

**THIS PLANNER BELONGS TO:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisory Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

Welcome, Hornets!

I am excited to kick off a new school year at Dexter McCarty Middle School.

My hope for all of us this school year is that we can all work together to build a positive school community where we value hard work, learning and each other. Dexter McCarty is a place where everyone is important and valued, and we should all be proud to call it our school.

It will be important for us to celebrate our successes and have fun, because let's be honest, that is what makes middle school awesome! We will find a healthy balance of having fun and working hard this year.

One thing is certain; the students and staff at Dexter McCarty make this place a wonderful place to learn and grow.

I look forward to getting to know each of you this school year. See you in the hallways!

Ms. Nimz, Principal

## SCHOOL HOURS

On **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays**, school begins at 9:05 a.m. and ends at 3:35 p.m. On **Wednesdays**, school begins at 10:05 a.m. and ends at 3:35 p.m. The school office is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Doors open at 8:45 a.m and breakfast is available for students at that time.

Please leave the school premises by 3:45 p.m. each day, unless you are involved in an after-school activity or the SUN program.

Refer to McCarty's school calendar for holidays, late school openings, early dismissals, etc. at [mccarty.gresham.k12.or.us](http://mccarty.gresham.k12.or.us).

## HELPFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

McCarty Middle School	503.665.0148
First Student	503.665.8193
SUN Coordinator	971.231.7211

## STUDENT LIFE AT McCARTY

### REPORT CARDS & PROGRESS REPORTS

You will get a total of six academic grade reports each year. There are three 12-week trimesters. Progress Reports and report cards will be available via ParentVue and StudentVue at the midterm and end of every trimester.

### ATHLETICS

Dexter McCarty offers boys and girls basketball for 7th and 8th grade and spring track for grades 6-8. SUN provides a variety of other activities after school. Please refer to the SUN registration packet for more information about offerings each session.

### Fees

For the 2022-23 school year, there will not be any fees associated with participation in school-sponsored athletics.

### Eligibility

Students must be earning a "C" grade or better in all classes; or in the judgment of the teacher, be making a good faith effort in making progress. Students that are not meeting academic eligibility may be required to improve their grades in order to participate in games. Students must be in attendance at school during the day in order to participate in games or practices after school.

### Physicals

Students must have a completed physical form signed by a physician and parent before they can participate in sports. This includes practices, as well as games or contests. All forms may be picked up in the school's main office.

### WEB LEADERS

WEB leaders are a group of eighth grade students who are trained to serve as mentors to incoming sixth graders. A special 6th grade only day takes place on the very first day of school. WEB leaders help these new students learn the routines and become comfortable with their new school.

### **SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods)**

Our SUN program offers McCarty students a variety of classes and activities after school. You can even get help with your homework!

You must complete a registration form before participating, but you can register at any time. Registration forms are available in the front office and in the SUN office. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, so get your forms in quickly. Up-to-date information on SUN sessions and new classes will be posted on McCarty's website, facebook, and available in the school office.

McCarty SUN Community School is a collaboration of Metropolitan Family Service, Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships, and the Gresham-Barlow School District.

### **COUNSELING SERVICES**

McCarty Middle School has two full-time counselors. The counselors provide individual and group counseling for academic, personal, and social concerns. Our counselors also provide consultations to parents and staff members, as well as making appropriate referrals to community agencies.

Students are assigned a counselor based on their last name:

Ms. Attmore: Last name A-K

Mr. Hull: Last name L-Z

### **ADVISORY**

Students will have an Advisory class that will meet every morning for the first 20 minutes, with the exception of Wednesday. Advisory is designed to assist students in the Social Emotional growth that comes with being in middle school. Through Advisory lessons, teachers will address school wide expectations, build classroom community, and relationships with staff. Your child's Advisory teacher is a great first contact person if you have any questions or concerns.

### **LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER**

All students should become well acquainted with our library services. The school library enriches and supports classroom learning. Students may check out three books at a time for as long as four weeks. Library books may be checked out in the student's name only. The student whose name is on the check out form will be responsible for any book that has been lost. Several computers are located in the media center and are available for student use. Please display respectful behavior at all times while in the library.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

#### **Participation, Lockers & Uniforms**

All students at Dexter McCarty Middle School have PE daily and will be assigned a locker in the locker room. Students can purchase their own lock, which may be used for all three years, or they can purchase a combination lock from the PE department for \$5.

All students are expected to dress down in a required PE uniform each day. It is the student's responsibility to keep this outfit clean on a weekly basis. The PE uniform for all students consists of black shorts, green t-shirt, socks, and athletic shoes. Uniform shorts, shirts, will be handed out during the first week of school. Students are welcome to bring their own athletic attire that is appropriate for physical activity if they choose not to use the school issued uniform.

All students are expected to participate in PE. However, a parent may excuse their child from PE for minor injuries or temporary illness by writing the teacher a note. The note should include a description of the injury or illness and the specific length of time the child is to be excused. If the child requires more than a three day absence from class activities, the parent must provide a doctor's written excuse. Alternative assignments may be arranged or a new schedule provided in case of an extended disability.

