

QR Code for Tonight's Presentation

Thursday, August 21 6:30 PM RM Auditorium



Welcome to RM!



Your Principal: Ms. Alicia Deeny

Grade Level Assistant Principals

9th Grade: Ms. Baudry

10th Grade: Mr. Martini

11th Grade: Ms. Wheeler

12th Grade: Mr. Jefferson

IB Magnet: Mr. Jelen



Alicia Morales Deeny

- 5th Year as Principal at RMHS
- Principal 8 Years at Takoma
 Park Middle School
- 26th Year in MCPS
- Former Spanish Teacher and Media Assistant
- RockoRican (Puerto Rican raised in Rockville)
- MCPS Grad

Join the RM PTSA!

The RM PTSA is a volunteer-led organization that supports students, staff and families. Our mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Your membership is more than just a donation; it's an investment in your child's education and the entire RMHS community. You'll have a collective voice on important matters.

The RM PTSA provides you with access to a PTSA newsletter, leadership development, volunteer opportunities, insight on school issues and more!







Sara Baudry







- 22nd year in Education
- History teacher for 11 years (MS & HS)
- 11th year as an Assistant Principal in MCPS-previously at Northwood HS
- Excited to be the 9th Grade Admin again!





Joe Jelen



- Magnet Coordinator (Admin for magnet students 9/10 and DP students 11/12)
- 9th year at RMHS
- Previous social studies teacher

Molly Clarkson





- MYP Coordinator
- 24th year at RMHS, currently also teaching two sections of Honors English 9.
- l've always taught 9th graders!
 (They're secretly my favorite)

24-25 School Focus: RM: The Place to Be

Focus on literacy and engagement through differentiated instruction.



RM Counseling Department



Ms. Phillips Resource Counselor (K)



Ms. Anderson (G,H, I)



Ms. Chen (C, El-Ez)



Mr. Craft (P, R)



Mr. Finch (Ba-Bem, S)



Ms. Galiano EML Levels 1 & 2



Ms. Litten (Ben-Bz, L, Ma-Maj)



Ms. LeBright (A, Ea-Ek, U, W, X)



Ms. McKelvey (J, N, O, Q, Y, Z)



Ms. Fischer (D, T, V)



Ms. Johnson (F, Mak-Mz)

Richard Montgomery Counseling Department



Academic

Counselors will help you with your selections of courses, study skills, academic support. They are a person to go to for help when you are struggling – they can refer you to the appropriate help.



Social/Emotiona

Counselors are available to help you with personal, social, or emotional concerns. This can be done individually, in groups, or a referral.



college/Career

Counselors will help guide you through the process of self-exploration, career exploration and college applications. Naviance is an integral part of this process.

Ms. Harris Pupil Personnel Worker



- Support students and families by addressing barriers to academic success and promoting positive school experiences.
- Liaisons, advocates, consultants, and referral sources, connecting students and families with necessary resources and services.

Mr. Quiroga Family Engagement Specialist



 Help create a warm and supportive environment for our families and to build strong, meaningful connections between home and school.

What is the RM Bridge to Wellness Program?



Ms. Amanda Serino MCPS Social Worker







Supporting and Promoting the Wellbeing of High School Students and Families

Referrals are coordinated through each school's Well-Being Social Worker

The Bridge to Wellness team consists of:

Care Management Services

5 Days a Week

- Link students and families to community resources:
- o Food
- o Housing/rental assistance
- o Insurance/benefits
- o Mental health provider

Youth Development Services

3-5 Days a Week

- Mentoring
- Group activities
- Psychoeducation groups
- Check-ins
- · Recreation/ Group Activities

Mental Health Support Services

5 Days a Week

- · Individual, group, family therapy
- Focused on serving uninsured or under-insured students
- · Supportive counseling
- Skill building group
- · Coping skills coaching

Positive Youth Development-School Outreach Network

2 Days a Week*

- Group activities
- Field trips
- Individual Check-ins
- Crisis Intervention supports
 *currently in limited number of school;
 available in all schools in 2023

Bridge to Wellness is at High Schools without a High School Wellness Center



Funded by Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services

Planning for the Future



Requirements for Class of 2029

Join the <u>RM SSL Listserve</u> for Updates!

