

# ***NEUSE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL***

## ***HOUSE SYSTEM GUIDE***



***3 HOUSES  
1 FLOCK***

# THE TALE OF THREE HOUSES

## The origins of the houses of NRMS

In a time long before ours, in a land still with us today,  
three siblings were called on a journey far away.

The youngest, called Curaj, ran bravely ahead  
While the oldest called Kai made a plan in their head.  
The middle one, Fuerza, walked right at Kai's side  
Ready to overcome any obstacle they may come by.

As they walked down the road they came upon a tree  
as tall as the sky and as wide as the sea.

The tree was three colors Grey, Navy and Teal  
And seemed to be able to move its branches at will.

The three siblings admired this magnificent tree  
when a gust of wind knocked them down quite suddenly.

Their frantic eyes searched for the source of the wind  
And their open mouths gasped when they saw what they did.

Three black as night ravens sat high in the tree  
Singing into the night and flapping their wings.  
Their six beady eyes focused straight on the three  
And in unison their voices boomed "Bring them to me!"

With haste the tree branches lifted them up  
And quickly Kai noticed something peculiar enough.  
Each branch that had grabbed the siblings that day  
Were all different colors,  
Teal navy and gray.

# THE TALE OF THREE HOUSES

When the branches had finished their task they pulled back  
And dropped all three siblings in the three ravens' nest.  
The ravens were huge and still black as the night,  
But when the siblings looked closer they finally realized  
These ravens were not just some gigantic birds,  
But birds of the house of the great Neuse River.

“We’ve lifted you up to the top of the trees,  
In order that you might be the next to lead.”

The house of Curaj will be known for its bravery  
But also for Compassion and outstanding integrity

The house of Fuerza will be strong and determined  
And they’ll overcome obstacles without any burden.

And finally we come to the great house of Kai  
Full of visionaries that exceed limits far past the sky.”

Then the three birds stretched out their great wings  
And placed their house crests upon the siblings.  
The siblings were shocked but accepted with pride  
And thanked the three birds for their valuable time.

As the ravens prepared to fade into the night  
They hovered above them like a moment in time.

“Now that you know what your destiny is,  
There is one piece of wisdom we have left to give.  
In times of distress or in times of joyous shock  
You are three separate houses  
But always one flock.”

# NEUSE RIVER CREED

WE ARE THE SCHOLARS OF NEUSE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

WE ARE COLLEGE BOUND. WE ARE EXCEPTIONAL.  
NOT BECAUSE WE SAY IT. WE WORK HARD AT IT.

WE WILL NOT FALTER IN THE FACE OF ANY OBSTACLE PUT BEFORE US.

WE ARE STRONG. WE HAVE COURAGE. WE WILL ACHIEVE.

WE WILL NEVER FAIL BECAUSE WE DON'T GIVE UP.

WE WILL COME PREPARED AND DO OUR BEST.

WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR FAMILIES, COMMUNITY, AND THE  
WORLD.

WE RESPECT OURSELVES AND IN DOING SO, RESPECT ALL PEOPLE.

WE HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE.

WE BELIEVE IN OUR OWN GREATNESS AND EACH OTHER.

WE BELIEVE IN NEUSE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

# THE PURPOSE OF THE HOUSE SYSTEM

Neuse River Middle School is implementing the house system this year, inspired by the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. The house system is a program to celebrate greatness and excellence, promote positive relationships and school pride, and build character in our students.

There are three houses, each house represented by a different school color and three character strengths that embody the Raven.

Throughout the year, we will hold house competitions to build community and provide a space to empower our students with character development.

Students and staff will earn points for their house throughout the year, and the winning house will be “crowned” at the end of the year.

# CURAJ



| OFFICIAL COLOR: GRAY

**LANGUAGE:** ROMANIAN

**MEANING:** COURAGE

COURAGE  
INTEGRITY  
BRAVERY  
INITIATIVE

# FUERZA



| COLOR: TEAL

LANGUAGE: SPANISH

MEANING: STRENGTH

STRENGTH  
DETERMINATION  
PERSISTENCE  
PURPOSE

# KAI



| COLOR: NAVY BLUE  
LANGUAGE: HAUSA  
MEANING: ACHIEVE

ACHIEVEMENT  
LEADERSHIP  
VISION  
EXCELLENCE