## **FIRE, EARTHQUAKE, LOCKOUT, & LOCKDOWN DRILLS**

Fire, earthquake, lockout, and lockdown drills are held and protocols are reviewed regularly so that we all know the safest way to respond to emergencies. Specific instructions on evacuating the building are posted in each classroom. It is important that everyone take these drills seriously. Our number one goal is the safety of your student(s), so engaging in practice ensures we can do this in case of an actual emergency.

## **SCHOOL PICTURES AND YEARBOOKS**

School pictures will take place in the beginning of the school year, generally in the first week of school. Parents will be notified in advance of picture dates, and payment must be made at the time pictures are taken. Yearbooks may be ordered for \$16 and will be distributed to students during the last week of school. Yearbook purchases will be handled in the main office. Receipts will be issued at the time of purchase and may be needed to verify purchase. A limited number of Yearbooks are ordered based on sales, so order early to guarantee your keepsake.

## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

It's critical that you are at school every day. Absenteeism is perhaps the greatest cause of low and failing grades. Please follow these guidelines when missing school:

### **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

If you are going to be absent because of illness or there is a family emergency, **a parent MUST call or send a signed note to the attendance secretary the morning of the absence.** An absence can only be excused up to two days after the absence. After two days, it will remain unexcused. The phone number is 503.665.0148. Parents may also call the school before 8 a.m. and leave a message.

Being excessively absent from school could also result in loss of privileges, such as assemblies, sports, and socials.

## **SCHOOL WORK MISSED WHEN ABSENT**

If you are absent three or more consecutive school days, then your parent or guardian may request work. The office needs a 24-hour notification for teachers to have enough time to get materials ready. Once you get back to school, it is your responsibility to ask your teachers about make-up work.

## **TARDIES**

It's important that you get to school and all classes on time. Being on time means being in the classroom, in your seat and ready to work with all the necessary books and materials when the bell rings. Missing the bus or oversleeping is not considered an excused absence. There are consequences for tardiness.

### **Tardy Policy**

Three tardies to any combination of classes (not necessarily the same class) will result in a lunch detention.

Three additional tardies (4-6) to any combination of classes will result in an additional lunch detention.

After three lunch detentions have been served for tardies, an in-school suspension and a meeting with administration will be the consequence.

## **LEAVING WITHOUT PERMISSION**

McCarty Middle School is a closed campus. This means that once you are on school property, you may not leave without permission from an adult in the main office. The office staff must know where you are throughout the entire day.

### **Parent Pickup**

If your parent/guardian finds it necessary for you to leave school during the school day, you will need to bring a note signed by your parent/guardian and turn it into the office before leaving. When arriving to pick up a student, parents/guardians are required to check in with the front office via the doorbell in order to check out their child. Students must sign out in the main office before leaving and may not wait

outside the building. If returning, students will need to check back in through the main office.

### **WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL**

When a student is being withdrawn permanently from school, the parent/guardian should notify the office as early as possible – at least one day in advance. If a student is absent for more than 10 consecutive school days they will be withdrawn from school.

### **STUDENT RIGHTS**

#### **RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES HANDBOOK**

A separate "Parent/Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook" outlines rights and responsibilities, along with other standards for student conduct as adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gresham-Barlow School District. Students will be provided with an electronic copy of this handbook at the start of the school year. Students and parents are encouraged to read this handbook carefully. Parents will be required to verify receipt of the handbook via ParentVue.

#### **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**

Students have similar rights under freedom of expression as other citizens in our democracy, and must bear responsibility for the consequences of such expression. In school, however, the matter of free expression must also be viewed as it is related to the learning process. School officials have the responsibility to review publications, speeches, plays, and other forms of student expression that reflect on the school in order to ensure that the content is consistent with school policy and sound educational practices. Students have the right to reasonably express their personal opinions, written and/or oral, and participate in publishing school publications under the guidance of a faculty advisor. A student's freedom of expression shall not interfere with the freedom of others to express. The use of profane or obscene language, gestures, or threats of harm to persons or property is prohibited. Insubordination, open defiance of a

teacher/staff member, or a school official's lawful authority shall result in disciplinary consequences.

### **SEARCH AND SEIZURE**

Authorized administrators may search a student, student's desk, or locker at any time, with reasonable suspicion, to investigate for: (1) missing items, (2) school books, (3) health or safety hazards, (4) district property, (5) unlawful items.

Any item seized as a result of a search shall be given to the proper authorities, the true owner, or their parent/guardian. If a school employee needs to search your property, you may be given the opportunity to be present, unless there is reason to believe that your presence would endanger your health or safety, or the safety of others. Students should be aware of the fact that a general inspection of lockers and desks may be conducted on a regular basis. Students shall not conceal evidence of an illegal act or violation.

### **PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED ITEMS**

Students shall not bring these items to school or on the bus:

- Drugs or alcohol
- Tobacco in any form
- Electronic inhalant systems (vape)
- Weapons of any kind, including pocket knives and look alike weapons
- Fireworks or explosives
- Matches, lighters, or other things that make flames
- Devices that deliver electric shock
- Laser lights
- Materials relating to pornography, drugs and alcohol, or violence
- Items reasonably determined by school authorities to be a threat to the safety or security of students or others.

