

# RIVERDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

For the past few years, the Riverdale “RamBassadors” have volunteered their time and served as guides for our Back To School Nights. On those nights, they assisted the parents in navigating the building and answered any questions about the school from a student’s perspective. This year, we would like to expand their responsibilities and have them serve in a role that would allow them to assist their peers as well.

In addition to their assistance at Back To School Night, students who continue to volunteer to serve as “RamBassadors” will work with Mrs. Reinhard, the school social worker, to gain some training and skills as to how they can assist their younger schoolmates in dealing with various social situations. Their primary role will be to help the kindergarten – fifth grade students during recess time (serving as an appropriate role model during this time); which would require them to be pulled from one of their classes (either 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> period) periodically. There may also be times when they are asked to join a classroom teacher to speak with students during a Character Education lesson. This will not be an everyday event and there will be a rotating schedule, so that class time missed will be kept to a minimum (students will not miss more than one class period during a month). At no time, would the student “RamBassador” be asked to assume the responsibility of supervising the students, as there will always be a teacher with the group. Their role is to simply interact with students and help them make good choices as we all work to promote a more positive school environment.

This program is open to all 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and any members of the Riverdale School Student Council or National Junior Honor Society. All students who participate in this program must be eligible based on the academic standards and behavioral expectations as set forth in the Pupil and Parent Handbook.

If you would like your child to participate in this initiative and he or she is interested, please sign the bottom portion of this page along with your child and return it to the main office by Friday, February 3, 2012.

Please call me at 973-839-1300 should you have any questions about the “RamBassadors” initiative.

Sincerely,

Keith R. Cortright  
Principal

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## Riverdale “RamBassador” Permission Form

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as a “RamBassador” for the 2011-2012 school year. I understand that he/she is responsible for any work missed during the time they are out of class.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to serve as a “RamBassador” for the 2011-2012 school year. I understand that it is my responsibility to maintain the academic standards and behavioral expectations as set forth in the Pupil and Parent Handbook.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_