



Middle School Matters

September 22, 2023

Monday 9/25 NO SCHOOL	Tuesday 9/26 Day 2	Wednesday 9/27 Day 3	Thursday 9/28 Day 4	Friday 9/29 Day 5
Monday 10/2 Day 6	Tuesday 10/3 Day 1	Wednesday 10/4 Day 2	Thursday 10/5 Day 3	Friday 10/6 Day 4

Dates to Make Note of:

Sept. 25 - No School
Sept. 26 - PTO Meeting, 6:30PM
Sept. 28 - Vaccine Clinic, 3PM-8PM, Gym and Dining Rm.
Oct. 5 - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, 6:30PM
Oct. 6 - Early Dismissal - In service 11AM
Oct. 11 - Patriot Pride
Oct. 20 - Valley Forge Field Trip/8B, 9:30AM-1:20PM
Oct. 26 - Picture Re-Take Day, 8AM-10AM

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

The handicapped parking outside of the Middle School is **NOT** for parent pick-ups or after school sporting events unless you have a valid handicapped placard!

These spots are specifically reserved for people who have disabilities. In the future, if you park in these spots unlawfully you will receive a ticket. Your inconsideration makes a huge impact on people who really need these spots.

Thank you for your consideration!

CVSD ATHLETICS - GO PATRIOTS!

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT ATHLETIC EVENTS THIS YEAR!

FOR TEAM INFORMATION AND SCHEDULES, VISIT US ONLINE AT [HTTPS://HS.CVSD.ORG/ATHLETICS/TEAM-INFORMATION](https://hs.cvsd.org/athletics/team-information)

REMINDER

Students in grades K-8 who wish to attend high school events must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. Students without an adult will be denied entry.

Student Pick Up After School/Sports

We are asking our parents to please respect the designated traffic patterns when picking up your children after school and after sports. Please refrain from double parking in any areas in front of the middle school preventing the free flow of traffic, the bus lanes, the cross walks or fire hydrants. Lastly, we encourage the use of the spaces in our parking lots as these are the best places to wait for your child. Safety of all is paramount given the hundreds of children in the area.

Parents of Athletes:

Please pick up your student **no later than 5:10PM, after practice!** Thank you.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- When entering the Middle School in the mornings please make a note to follow the traffic patterns and **do not pass** the buses! Attached are the rules to remind you of entering our facility: Peak traffic 7:15-7:25am; if arriving prior to 7:25 use only the MS entrance; if arriving after 7:25 both MS main entrance & the back drive of the HS will be open; be sure to follow the direction of our safety aides. **DO NOT stop** at the steps in front of the school while dropping off a student.
- Students interested in joining **Student Council** should see Mr. Whitelock in room 121!
- GVMS is continuing to collect **Box Tops for Education**. Please be sure to download the app and scan your receipts. Make sure you select Great Valley Middle School to earn money!!
- What's So Cool About Manufacturing Club** will be holding an informational meeting for interested **7th and 8th grade students** in room 12 during 8th period Monday, October 2nd. Learn about manufacturing careers right in our own area! Script, record and edit our tour of manufacturing facility to be submitted in a regional video contest.
- Attendance Reminders:** If your student will be absent from school, or leaving early, please be sure to send a note to Pick Up Patrol. For additional information please visit the website at: [PickUp Patrol: Safe, Affordable School Dismissal System — Frequently Asked Questions - Parents](#). ****Please note that if you need to pick your student up in the late afternoon, you must arrive at school prior to 2PM or the driveway entrance will be closed.**
- PTO INFORMATION:** It's easy to support the Great Valley Middle School PTO... "Just Write a Check". Please visit the PTO website at: <https://www.gvmspto.org/just-write-a-check>
- Yearbook Announcement:** The 2023-24 Middle School yearbook is available for preorder at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) for a reduced rate of \$35.00. After 9/29, the cost will be \$40.00. Preordering ensures that your GVMS student has a yearbook at the conclusion of the school year. There are only a limited number of books available for purchase in June.
- GVMS PTO Updates:** First PTO General Meeting coming up on Tuesday 9/26 at 6:30pm; this is a hybrid meeting, in person in the school's Library and it will be streamed on zoom as well. We'll share lots of information, including upcoming Back-To-School-Night Reserved Parking fundraiser! Our JWAC campaign kicked off this September. We need to raise \$20,000 this school year to offset costs for author visits, grade level trips and events, student Character Counts awards and more. Please send a check to school or donate online via Paypal (and check if your company participates in corporate matching!). Scan the QR code to access all donation options on our website. We are still looking for volunteers- no effort is too small! Please email cristina.hartley@gmail.com if you'd like to help the PTO Board this school year.