### **SCHOOL POLICIES**

#### **CELL PHONES**

Cell phones are not allowed to be out at any time upon entering the building for the school day. Students will be allowed to get their phones out at 3:35 when they are dismissed for the day. Parents can contact

the office at any time to leave messages for their child and we will deliver the message in a timely manner.

If at all possible we ask that students leave their cell phones at home. We understand the value of a cell phone for student safety going to and from school, but will be requiring students to keep them put away in a pocket, backpack, or any other location that they deem safe. Cell phones have become a distraction to the learning environment. When technology is necessary, we will be providing students with the necessary technology to use in the classroom.

If a student has their cell phone out for any reason they will be asked to turn it in to the front office to be locked up for the remainder of the day. At the conclusion of the day students will be able to pick up their phone from the front office.

Cell phone violations will be tracked by the front office and consequences will be as follows:

- 1st - Warning
- 2nd - Warning
- 3rd - Recess Reteach
- 4th - Recess Reteach
- 5th - Parent/Guardian meeting

Any further cell phone violations will face discipline at the administration's discretion.

#### **COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY & INTERNET USE**

In accordance with Gresham-Barlow School District Policy IIBGA-AR2, McCarty offers all students access to computer use, including the Internet. Although technology is recognized as an important tool in a student's education, proper and responsible use is required at all times. District policy, administrative regulations, and agreements regarding the use of technology in our school should be read carefully.

School computers may not be used for personal use. This includes viewing websites that are not related to your schoolwork, checking your email or blogs,

personal social media sites such as Facebook and any pornographic material, or any other use that is not for a legitimate educational purpose.

Any improper or unsafe operation of technology, including computer and Internet usage, may result in disciplinary action, such as suspension or expulsion, and/or a ban from further use while at school.

Students who are using computers on school property must obey all rules of appropriate conduct. Any damage caused to equipment due to the unsafe or irresponsible behavior of a student will result in disciplinary action and/or financial restitution for damage or loss.

#### **LOCKERS**

Students will not be using lockers this year. Students should carry a backpack to and from school to carry their belongings.

#### **DRESS FOR SUCCESS**

Dexter McCarty Middle School Dress Code policy applies to all students school-wide including any and all school based activities and those off campus.

The responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and their parents or guardians.

#### **Allowable Attire**

- Students must wear shoes and clothing including both a top and a bottom or the equivalent.
- Shirts and dresses must-have fabric in the front and on the sides.
- Clothing must cover undergarments; waistbands and bra straps excluded.
- Fabric must cover all genitalia, buttocks, and nipples. Clothing covering these areas must not be see-through.
- Headwear must allow the face and ears to be visible and not interfere

with the line of sight to any student or staff. Hoodies must allow the student's face and ears to be visible to the staff.

- Clothing and footwear must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, CTE shops and labs, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

### **Non-allowable Attire**

- Clothing may not depict, advertise or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or other controlled substances.
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
- Clothing may not depict violent acts, promote violence, or aggression.
- Clothing may not depict Confederate flags, Nazi symbols, nooses, or hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected group.

### **PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION (PDA)**

Proper conduct is expected at all times from our students. Inappropriate displays of affection include, but are not limited to: hugging, kissing, holding hands, fondling, or excessive touching or groping; which are not allowed on school grounds at any time.

### **BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, AND OTHER PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICES**

Bicycles should be parked and locked in the bicycle rack at the main entrance of the school. Bike riding and skateboarding are not allowed on school grounds. We are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged bicycles or skateboards, or injuries as a

result of their use on school grounds. Oregon State law requires students to wear helmets when riding a bicycle or skateboard.

### **SCHOOL BUS RULES**

Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right. The first priority in transporting students to and from home is student safety. Students are to obey the bus driver at all times while in their custody. Any insubordinate, rude, or unsafe behavior while being transported to or from the school, will be just cause for immediate suspension from all bus privileges, as well as other consequences such as suspension from school or after-school detention.

If you are planning to ride a bus that isn't your own, you must have a note from a parent or guardian to take another bus home. The note must be given to the office and authorized by a school official.

Please refer to the Gresham-Barlow School District *Parent/Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook* for specific rules and guidelines pertaining to school bus transportation.

Consequences for bus referrals may include:

- Writing an apology letter to the bus driver
- Assigned seating on the bus
- Loss of bus riding privileges
- Meeting with administration

### **LOST AND FOUND**

If you lose or misplace clothes or other personal items, please check the lost-and-found box in the Commons. Likewise, any items that you find should be turned into the main office. There is also a separate PE lost-and-found area in the locker rooms. Any lost-and-found items that are unclaimed by the last day of the school year will be donated to charity. Parents are encouraged to remind their students to check with lost-and-found as soon as a personal item is discovered missing.

## **MAJOR INCIDENTS RESULTING IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

### **Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco**

Do not possess, buy, sell, eat, drink, smoke, chew, carry, or loan to a friend anything that involves alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs while on McCarty school property, or at any school event. Report any behavior that you are aware of pertaining to students who are engaging in, or planning to use, drugs or alcohol. If you pretend that something is a drug or tobacco product and give, show, sell it to someone else, or pretend to be taking it, the incident will be considered a serious infraction. The consequences for drug-related incidents could result in a suspension, notification of law enforcement officials, or expulsion from school for up to one school year.

