, AND/OR ANY "FACTORS OF CONCERN".

*Present Forms to Administrator for validating authenticity of the original documents and recording necessary information. The READY Academy admits students of any race, color, gender, religious affiliation, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

MONTHLY TUITION- ANNUAL FEES- GENERAL INFORMATION

ANNUAL FEES FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL

GRADE LEVEL	NEW STUDENT APPLICATION & ENROLLMENT FEE *NON-REFUNDABLE* DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION	RETURNING STUDENT ENROLLMENT FEE *NON-REFUNDABLE* DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION	BOOK FEES PER GRADE LEVEL *DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION	RESOURCE FEES *DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION Includes Technology Fee, Annual Assessment Fees, Maintenance Fee, Recreation Fee, Physical Education Uniforms, STEMA T-Shirt and Chapel Tie
PK3	\$200.00	\$185.00	\$150.00	\$210.00
PK4	\$200.00	\$185.00	\$180.00	\$210.00
K5	\$200.00	\$185.00	\$210.00	\$210.00
1 ST / 2 ND	\$200.00	\$185.00	\$390.00	\$215.00
3 RD / 4 TH / 5 TH	\$200.00	\$185.00	\$400.00	\$215.00

ENROLLMENT FEE DUE DATES

- Registration Fee: DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION
- Book Fee: DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION AND NO LATER THAN MONDAY – AUG 4th
- Resource Fee: DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION AND NO LATER THAN MONDAY – AUG 4th
- First Month's Tuition: DUE SATURDAY – AUG 26th

MONTHLY TUITION

GRADE LEVEL	ACADEMIC DAY TUITION 8:00AM–3:30 PM	BEFORE/AFTER CARE FEE CHILD MUST BE ENROLLED AS A STUDENT AT READY ACADEMY FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR 6:30-7:45AM/4:00–6:00 PM	EXTENDED DAY TUITION INCLUDES BEFORE/AFTERCARE FEE W/ BEFORE & AFTERCARE
PK3 /PK4	\$580.00	\$70.00	\$650
K5	\$580.00	\$70.00	\$650
1 ST / 2 ND	\$590.00	\$70.00	\$660
3 RD / 4 TH / 5 TH	\$625.00	\$70.00	\$695

EDUCATIONAL EXCEPTIONS DISCLAIMER:

Children with a learning disability and or certain medical diagnoses that result in unmanageable behaviors may be denied admittance to READY Academy unless full disclosure and documentation is presented, evaluated and considered on a trial basis; before consideration for full enrollment. READY Academy administration and staff may require additional documentation and or a review of previous student records to determine if we are equipped to meet the needs of the student. Full parental cooperation is required during the evaluation process as well as

PAYMENT ADDENDUM:

- All Enrollment Fees are Due at Time of Registration and No Later Than August 26, 2023.
- *Visa/MasterCard/AMEX, Money Orders & Cashier's/Personal Checks Honored for tuition and fees. **NO CASH/DISCOVER CARDS.**
- ACADEMIC DAY TUITION INCLUDES LUNCH ONLY.
- EXTENDED DAY TUITION INCLUDES BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND AFTERNOON SNACK
- BREAKFAST 7:00AM – 7:30AM SNACK 3:30PM – 4:00PM.
- A 10% Tuition Discount is applied to student accounts based on eligibility. **Only 1-Type of Discount Per Family Allowed:**
 - First Baptist Church Norfolk Members ▪Active Duty Military Parent(s) ▪Multi-Child (Discount After the First Child)

HIGHLIGHTS FOR RESOURCE FEE:

- Assessment Supplies, Instructional Materials, Paper Products, and Technology Fee
- Maintenance of School Building, External Recreational Area, Parking Lot, Lawn & Garden Features
- Physical Education Uniforms and Accessory Attire for ALL Students:
 - (1) Fall/Winter Physical Education Uniform ▪ (1) Chapel Tie
 - (1) Spring/Summer Physical Education Uniform ▪ (1) READY T-Shirt: Distributed in 2024 for STEAM Fair

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**TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR
 SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

PAYMENT PERIOD	REGULAR PLAN A DUE DATE	PLAN B DUE DATE	SCHOOL DAYS PAYMENT COVER
1	AUG. 26	By AUG. 26	AUG. 28 – OCT. 1
2	SEPT. 1	OCT. 1	OCT. 2 - OCT. 28
3	OCT. 1	NOV. 1	OCT. 29 - NOV. 29
4	NOV. 1	DEC. 1	NOV. 30 – DEC. 17
5	DEC. 1	JAN. 1*	DEC. 18 – JAN. 27
6	JAN. 1*	FEB. 1	JAN. 28 – FEB. 23
7	FEB. 1	MAR. 1	FEB. 24 – MAR. 21
8	MAR. 1	APR. 1	MAR. 22 – APR. 21
9	APR. 1	MAY 1*	APR. 22 – MAY 17
10	MAY 1*	JUNE 1	MAY 18 – JUNE 7

PAYMENT PERIOD COVERS 18 SCHOOL DAYS; 3 INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS; 2 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS; 8 TEACHER WORK DAYS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (i.e. 5 PRIOR TO OPENING, 2 DURING THE YEAR AND 1 AFTER CLOSING.)

Regular Payment Plan A - Requires the first tuition payment by August 26th, then monthly Payments On The 1st OF EACH MONTH from September 1st through May 1st.

Payment Plan B - Requires the first tuition payment by Aug. 26th, then monthly Payments from October 1st through June 1st.

***NOTE: When the 1st occurs during a weekend, payment is due on the Monday immediately following.**

****NOTE: When the 1st occurs during a Holiday, Payment is needed BEFORE the Holiday begins.**

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START OF YEAR – IMPORTANT NOTES/RULES/BIRTHDAYS/UNIFORMS**

PK3 and PK4 NAP NOTES and Important Notes for All Grade Levels

- For PK3 and PK4 ONLY. Please provide a sleeping mat (with child’s name on both sides in permanent marker) along with a blanket in an extra large zipped, plastic Ziploc bag. *DO NOT SEND* sheets or pillows!
- **WHEN THE WEATHER IS COOL OR COLD, CHILD MAY WEAR A NAVY MONOGRAM SWEATER IN CLASS AND WHEN TAKING A NAP.**
- Blanket(s) and bag will be sent home each Friday to be washed and disinfected. Items must be returned each Monday in a clean & clear labeled Ziploc bag. We take pride in working daily to keep a germ-free school. Please help us and do your part at home.
- **MUST KEEP A COMPLETE CHANGE OF CLOTHES, underwear, AND socks included in child’s book bag.** For your child’s comfort (if an “accident” occurs), the change of clothes should be a PLAIN YELLOW SHIRT and navy pants, shorts or skirt.
- Blue or black plain Book Bags can be found at Ross, Wal-Mart, and other “bargain” stores. No Book Bags on rollers and NO Character Book Bags.

REQUIRED DISCIPLINE HELP FROM PARENTS

Please discuss with your child daily (ESPECIALLY THESE FIRST WEEKS)

THE READY ACADEMY GOLDEN HABITS/RULES:

- All students MUST, at all times, show respect for God, Teachers, Adults, Students, and themselves.
- All students MUST listen and follow directions the FIRST TIME.
- All students MUST learn to the best of their ability.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays may be celebrated if parents want to bring store bought treats during the approved time of starting and ending between 1:30p.m and 2:30p.m. Parents must follow the Chain of Communications for parties. The Chain of Communications for parties is as follows: Parents → Teacher → Administration for Approval or Needed Modification → Back to Teacher → Back to Parent. Date and Time will be recorded on School’s Master Calendar. Nutritious, healthy store bought snacks are recommended. **IMPORTANT: NO NUTS – NO CHOCOLATE – NO HOME-MADE TREATS.** Please do not send birthday invitations to school if EVERY child in class is not invited. (We do not want to offend anyone) **MUST REQUEST CELEBRATIONS 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE.**

UNIFORM SCHEDULE

Monday – Chapel Uniform

Tuesday and Friday – Assigned seasonal Physical Education Uniform

Wednesday and Thursday – Regular READY Uniform

All Chapel and Regular Uniform Tops and Navy-Blue Sweaters must be monogrammed. Only monogrammed sweaters may be worn in the classroom. NO OTHER TYPE OF sweaters, coats, or jackets can be worn.

Recess/Creative Play – DAILY {girls **MUST wear shorts under dresses and skirts}**

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE AND MISSIONS OFFERING

Students will learn a Bible verse each week. Please assist them. {**Students are asked to bring a Missions Offering to Chapel each Monday, \$1.00 or more to reach our Goal!**}. This offering will go to our “Adopted” Sister School in Liberia. We suggest that you have your child(ren) “earn” their donation so they can “feel” their sacrifice.

POSITIVE DISCIPLINE

Good Discipline starts the first day and continues – At READY Academy we stress praising positive behavior. Please refer to the Discipline Plan in your Handbook.