Click on the link and select "Join Group"

Grades and Credits

- Students take 7 classes each semester.
- Each class is worth ½ credit, and a student must pass the class (with a grade of A, B, C, or D) to receive the credit.
- Students must pass English and Math each semester to promote to the next grade.
- A student should earn 7 credits each year (3.5 credits per semester).
- Students must earn at least 22 credits to earn a high school diploma.

Graduation Requirements

Subject	Credits
English/ESOL	4
Social Studies	3 (req. US, NSL, and MWH)
Science	3 (req. 1 Biology, 1 Chemistry, 1 Physics)
Math	4 (incl. Algebra and Geometry) *4 Years*
Physical Education	1
Health	1
Fine Art	1
Technology	1
Other/Electives	4.5
Total	22.5
Program Completers	Edison, World Language (same language for both credits), or Tech Ed



- 75 SSL Hours
 - Testing Requirements:
 - MCAP in Algebra 1 and English 10
 - MISA Maryland Integrated Science Assessment
 - Government HSA

*Subject to change and updates per State of Maryland BOE

What's the biggest difference from Middle School?

- Must pass classes (earn at least a D) to earn credit
- If students do not earn credit for the semester, they will have to retake the entire course over the summer
- Will not be promoted to 10th grade without passing classes.

Semester Grade Calculation:

- MP1% + MP2% divided by 2 = semester grade
- EX: MP1 85% B + MP2 65% D = 150 divided by 2
- Semester grade= 75% C

Our Goal for 9th Graders

- Be on track for graduation by meeting grade level requirements: passing Math, English, History, Biology
- Allows for future opportunities to take advantage of programs
- Get involved!

ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION

Class of 2029

FIRST YEAR NINTH GRADE: 2025-2026

MCPS Graduation Requirements at a Glance

THE STATE OF MARYLAND AUTHORIZES 1 DIPLOMA for all high school graduates, based upon successful fuffillment of four categories of requirements: enrollment, course credit, student service learning (SSL), and Maryland Comprehensive Assessments (MAA) Sudents must satisfactoring complete four years beyond Grade 8 to meet the enrollment requirement unless an alternative enrollment plan is developed and a waiver is approved as outlined in regulation (S8-RA. All other requirements are summarized in the table below. Please consult the online MCPS Course Bulletin for 2025—2026 at coursebulletin mantgomeryschookend arg/Home/PlanningTools or your school courselor for further information.

	COURSE CREDITS			
COMPUTER SCIENCE, ENGINEERING OR TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (TE)	1 credit designated TE. Courses satisfying this requirement are designated in the course bulletin and includes the study of computers and algorithmic processes or the application of knowledge, tools, and skills to solve practical problems and extend human capabilities.			
ENGLISH	4 credits of organized instruction in comprehension of literary and informational texts, writing, speaking and listening, language, and literacy, of which 1 credit shall be aligned with the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) for English.			
FINE ARTS	1 credit in dance, media arts, music, theatre, or visual art,	or a comb	ination of these.	
HEALTH EDUCATION	1 credit, Honors Health Education A/B			
	4 credits,1 including instruction in algebra aligned with the MCA for algebra or 1 or more credits in subsequent mathematic courses for which Algebra 1 is a prerequisite, and 1 with the content standards for geometry.			
MATHEMATICS	STATE REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN 2018 AND LATER: Students graduating in 2018 and later must be enrolled in a math course in each year of high school. This may result in students earning more than 4 credits in math for graduation.			
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1 credit			
SCIENCE	3 Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) credits, including 1 life science credit aligned to the Life Science Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA). I physical science credit, and 1 credit in Earth/space science or an MSSS course with the topics of Earth/space science integrated.			
SOCIAL STUDIES	3 credits, 1 U.S. History credit, 1 World History credit, and 1 National, State, and Local Government credit aligned with the MCA for government.			
OF STUDIES AND FLECTIVES	2 credits of the same world language which may include 2 credits of American Sign Language AND 2 credits in elective courses,	OR (CT	mplete a state-approved career and technical education (E) program of study (POS) AND a minimum of 0.5 edit in elective courses or more depending on POS	
	STUDENT SERVICE LEARNIN	G (S	SL)	
STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING (SSL)	75 service-learning hours The SSL requirement is prorated for students enrolling in M	CPS for th	ne first time after Grade 6.	
	ID COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT (A quirements are subject to change by Maryland S			
ALGEBRA 1	Course credit earned in Algebra 1 AND Take the Algebra 1 assessment at the end of the B semester course.			
ENGLISH 10	Course credit earned in English 10 or equivalent, or English 10 for ELs AND Take the English Language Arts/Liberacy assessment at the end of the B semester course.			
GOVERNMENT	Course credit earned in National, State, and Local Government or equivalent AND - Take the Government End of Course (EOC) assessment at the end of the B semester course. The EOC is 205 of the National, State, and Local (NSL) Government Semester B grade. AP Government students must take either the AP Government Exam or the MAP Government EOC assessment.			
SCIENCE	Course credit earmed in Biology or equivalent, AND - Take the Life Science End of Course (EOC) assessment at the end of the B semester course. The EOC is 20% of the Biology Semestre B grade. A PBiology students must take the Biology EOC assessment.			
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Substitute Test: Students earning qualifying scores on substitute tests (AP/IB) will meet the MCA requirement in that content area.