### **Weapons**

If you bring a weapon to school, you will be suspended immediately and potentially recommended for expulsion from school for a period of not less than one school year (See the *Parent/Student Information Rights and Responsibilities Handbook* for definitions and examples of what constitutes a “weapon”). Any item you use to hurt or threaten someone is considered to be the same as a weapon. Violators will be turned over to the police for further investigation.

### **Fighting, Physical Violence, Assault**

Students are not allowed to fight, encourage others to fight, or physically intervene in a fight. If you see a fight about to happen, report it immediately to the nearest adult. If you feel that someone is picking on you, walk away, get help, and don't fight. If you feel that another person is getting angry or agitated, get away from them immediately. Encourage them to get adult help.

If both people engage in a fight, both will be held responsible. Students who commit physical violence, assault, or make threats of harm, may be suspended from school, as well as be turned over to legal authorities for investigation, if necessary.

### **Harassment/Bullying**

It is NOT OK to pick on other students or do anything that makes them feel bad. Some examples of this are:

- Name-calling
- Physical contact like pushing, poking, tripping, punching
- Staring, glaring, or giving mean looks
- Making threatening gestures or statements
- Taking or destroying property
- Spreading rumors or lies
- Using profanity or saying nasty words
- Making unkind remarks about a person or their family
- Teasing or saying things meant to hurt
- Referring to homosexuality, race, religious beliefs, or anything else meant to be mean
- Grouping together and picking on others in a way that makes them feel intimidated or uncomfortable

If someone is bothering you or making you feel uncomfortable, seek help from an administrator or a school counselor.

### **Theft**

Students who are found to have another person's property in their possession will be disciplined. The school is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage to personal property brought to school. The school also takes no responsibility for items that are missing as a result of students leaving items out or unattended.

### **Threats**

If you make statements or threats that you are going to kill or hurt someone, bring weapons or bombs to school, or do other violent things, you will find yourself in trouble. If you know students who spend time talking about violence or weapons, or who have made threats, be sure to tell a responsible adult. It is our goal to make sure that these threats will not be acted out and that the student responsible will get help.

### **Cheating and Forgery**

Be sure that the schoolwork that you are doing is your own. Copying other students'



work is not acceptable. Be careful not to copy off the Internet, especially by downloading articles or copying materials that you did not write. Students who give or show their work to other students to copy may receive penalties for cheating, as well as the person who copies. Taking another student's schoolwork and claiming it to be your own is considered the same as theft. The act of copying, cheating, and forging signatures have disciplinary consequences. It can also affect your grades and cause you to lose trust with your parents/guardians and teachers.

### **Willful Disobedience of an Adult**

Willful disobedience or open defiance means not following adult directions when asked. It also means arguing or challenging any school official. Any student, who acts willfully disobedient to an adult while at school or during a school related activity, will receive disciplinary consequences, including detention or suspension.

### **Roughhousing**

Roughhousing means pushing, poking, tripping, elbowing, kneeing, stepping on heels, and other physical contact done for fun, or as a joke with your friends. McCarty does not permit students to roughhouse. Our halls, recess area, and common spaces are crowded, and these behaviors can lead to injuries or other problems. Please keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.

## **DISCIPLINE CONSEQUENCES**

### **Right to Due Process**

When involved in disciplinary action, students will be allowed to tell an adult their side of the story and hear the consequences for their actions. This is called "Due Process."

### **Class Consequences**

We expect you to have good behavior at all times while in a teacher's classroom. If not, we will assign disciplinary consequences in order to change your behavior and have you make up for what you have done. Depending on the student and the problem, a teacher may:

- Change the student's seat
- Email or call a student's parents/guardians
- Take away a privilege
- Meet with a student, parent/guardian, or administrator
- Have the student fulfill in-class consequences
- Have the student stay in the classroom during break, recess, or lunch
- Give time-out from class to fill out a problem-solving form
- Make arrangements with a parent/guardian to have the student stay after school
- Write a discipline referral

### **Administrative Consequences**

If you are referred to a school administrator for poor choices or inappropriate behavior, expect one or more of the following things to happen:

- Informal talk
- Loss of privilege
- Have a conference with a one or more of the following people: teacher, administrator, or counselor
- Phone call to your parents/guardians
- Community Service (if assigned before or after school, a parent contact will be made)
- Detention/Rule School (during or after school)
- Suspension (out of school)
- Expulsion for up to one year

### **Community Service**

Community service may be assigned at school in the form of clean-up, recycling or other helpful chores.

### **Recess Reteach**

Recess reteach is assigned during lunch and recess time for students who have broken other school rules. During Recess Reteach, students will fill out a problem-solving form and create a goal to improve the behavior.

### **Suspension/Expulsion**

Students may be suspended for up to ten days for serious misconduct or repeated minor offenses. Under extreme

circumstances, the school district may expel a student for up to one year. The student will not be expelled without a hearing unless the student's parents or guardians waive the right to a hearing. The waiver may be in writing or through failure to appear at the hearing. The parents/guardians and student will be informed of all procedural requirements under Oregon law, including access to and availability of alternative educational placements (See *Parent/Student Information Rights and Responsibilities Handbook*).

