

ALL ABOUT GILES SCHOOL

Mission:

Inspiring Educational Excellence In A Nurturing Environment

Vision:

Our students are the focus of all we do at Norridge School District 80. The Student centered classroom will promote an independent, collaborative, and motivated learning environment. Our Administrators, Teachers, and Staff will set high standards in a safe, nurturing, and positive school environment which will prepare our graduates to take on their future with confidence.

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Phone numbers for the individual teachers will be sent home by the teachers, and they can also be found on the Giles website under the “staff directory”.

E-mail: Type the employee’s first initial and last name, followed by @norridge80.net
(example: Bob Biedke - bbiedke@norridge80.net)

School Hours

Fifth - Eighth Grades

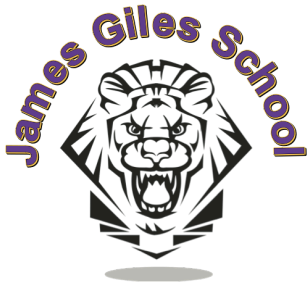
8:20 AM - 3:15 PM (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

8:20 AM - 2:35 PM (Wednesday)

8:10 AM - Cullom Gates Open

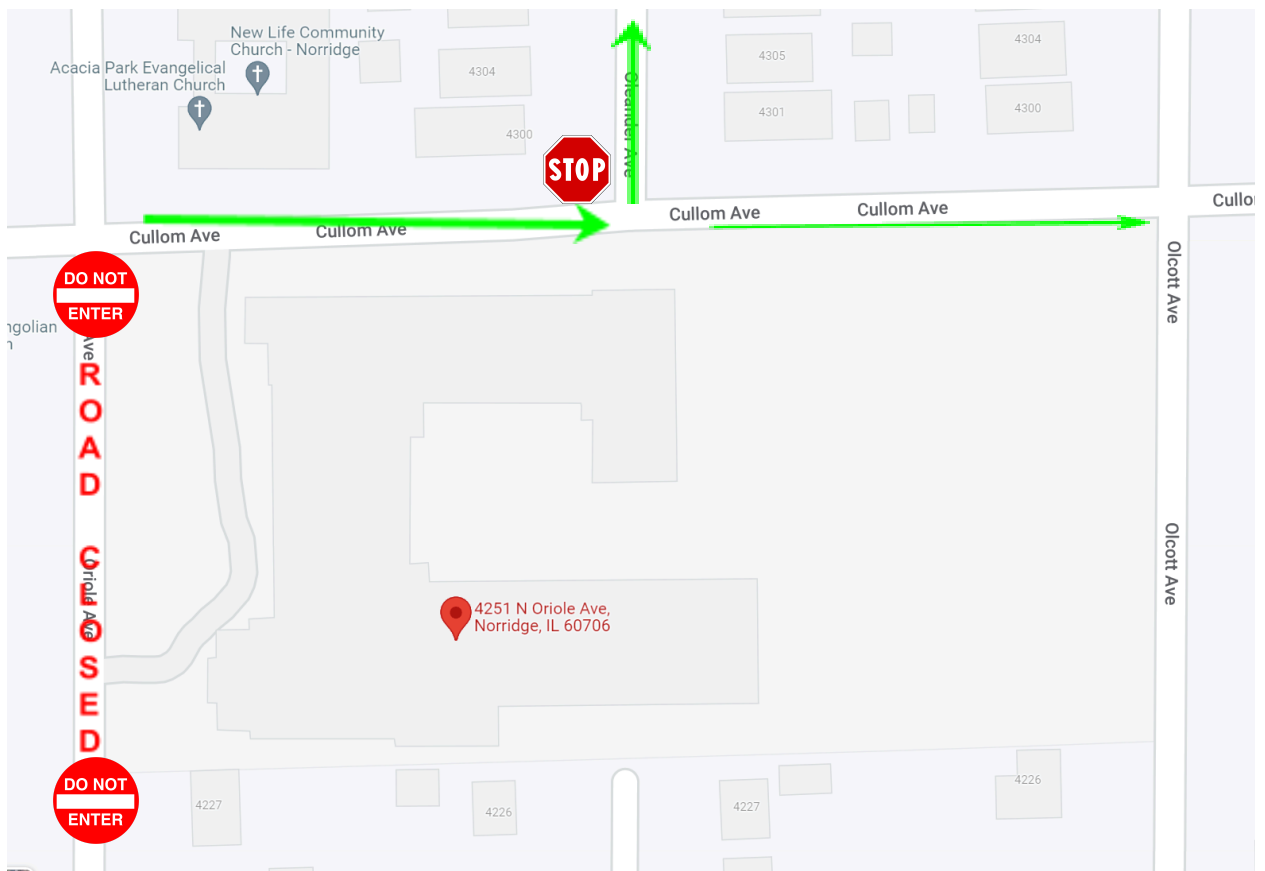
It is essential that all students are at school **on time** and picked up **on time**.