CELL PHONES, CELL WATCHES, ELECTRONIC TRACKING DEVICES, ETC. ARE ONLY ALLOWED AT SCHOOL FOR EMERGENCIES. CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND LEFT IN BOOKBAGS DURING THE ACADEMIC DAY. NO CHEWING GUM, NO PLAYING CARDS OR TOYS ALLOWED UNLESS IT IS A PRE-ANNOUNCED SPECIAL DAY. TOY GUNS OR OTHER DANGEROUS TOYS ARE NEVER ALLOWED.

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START OF YEAR – IMPORTANT NOTES/RULES/BIRTHDAYS/UNIFORMS CONT'D**

HOMEWORK

A Quiet consistent place and time needed DAILY. Parent/Guardian MUST Sign and Date Each Homework Sheet in the Upper Right Corner. Unsigned Homework will be returned. Remove ALL Parental communications daily. Please respond PROMPTLY. Homework Folders MUST be returned as requested by the Teacher. Please check and respond appropriately to “Behavior Chart” daily.

INSURANCE

As a part of your Resource Fee, your child has medical insurance for the hours he/she attends READY Academy.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

READY will follow Norfolk Public Schools Closings. Please check the internet or television for inclement weather updates. NPS Inclement weather updates will be announced on all major news stations. On any School Delay Day, there is NO BEFORE SCHOOL CARE. Count delay from 8:00a.m, (i.e. 2 Hours Delay) ---READY will open at 10:00a.m.

READY’s closing will also have its announcement on at least 2 of the major television news channels, WAVY TV-10 and WVEC-13

TARDIES

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The Academic School Day begins promptly at 8:00a.m. Students are recorded as Tardy after 8:15 a.m. - - in the classroom. **After 3 unexcused tardies the parent will be contacted and made aware of how tardiness affects student’s academic progress.**

Excused tardies shall be for the following reasons:

1. Severe Weather/Extreme Traffic Conditions
2. Illness
3. Doctor or Dentist Appointments
4. Unforeseen Tragedies

UNEXCUSED TARDIES

3 Unexcused Tardies will be counted as 1 absence for kindergarten and above grade level students.

IMPORTANCE OF NEWSLETTERS AND COMMUNICATION AT READY ACADEMY IS KEY, BUT IT Also REQUIRES READING Weekly and Monthly Newsletters.

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PSTA
PARENT STUDENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

2023 - 2024 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President - Mrs. Arkitia Pegram- Crawley

Vice President - Ms. Alexiss Robinson

Assistant Secretary - Ms. Janise Evans

Treasurer - Mrs. Joyvan Malbon-Griffin

Chaplain - TBA

Parliamentarian – Mr. Jason Crawley

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

2023 - 2024

Chairpersons - Room Parents: Ms. Jerenda Manley/Ms. Tene Hale

PK3/

PK4/

K5/

1st Grade/

2nd Grade/

3rd Grade/

4th Grade/

5th Grade/

Ms. Alexiss Robinson/_____ TBA _____ : Chairpersons - Fundraiser

Mrs. Lawren Collins /Mr. Brian Johnson : Chairpersons-Membership

Ms. Chontell Woolridge /Ms. Tiffany Webb: Chairpersons - Teacher Appreciation

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 READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
 PARENT STUDENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
 CALENDAR OF PSTA MEETINGS, SCHOOL PROGRAMS, & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

2023-2024

PLEASE NOTE: There are **ONLY 4 PSTA MEETINGS** for the Entire School Year. They are scheduled on Tuesdays, 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. Please plan to attend **ALL 4 Informative Meetings**.

Aug. 26	Welcome Parent Orientation/Open House Meeting: 10:00 a.m.
Aug. 28	First Day of School
Sept. 1&4	Labor Day Holiday (READY Academy Closed)
Sept. 11	Grandparent’s Day: 10:00 a.m.
Sept. 19	PSTA Meeting #1/Open House: 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Parent/Teacher Conference & Progress Report #1 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.* (No Students)
Oct. 23	PICTURE DAY/CHAPEL (TBA)
Oct. 24	PSTA Meeting #2: 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Harvest Fest
Nov 7	Staff Professional Development Day (NO STUDENTS)
Nov. 10	Veterans Day (READY Academy Closed)
Nov. 20	Thanksgiving Student and Staff Luncheon
Nov. 21	Early Release (School Closed @ 12 Noon)
Nov. 22-24	Thanksgiving Holiday (READY Academy Closed)
Dec. 15	Christmas Program 10:00 a.m. – (TBD)
Dec. 22	Christmas Celebration
Dec. 25-Jan. 5	Winter Break (READY Academy Closed)
Jan. 15	M.L.K Day (READY Academy Closed)
Jan. 22	Teacher Workday/Staff Development Day (No Students)
Feb. 1-29	Black History Month Celebration– Daily Focus
Feb.16	100 th Day of School
Feb. 19	President’s Day (READY Academy Closed)
Feb. 27	Black History Program 10 a.m. – (TBD)
Feb.28	PSTA Meeting #3: 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 1-31	Multicultural History Month – Weekly Focus
Mar. 1	Read Across America
Mar. 11	March Break (READY Academy Closed)
Mar. 25	Spring Picture Day (TBD)
Mar. 28	Easter Program 10:00 a.m. – Taste N See Auditorium Easter Celebration
Mar. 29	Teacher Workday/Staff Development Day (No Students)
Apr. 1-5	Spring Break (READY Academy Closed)
Apr.	Volunteer Luncheon (TBA)
May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 9-10	STEAM Fair: 6:00 p.m.
May 14	Final PSTA Meeting #4: 6:00 p.m.
May 22	Career Day
May 24	Teacher Workday/Staff Development Day (No Students)
May	20th Year Reunion Banquet (TBA)
May	20th Year Reunion Cookout in the Park (TBA)
May 27	Memorial Day (READY Academy Closed)
May 29	Awards Assembly: 10:00 a.m.
May 31	Kindergarten Graduation

**CALENDAR OF PSTA MEETINGS, SCHOOL PROGRAMS, SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
(CONTINUED)**

June 3 5th Grade Crossing over Ceremony: 10:00 a.m.
June 4 Field Day: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
June 7 Last Day of School for Students – Dismissal at 12 Noon

NOTE: Times and Dates Subject to Change

NOTE: THE READY ACADEMY WILL GENERALLY FOLLOW THE NORFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THEIR MONTHLY EARLY RELEASE DAYS. SNOW MAKE UP DAYS MAY VARY.

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2023-2024

PROGRESS REPORTS/ALL GRADES

Closing Date: (Period Covered)	DISTRIBUTION DATE:	NUMBER OF DAYS
9/28/2023 (8/28/23-9/28/23)	October 9, 2023*	23
12/06/2023 (10/30/23-12/06/23)	December 21, 2023	22
2/22/2024 (1/23/24-2/22/24)	March 7, 2024	22
5/03/2024 (3/26/24-5/03/24)	May 17, 2024	23

REPORT CARDS

Closing Date: (Period Covered)	DISTRIBUTION DATE:	NUMBER OF DAYS
10/27/2023 (8/28/23-10/27/23)	November 16, 2023	43
1/19/2024 (10/30/23-1/19/24)	February 9, 2024	44
3/25/2024 (1/23/24-3/25/24)	April 19, 2024	43
5/24/2024 (3/26/24-5/24/24)	June 7, 2024	37

*Parent/Teacher Conference Day

Rev. 08-22-23

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CORE TEAM
2023 - 2024**

PRINCIPAL

Ms. Fatima Joyner

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Ms. Gale Mills

SCHOOL LIAISON

Rev. T. Michele Logan

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Mrs. Sherry Brooks – Office Manager

Ms. Karla Brown – Enrollment Coordinator

Mrs. Thelma Hardy – Finance Accounts Auditor

FACULTY

Ms. Jewel Wilkerson – PK3 Teacher

Ms. Mikayla Encalade – PK3 Assistant

Mrs. Paula Fulford– PK4 Teacher

Miss Gabrielle Bullock PK4 Co-Teacher

Mrs. Lawana Bennett – K5 Teacher

Mrs. Sharon Powell – K5 Co-Teacher

Ms. Carlinda McLean – 1st Grade Teacher

Miss Victoria Alexander – Teacher Assistant

Mrs. Kimberly Lewis – 2nd Grade Teacher

Mrs. Vernenci Samuels- Teacher Assistant

Ms. LaVicha Wilson – 3rd Grade Teacher

Mrs. Sandra Robinson – 4th Grade Teacher

Ms. Sandrine Robinson – 5th Grade Teacher

RESOURCE TEACHERS

Ms. Geraldine Gilliam – Computer

Miss Almoni Ellis – Physical Education

Ms. Carlinda McLean– Music Teacher

Mrs. Nicole Peller – Teacher Mentor, Math Lab/STEAM Coordinator & Assessments

Senora Julia Hughey -- Spanish

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Mrs. Sharon Powell – After School Coordinator

Mrs. Kimberly Lewis & Mrs. Sandra. Robinson – Summer Enrichment Coordinators

Rev. T. Michele Logan– Instructional Specialist/Data &Assessments Specialist

STAFF

Mrs. Tamara Taylor-Boone – Front Desk Receptionist

Mr. Marc Banatte – Security/Maintenance

Mr. Tony Brooks – Food Service Coordinator/Manager

Mrs. Annie Patterson – Food Service Assistant

Ms. Jackie Smalls- Food Service Assistant

Ms. Geraldine Banks – Nurse

Mrs. Deborah Crawford-Aftercare Assistant

Rev. Travis Barnes – Chaplain/Technology Specialist



General School Rules

1. Students are expected to walk in the hallways. Horseplay will not be tolerated at any time – in the school or outside on the playground.
2. No toys or non-school items are allowed on school property, unless pre-approved and announced by the Director.