Students with disabilities will not have their placement changed for disciplinary reasons until the IEP Team convenes to determine if the child's behavior is related to the handicapping condition or is the result of an inappropriate placement. If the IEP Team determines that there is no relationship between the student's disability and their behavior, the school district may proceed with its normal disciplinary procedures. A disabled student will not have their educational placement changed, including expulsion from school, without the parents being informed of due process rights on behalf of their child.

#### **Physical Intervention by Staff Members**

A staff member may use physical force against a student when it is necessary for self-defense, the protection of another person, the safeguarding of public school property, or the preservation of order.

### **PARENT INFORMATION**

#### **VISITORS**

All adult visitors to McCarty Middle School must enter the facility through the front door and report directly to the main office, where they will sign in and obtain an official Visitor's Pass.

A brother, sister, or any other child not enrolled in school is not permitted to visit or be a part of any school activity during regular school hours. All inquiries or questions should be directed to the principal.

#### **Deliveries at School**

Deliveries of any kind are not allowed at school. The office will not accept flowers, balloons, or other items to deliver to students during school hours. These items cause a disruption to the learning environment and can cause a safety hazard to some students. Please save any deliveries for out-of-school hours.

#### **Students Picked Up at School**

Students may not be picked up from school by anyone other than a parent/guardian or someone authorized by a parent/guardian. Only those who are designated on the official registration form are allowed to pick up a student.

#### **Personal Items**

McCarty Middle School is not responsible for any personal items that may be lost, stolen, or misplaced while at school.

#### **Meals**

Breakfast will be offered every morning from 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and lunch are free for all students.

#### **Water Bottles**

Students are permitted to bring water to school in water bottles. There are water filling stations located throughout the building for student use.

Beverages other than water, including energy and coffee drinks, will not be allowed in the building with the exception of small juice boxes that students may bring and consume during their lunch.

#### **Student Records and Withdrawals**

All student records are confidential, but are available for inspection by any parent or legal guardian upon request. Oregon law requires that student behavioral records be released only in the presence of an individual qualified to explain or interpret the data and information found within. If a student enrolls in another school system, a copy of the student's cumulative file will be sent by mail to that school when we receive notification of enrollment.

### **Use of Grounds/Facilities**

Outside organizations are welcome to use our facilities after school hours on a fee basis. Interested parties must contact the school office and fill out an online form stating the name of the organization and responsible parties involved. Requests will be reviewed periodically throughout the school year. Priority will be given to school-related activities; therefore, if there is a conflict in time, some groups may be asked to reschedule for another time. Organizations and/or individuals will be held responsible for any damage to property. In order to protect the health of students, staff, the general public, and promote and model good health habits for students, tobacco and alcohol use is prohibited on all district property.

### **Parent Communication**

Parent/family communication is provided via a broad range of electronic media, including our website, electronic messaging system, facebook, and occasionally by documents sent home with students. Be sure to check McCarty's website, [mccarty.gresham.k12.or.us](http://mccarty.gresham.k12.or.us), regularly for pertinent information.

All teachers may be contacted by phone through our main office at 503.665.0148.

In addition, every staff member has a school email address. When sending an email message to a teacher or other staff member, please be sure to enter the last name and any required number as illustrated in the example below: [nimz12@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:nimz12@gresham.k12.or.us).

A complete list of all staff email addresses can be found on McCarty's website: [mccarty.gresham.k12.or.us](http://mccarty.gresham.k12.or.us).

Parents may also receive information from the school via Parent Square, a new application that is designed to simplify communications into one convenient tool.

### **ParentVue**

ParentVue, a powerful on-line tool, is available for McCarty parents. Parents or guardians have access to live data on all of their children from one location. The two

most important kinds of information for parents, attendance and grades, are available via ParentVue. The grade book section of the site is updated in real time as teachers input grades.

### **Parent Conferences**

Parent conferences enhance parent communication and aid in the student's progress at school. Conferences are scheduled in mid-November. Notification of the exact dates, times and format will be publicized on our website, Facebook, and via electronic communication. When needed, additional parent conferences may be scheduled throughout the year.

## **ACADEMIC REPORTING**

### **Grading**

Letter grades of "A, B, C, D, and F" are used to identify the degree of learning that has been demonstrated by each student in the classroom.

An "F" grade may be given when a student has not made an effort to complete assignments or engage in appropriate activities of a class.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to communicate by telephone or email if there is a question or concern about a student's academic progress. Teachers who are contacted by voicemail or email during Monday through Friday are expected to return communication within 24 hours. Messages left on Friday or the day before a holiday or long weekend can expect a return call by the end of the following school day. Please contact the school's principal if you do not get a timely response from a teacher who has been contacted by email or telephone.

### **Oregon Statewide Assessment (OSAS)**

All students are given a standardized test measuring academic proficiency for math, science, writing and reading. Math and reading assessments are given to students in grades 6-8 during the spring. Eighth graders are also tested in science.

## **Interventions**

Students who have not yet met their grade level math or reading standard for the previous school year based on the Oregon Statewide Assessment exams, may be assigned to two periods of math or reading instruction; one regular math/reading class appropriate for the student's grade level, and a second, math or reading intervention, that will engage students in a focused review of essential math or reading concepts and skills. These two classes will be assigned within the student's eight period class schedule, but one will take the place of an exploratory or elective class, such as band, choir, or art.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **School Nurse and Health Assistant**

A part-time registered nurse coordinates all health services for our school. The nurse is in her office one day each week and is eager to help teachers and parents promote the total health of students. In addition, there is also a health assistant who is available each day of the week. Health services include yearly vision screening of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, hearing and dental screening for those requesting testing, classroom health instruction as requested by teachers, counseling with parents/guardians and students about individual health concerns, and control of communicable diseases.

