A PARENT’S GUIDE TO RANNEY SCHOOL

Dear Ranney School Community,

You have made the choice to invest in your children’s success by sending them to Ranney and our school is fortunate to have your family in our community. As an independent school, Ranney offers parents the opportunity to actively engage in their children’s education and the life of our school. We hope you will build a long-term relationship and partnership with us to enhance your children’s experience.

We invite you to:

- **Be ambassadors**—Share your love of our school with friends and colleagues; invite them to learn about the value of a Ranney education.
- **Stay informed**—Look for the **Ranney Roundup** email every Saturday morning to give you instant access to upcoming dates, events, and important information from your Division Heads. We also encourage you to check your online Virtual Backpacks in myRanney regularly and look for periodic electronic newsletters from our Head of School or members of the Academic Leadership team.
- **Keep connected**—Follow us and engage with us on Facebook and Twitter. Enjoy photos of school happenings on Vidigami and send us good news (communications@ranneyschool.org) about the life of your children in and outside of school!
- **Get involved**—Whether you have a little time or a lot, there are so many ways to volunteer. Consider sharing your energy and expertise on a Board Committee, as a Parent Ambassador, and with the Ranney School Parents’ Association (RSPA) or by offering an internship opportunity to our Upper School students or young alumni.
- **Give**—Learn about the difference your tax-deductible gifts make to our students. Did you know, for instance, that annual gifts to the Ranney Fund essentially doubles the amount Ranney School is able to invest in innovative academic and student life programs, faculty professional development, technology, and campus enhancements?

I invite you to reach out to me or any other member of Ranney’s Advancement Team (see the back of this guide) to learn more about how to participate in the life of our school. Thank you for all that you do to help our school and our students shine.

I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Jennifer Collins, CFRE, CFA
Chief Advancement Officer
THANK YOU!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LEARN ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Trustees serve as advocates of our school. They work to steward our mission and to ensure our legal and ethical integrity through strategic and financial oversight. We invite you to learn more about becoming involved in the Board’s sub-committees, including Development, Marketing, Education, Medical Advisory, and Operations. This year, the Board will also spearhead a new strategic plan—stay tuned for ways to participate.

ENGAGE WITH THE PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION
The Ranney School Parents’ Association (RSPA) partners with the school to facilitate communication, cooperation, and involvement throughout the school community. Every Ranney School parent is automatically a member and is welcome to attend the RSPA’s general meetings or reach out to members of the Executive Board to learn more about getting involved. Volunteers are also needed for a variety of roles in connection with the RSPA’s activities and events, including Panther Ball, Spring Garden Sale, Book Fair, Panther Cubs, and the Community Garden.

OFFER INTERNSHIPS & SHARE EXPERTISE
You can help provide our Upper School students and recent graduates with real world experience through an internship and/or sharing insights into your field of expertise as a guest speaker or mentor.

OTHER WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

Admission Ambassadors serve as liaisons at open houses, coffees, and school events to help promote Ranney. Parents are our best partners in sharing the value of a Ranney education with prospective families.

Host Families help incoming families become acquainted with life at Ranney School. Families are paired through a buddy program for the purpose of welcoming new families by answering questions, sharing information, meeting for coffee, or scheduling playdates.

Lower School Class Parents serve as virtual assistants to the Homeroom teachers helping to coordinate and communicate with other parents via email regarding class events, field trips, and celebrations, as well as sending our reminders or notices from the teacher.

Ranney Fund Ambassadors partner with us to educate the parent community about the role of the Ranney Fund and to encourage everyone to participate annually.

Library Volunteers assist our librarians with both the Searle and Paulus Libraries.

Performing Arts Volunteers help backstage during performances and concerts and assist with costume and set creation.

Panther Parent Athletic Club (Panther PAC) helps support Ranney’s Varsity, JV, and Middle School athletic teams by promoting school spirit and nurturing a positive relationship among parents, coaches, and student athletes.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPORT THE 2019-20 RANNEY FUND
Each year, Ranney develops an efficient, forward-looking budget that empowers our students and faculty to reach their full potential; however, tuition revenue alone is not enough to make these ambitious plans a reality. Like other independent schools, we rely on annual tax-deductible gifts of all sizes to make critical investments in the people, places, and programs that make our school shine.

WHY YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTERS
Everyone in the Ranney community is asked to support the Ranney Fund each year. We aim for 100% participation among our Board members, families, faculty, and staff. A strong and growing annual fund signals engagement and commitment enabling Ranney to attract remarkable educators as well as new families who want to become part of our dynamic learning community. Your participation also helps encourage past parents and alumni to remain donors or become part of our culture of giving.

HOW TO GIVE
The Ranney Fund runs concurrent with the school’s fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. You can make an unrestricted gift or designate that your gift support any of the areas supported by the Ranney Fund. There are many ways to give! Whether you are interested in making a one-time gift, recurring gift, or tax-advantaged gift of stock, we are ready to assist you. Give online www.ranneyschool.org/give or contact Development Director Kathleen Brown at ext. 1168 or kbrown@ranneyschool.org to learn more!

BECOME A 2019-20 SPONSOR OF THE RANNEY FUND
Align your business with Ranney’s tradition of academic excellence! Sponsorship packages include tickets to Panther Ball and other premiere events, as well as various levels of recognition throughout the year.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MARGARET MAHON LEGACY SOCIETY
The Margaret Mahon Legacy Society recognizes the vision and generosity of those who have made a planned or legacy gift to Ranney School. We invite you to learn more about tax-advantaged ways to make a future gift.

THANK YOU!
Gifts of all sizes to the 2018-19 Ranney Fund helped us put more than $865,000 to work for our school and our students!

YOU HELPED US...
✓ Introduce a cutting-edge eSports program and arena
✓ Invest in technology across campus
✓ Enhance our athletic program with a new pool scoreboard, outdoor batting cages, and strength training
✓ Innovate our curriculum with Google Expedition Kits
✓ Improve Panther Hall with new speakers, sound equipment, and black out shades
✓ Provide need-based aid to 1 in 11 families and award eight merit scholarships
✓ Support our extensive and award-winning music, arts, and Robotics programs...and so much more!

RECORD PARTICIPATION
55% Current Parents
100% Board of Trustees
100% Faculty & Staff

All of us at Ranney School extend a sincere thank you to our Board Trustees, the RSPA, current and past parents, alumni, students, sponsors, friends, faculty, and staff who contributed to the success of last year’s annual fund.

EVERY GIFT MATTERED AND HELPED US...GO FURTHER!