² Transfer Credit: Students transfering from outside Maryland public schools may be eligible to meet some MCA content-area requirements with transfer credit.

Get Involved at RMHS!

Over 150 Student Clubs and Organizations



Visit the RMHS Webpage to learn more:

- <u>Clubs</u>
- Arts and Music Program





School Schedules and Structure

- Students take 7 classes
 - 5th period is lunch
- Advisory- Attached to periods, rotating throughout the year
- "Rocket Refresh" deliberately planned into
 calendar, with a pause in new
 instruction

RMHS Bell Schedules
Link to School Calendar (with holidays)

Standard School Day Bell Schedule					
Period	Warning Bell	Late Bell (Class Starts)	End of Class		
Before School	7:40 a.m.				
1st Period	200	7:45 a.m.	8:30 a.m.		
2 nd Period		8:35 a.m.	9:20 a.m.		
RMBC (airs end of 2nd period)			9:30 a.m.		
3 rd Period		9:35 a.m.	10:20 a.m.		
4 th Period		10:25 a.m.	11:10 a.m.		
5th Period (Lunch)			11:59 a.m.		
6 th Period		12:05 p.m.	12:50 p.m.		
7 th Period		12:55 p.m.	1:40 p.m.		
8 th Period		1:45 p.m.	2:30 p.m.		

When do students attend Advisory?

- Advisory is a weekly class period that occurs every Wednesday on a rotating basis.
- The bell schedule for Advisory and a calendar for Advisory dates are <u>linked here</u>.
- All materials are posted in grade level Canvas classrooms under the "Advisory" banner.



RM Grading Policy: Due Date, Deadline Policy

BY DUE DATE	BY DEADLINE	AFTER DEADLINE
(No Points Off)	(Late: 10% Off)	(0%)

- Teachers set a due date for each assignment/assessment
- Deadlines are always 5 days after the due date
- If the due date passes, teachers assign a "Z" for students who have not submitted work. (Z communicates a student can still turn in the assignment)
- Assignments turned in after the due date and before the deadline receive a 10% late penalty.
- If the deadline passes, Zs will be changed to zeros
- 50% can be earned based on quality of work

Example in StudentVue Gradebook: PA: Biology Cells Assignment (Due: 9/15/25; Deadline: 9/22/25)

RM Grading Policy

- Minimum of 2 All Task Reassessments per Marking Period
 - Teacher will identify and Indicate with an "R" in gradebook assignment title
- Feedback:
 - Zs in gradebook indicate a missing assignment prior to the deadline
 - Graded work will be returned within 10 days of the due date
 - Late work will be returned within 10 days of the deadline
- Semester Grade Calculations:
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Rocket Refresh as Intervention or Enrichment

- Rocket Refresh is a pause in new instruction.
- Allows time for intervention, re-teaching, re-assessment, or enrichment

