



Tuesday Take Home - October 25th, 2022

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Tuesday	October 25, 2022	Principal Recognition	3:00 PM
Wednesday	October 26, 2022	Volleyball Game vs Dexter McCarty	5:00 PM
Wednesday	October 26, 2022	In person PTC Meeting	7:00 PM
Thursday	October 27, 2022	Academic Student of The Month	3:00 PM
Thursday	October 27, 2022	Picture Make-up Day (New Date)	
Friday	October 28, 2022	Spirit Day - Costume Day!	*see below
Friday	October 28, 2022	Coffee with the Principal	9:15 AM
Saturday	October 29, 2022	7th/8th soccer game @ Red Sunset Park	12:30 PM
Saturday	October 29, 2022	SUN Volleyball Tournament	All Day

COVID TESTING PERMISSION SLIP

Please fill out [this](#) form to give the school permission to administer a Covid Test to your child if needed.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Get your smiles ready! Picture retakes/missed photos will be taken on **Thursday, October 27th**. This is for all students who did not get their photos taken or would like a retake. If you are planning to order pictures, please come with your picture packet filled out and bring your payment with you. If you would like to order pictures online, you may do so at <https://dorianstudio.com/>

OFRENDA

For the first time, GRMS would love to have an ofrenda setup at our school. An ofrenda (Spanish: "offering") is the offering placed in a home altar. An ofrenda, which may be quite large and elaborate, is usually created by the family members of a person who has passed and is intended to welcome the deceased to the altar setting. A common format for an *ofrenda* contains three levels or tiers. The top most tier identifies the person that has passed and who is being invited to the altar. If your student would like to place a photo of a loved one on the ofrenda please have them bring a photo to the front office by October, 28, 2022. Please put your students first and last name on the back of the photo so we can return the photo to them the following week.

PARENT TEACHER CLUB

The Parent Teacher Club of PTC will be meeting on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 PM on campus at Gordon Russell. This parent group is involved in a variety of activities designed to support students and staff at Gordon Russell. We hope that you will be able to make it!

SPIRIT DAY-COSTUME DAY

Friday, October 28th will be our Spirit Day for the month. Please remind your student of the guidelines for "Costume Day".

- Costumes should be in good taste (i.e. not revealing or too gory).
- No toy or look alike weapons.
- Costumes should not endanger the safety of others.
- Costumes should not disrupt instruction.
- **Costume masks are NOT permitted.**
- Facepaint, make-up or hairspray should be applied at home and not brought to school

Costumes are NOT allowed to be worn on October 31st.

MORNING ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

Please do not drop your children off at school in the morning before 8:40 a.m. unless they have made prior arrangements with a teacher or are part of a supervised activity. There is no supervision available for students prior to 8:40 a.m. Thank you for your consideration.

SITE COUNCIL

Please join us for our Site Council meetings, the site council will begin Tuesday November 1st and will meet the first Tuesday of each month thereafter at 3:45pm and will be held in the Whale Room Conference Room in our Library. The purpose of school site councils are to align professional development opportunities with our School Improvement Plan and allocate district resources to support our school in moving this plan forward. We appreciate all voices, and would love to have parents join us on this adventure!

STUDENT STORE

Our student store is now running with every Friday being available. **Volunteers Needed!** Please consider volunteering to help the PTC run the student store. 1-2 hours is all that is needed! If interested, please contact Corey Sexton by email: GRMS.PTC@gmail.com.

Reminder: volunteer application and background check needs to be submitted through the district website.

COUNSELING CORNER

This month GRMS counselors will be presenting in classrooms. Students will meet their counselor, learn about the counselor's role at school and how they can meet with their counselor. School counselors are here to support students' social-emotional health, academic success, and assist in connecting to resources.

Mrs. Johnson - johnson392@gresham.k12.or.us

6th Grade West Wing & 7th Grade

Mrs. Grimes - grimes7@gresham.k12.or.us

6th Grade Explorers & 8th Grade

SCHOOL/PARENT COMMUNICATION

ParentSquare will be our primary mode of communication, replacing SchoolMessenger. We encourage you to download the app, so you can view information and respond via your cell phone. Please take a moment to review [this](#) slide deck created as an introduction for ParentSquare.

AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

We are pleased with the parent and student support provided at our after-school games. When it comes to maintaining a game environment that is supportive of athletes and comfortable for all spectators, there are a few guidelines that Russell students should keep in mind.

While attending an athletic event, student spectators need to respect the other spectators attending the event. Movement in and out of the gymnasiums should be restricted to quarter, half, and between game breaks. The doors leading to the hallway are the only doors available for entry and exit. **DO NOT** use the doors that lead to the football field. These are emergency exits only.

Students attending after school events are expected to be spectators in the stands. Students are not to be roaming around the hallway or areas outside of the gymnasium. These areas, including the covered play area, are off-limits to student activities during our games. Skateboarding and riding bicycles are also prohibited in these areas when after school events are taking place.

Again, we appreciate student spectators at our after-school athletic events. We expect our spectators to behave in a manner respectful of athletes and other spectators. Students and spectators unable to follow our guidelines will be removed from the event and restricted from after-school activities.