

# This is your PERSONAL invitation to: RAPIDS KICK-OFF 2010

Dear Parents and Members of the Class of 2014:

This is the fifth year that James River High School will be offering the “Rapids Kick-Off” as a freshman transition experience. We are offering this opportunity for all incoming freshmen. We strongly believe that all freshman participants will have a head start as they enter James River High School. Research indicates that participants in these types of programs have earned higher grade point averages, been more likely to be involved in extra curricular opportunities, and have had fewer disciplinary situations than those who have not participated. There is no doubt that the experience will be informative and fun. I urge all incoming freshmen to attend our “Rapids Kick-Off 2010.”



*Jennifer Coleman*, Assistant Principal

## What is the Freshman Kick-Off program?

Rapids Kick-Off 2010 is the first step in your orientation to James River High School. It is a one-day orientation day for incoming ninth graders that is led by a group of James River High School students and teachers. The Kick-Off program, however, runs for the first semester. For more details, visit [www.koprogram.com](http://www.koprogram.com).

## What will be accomplished on Kick-Off day?

- You will receive your schedule and have a chance to find your classes and meet your teachers
- You will receive your locker assignment and have a chance to visit and open your new locker
- You will learn how to get around the James River High School building
- You will learn about important issues and the JR culture from upper class students
- You will meet and hear from several teachers, counselors and administrators
- You will be made aware of the many activities available at James River High School
- You will meet incoming freshmen coming from other schools
- You will make new friends
- You will have fun
- Lunch will be provided

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**Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Parent Kick-Off: 9:00 – 10:00 am, Library**

We are also offering an opportunity for all parents to gather with parents of James River students who can help to answer your questions and discuss lessons they have learned to help their children be successful Rapids. Since high school is very different than middle school - including the culture, rules, expectations, and rigor, - we encourage you to attend!

**Freshman Kick-Off: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm, JRHS Cafeteria**

(On-site registration and check in for pre-registered participants begins at 8:30)

Fall sport or performing arts participants will be excused from practices and rehearsals

**Student Fee: \$20.00**

For which you receive a T-shirt, spirit items, prizes, lunch and an outstanding program.

**Questions:**

Call Jennifer Coleman, Assistant Principal; Bryan Carr, Director of School Counseling; Mary Ellen Fines, Kick-Off Coordinator or Chuck LaRocca, Registration Coordinator: at 378-2420 (charles\_larocca@ccpsnet.net)

**Registration Information**

If paying by check, staple the check to the form. Return this form to:

James River High School  
C/o Rapids Kick-Off  
3700 James River Rd.  
Midlothian, VA 23113

You may pre-register for the Kick-off orientation any time before September 2<sup>nd</sup>. To ensure that the Kick-Off participant receives a tee shirt, please submit this form by **June 11<sup>th</sup>**. **Send your check for \$20 payable to JRHS-Kick-Off.** Please be sure to include your child's name on the check

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***Kick-Off Day Registration – Please print legibly.***

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Last name, First Name

Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt (adult) size – S, M, L, XL, XXL

Home street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Become a Rapids Kick-Off Patron and help support on-going freshman activities with an additional contribution of:

\$5 \_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_