S1 Rocket Refresh Dates:

- MP1: 9/10/25, 9/24/25, 10/8/25, 10/22/25
- MP2: 11/12/25, 12/3/25, 12/17/25, 1/14/26

S2 Rocket Refresh Dates:

- **MP3**: 2/11/26, 2/25/26, 3/11/26, 3/25/26
- **MP4**: 4/29/26, 5/13/26, 6/3/26

Academic Supports at RM

- Teachers provide support at lunch/during office hours
- Counselors available before school, during lunch, or after school or by email
- Homework Club: after school on Tuesdays & Thursdays (media center)
- National Honor Society Tutoring
- 9th Grade support:
 - Tues/Thurs at lunch in media center
 - Jam Sessions: invitations sent before interims/end of
 - MP for those needing support (in a jam)

Sign up here!



The Buddy System!

- Get to know a senior with similar interests with the Buddy System!
- Ask them about:
 - College admissions,
 - Clubs, organizations, and sports teams,
 - Getting work, internships, scholarships, etc.
 - The best classes & teachers at Richard Montgomery.

 Sign up TODAY to foster meaningful and long-lasting friendships.





Safety and Building Expectations

Students will enter through the main entrance, the auditorium entrance or the track entrance.

- Students will receive a student ID and will be required to show their ID when they enter the building. Reprints cost \$5.
- Students should not hold or open exterior doors for other students---this creates potential safety issues.



Safety and Building Expectations Hallways

- Students will sign out using an E-hallpass system.
- Students without passes in the hallway will receive escalating consequences:
 - 1st: warning
 - o 2nd: call home
 - 3rd: lunch detention
 - 4th: in-school intervention
 - More: parent conference

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Dld you know?

Two days per month for the year =

Did you know?

- 182 school days
- 17 absences = 10% of the year
- State of Maryland considers you chronically absent

Did you know?

state of Maryland requires us to withdraw students

who are absent for ten days in a row





days lost per year



school days lost per year



Late per day

school days lost



days lost per year



Absence Procedure

We know students get sick!

- When your child is absent, please email Ms. Claire_A_Wall@mcpsmd.org (attendance secretary)
- If your child is absent for a reason not recognized by the state of Maryland, the absence will be documented as an unexcused absence.

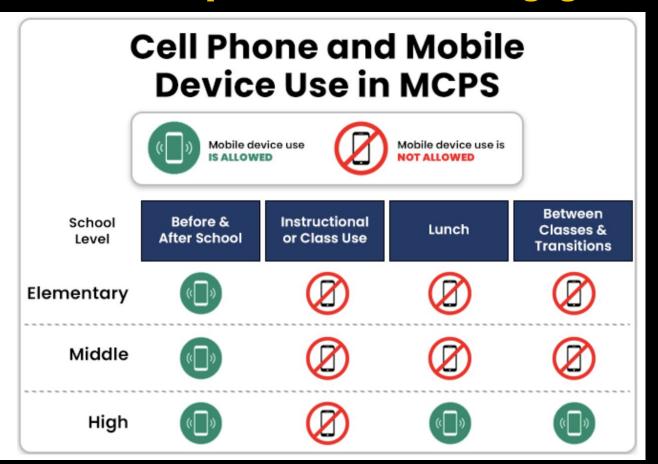
Academic Engagement

In Class + On Time + Materials Ready + Mentally Engaged =

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT and ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- Students should not leave a class more than ONCE per period
- Should alert the teacher and use sign out process
- Students should minimize out of class time and use hall passes
- Admin and security will be monitoring hallways and asking students for passes throughout the day.

Expectations Around Engagement - Cell Phones



Students violating this policy:

1st: warning 2nd: paper bag 3rd: call home 4th: referral to

More: parent conference

admin

Chromebooks

- All 9th graders will be issued a Chromebook on Transition Day.
- They should bring this to school every day.
- **If a student forgets their Chromebook, they can check out one loaner from the Media Center.
- --it must be returned at the end of the day
- --\$350 for a lost Chromebook
- --Damaged Chromebooks could also result In an obligation Link to RMHS Chromebook page



MCPS Student Code of Conduct

and

WHY

What has changed?