A daily check of book bags is advised to see what your child is taking or bringing to school.

3. Students are expected to wear required regulation school uniforms daily unless change is pre-approved by the Director, Black Tennis shoes or black rubber sole closed toe and heel shoes are needed for school and physical education. Flip-flops are not permitted.
 - Apparel, which advertises, glorifies, or symbolizes any illegal substance or substances illegal for the use of minors may not be worn. No clothing with objectionable printed slogans or pictures may be worn.
 - No bare midriff or revealing tank tops may be worn.
 - Short skirts or extremely short shorts may not be worn.
 - Hats are not to be worn in the building.
4. Students are expected to have supplies at school at all times.

COMMUNICATION

Effective education of children requires cooperation between home and school. Parents are informed of their child's progress in school through interim progress reports and formal report cards which are sent home at the end of each nine-week period.

Home Work Folder

The homework folder will be sent home nightly. We ask that you check it each night to see what your child needs to do for homework and for communication from school. **Parents must sign completed homework nightly.**

Conferences

Conferences are arranged for all parents at the end of the first nine-week period and whenever requested by the teacher and/or parent during the school year. In January, we hold a second conference. Both conferences include evening hours for our parents who work during the day. Parent-Teachers Conferences are invaluable for both parents and the teachers. Parents can see a showcase of their child's work that progress reports will never reveal. Teachers can explain the child's strengths and weaknesses that a narrative summary may not be able to describe. More importantly, the child sees their parents and teachers meeting together to support his/her educational program.

Phone Conferences

The staff at READY Academy does not adhere to the expression that "no news is good news". We strongly believe that parents appreciate a positive phone call from school that reports our children's success. We also appreciate your feedback from home, even when you are satisfied with your child's instruction.

Weekly Parent Bulletin

A newsletter is sent home at least once a month. The newsletter is the Director's way of keeping you informed about our school and about important dates to remember. **It is very IMPORTANT to read ALL newsletters, whether online or in hard copy. Teachers send weekly newsletters to keep parents informed about the educational "excitement" in the classroom.**

PSTA Plans an Exciting Year!

Thanks to all of you for your wonderful support of the READY Academy Parent Student Teachers Association (PSTA). We are planning exciting activities for the coming school year. We encourage you to join the PSTA immediately and invest \$5.00 in your child's future. We need your support. Studies have shown that the more active parents are in their child's school, the better the child performs. We believe we provide opportunities for fun and education in which your family will want to participate.

Included is a calendar of PSTA meetings and events for the year. Your attendance at these events is important and your child will benefit from your presence at school. Please Mark these dates down! PSTA Board will meet monthly as indicated in their calendar.

ATTENDANCE

Children need to understand the importance of and develop an appreciation for school during their elementary years. We will be unable to promote the importance of school if children do not attend on a regular basis.

A record is kept of students' absences and tardiness. Parents of those children who are absent/or consistently late more than 15 days will receive a letter informing them of this attendance concern. Excessive absences can and may affect students' passage to the next grade.

Tardiness is very disruptive to the instructional process. Most children also benefit from having a few moments of organizational time in the morning.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Students are not allowed to leave the school building and the grounds with anyone other than their parent/guardian and persons listed on Authorization for Pick Up form unless the parent or guardian makes a written and dated request. A picture I.D is required the first time each different authorized adult (18 and older) comes in for pick-up. Students must be signed out in the office by the parent/designee prior to leaving the school grounds. Unfamiliar individuals will be required to show picture identification to office personnel before the child can be released. All adults signing a child out from school are required to sign our log. For your child's safety, we will only accept from the parent or legal guardian any change of dismissal over the phone. It is preferred that parents/guardians send a note to school in the morning if you plan to change the dismissal plan for that day.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

School Closing or Delayed Openings:

On occasion, school will be closed or will have a delay in its opening due to inclement weather. When such conditions exist, you are encouraged to watch all of the local Television Stations for complete information on school openings and closings. The READY Academy will follow the Norfolk Public Schools' inclement weather opening and closing procedures.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

Parents will be asked to complete and return to school the Emergency Contact Information Form.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Accident/Dental Insurance

The READY Academy School Board endorses an insurance policy, which covers accidents from the time the student leaves for school until he/she returns home. The cost of this policy is included in the student's resource fee.

Change of Address and Telephone Numbers

For the safety and welfare of the children, it is imperative for the school to have the child's current address and telephone number(s). Parents are required to inform the school of any address, home or work telephone number changes during the school year. Parents must designate additional emergency contact person(s).

EVACUATION DRILLS

Fire, lockdown, active shooter and tornado evacuation drills will be conducted during the school year. Fire drills are conducted monthly during the school year. Lockdown drills are held each semester. Tornado drills are held on the state of Virginia's tornado drill day.

Health Care

Parents are called if their child has a fever or appears to be suffering from an illness or injury. Children with a fever should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. Parents are contacted immediately if their child is suspected of having a contagious disease. Once a contagious disease is diagnosed, the child must remain at home until the symptoms have disappeared.

Occasionally ringworm is a problem in schools. If a child is sent home to treat this situation, he/she may not return until a doctor has determined that the child may return to school. A doctor's written slip is required.

Medication

The school staff may administer no external or internal medication, including aspirin, without the proper documentation from a physician. If a child needs regular medicine, the parent must contact the Principal so the appropriate arrangements can be made. A note from the doctor stating the dosage and duration of medication is required. Medication must be in a prescription bottle labeled with the child's name. Medication must be taken to the office by the parent and cannot be brought by the child.

Visitors

Visitors and parents are welcomed to visit our school. All persons are required to report to the office upon entering the building to pick up a visitor's badge and to sign-in and sign-out. All visitors are required to wear a visitor's badge while they remain in the building and on school grounds. Visitors are required to sign-out when they leave and turn in their visitor's badge.

Parent volunteers are also required to report to the office to pick up a volunteer's badge and to sign the volunteer book as well.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Our Director and School Board work hard to ensure that our students are educated in a safe school environment. Student conduct plays an important part in ensuring safety and in creating an atmosphere that is conducive for proper learning. READY Academy Christian School is very proud of the positive environment it has established for its children, parents, staff, and visitors. Based on the school's Code of Student Conduct, guidelines have been established by the classroom teachers and the school in order to

maintain this environment. School regulations apply in the school building, on the school grounds, and at any event where the school is represented.

As school is the first institution outside of the home where students learn, we stress the importance of respecting the rights and property of others, being helpful to other students and to adults, resolving disagreements in appropriate ways, and just learning how to be good citizens.

The Golden Rules of the READY Academy;

- 1.** All students must, at all times, show respect for God, teacher, other adults, other students and themselves.
- 2.** All students must follow directions the first time.
- 3.** All students must learn to the best of their ability.

Unfortunately, there are times when a child might forget how to be a good citizen or disregard the practices of proper conduct. Whenever this occurs, the teacher or the school administrator may have to intervene with some form of discipline such as the taking away of privileges, placing a child on a behavioral contract, holding conferences with the child's parent(s), or removing the child from the classroom or school for a specific period of time. However, in order for the child to learn the importance of proper conduct, it is imperative that the parent be supportive of the action(s) taken to help correct the problem. All of our children benefit from seeing the home and school working together on one accord.

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

Students of the Week

Students of the Week are recognized each week with a certificate and a special treat. Please look for names on our designated bulletin board.

(Please notify your child's teacher if you would like to bring in special treats to celebrate your child's birthday.)

Display of Student Work

Children get a real sense of pride when their work is displayed for everyone to see. Look for your child's work displayed in our classrooms and hallways.

Perfect Attendance

Student achievement is directly tied to attendance. In order for students to take advantage of all that our school has to offer, they need to attend regularly. We recognize perfect attendance in extra special ways. Perfect Attendance is defined as a student who attends 75% or more of each school day; for the school year.

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Parents and students are reminded that a child's only job is to come to school each day prepared to learn as much as he/she possibly can. Our students will focus on the Bible, the Major Academic Courses including Phonics, Reading, Arithmetic, Handwriting, Science, Social Studies; and Special Focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). It is our obligation to prepare students as much as possible for the 21st century and beyond. This is a school where "failure is not an option, mediocrity is unacceptable and excellence is our standard."

Documentation Requests

All requests for financial invoices, student documents, and/or legal requests must be submitted in writing. Processing time for these requests may take up to 30-45 business days.