### **Immunizations**

Oregon State law requires students to be immunized against DTP, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella prior to beginning of school. All students must have DTap, Tdap, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, and Varicella immunizations completed. Newly enrolled students must show proof of immunization in order to be allowed to attend school under Oregon law. Questions regarding immunizations should be addressed to the Multnomah County Health Department or school nurse.

### **Medication**

When it is necessary for a student to take medication at school, the following guidelines will apply. For medication

assistance, a parent or guardian's written permission is required. Ask for the form "Authorization for Medication Administration by School Personnel". The completed form will be valid only during the current school year. Prescription medication supplied to the school must be in the original pharmacy container labeled with the name of the medication, name of student, dosage, time interval, and instructions for use. It is the student's responsibility to report to the office for assistance with medication. The school stores the properly labeled medication in a locked cabinet, drawer, or safe. Trained district personnel assist with student medication. A record of those receiving medication assistance is maintained. The parents/guardians of a child are responsible for informing the school of any change in the child's health or medication. Unused medication not claimed by the parent/guardian after termination of need, student withdrawal, or year's end will be discarded. The school nurse provides for teaching those designated by the principal to administer medications accurately and safely in cooperation with the parent and physicians.

Non-prescription and over-the-counter medications (Tylenol, cough syrup, cold tablets, etc.) may be administered by the nurse or designated staff with written permission of the parent/guardian by completing the school form noted above. All non-prescription medications must be in the original container and labeled with the student's name. The school office will keep a record of all student medication. Self-medication of non-prescription medications may be allowed, subject to the following (not to include medications categorized as a sedative, stimulant, anti-convulsant, narcotic analgesic, analgesics or cold medicine, or psychotropic medication). A permission form signed by the parent/guardian and the physician must be submitted for self-medication of all nonprescription medications. Students who are developmentally and/or behaviorally unable to self-medicate should have all

medications kept at the school office and administered through the assistance of a trained staff member. All nonprescription medication brought to school must have the student's name affixed to the original container. Sharing or borrowing of medication with another student is strictly prohibited.

### **Students Ill or Injured at School**

Occasionally a student may become ill or suffer an injury while at school. Every effort is made to contact parents/guardians to make them aware of the problem. It is extremely important that the school be able to contact a student's parents/guardians. Please make sure your contact information is current and up to date in ParentVue. Any accidents occurring on school grounds during school hours or during after-school activities must be reported to the office within 24 hours. School insurance does not cover student injuries. If you do not have family medical insurance, brochures for insurance assistance are available in the office and on the district website.

### **Special Services**

Under Federal and Oregon law, each school is required to provide for the education of all students within its boundaries. Any parent/guardian who feels that his/her child has a special need regarding physical, emotional, substance dependency, or academic problems is urged to contact the child's teacher, the special education teacher, or the principal to investigate possible special help.

### **Child Abuse Reporting**

When a school employee receives information regarding possible child abuse - whether physical, sexual, or through neglect - the employee is required, by law, to report it to the Oregon Department of Human Services. That agency makes an investigation and then proceeds based on their findings. Parents/guardians who are aware of situations regarding the possible abuse of children are encouraged to notify this County agency.

### **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Monthly recognition assemblies will honor students who model positive behavior. Teachers and other school staff make recommendations.

### **POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORT (PBIS)**

#### **Hornets R.O.C.K!**

**Responsible. Organized. Collaborative. Kind.**

The purpose of the McCarty Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program is to encourage positive behavior and self-management so that students are successful, both socially and educationally. Creating this positive environment is the shared responsibility of students, staff, and parents/guardians.

An important part of your education is learning to make good choices and accept responsibility for the consequences of those choices. Problem solving, conflict resolution, and effective communication are essential skills, which will be taught, modeled and practiced on a daily basis. The behavior expectations provide students with the opportunity to make strong moral choices and practice good citizenship.

### **REWARD SYSTEM FOR PBIS**

#### **'Stinger Stock'**

'Stinger Stock' is given to students for following school rules and expectations, and contributing to the healthy community around McCarty Middle School. Stinger Stock can be turned in at lunchtime for the trimester drawings, or used in our McCarty Student Store to purchase healthy snacks and school supplies.

