



Monday 10/9 Day 5	Tuesday 10/10 Day 6	Wednesday 10/11 Day 1	Thursday 10/12 Day 2	Friday 10/13 Day 3
Monday 10/16 Day 4	Tuesday 10/17 Day 5	Wednesday 10/18 Day 6	Thursday 10/19 Day 1	Friday 10/20 Day 2

### Dates to Make Note of:

- Oct. 11 - Patriot Pride
- Oct. 12 - MS Parent Presentation, 9:30-10:30, Library
- Oct. 20 - Valley Forge Field Trip/8B, 9:30AM-1:20PM
- Oct. 26 - Picture Re-Take Day, 8AM-10AM
- Oct. 26 - Valley Forge Field Trip/8C, 9:30AM-2PM
- Oct. 31 - End of Term 1
- Nov. 1 - 1st day of Term 2



The Great Valley Middle School earned the **Pennsylvania Associations of Student Councils (PASC) Distinguished Keystone Award for 2023** during the 88th PASC State Leadership Convention held at Altoona Area Junior High School on September 22-23. PASC recognized Great Valley Middle School in the following areas: financial procedures, activities, council organization, community outreach, communication, evaluation, and excellence in leadership development. Congratulations to the entire GVMS Student Council! Thank you for all of your support!

### "Let's Grow Together"

Please join Dr. Souders and Mrs. Rostick, School Psychologist, in celebrating National School Psychology Week this Thursday, **10/12, from 9:30 to 10:30am**, in the Middle School library. The week's theme is "Let's Grow Together!" Parents and guardians are invited to learn and discuss positive coping strategies to help their children grow. **RSVP is required:** <https://forms.office.com/r/fpmtSUysHW>. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 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 dropping your students off at school in the morning, we recommend dropping them off **between 7:05AM-7:15AM** to avoid congestion. Thank you!
- The Great Valley School District Education Foundation is excited to announce the third annual art recognition contest called **SOAR**. This contest is open to students in grades 5, 8, 11, and 12. The Foundation seeks to promote and honor student art by recognizing and displaying exceptional art works. Interested students will create an original piece of artwork based on this year's theme, **"What makes me . . . ME."** Artwork created for class assignments are **not** eligible. All student artwork submissions will be 2-dimensional. There will be one winner chosen from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please see your art teacher for more details.
- 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!!
- 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.**
- Yearbook Announcement:** The 2023-24 Middle School yearbook is available for preorder at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) for \$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.
- 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>

### STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT WEEK

During the week of October 9th -13th, GVMS will be celebrating Spirit Week! Monday is Neon Day, Tuesday is Twin Day, Wednesday is Hat Day (\$1.00 to wear a hat - Fundraiser for the Four Diamonds Foundation), Thursday is Tropical and Friday is a White Out! Be sure to join in the fun and show your school spirit!

- Student Council is sponsoring a **Guess the Weight of the GIANT Pumpkin Contest**. Students receive one guess to win the pumpkin (1 can= 1 guess) for every canned food item donated. Canned food collection will occur before school in the main lobby between 7:15AM-7:30AM from October 9th - October 31st. The student who guesses the closest weight of the pumpkin will win the pumpkin on October 31st!