



Tuesday Take Home - October 11th, 2022

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Wednesday	October 19, 2022	Volleyball Game vs. Ron Russell	5:00PM
Wednesday	October 19, 2022	Fall Introductory Choir Concert @ Barlow HS	7:00 PM
Monday	October 24, 2022	Volleyball Game @ Floyd Light	5:00 PM
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	
Friday	October 28, 2022	Spirit Day - Costume Day!	*see below
Friday	October 28, 2022	Coffee with the Principal	9:15 AM

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!

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/>

PARENT TEACHER CLUB

The Parent Teacher Club of PTC will be meeting on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 PM. 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!

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.

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

DAILY ATTENDANCE AND NOTIFICATION

Gordon Russell Middle School continues to use an every period attendance system. This will not only allow us to more closely monitor students in the building, but will also enable us to communicate student attendance more effectively with families. We will be making calls to parents throughout the day to ensure an open line of communication while students are at school, or confirming that they have an excused absence.

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.

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

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.

STUDENT STORE

Our student store is now running with every Friday being available. Items will be .50¢ to \$1.00. There will be baked chips, rice krispy treats, the beloved freshly baked cookies and other “items for sale”. We would like to add days for opening. *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.