IMPORTANT:

The READY Academy expects ALL PARENTS TO:

1. Fully support the teaching and learning goals of your child's teachers.
2. Attend ALL PSTA meetings possible.
3. Support ALL PSTA/School Fund Raisers/Special Programs
4. Work cooperatively with teachers/administrators for the betterment of your child.

In conclusion, we look forward to working with your family this year as we give your child the best education we possibly can.

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DAILY UNIFORM DRESS CODE & SEASONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM CALENDAR

MONDAY ~ GIRLS CHAPEL ATTIRE

- NAVY BLUE V-NECK PLEATED JUMPER/ *YELLOW PETER PAN BLOUSE - LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES
 - NAVY BLUE & GOLD PLAID CROSS TIE / SOLID BLACK /LEATHER SOLE BUCKLED DRESS SHOES
 - NAVY/YELLOW DRESS SOCKS OR TIGHTS
- PK3 & PK4 MUST WEAR VELCRO CLOSURES - NO TENNIS SHOES**

MONDAY ~ BOYS CHAPEL ATTIRE

- NAVY DRESS PANTS / *YELLOW CLASSIC DRESS SHIRT - LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES
 - NAVY BLUE & GOLD PLAID TIE / BLACK BELT
 - BLACK SOCKS / SOLID BLACK RUBBER SOLE DRESS SHOES
- PK3 & PK4 MUST WEAR VELCRO CLOSURES - NO TENNIS SHOES**

**** TUESDAY ~ PHYSICAL EDUCATION ~ GIRLS & BOYS**

- SUMMER/SPRING SHORT PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMOR....FALL/WINTER PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM
 - BLACK CREW SOCKS & SOLID BLACK TENNIS SHOES – WITH BLACK SHOE STRINGS ONLY
- PK3 & PK4 MUST WEAR VELCRO CLOSURES**

WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY ~ GIRLS

- NAVY KICK PLEAT SKOOTER/ SLACKS/ SHORTS
- YELLOW POLO SHIRT - LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES
- NAVY/YELLOW SOCKS OR TIGHTS & SOLID BLACK RUBBER SOLE OR SOLID BLACK TENNIS SHOES

WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY ~ BOYS

- NAVY SLACKS OR SHORTS
- YELLOW POLO SHIRT - LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES
- BLACK SOCKS & SOLID BLACK RUBBER SOLE OR SOLID BLACK TENNIS SHOES

**** FRIDAY ~ PHYSICAL EDUCATION ~ GIRLS & BOYS**

- SUMMER/SPRING SHORT PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM.... OR...FALL/WINTER PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM
 - BLACK CREW SOCKS & SOLID BLACK TENNIS SHOES WITH BLACK SHOE STRINGS ONLY
- PK3 & PK4 MUST WEAR VELCRO CLOSURES**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM CALENDAR

SEASON FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM	STARTING DATES	ENDING DATES
Summer/Spring	8/28/2023	10/15/2023
Fall/Winter	10/16/2023	4/15/2024
Summer/Spring	4/16/2024	6/7/2024

ADDENDUM:

- STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR YELLOW MONOGRAMMED POLO SHIRT UNDERNEATH THEIR FALL / WINTER PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM.
- PLEASE BE ADVISED, IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO BE MADE TO THE ABOVE SCHEDULE, PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE.
- STUDENTS MUST WEAR GIRLS / BOYS NAVY CARDIGAN SWEATER, ONLY IN THE CLASSROOM... NO OTHER SWEATER/ COAT/ JACKET MAY BE WORN IN THE CLASSROOM.
- HAIR ACCESSORIES** MUST BE SOLID BLUE/ SOLID YELLOW/ SOLID WHITE/ SOLID CLEAR/ NO OTHER COLORS ALLOWED.
- JEWELRY – NO SILLY BANDS, FINGER RINGS, INAPPROPRIATE OR DANGLING EARRINGS – (Acceptable studs: gold, navy blue, diamond-like).

READY UNIFORMS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE FRENCHTOAST WEBSITE: WWW.FRENCHTOAST.COM ... OR ... BY CALLING 1-(800) 373-6248
 *READY SHIRTS / BLOUSES / POLOS & CARDIGAN SWEATERS MUST BE MONOGRAMMED

ATTIRE CAN BE MONOGRAMMED BY FRENCH TOAST – [SOURCE CODE QS5EVJM](#) ... OR... READY'S LOCAL MONOGRAM VENDOR (ADDITIONAL COST)

ABC Memory Verses

- A** - All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. *Romans 3:23*
- B** - Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. *Acts 16:31*
- C** - Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. *Ephesians 6:1*
- D** - Depart from all evil and do good. *Psalms 34:14*
- E** - Even a child is known by his doings. *Proverbs 20:11*
- F** - Fear not, for I am with you. *Isaiah 43:5*
- G** - God is love. *1John 4:8*
- H** - Honor your father and your mother. *Exodus 20:12*
- I** - If you ask anything in my name, I will do it. *John 14:14*
- J** - Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me. *John 14:6*
- K** - Keep your tongue from evil. *Psalms 34:13*
- L** - Look to me, and be saved. *Isaiah 45:22*
- M** - My son, give me your heart. *Proverbs 23:26*
- N** - No man can serve two masters. *Matthew 6:24*
- O** - O give thanks to the Lord: for He is good. *Psalms 118:1*
- P** - Praise you the Lord: for it is good to sing praises to our God. *Psalms 147:1*
- Q** - Quit you like men, be strong. *1Corinthians 16:13*
- R** - Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. *Exodus 20:8*
- S** - Seek you the Lord while he may be found. *Isaiah 55:6*
- T** - The Lord sees me. *Genesis 16:13*
- U** - Unto you, O God, do we give thanks. *Psalms 75:1*
- V** - Verily, verily, I say to you, whatsoever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you. *John 16:23*
- W** - Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. *Psalms 56:3*
- X** - Exceeding great and precious promises are given to us. *2Peter 1:4*
- Y** - You are the light of the world. *Matthew 5:14*
- Z** - Zion heard, and was glad. *Psalms 97:8*

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We Make The Difference...Let's Team Up For Our Students

Discipline Plan

Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain on it. Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

All education begins with good discipline. The root word of discipline is disciple. By administering positive and negative consequences for behavior, we train students to become self-disciplined. It is our aim to maintain a level of conduct by all students that will create an environment suitable for learning for all students.

Your cooperation is needed. Whenever the school and home work together educating the children EVERYONE IS A WINNER, especially the CHILDREN. Please team up with us as we teach our students to choose the right path.

To keep you informed about your child's behavior the teacher will send home an apple in his or her Homework Folder each day.

The "Green Apple" indicates...Good Behavior
The "Yellow Apple" indicates...Needs Improvement
The "Red Apple" indicates...Unsatisfactory Behavior

Please Check The Apple each day and Praise or Discipline as the *color* indicates. Also please insure that The Apple remains in The Homework Folder. Of course our ultimate goal is a "Green Apple" every day! Each morning as you depart from your child; give him or her big hug and wish your child a "Green Apple Day".

O God you have taught me from my earliest childhood and I have constantly told others about the wonderful things you do.
Psalm 71:17 NLT

Student's Name: _____

**First Baptist Church
READY Academy**

Teacher: _____

Month _____ Year _____

*****PARENTS*****

**Please initial over
each stamp each day.**

See Daily Box for Comments

- Listens in Class
- Follows Directions
- Completes Homework
- Completes Work/On Task
- Shares
- Has Pencil and Paper
- Keeps Materials Neat
- Writes Neatly
- Writes Name on Paper
- Uses Manners
- Cooperates
- Shows Respect to Others
- Talks During Instruction
- Calls Out
- Does Not Follow Directions
- Does Not Complete Work
- No Homework Handed in
- Needs to Cooperate
- Needs to Write Clearly
- Needs to Follow Rules
- Needs Supplies
- Fighting
- Name Calling
- Hitting
- Talking Back
- Other/Comment on Back

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here
Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here
Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here
Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here
Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here



Excellent



Good



**Needs
Improvement**



Unacceptable

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REFERRAL FORM**

TO BE COMPLETED BY REFERRING STAFF MEMBER

Referral Date _____ **Time** _____ **Grade** _____

Student Name _____

Referred By: _____

Please Check One or More of The Following:

- Constantly Out of Seat**
- Hitting Others/Uncooperative**
- Refuses to Listen and Follow Directions**
- Disrespectful/Rude to Classmate**
- Disrespectful/Rude to Teacher**
- Talking Out of Turn**
- Constantly Off Task**
- Disobedient /Uncooperative**

Explain Reason for Referral: _____

Prior intervention(s) For This Action: (Circle one or more)

Behavior Modification Plan
Conference with Child/Warning
Conference with Parents

Time-out/Isolation
Conduct Notice
Daily Conduct Tablet

Teacher - Action Taken _____

Administration – Action Taken _____

Number of Times Student Referred This Week: _____

Date(s) of Previous Referral(s): _____

Director/Assistant Director: _____

Signature

Parent's Signature _____

Response _____

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DISCIPLINE REFERRAL FORM**



Name of Student

Date

Teacher/Teacher Assistant

Reason(s) For Office Referral

Action(s) Taken By Administration

Signature of Administrator

Date

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STEAM CURRICULUM
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)