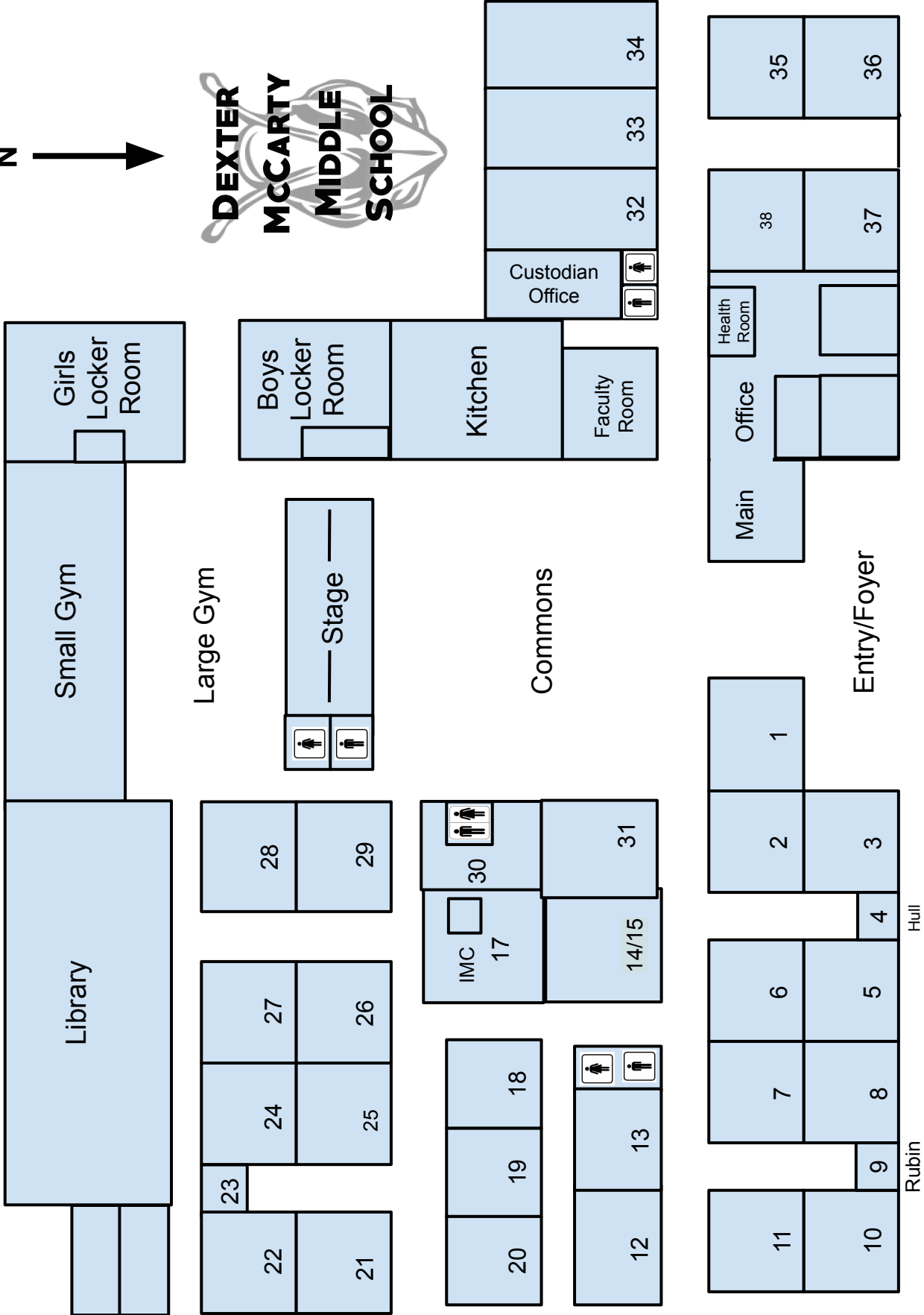
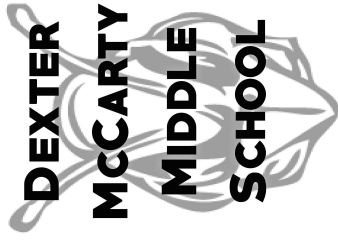
#### **Classroom Acknowledgement**

Every teacher will develop their own system of rewards for students in the classroom. Some rewards may be set up much like a student store, where students submit their Stinger Stock for pencils, paper, candy, etc.

# Dexter McCarty Middle School

2022-2023

Advisory Schedule (M/T/R/F) (20 min AM Advisory)		Wednesday Late Start (No Advisory)	
Warning	9:00	Warning	10:00
Advisory	9:05-9:25 (20)	1st	10:05-10:43 (38)
1st	9:29-10:12 (43)	2nd	10:47-11:25 (38)
2nd	10:16-10:58 (42)	3rd	11:29-12:07 (38)
3rd	11:02-11:44 (42)		6th Grade Lunch 12:07-12:27 (20)
	6th Grade Lunch 11:44-12:07 (23)		7th Grade Lunch 12:27-12:46 (19)
	7th Grade Lunch 12:07-12:30 (23)	4th	12:11-12:49 (38)
4th	11:48-12:30 (42)		8th Grade Lunch 12:49-1:09 (20)
	8th Grade Lunch 12:30-12:53 (23)		8th Grade Recess 1:09-1:28 (19)
	8th Grade Recess 12:53-1:16 (23)	5th	12:50-1:28 (38)
5th	12:34-1:16 (42)	6th	1:32-2:10 (38)
6th	1:20-2:02 (42)	7th	2:14-2:52 (38)
7th	2:06-2:48 (42)	8th	2:56-3:35 (39)
8th	2:52-3:35 (43)	Last	3:45
Last	3:45		
PM Assembly Schedule		Short PM Assembly Schedule	
Warning	9:00	Warning	9:00
1st	9:05-9:46 (41)	1st	9:05-9:48 (43)
2nd	9:50-10:31 (41)	2nd	9:52-10:34 (42)
3rd	10:35-11:16 (41)	3rd	10:38-11:20 (42)
	6th Grade Lunch 11:16-11:34 (18)		6th Grade Lunch 11:20-11:38 (18)
	7th Grade Lunch 11:34-11:52 (18)		7th Grade Lunch 11:38-11:56 (18)
4th	11:20-12:01 (41)	4th	11:24-12:06 (42)
	8th Grade Lunch 12:01-12:19 (18)		8th Grade Lunch 12:06-12:24 (18)
	8th Grade Recess 12:19-12:37 (18)		8th Grade Recess 12:24-12:42 (18)
5th	11:56-12:37 (41)	5th	12:00-12:42 (42)
6th	12:41-1:22 (41)	6th	12:46-1:28 (42)
7th	1:26-2:07 (41)	7th	1:32-2:14 (42)
8th	2:11-2:52 (41)	8th	2:18-3:00 (42)
Assembly	2:52-3:35 (43)	Assembly	3:00-3:35 (35)
Last	3:45	Last	3:45