Late Arrivals **AFTER** 8:30 AM are to entrance through Entrance #2

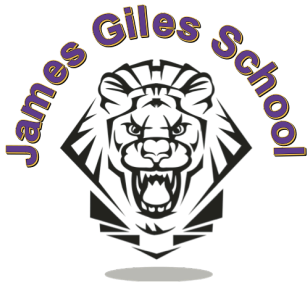


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- Cullom Avenue is one-way eastbound at both arrival and dismissal.
- Please come to a complete **STOP** at Cullom and Olender as students will be crossing the street at the crosswalks.
- Students should **NEVER** be let out of the vehicle while in the Cullom and Olender intersection.
- It is important that your child(ren) exit vehicles from the curbside only.
- Oriole Avenue is closed to traffic at both arrival and dismissal.
- Please use extreme caution when driving near the school as students will be riding bicycles or walking.



For safety reasons, please **DO NOT** drop off child(ren)ren before 8:10 am. At 8:10 am, the Cullom Avenue gates will open and staff will supervise students in the courtyard. Parents are **NOT** allowed past the gates during morning arrival and after school dismissal.



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On good weather days, students will line up outside of the building.

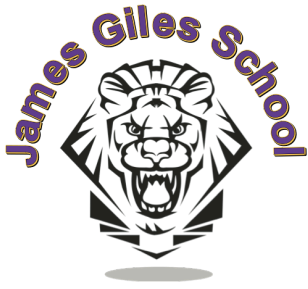
- **Gates will open at 8:10 am**
 - We do not have staff supervision until 8:10 am, please **DO NOT** drop your child(ren)ren off before then. If they walk independently, please make sure they leave at an appropriate time so they are not waiting outside.
- **Fifth - Eighth Grades enter and exit at the Cullom Gate in the back of the building.**
 - Fifth Grade - Enters/Exits Door #5
 - Sixth Grade - Enters/Exits Door #4
 - Seventh Grade - Enters/Exits Door #7
 - Eighth Grade - Enters/Exits Door #8

On inclement weather days (rain or extremely cold temperatures), students will enter the building as directed by staff.

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- Students will be permitted to enter the building and remain in the hallway at their designated location during inclement weather.

**Note: For the first few days of school, all teachers will be present in the courtyard assisting students with lining up. We request that you remain outside the gates during the transition into school, entrusting the teachers to take responsibility for your child(ren)'s entry to school. During the remainder of the school year, staff are assigned morning supervision to ensure a safe line-up in the morning.

Dismissal is at 3:15 pm for all students on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.



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Dismissal is at 2:35 pm for all students on Wednesday.

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds for the safety of the students.

School to Home Communication

Below are some of the many ways to learn about current happenings and service opportunities to connect with our community:

- **Website** (<https://giles.norridge80.net>): This website has a current school calendar and other school information.
- **Weekly Tracks** (<https://giles.norridge80.net/giles-weekly-tracks>): Weekly newsletter that is posted on our website and also emailed every Friday.
- **Email**: Very frequently we send emails with important information. Therefore, it is very important that we have your current and correct email address. If you have questions about updating your contact information, please contact Ms. Robles; mrobles@norridge80.net).

Ordering Gourmet Gorilla Lunch

- You must order lunch by the Tuesday of the week on the Gourmet gorilla website for your child(ren) to receive hot lunch at school. You can now order by the week or by the month.
- To order, please visit: <https://orders.gourmetgorilla.com/users/login/> and log in. If you have never ordered, please click “Register” and use the code GSO06 when prompted. That is GS [zero, zero] 6.