SEPTEMBER **SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS**

- **The Sense of Hearing**
- **Seeds Travel**
- **Probing Into Plant Parts**
- **Spooky Spiders and Wacky Webs**
- **Give Me Five**
- **Core Concept**
- **All About Grouping**

OCTOBER **TECHNOLOGY**

- **Computer/Internet**
- **Language Arts**
- **Art**
- **Introduction To Word Processing**
- **Mathematics, Science, Computer/Internet**
- **Technology at Bay Point Elementary**
- **Core Concept**

NOVEMBER **ENGINEERING**

- **Building The Mayflower**
- **Thanksgiving Quilt**
- **Making A Leprechaun Trap**
- **The Little Three Pigs**
- **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**
- **Space Case**
- **Choo Choo**
- **Humpty Dumpty**
- **Maxi The Race Car Dog's Activity**
- **Maxi The Race Car Dog's Web Text**

DECEMBER

ARTS

- Brain Songs
- Shape Hokey Pokey
- Fun With Shape
- Heavenly Hands
- Finger Print Trees
- Shiny Painting
- Angel Potato
- Kente Cloths
- Multicultural Art
- Art Specialist for December

JANUARY

MATHEMATICS

- M&M Counting
- 100th Day of School
- Where Is Triangle?
- Mathematics/Arithmetic
- Counting Cheerios
- Cookie Fractions – The School Bell Rang
- Shape Hokey Pokey

 **FEBRUARY – SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS**

 **MARCH – TECHNOLOGY**

 **APRIL – ENGINEERING**

 **MAY – ARTS/STEMA FAIR**

 **JUNE – MATHEMATICS**

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STEAM
Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics
HOW TO PRESENT STEAM PROJECT

The STEAM Fair will begin Thursday, May 9, 2024, promptly at 6:00p.m. with our PK3, PK4, K5, and 1st Grade students. – On Friday, May 10th – 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade students must be in place at 6:00 p.m.. **PLEASE BE PRESENT AND ON TIME.**

STEAM PROJECT SUGGESTIONS:

Have your child(ren) begin by saying the following:

My name is: First and Last Name

My STEAM Project is titled: _____. My STEAM Area is _____.
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Mathematics)

Have your child give the definition of the area of the STEAM area which their project relates: For example, Science is learning about your surroundings.

Have your child tell at least 3 main points about his/her project. 1. Why they chose this project. 2. Parents may assist by prompting their child, if the child should need assistance. 3. Have your child say “Thank You” when he/she is finished telling about his/her project.

NOTE: If 2 or more siblings are presenting the same project, parents must discuss their selected night with each child’s Teacher.

**ALL PROJECTS MUST BE TURNED IN ON FRIDAY, MAY 3rd,
AND PRESENTED IN CLASS ON MONDAY, May 6th.**

ALL PROJECTS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN TASTE N SEE THE DAY OF YOUR CHILD’S PRESENTATION. DURING THE PRESENTATION, VARIOUS PEOPLE AND JUDGES WILL QUESTION YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR PROJECT. YOUR CHILD’S PICTURE WILL BE TAKEN WITH PROJECT ALSO. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd PLACE AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THREE STUDENTS FOR PROJECT PRESENTATIONS. ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME ON TIME, AND ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT ON THEIR CLASS NIGHT UNLESS YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO MS. JOYNER FOR CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND YOUR CONTROL. **STUDENTS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE ON THE EVENING OF THEIR CLASS STEAM FAIR WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF ZERO FOR PARTICIPATION IF THE PARENT HAS NOT SPOKEN WITH THE ADMINISTRATION PRIOR TO THE STEAM FAIR.**

HAVE A SUPER, FUN FILLED STEAM LEARNING WEEK!!!

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2023-2024
ATTENTION PARENTS
STEAM FAIR**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, AND MATHEMATICS

The READY Academy Christian School will hold its Annual STEAM Fair. The STEAM Fair will begin Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. This Fair is the culmination of our STEAM Program and a way to assess your child on the knowledge retained in each area of STEAM during the 2023-2024 school year. This is a family project; however, your child(ren) will be assessed on their presentation and knowledge of their STEAM project. Because our enrollment has grown, we will have each INDIVIDUAL grade level to present their STEAM Projects on the following dates:

- PK 3 STEAM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS - THURSDAY, MAY 9th - 6:00P.M.
- PK 4 STEAM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS - THURSDAY, MAY 9th - 6:00P.M.
- K5 STEAM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS – THURSDAY, MAY 9th – 6:00P.M.
- 1st GRADE STEAM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS – THURSDAY, MAY 9th – 6:00P.M.
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th GRADES STEAM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS – FRIDAY, MAY 10th – 6:00 P.M.

ALL Projects are due on Friday, May 3, 2024. ALL STEAM Projects will be on display in their classrooms prior to the week of Student Presentations. All READY Runners will wear their BEAUTIFUL NEW READY T-shirts at their scheduled STEAM Student Presentation.

Please follow the STEAM Project Guidelines Below:

- FOCUS on 1 AREA of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) **THE STUDENT MUST CHOOSE THEIR FAVORITE STEAM AREA.** Students may select 1 or ALL 5 Areas of STEAM.
- Use a FREE-standing poster cardboard for the project. (Example, each end of the poster cardboard should be able to fold). An example of the poster cardboard will be at the Front Desk. It may be purchased at Office Max, Office Depot, Wal-Mart, or the Dollar Store. (Other choices are available as well. These are suggestions.)
- All STEAM information may be attached to the poster cardboard, and some may be placed on table in front of the standing poster cardboard. However, a free-standing poster board **MUST** be used for **ALL STEAM PROJECTS.**
- All students and parents are required to participate. Please make this a family project. Before beginning, have a family meeting and ask your child(ren) to tell the family about everything they remember and learned about each area of STEAM. Begin with Science and continue until each area has been discussed. Then get suggestions from each family member on what they should present. Please keep in mind that everyone is allowed input, but only the student will be able to explain the project during the STEAM Fair presentation. Parents and siblings may introduce the project and explain how your family planned and prepared for the STEAM Fair. The presentations should be child friendly, specific, and brief. (3 minute max.)
- READY Academy siblings may design one STEAM project poster and share the oral presentation. If 2 or more siblings present together, parent must select 1 of the 2 evening dates and inform each child's teacher.
- The project **MUST** be completed and turned in by Friday, May 3rd. The children will present their project to their classmates on Monday, May 6th.

PLEASE FIND BELOW THE DEFINITION OF EACH AREA OF STEAM:

SCIENCE – is learning about your surroundings.

TECHNOLOGY – is the use of computers and other things in our surroundings to make work easier.

ENGINEERING – is the bridge that connects science, mathematics, and technology.

ARTS – The Arts are...music, dance, drama, visual art and other creative expressions.

MATHEMATICS – is the use of numbers and symbols to count and measure.

If you have any questions regarding our STEAM Fair, contact your child's teacher first. If there are still unanswered questions, please call Ms. Mills at 622-5650. Your cooperation and support with our 19th Annual STEAM Fair is appreciated.

God loves you and so do we!

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**2023 – 2024
DAILY SCHEDULE
PK3/WILKERSON/ENCALADE**

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)

08:00 – 08:15 – Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed

08:20 – 08:30 – Morning

Management

- Pledge to the American Flag
- Pledge to the Christian Flag
- Pledge to the Bible
- Attendance – Calendar – Weather – Birthdays
- **Set The Tone For A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
- Today's Instructional Centers
- Behavior Management

Chapel/Mondays

08:30 – 08:45 – Bible/Transition/Tuesday – Friday

08:45 – 08:55 – Movement Songs

09:00 – 10:15 – Phonics/Language Development/Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity

**09:00 – 09:35 – Phonics/Language Development/Instructional Activity/WILKERSON/Group # 1
– Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity/ENCALADE/Group # 2**

**09:40 – 10:15 – Phonics/Language Development/Instructional Activity/ENCALADE #2
– Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity/WILKERSON/Group #1**

10:20 – 10:30 – BATHROOM BREAK/PREPARE FOR RECESS

10:30 – 10:55 – RECESS/PREPARE FOR LUNCH

11:00 – 11:30 – LUNCH

11:30 – 11:45 – BATHROOM BREAK/PREPARE FOR NAP

11:45 – 01:30 – NAP

01:30 – 01:45 – UP FROM NAP/BATHROOM

01:50 – 02:30 – STEMA (Mon/Wed)/Tech Time (Tue/Thur.)/Art/Math Lab (Fri)

02:30 – 03:00 – Readiness Skills

03:00 – 03:15 – Drop Everything And Read/D.E.A.R.

