



Knowledge Community Perseverance

**RIVERVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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Dear parent or carer:

Homework At Riverview Middle School  
Why is homework valuable?

At Riverview Middle School, homework is valued as an opportunity for children, parents and teachers to build a shared responsibility for learning.

We believe that homework can:

- enable children to consolidate and reinforce their skills and understanding, particularly in literacy and numeracy,
- encourage children to develop the independence, resilience and self discipline needed to study on their own,
- build an effective partnership between home and school,
- enable parents to be involved in their child's education,
- exploit resources for learning that may not be available in school,
- prepare older children for secondary school.

How can you help your child?

Parents and carers have an important part to play in ensuring that homework supports their child's learning and development. By supporting their child with homework parents can have a significant impact on progress.

We ask parents and carers to:

- make sure they are aware when homework has been set and help ensure it is returned on time,
- make sure that children have the necessary time to do their homework and a quiet space to work,
- encourage their child and praise them when homework has been completed,
- be actively involved in joint homework activities,
- let the class teacher know if their child experiences any persistent difficulties,
- be aware of how much time children are spending on completing homework.

Literacy

Regardless of whether it is made explicitly clear, children are expected to read on a daily basis as an essential part of their homework. We ask parents to read to their child regularly as well as hear them read, even when their child has become an independent reader. Young children also benefit from having stories read to them that they cannot read themselves.



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### Mathematics

We ask all children in our school to learn the times tables to 9. We also require students at times to be able to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division questions without the use of a calculator. They are then tested occasionally at solving such equations without the use of a calculator. Please help your child prepare for these by testing your child in advance. Lastly, one should expect to see between 15 - 60 minutes a night of math homework.

### Assessment Guide

New to Black Gold this year is that each school has to develop a Guide to Student Assessment and Achievement. Details about this document can be found [here](#).

### Learning Lab

We offer an opportunity for students to receive extra support with classwork or homework after school called the Learning Lab. Students who are needing some help with a specific class or homework, or are just looking for a place to complete their homework before they go home can stay on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:50 to 3:45. They may also be asked by their teachers to stay for the Learning Lab to complete incomplete assignments or tests during this time. If you have any questions about the Learning Lab please contact Ms. Bouchard at [taylor.bouchard@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:taylor.bouchard@gshare.blackgold.ca).

### Keeping Current With Your Child's Studies

All teachers at Riverview are required to post their homework, assignments and due dates on a public Google calendar. If you wish, click [here](#) to view the Riverview Homework Calendar website or simply **subscribe** to the to the appropriate grade level HW calendar on your personal device by following the instructions below. By doing so, you'll have immediate updates about homework, tests, and assignment due dates right in your palm.

For IOS (Apple Devices with the latest update)

***Settings > Passwords & Accounts > Add Account > Other > Add Subscribed Calendar***

Then paste appropriate following url into Server blank

Grade 5: **<http://goo.gl/WJgpaC>**

Grade 6: **<https://goo.gl/GD60AR>**

Grade 7: **<https://goo.gl/zePnSW>**

Grade 8: **<https://goo.gl/xOPRGB>**

Grade 9: **<https://goo.gl/ecM7FW>**

RMS Events Calendar: **<https://goo.gl/xTnpaG>**



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Grade 7: <https://goo.gl/UZPjAg>

Grade 8: <https://goo.gl/fP9Cs9>

Grade 9: <https://goo.gl/KpqlbL>

RMS Events Calendar: <https://goo.gl/Ch9YKq>

If you have any queries about homework please contact your child's teacher who would be more than happy to answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Dechaine  
Assistant Principal



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