Updated Behavior Categories and Definitions

CLARITY

Standardized Investigative Process

CONSISTENCY

Revised Response Levels

ACCOUNTABILITY

Focus on Prevention and Restorative Practices

RESTORATIVE

Updated MCPS Emergency Response Protocol **RM's 1st Drill: Wed, Aug 27

MCPS 5 Immediate Responses:



ParentVue Access

Live Link to ParentVue

PARENTVUE NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- See Interims and Report Cards are now available in ParentVue/Documents tab
- MAP testing and SCGGR report listing GPA, Course History, Graduation Requirement Progress in ParentVue/Documents tab
- Parents can update Annual Verification and Contact Information
- View middle school and high school course selections for next school year
- Link to MYMCPS Classroom in ParentVue/Parent Resources Tab
- Register middle and high school students for Athletics

Need ParentVue Help? Clickable support guide







Calendar



Attendance



Current Schedule



Course History



Grade Book



Grade

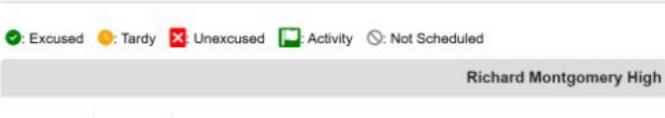


School Information

ATTENDANCE > April 2025 May 2025 June 2025 **X** 9 **X** 11 X 8 15 22 29 23 × × × ②: Excused ○: Tardy X: Unexcused □: Activity ○: Not Scheduled All (08/26/2024-06/17/2025 **Totals By Period Totals By Course** Algebra 1A Sp PE Soccer **US History A US History B** Detail: off **Days of Attendance**

Attendance--Please check!

Days of Attendance



Date	All Day Re	Periods								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	χ.	
05/21/2025			0	0		0	0			
05/20/2025			×	0		0	0			
05/19/2025			0	0		×		0	0	
05/16/2025				0			×			
05/15/2025			×	0		0	×			
05/14/2025			×	0		0	×			
05/13/2025				×	×	0	×			
05/12/2025			×	0		0	×			
05/09/2025			×	0	0	×	0			

Let's Talk About Lunch

- 50 minutes
 - intended to to provide extra time to see teachers/get support, socialize, participate in clubs
- 9th Grade Lunch Support:
 - Every Tuesday/Thursday in the media center
- Who can leave the building and where do students eat?

Lunch Payment and Free and Reduced Meals

Apply online NOW at MySchoolApps.com. It's MORE than just meals, your application can:

Provide discounts on college applications

Discounts on SAT, ACT, and AP testing fees

Discounts on extracurricular activity fees.



Link to lunch menu here

My School
Bucks
Link to prepay
for school
expenses
including
lunch

How and when will this information get shared with students?

- 9th Grade Town Hall Meeting
- Thursday, August 28
- Attend through Math classes



NEW STUDENT TRANSITION DAY

MONDAY, AUGUST 25 7:45 AM - 2:30 PM

THE GOAL IS TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING, FAMILIARITY, AND PREPAREDNESS, MAKING THE OFFICIAL FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL A SMOOTHER EXPERIENCE.

BUSES WILL RUN REGULAR ROUTES

BRING LUNCH FROM HOME OR PURCHASE IN THE CAFETERIA

STUDENTS WILL:

- MEET STAFF MEMBERS AND CLASSMATES
- BECOME FAMILIAR WITH RM'S CAMPUS
- FOLLOW THEIR SCHEDULE, FIND CLASSROOMS, MEET TEACHERS BEFORE THE 1ST DAY
- LEARN ABOUT WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT RM BY PARTICIPATING IN AN AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES FUN FAIR

9th Grade Transition Day!

- Morning: Attend classes, meet teachers, find classrooms, tour of building, hear about important topics to start school
- Afternoon: Activities fair, games, etc.

Lunch: Students should pack a lunch or get lunch in the cafeteria. It is free for all students on Transition Day. No leaving or Door Dash.