03:15 – 03:30 – Prepare for Snack

03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (In Classroom)

03:55 – 04:15 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal

04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

08-22-23

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND 10:30 – 10:55
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2023 – 2024
DAILY SCHEDULE
PK4 FULFORD/ BULLOCK

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/ (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE CLASSROOM)

08:00 – 08:15 – Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed

08:20 – 08:30 – Morning Management/PK4 TEACHER’S INDIVIDUAL CLASSROOM

- Pledge to the American Flag
- Pledge to the Christian Flag
- Pledge to the Bible
- Attendance – Calendar – Weather – Birthdays
- **Set Tone for A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
- Today’s Centers
- Behavior Management

Chapel/Mondays

08:30 – 08:45 – Bible/Transition/Tuesday – Friday

08:45 – 08:55 – Movement Songs

09:00 – 10:35 Phonics/Language Development/Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity

09:00 – 09:45 – Phonics/Language Development/Reading/Instructional Activity/FULFORD/Group # 1
– **Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity/BULLOCK/Group # 2**

09:50 – 10:35 – Phonics/Language Development/Reading/Instructional Activity/BULLOCK/Group # 2
– **Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity/FULFORD/Group # 1**

10:40 - 10:55 – TRANSITION/BATHROOM BREAK/PREPARE FOR LUNCH

11:00 - 11:30 – LUNCH

11:35 - 11:55 – RECESS

12:00 - 01:35 – NAPS WILL BE TAKEN IN INDIVIDUAL CLASSROOMS

01:40 - 02:00 – GET UP FROM NAP/BATHROOM BREAK

02:05 - 02:30 – READINESS SKILLS/FULFORD/Group #1

– **STEAM (Mon/Wed)/Tech Time (Tue/Thur.)/Art/Heritage (Fri)/BULLOCK/Group #2**

02:35 - 03:00 – READINESS SKILLS/BULLOCK/Group #2

– **STEAM (Mon/Wed)/Tech Time (Tue/Thur.)/Art/Heritage (Fri)/FULFORD/Group #1**

03:00 – 03:15 – Drop Everything And Read/D.E.A.R.

03:15 – 03:30 – Prepare for Snack

03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (In Classroom)

03:55 – 04:15 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal

04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

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DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND 11:35 – 11:55
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2023 – 2024
DAILY SCHEDULE
K5 BENNETT/POWELL

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)

08:00 – 08:15 – Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed *Cafeteria Bathrooms

08:20 – 08:30 – Morning Management

- Pledge to the American Flag
- Pledge to the Christian Flag
- Pledge to the Bible
- Attendance – Calendar – Weather – Birthdays
- **Set The Tone For A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
- Today's Instructional Centers
- Behavior Management

Chapel/Mondays

08:30 – 08:45 – Bible/Transition/Tuesday – Friday

08:45 – 08:55 – Movement Songs/Transition to Reading and Math Groups

09:00 – 10:15 – Phonics/Reading Groups/Centers

- **09:00 – 09:30– Phonics/Reading/Bennett's Reading Group #1**
- **Group #2 Instructional Centers/ Group#3 Seatwork**
- **09:30 – 10:00 – Phonics/Reading/Bennett's Reading Group # 2**
- **Group #3 Instructional Centers/Group #1 Seatwork**
- **10:00 – 10:30– Phonics/Reading/Bennett's Reading Group # 3**
- **Group # 1 Instructional Centers/ Group #2 Seatwork**

10:30 - 10:45 – Movement Songs/Transition to Reading and Math Groups

10:30 - 11:45 -Math Groups

- **10:45 – 11:15 – Math Group/Bennett's Math Group # 1**
- **Group #2 Instruction Centers/Seatwork**
- **11:15 – 11:45 – Math Group/Bennett's Math Group # 2**
- **Group #1 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**

11:50 – 12:00 – Transition Prepare for Lunch

12:05 – 12:35 – LUNCH

12:40 – 01:00 – RECESS

01:00 – 01:10 – Bathroom Break

01:15 – 01:45 – Handwriting (Mon/Wed/Fri) Spelling (Tue/Thurs)

01:45 – 02:15 – Poetry

02:15 – 02:45 – Social Studies (Mon/Wed/Fri) Science (Tue/Thurs)

02:45 – 03:00 – STEAM (Mon/Wed)/Tech Time (Tue/Thur.)/Art/Heritage (Fri)

03:00 – 03:15 – DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

03:15 – 03:30 – Prepare for Snack

03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (In Classroom)

03:55 – 04:15 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal

04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND 12:40 – 01:00
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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2023 – 2024

DAILY SCHEDULE

1ST GRADE McLEAN/ALEXANDER

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)

08:00 – 08:15 – Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed *Front Lobby Bathrooms

08:20 – 08:30 – Morning Management

* Pledge to the American Flag

- Pledge to the Christian Flag
- Pledge to the Bible
- Attendance – Calendar – Weather – Birthdays
- Set The Tone for A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork
- Today's Instructional Centers
- Behavior Management

Chapel/Mondays

08:30 – 08:45 – Bible/Transition/Tuesday – Friday

08:45 – 08:55 – Movement Songs/Transition to Reading Groups

09:00 – 10:30 – Phonics/Reading Groups/Centers

- 09:00 – 09:30 – Phonics/Reading Ms. McLean's Group # 1
- Group #2 Instructional Centers/ Group#3 Seatwork
- 09:35 – 10:05 – Phonics/Reading Ms. McLean's Group # 2
- Group #3 Instructional Centers/Group #1 Seatwork
- 10:10 - 10:40 – Phonics/Reading Ms. McLean's Group # 3
- Group # 1 Instructional Centers/ Group #2 Seatwork

10:45 - 11:00 – Movement Songs/Transition to Math Groups

11:05 – 12:05– Math Groups/Centers/Math #1

- 11:05 – 11:30 – Math Group # 1
- Group #2 Instruction Centers/Seatwork
- 11:35 – 12:05 – Math Group # 2
- Group #1 Instructional Centers/Seatwork

12:05 – 12:35 – LUNCH

12:40 – 12:55 – Bathroom Break

12:45 - 12:55 - Prepare for Recess

01:00 – 01:20 – RECESS

01:25 – 02:10– Handwriting/Spelling (Mon/Wed/Fri)/ Poetry (Tue/Thur.)

01:40 – 02:10 – Social Studies (Mon/Wed) Science (Tue/Thurs)

02:45 – 03:00 – STEAM (Mon/Wed)/Tech Time (Tue/Thur.)/Art (Fri)

03:00 – 03:15 – DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

03:15 – 03:30 – Review Homework/ PackBooks that Need to go Home/Early Dismissal

03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (In Classroom)

03:55 – 04:15 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal

04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND 01:00 –01:20

8-22-23

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth**

**2023 - 2024
DAILY SCHEDULE
2nd GRADE/LEWIS**

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)

08:00 – 08:15 – Morning Management

- Pledge to the American Flag
- Pledge to the Christian Flag
- Pledge to the Bible
- Attendance – Calendar – Weather – Birthdays
- **Set The Tone for A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
- Behavior Management

8:15-8:30 Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed *Front Lobby Bathrooms Chapel/Mondays

08:30 – 08:45 – Bible/Transition/Tuesday – Friday

08:45 – 08:55 – Movement Songs/Transition to Reading Groups/Seatwork

09:00 – 10:30 – Reading Groups/Seatwork

- **09:00 – 09:30 – Reading Group # 1/Groups #2 & #3 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**
- **09:30 – 10:00 – Reading Group # 2/Groups #3 & #1 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**
- **10:00 – 10:30 – Reading Group # 3/Groups #1 & #2 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**

10:30 – 11:30 – Math Groups/Seatwork

- **10:30 – 11:00 – Math Group # 1/Group #2 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**
- **11:00 – 11:30 – Math Group # 2/Group #1 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**

11:30 – 11:35 – Transition/Prepare for Lunch

11:35 – 12:05 – LUNCH (In Classroom)

12:10 – 01:10 Handwriting/Spelling (Mon/Wed/Fri) Language Arts/Poetry (Tue/Thurs)

01:20 – 01:40 – RECESS

01:45 – 01:55 – Bathroom Break

02:00 – 02:35 – Health/Science (Mon/Wed) History (Tues/Thurs)

02:35 – 03:00 – STEAM (Mon/Wed)/Tech Time/Math Lab (Tue/Thur.)/Art (Fri)

03:00 – 03:15 – Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading (USSR)

03:15 – 03:25 – Prepare for Snack

03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (In Classroom)

03:55 – 04:15 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal

04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

8-22-23

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND 01:20-01:40
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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2023 - 2024
DAILY SCHEDULE
3RD GRADE WILSON

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)

08:00 – 08:15 – Morning Management

- Pledge to the American Flag
- Pledge to the Christian Flag
- Pledge to the Bible
- Attendance – Calendar – Weather – Birthdays
- Set The Tone for A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork
- Behavior Management

08:15 – 08:30 Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed *Cafeteria Bathrooms
Chapel/Mondays

08:30 – 09:00– Bible/Transition/Tuesday – Friday

09:00 – 10:30 – Reading Groups/Centers/Seatwork

- 09:00– 09:30 – Reading Group #1/
Group #2 Seatwork/Group #3 Centers
- 09:30 – 10:00 – Reading Group #2
/Group #3 Seatwork/Group #1 Centers
- 10:00 – 10:30 – Reading Group #3
/Group #1 Seatwork/Group #2 Centers

