



Tuesday Take Home - October 4th, 2022

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Wednesday	October 5, 2022	Volleyball Game Vs Floyd Light	5:00 PM
Friday	October 7, 2022	Student Store Opens	Lunches
Monday	October 10, 2022	Volleyball Game Vs Dexter McCarty	5:00 PM
Wednesday	October 12, 2022	Volleyball Game Vs Reynolds	5:00 PM
Thursday	October 13, 2022	No School - Standards Assessment	
Friday	October 14, 2022	No School - Statewide Inservice	

STUDENT STORE

Big News, the PTC is planning to open our student store on Friday, October 7th. For now this is a limited opening with every Friday being open. 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.

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.

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

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Get your smiles ready! Picture retakes/missed photos will be taken on Thursday, October 28th. 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>

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.

SCHOOL WIDE BINDER SYSTEM

Organization is one of the most important parts of being an effective student. Management of time and energy and learning to set priorities can make the difference between success and failure at school. This year GRMS will be providing, teaching and promoting the uses of binders as an organizational tool. Teachers will use the binder as a part of instruction to better keep students organized and help them manage their time and energy. Thank you for your support in this area.

MEDICATION REMINDER!

School personnel may not give children medication without written permission from the parent/guardian and doctor. Parents must bring the medication to the school office and complete the required district form before the medication can be given. Students may never transport medication.

Prescription medication must be prepared and labeled by a pharmacist at the direction of a physician. The district requires a signed permission form and instructions from the student's parent, which includes: name of student, name of medication, route, dosage and frequency of administration will be needed.

Prescription medication must remain in the original container from the pharmacy or doctor's office. Nonprescription medication must be brought to school in original container or packaging and must follow recommended guidelines for dosage. Nonprescription medication means only commercially prepared, non-alcohol based medication to be taken during school hours that is necessary for the student to remain in school.

I LOVE U GUYS

The safety of your student/students at school is our number one priority. This past year our school district, along with our local fire and police departments, have adopted new protocols and procedures. The protocols were created by the "I Love u Guys" Foundation, which was developed following a fatal school shooting. It is becoming a standard regionally and nationally. The protocol's curriculum, materials and posters are free to download and duplicate. The protocol features four standard emergency responses: Lockdown, Secure, Hold, Evacuate, and Shelter. Your students will be given training on these protocols and an informational letter is attached.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

To ensure adequate coverage of the body at school and school activities, the following articles of clothing are not permitted:

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.

All decisions regarding inappropriate dress and/or grooming are at the complete discretion of the school administration.

We will work with our students to help them meet school expectations. We attempt to always interact

respectfully with each individual as we address concerns. We ask that parents support our efforts through regular discussions with students about school behavior and proper attire. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.