## Gresham-Barlow School District 2022-2023 Middle School Grades 6-8

STUDENT HOURS	Wk	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	Wk	SPECIAL DAYS
9:05 AM-3:35 PM Every Wednesday 10:05 - 3:35		<b>SEPTEMBER 2022</b>					<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>						Sep 5 Labor Day Holiday - NS
<i>Deep Creek Damascus K-8 only 8:50 - 3:20</i> Every Wednesday 9:50 - 3:20	1	5 H	6	L	8	9	6	7	L	9	10	8	Sep 6 1st Day of School for 6th grade
<b>PARENT CONFERENCES</b>	2	12	13	L	15	16	13	14	L	16	17	9	Sep 7 All students attend today
<b>November 21-22</b> Monday, Nov. 21 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Tuesday, Nov. 22 8:00 am - 8:00 pm	3	19	20	L	22	23 I	20 H	21	L	23	24	10	Sep 23 Staff Inservice - NS
<b>SYMBOL EXPLANATION</b>	4	26	27	L	29	30	27	28				11	Oct 13 Standards & Assessment - NS
End of Trimester	5	<b>OCTOBER 2022</b>					<b>MARCH 2023</b>					12	Oct 14 Statewide Inservice Day NS
CI Curriculum & Instruction	6	3	4	L	6	7			L	2	3	12	Nov 11 Veterans Day Observed - NS
E Evening Parent Conferences	7	10	11	L	13 SA	14 SI	6	7	L	9	10 G	13	Nov 21-22 Parent Conferences - NS
EC Emergency Closure Make-up Days	8	17	18	L	20	21	13	14	L	16	17	12	Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving - NS
G Grading Day - NS	9	24	25	L	27	28	20	21	L	23	24	13	Dec 21-Jan 3 Winter Break - NS
H Holiday, No School	10	31					27 NS	28 NS	29 NS	30 NS	31 NS	1	Jan 4 School Resumes
I Staff Inservice - NS	11	<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>					<b>APRIL 2023</b>					2	Jan 16 Martin Luther King Jr Day - NS
L Late Start Every Wednesday	12		1	L	3	4						2	Jan 27 Standards & Assessment - NS
NS No School	13	7	8	L	10	11 H	3	4	L	6	7	3	Feb 20 Presidents' Day - NS
PC Parent Conferences - NS	14	14	15	L	17	18	10	11	L	13	14	4	Mar 10 Grading Day - NS
SA Standard & Assessment - NS	15	21 GE	22 PC	23 NS	24 H	25 NS	17	18	L	20	21 SA	5	Mar 27-31 Spring Break - NS
SI Statewide Inservice - NS	16	28	29	L			24	25	L	27	28	3	Apr 21 Standards & Assessment - NS
W Teacher Work Day - NS	17	<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>					<b>MAY 2023</b>					4	May 29 Memorial Day - NS
	18				1	2						5	Jun 12 Last Day for 8th Grade
	19	5	6	L	8	9	1	2	L	4	5	6	Jun 14 Last Day for Students
	20	12	13	L	15	16	8	9	L	11	12	7	Jun 15 Grading Day - NS
	21	19	20	21 NS	22 NS	23 NS	15	16	L	18	19	8	Jun 16 Teacher Work Day - NS
	22	26 NS	27 NS	28 NS	29 NS	30 NS	22	23	L	25	26	9	Jun 19*-23 Emergency Closure Make-up Days
	23	29 H	30	L			29 H	30	L			10	* In the event that we need to utilize emergency closure make-up days, no school will be held on June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.
	24	<b>JANUARY 2023</b>					<b>JUNE 2023</b>					11	Trimester 1 Sept 6-Nov 18
	25	2 NS	3 NS	L	5	6				1	2	11	- midterm end date Oct 12
	26	9	10	L	12	13			L	8	9	12	Trimester 2 Nov 28-Mar 9
	27	16 H	17	L	19	20	12	13	L	15 G	16 W	13	- midterm end date Jan 26
	28	23	24	L	26	27 SA	19 NS	EC	EC	EC	EC		Trimester 3 Mar 13-Jun 14
	29	30	31										- midterm end date April 20