10:30 – 11:30 – Math Groups/Centers/Seatwork

- 10:30 – 11:00 – Math Group #1/Group #2 Instructional Centers/Seatwork
- 11:00 – 11:30 – Math Group #2/Group #1 Instructional Centers/ Seatwork

11:30 – 11:35 – Transition/Prepare for Lunch

11:35 – 12:05 – Lunch

12:05 – 12:25 – Recess

12:30 – 12:40 – Bathroom Break

12:40 – 01:35 – Handwriting (Mon/Wed) Language Arts (Tues/Thurs) Spelling/Poetry (Mon-Fri)

01:40 – 02:10 – Science/Health (Mon/Wed) History (Tues/Thurs)

02:10 – 02:40 – Math Extension (Mon/Wed/Fri)

02:40 – 03:00 STEAM (Fri) Tech Time/Math Lab (Tue/Thur.) Art (Fri)

03:00 – 03:15 – Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading (USSR)

03:15 – 03:25 – Review Reading/Math/Homework/Review Days Subjects/Early Dismissal

03:25 – 03:30 – Prepare for Snack

03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (In Classroom)

03:55 – 04:15 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal

04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND 12:05-12:35
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8-22-23

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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2023 - 2024
DAILY SCHEDULE
4TH GRADE/Sandra Robinson
5TH GRADE/Sandrine Robinson

07:45 – 08:00 – **Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)**

08:00 – 08:15 – **Morning Management**

- Pledge to the American Flag
- Pledge to the Christian Flag
- Pledge to the Bible
- Attendance – Calendar – Weather – Birthdays
- **Set The Tone for A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
- Behavior Management

8:15 – 8:30 **Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed** *4th Grade Classroom Bathrooms/5th Grade Front Lobby Bathrooms

Chapel/Mondays

08:30 – 08:45 – Bible/Transition/Tuesday – Friday

08:45 – 08:55 – **Movement Songs/Transition to Reading Groups/Seatwork**

09:00 – 10:30 – **Reading Groups Instructional Centers/Seatwork**

- 09:00 – 09:30 – Reading Groups #1
- Groups #2 & #3 Instructional Centers/Seatwork 4TH AND 5TH GRADES
- 09:30 – 10:00 – Reading Groups #2
- Group #3 & #1 Instructional Centers/ Seatwork 4TH AND 5TH GRADES
- 10:00 – 10:30 – Reading Groups #3
- Group #1 & #2 Instructional Centers/Seatwork 4TH AND 5TH GRADES

10:30 - 11:45 **Math Groups Instructional Centers/Seatwork**

- 10:30 – 11:05 – Math Group #1/Group #2 Seatwork 4th and 5th Grades
- 11:10 – 11:45 – Math Group #2/Group #1 Seatwork 4th and 5th Grades

11:45 – 12:15 – Math Extension (Mon/Wed/Fri) Language Arts (Tues/Thurs)

12:15 – 12:50 – Handwriting (Mon/Wed) Spelling/Poetry (Mon-Fri)

12:55 – 01:25 – LUNCH

01:40 – 02:00 – RECESS

01:55 – 02:00 – Bathroom Break

02:00 – 02:30 – Science/Health (Mon/Thurs)

02:30 - 03:00 - History (Mon/Thurs.)

02:30 – 03:00 – **STEAM**/(Wed.)/**Tech Time/Math Lab** (Tues.)/**Art** (Fri)

03:00 – 03:15 – Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading (USSR)

03:15 – 03:25 – Review Reading/Math/Homework/Review Days Subjects/Early Dismissal

03:25 – 03:30 – Prepare for Snack

03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (**In Classroom**)

03:55 – 04:15 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal

04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND 1:40 – 02:00

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2023 – 2024
DAILY LUNCH AND SNACK SCHEDULES**

DAILY LUNCH SCHEDULE

11:00 – 11:30 – PK3/PK4

11:35 – 12:05 – 2nd/3RD GRADES*

12:05 – 12:35 – K5/1ST GRADES*

12:55 – 01:25 – 4TH/5TH GRADES

DAILY SNACK SCHEDULE*

03:30 – 03:50 – PK3-5th Grades

08-26-21

*All Snacks will be eaten in the classroom

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2023 – 2024

**DAILY RECESS
PLAYGROUND SCHEDULE**

10:30 – 10:50 – PK3/WILKERSON/ENCALADE

11:35 – 11:55 – PK4/ FULFORD/BULLOCK

12:05 – 12:25 – 3RD GRADES/WILSON

12:40 – 01:00 – K5/BENNETT/POWELL

01:00 – 01:20 – 1ST GRADE/MCLEAN/ALEXANDER

01:20 – 01:40 – 2ND GRADE/LEWIS/SAMUELS

01:40 – 02:00 – 4TH/5TH GRADE/ROBINSON/ROBINSON

UPDATED: 08/22/2023

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth
READY's 20 Daily Rules for Polishing Our Students for a Successful Life

- Rule # 1** When responding to any adult, you must answer by saying “Yes ma’am or No sir”. Just nodding your head or saying any other form of yes or no is not acceptable.
- Rule # 2** Make eye contact. When someone is speaking, keep your eyes on him or her at all times. If someone makes a comment, turn and face that person.
- Rule # 3** Always say “Thank You” when someone gives you something. If you do not say it within three seconds after receiving the item, it will be taken back. There is no excuse for not showing appreciation.
- Rule # 4** Answer questions with a complete sentence. Also, in conversation with others, it is important to use complete sentences out of respect for the person’s question. For example, if a person asks, “How are you?” instead of just responding by saying, “Fine,” you should say, “I am doing fine, thank you. “How about yourself?”
- Rule # 5** Homework will be turned in each day, (Tuesday – Friday and usually for each subject) by every student with no exceptions.
- Rule # 6** When we are in transition from one subject to the other, the change will be swift, quiet, and orderly. We should consistently be able to turn from one book to another, complete with all homework and necessary materials, as quickly as possible.
- Rule # 7** We will follow certain classroom protocols. We will be organized, efficient, and on task. In order to do so, we will follow these rules:
A. Do not get out of your seat without permission. Exception: If you are sick, raise your hand and leave immediately.
B. Do not speak unless:
1. You raise your hand, and the teacher calls on you.
2. Teacher asks you a question and you are responding
3. It is recess or lunch
4. Teacher instructs you otherwise
- Rule # 8** Flush the toilet and wash your hands after using the rest room. When you are in a public rest room, get a paper towel before washing your hands, use the paper towel to turn off the faucets and press the dispenser to get another paper towel to dry your hands. (Or use the towel to press the button to start the dryer.) The last thing you want to do is touch areas with clean hands that others have touched with dirty hands.
- Rule # 9** We will often have visitors to our school. If someone is coming to visit your class, the teacher may send two students to the front door of the building. If so, student(s) will welcome the person to our school. Then take the person to the front office and introduce them to whoever is in the front office. Afterwards give them a brief tour of the building as you bring him or her to the classroom. —For PK3 thru K5, a teacher will assist the 2 selected students.
- Rule # 10** The ABC’s Etiquette manners when dealing with food:
A. When you first sit down for a meal, immediately place your napkin in your lap. If your silverware is wrapped in a napkin, unwrap it as soon as you sit down and place the napkin in your lap.
B. When you finish eating, place your napkin beside your plate. Don’t crumble it because you don’t want to seem untidy.
C. Never place your elbows on the table.

READY's 20 Daily Rules for Polishing Our Students for a Successful Life (Cont'd)

- Rule # 11** After we eat we will clean up after ourselves. This includes cleaning off the tables and making sure we have not left any trash on the floor or around the eating area. It is important to be responsible for your trash no matter where you are and be sure not to litter.
- Rule # 12** When we ride on a bus or van, we will always sit facing forward. We will never turn around to talk to other students or get up out of our seats. When we exit the bus or van, we will always thank the driver and tell him or her to have a good day.
- Rule # 13** When we are on a field trip, there will be no talking as we enter the building.
- Rule # 14** During chapel or any program do not speak and do not look around and try and get the attention of your friends in your or other classes.
- Rule # 15** When in line, walk single file, two or three feet behind the person in front of you with your arms by your side, (or your teacher may require "Bubbles and Hands in the back). Always respect other's personal space. Absolutely no talking in line.
- Rule # 16** Never cut line. If someone cuts in front of you, do not say or do anything about it. Let it happen, but let the teacher know about it quietly after we return to our classroom. The teacher will handle the situation. If you fuss with someone who has cut line, then the both of you will be in trouble with the teacher. Handle all other disputes the same way. Come to the teacher quietly about any problem. Your teacher will handle it. "Tatter Tails" are unacceptable in our classroom.
- Rule # 17** If any child in this school is bothering you, let your teacher know. Your teacher is here to protect you. Bullying at this school is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Rule # 18** No matter what the circumstances, ALWAYS be HONEST. Even if you have done something wrong, it is best to admit it to your teacher, because your teacher will respect that, and oftentimes he/she may forget any disciplinary measures because of your honesty. Always strive to be the best you can be.
- Rule # 19** If you are asked a question in conversation, you should ask a question in return. If someone asks, "Did you have a nice weekend?" you should answer the question and then ask a question in return. For example: "Did you have a nice weekend?" Answer "Yes, I had a great time. My family and I went shopping. What about you? Did you have a nice weekend? Did you have a nice weekend?"
- Rule # 20** You will make every effort to be as organized as possible.