Students will check out **Chromebooks**



- Grab your passport and be sure to fill in your name and ID # inside of the booklet
- Take a moment to write down a personal goal for the year
- Visit each of the listed locations to participate in an activity.
- Before you leave each location-be sure to collect a stamp in your passport.
- Fill out the entire passport with your answers, stamps collected from each activity, and turn in to be entered to win a prize.

Don't forget to hand in your passport before you leave! Drop off your passport as you exit the building!

LOCATIONS

Activity Fair Destination	Description	Room 352	
Science	Coloring Activity		
Math	24 Game		
English	Stories and Poem	Room 252/254	
Social Studies	Trivia	Room 210	
Music	Karaoke	Room 107	
Art	Collaborative Art Project	Art Gallery	
Tech & Comp Sci	STEM Activity	Room 336	
World Languages	Word Puzzles	Room 165	
PE & Health	Athletic Games	Gym	
Athletics	RM Athletics!	Gym Lobby	
Media Center	Check out your chromebook!	Main Stree	
Counseling	Meet your Counselor!	Main Stree	
College & Career Center	Learn about your future!	Main Stree	
SGA/Club Fair	Learn about different clubs and ways to get involved!	2nd & 3rd floor	
IB Office	IB Staff & Bus Information	Room 200	
Security	Get to know the RM Security Team	Throughou the building	

Staying Connected; Supporting Our Community

Please ensure you read the weekly message from Ms. Deeny!

The RMHS Weekly Update is sent every FRIDAY now by TEXT!

9th and 10th Grade IB Middle Years Programme

RM is an IB World School



RM is an IB World School for all students, regardless of whether they come to us as a Magnet student or not.

All 9th and 10th grade students participate in the IB Middle Years Programme in all subjects.

IB informs how we organize ourselves as a school in many ways.



What's MYP?

- The MYP is a balanced, holistically focused curriculum that uses an inquiry model to build conceptual understanding.
- Focus of 9th grade is building skills, habits and competencies that support success.
- Want to learn more about the IB and the pathways at RM? IB 101
 Session on Back to School Night 6:00 PM in the Auditorium.

What to expect

- All 9th and 10th grade parents will receive a monthly newsletter from the IB office - this will include updates on the Personal Project process, what's happening in classrooms and the Learner Profile of the month.
- 10th grade parents will get more information about the MYP Personal Project (a requirement for all 10th graders) at their meeting in September.
- School wellbeing focus will continue to be guided by IB principles and Approaches to Learning.

Upcoming Events

- Underclassman Pictures 8/28, 8/29, 9/2, & 9/3 through English classes.
- First home girls volleyball game: Fri, 9/5 at 6:30 pm
- First home football game: Fri, 9/12 at 7:00 pm
- First girls home flag football game: Tues, 9/16 at 7:00 pm
- Homecoming Game- Oct 3 Dance-Oct 4
- Back to School Night is 9/4/25
- MP 1 Interims:
 - o 9/26/25: Teacher Grades Due
 - 10/3/25: Interims available on Synergy
- MP 1 Report Cards:
 - 10/31/25: End of MP1
 - 11/12/25: MP1 report cards distributed

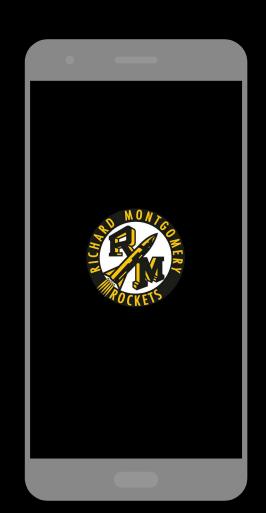
Football Games

- No cash accepted. Purchase tickets via GoFan
- No student backpacks.
- Students must stay seated in the home bleachers.
- Children, who are not RMHS students, must remain accompanied by a parent or guardian at football games.









Communication/ Contact Information

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11th-Robin_L_Wheeler@mcpsmd.org

12th - Kevin_Jefferson@mcpsmd.org

IB - Joseph_F_Jelen@mcpsmd.org

MYP - Molly_A_Clarkson@mcpsmd.org

School counselors on the RM website



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Thank you!



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