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth
IMPROPER UNIFORM DRESS ATTIRE TICKET
2023 – 2024**

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

TEACHER(S): _____

The Item(s) Checked Below Indicate Improper Uniform:

INCORRECT UNIFORM FOR THIS DAY: MON - TUES - WED - THURS - FRI
NO TIE:

IMPROPER TIE:

IMPROPER CRISSCROSS TIE:

PANTS/CHAPEL DAY (GIRL):

INCORRECT COLOR PANTS:

INCORRECT COLOR BLOUSE/SWEATER:

INCORRECT COLOR SHIRT/SWEATER:

POLO SHIRT/INCORRECT DAY:

BELT NOT BLACK::

SHOES NOT BLACK:

SOCKS NOT BLACK:

GIRL'S DRESS SOCKS/TIGHTS NOT NAVY OR YELLOW

BOY'S SOCKS/NOT BLACK:

JEWELRY (NO SILLY BANDS, FINGER RINGS, DANGLING EARRINGS):

ALL HAIR ACCESSORIES MUST BE SOLID BLUE/SOLID YELLOW/SOLID WHITE/SOLID CLEAR/NO OTHER COLORS ALLOWED:

BOOTS/SANDAL'S/OPEN TOES NOT ALLOWED:

Please follow school dress code policy.

A uniform violation ticket will be issued each time your child is out of uniform.

Note: If you have any concerns about this requirement please ask to speak with an administrator.

Parent Signature: _____

Comment: _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY.

THANK YOU.

VIOLATION TICKET #: _____

READY Academy Christian School 2023-2024 Academic Year Calendar

21-25 Teacher's Return/Preservice Week
 26 Parent Orientation
 28 First Day of School

AUGUST 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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27	28	29	30	31		

5-15 IOWA Testing Grades KS-2
 9 Report Card #2
 16 100th Day of School
 19 President's Day (READY Academy Closed)
 27 Black History Program
 28 PSTA Meeting #3

FEBRUARY 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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1-4 Labor Day Holiday (READY Academy Closed)
 11 READY Grandparents' Day
 19 PSTA Meeting #1/Open House
 25-29 PALS Testing Grades 1-2
 IOWA Testing Grades 3-5

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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1 Read Across America
 7 Progress Report #3
 11 March Break (READY Academy Closed)
 25 Spring Picture Day
 28 Easter Program
 Easter Party
 29 Teacher Workday/ Staff Development

MARCH 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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31						

2-6 Fall PALS Testing Grades PK3-K5
 9 Parent/Teacher Conference #1 Distribute Progress Reports (No Students)
 23 Picture Day
 24 PSTA Meeting #2
 31 Harvest Fest

OCTOBER 2023						
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1-5 Spring Break (READY Academy Closed)
 19 Report Card #3
 29-30 PALS Testing PK3-2nd Grades

APRIL 2024						
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7 Teacher Workday/Staff Development (No Students)
 10 Veterans Day (READY Academy Closed)
 16 Report Card #1
 20 Thanksgiving Luncheon (Students and Staff)
 21 Early Release 12 noon
 22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday (READY Academy Closed)

NOVEMBER 2023						
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1-3 PALS Testing PK3-2nd Grades
 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
 9-10 STEMA Fair
 13-17 Iowa Testing KS-5th Grades
 14 PSTA Meeting #4 (Final)
 17 Progress Report #4
 22 Career Day
 24 Teacher Workday/ Staff Development
 27 Memorial Day (READY Academy Closed)
 29 Awards Assembly
 31 Kindergarten Graduation

MAY 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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15 Christmas Program
 21 Distribute Progress Reports #2
 22 Christmas Party
 25-29 Winter Break (READY Academy Closed)

DECEMBER 2023						
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3 Fifth Grade Crossing Over
 5 Field Day
 7 Last Day of School/Early Release 12 Noon
 Report Card #4
 10 Teacher Workday

JUNE 2024						
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1-5 Winter Break (READY Academy Closed)
 8 Return to School
 16-23 PALS Testing Grades PK3-2nd
 15 MLK Day (READY Academy Closed)
 22 Teacher Workday/Staff Development Day

JANUARY 2024						
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First Day of School ■
 No School
 Last Day of School

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth
AUGUST 2023



To All New and Returning Parents:

I am writing to officially say "Welcome" to our "READY RUNNERS' RELAY FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT" ...WHERE WE WILL STILL FOCUS ON OUR ACADEMIC "STRIDE": **S**-Spiritual Growth, **T**-Traits of Character, **R**-Respect for Others and Self, **I**-Integrity, **D**-Developing Academic Success, **E**-Engagement Strategies:

THIS IS OUR SCHOOLWIDE THEME FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR. Our Entire CORE Team is Excited And We Are Asking You to Partner with Us in Reaching This Goal! TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE"! We thank God for you, and we are looking forward to an Exciting, Blessed Year with Your Support!

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

- Saturday, August 26th, 10:00a.m.** —REQUIRED—Parent Orientation Meeting in The Murray Center READY Reception Room. **NO CHILDREN MAY ATTEND. All parents must use the Posey Lane Entrance for Taste N See Only.**
 - ❖ **AGAIN THIS YEAR – READY'S PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK WILL BE ONLINE! –RETURNING PARENTS and NEW PARENTS** – Please Go to www.readyacademy.org, (scheduled to be online by Thursday, August 24th), and Either Download the Handbook OR Bring Your Personal Device and Follow Along During the Handbook Overview Session That is a Part of the Orientation Meeting!
 - ❖ **INTRODUCTIONS** – Faculty, Administrators and Staff —Receive Important Information— Review Handbook
 - ❖ **DO NOT BRING ANY STUDENT SUPPLIES TO ORIENTATION NOR on the 1st DAY OF SCHOOL – PARENTS MUST DROP OFF SUPPLIES THE WEEK OF 8/21-8/25 FROM 2-5 PM** — Place **ALL SUPPLIES** in one to three **LARGE** Ziploc Bags. Use a Permanent Black Marker and **WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME&GRADE ON THE OUTSIDE** of Supply Ziploc Bag(s) – **INSIDE BAG, LABEL ONLY THE ITEMS THAT SAY "LABEL"**. Please Include the Paper requested on the Supply List in the Ziploc bag(s).
 - ❖ **Sleeping Mat/Blanket/In a Large Zip Lock Bag--Required for ALL PK3/PK4 Students**— Please Label with First and Last Name—Use Permanent Black Marker to **WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME & GRADE ON THE OUTSIDE OF BAG** and Label Mat/Blankets/AND Extra Set of **BLUE AND YELLOW UNIFORM, (NOT MONOGRAMMED)** In Case of an Accident).
- Monday, August 28th – 1st Day of School**- Classes Begin Promptly at 8:15a.m.-Before School Care Begins at 6:30a.m.
NOTE: For the First Week of School (Only 4 Days) STUDENTS WILL WEAR THEIR REGULAR READY UNIFORM EACH DAY. YELLOW MONOGRAMMED SHIRT REQUIRED. NO CHAPEL DRESS Uniform Required the 1st Week of School. New Physical Education Uniforms have been ordered. Students will begin wearing Physical Education uniforms the week of September 5th. Please note: It is not to the discretion of your child to determine what they will wear. The correct uniform must be worn daily, if new uniforms have been received.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ❖ **ALL PK3, PK4, Kindergarten AND NEW STUDENTS TO READY (ALL GRADES) MUST HAVE THEIR UP-TO-DATE PHYSICALS and SHOT RECORDS TURNED IN TO THE OFFICE BEFORE THEY CAN START SCHOOL.** You may receive phone calls from READY from 622-5650/ 962-6586/ or 962-6665—ALL 3 ARE VALID, SO PLEASE RESPOND!
- ❖ **Please make all final fee and 1st tuition payments through the Procure App the week of August 14th -25th.**

Payments Due:
[Registration Fee](#) to Reserve Child's Seat — Past Due
[Book and Resource Fees](#) — Past Due
[\\$30 PSTA & Activity Fee](#) —Due By August 26th —**MAKE PAYABLE TO READY PSTA SEPARATELY—PAYPAL**
[1st Tuition Payment](#) — Is Due by August 26th
- ❖ **Requirements Due:**
[Completed Enrollment Packet](#) — Due By August 25th
[Summer Reading](#) — List Online/In Office — Book Report Due Friday, September 8th — ALL GRADES

See You on the 26th —**IN-PERSON—GET ON THE STARTING LINE FOR READY'S "RELAY FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT" AND PICK UP YOUR "STRIDE"!**

Fatima Joyner, Principal, Gale Mills, Asst. Principal, Rev. T. Michele Logan, Liaison