Lunch and Recess

- **Lunchroom Procedures**
 - Flexible Lunch Option
 - Students may sit anywhere (no restrictions unless a behavior issue)
 - Students must be in the lunch room for the first 15 minutes
 - After 15 minutes, students may choose to go outside for recess
 - Students wishing to stay inside may:
 - Socialize with peers
 - Complete school work
 - Read a book
 - May use Chromebook
 - Goals of Flexible Lunch Option



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- Reduce outside recess issues
- Eliminate wandering in the hallways
- Eliminate hanging out in a bathroom
- On rainy days or cold days, your child(ren) will stay inside during recess. However, students do play outside in cold weather unless the temperature goes below 17 degrees.
 - Please make sure that your child(ren) has the appropriate attire for winter weather: hats, mittens or gloves, boots, and snow pants (or a change of dry clothes).
- Please do not send sports equipment from home for recess time, we do have some equipment available for student use during recess.

Lunch & Recess Times

(Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri)		(Wednesday)	
Grade	Lunch/Recess	Grade	Lunch/Recess
8	11:27 am - 11:57 am	8	11:05 am - 11:35 am
7	11:27 am - 11:57 am	7	11:05 am - 11:35 am
6	11:57 am - 12:27 pm	6	11:35 am - 12:05 pm
5	11:57 am - 12:27 pm	5	11:35 am - 12:05 pm

Working Together to Solve School-related Challenges

If you have concerns involving your child(ren)'s classroom activities and educational experience, please communicate with the teacher first. If the concern is not resolved, feel free to contact Mr. Biedke or Mrs. Gulo.

Health Issues

The Health Office is located in the administration office at Giles. Our school nurse **Mrs. Cozzone** works to assist the community with a variety of health related issues. A comprehensive list of health requirements and district health policies are located on the District's website: www.norridge80.net.

When you register your child(ren) in District 80, we ask that you provide us with two emergency telephone numbers other than your contact number. We will attempt to call you first if your child(ren) becomes sick or sustains an injury at school. If your work or home telephone numbers change, or if your emergency contact changes, please let us know as soon as possible so we can update the numbers in our system.

Areas to Store Student Belongings



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Each student has a designated area in the classroom to store coats and other necessary items. Students do not have lockers. Please don't send anything to school that is valuable to you or your child(ren). There is nowhere to store valuable items to ensure their safety and the school cannot be responsible for these items. Additionally, storage space is limited, so make sure your child(ren) only brings what they need. For questions relating to this, please contact your child(ren)'s advisory teacher.

Attendance

If your child(ren) is going to be absent or significantly late, call the Attendance Line number by calling the school at 708-453-4847, and then follow the prompts. All of the important numbers are listed on the Giles School website.

If your child(ren) is/are tardy, they should report to the office first to receive a late pass. Then they can proceed to the classroom. Please make every effort to have your child(ren) at school on time. The first few minutes of the day are extremely important in setting a tone and purpose for the entire day.

Please try to be mindful of our school calendar while in the process of planning for any family trips or vacations. In addition to the daily learning that will be missed, students also participate in a variety of assessments geared to support their learning throughout the year. When child(ren) miss these testing periods, it makes it more challenging to monitor and support their academic progress.

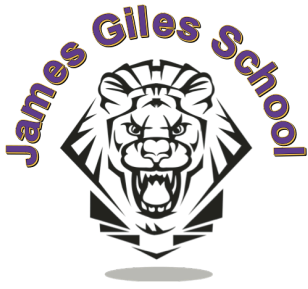
Cell Phones

Cell phones are permissible so that child(ren) can contact parents/guardians **after** school hours. Phone use is **not allowed** for any reason during school hours and phones must remain off during school hours. Giles School staff will not be responsible for lost or stolen phones. Phones ringing or being used **for any reason** during the school day will be held by school employees to be returned to the parent directly.

Visitors

If you need to visit the school, or may be volunteering for a school event, please enter the school at entrance #2 and sign in and get a visitor badge. You will be buzzed through the office doors into the main office. Norridge School District 80 requires that parents and any other visitors submit a photo ID to the office to be scanned through the Raptor system. Visitors should always leave the building, through the entrance they arrived, as well.

If you are dropping something off or need to get a message to your child(ren), come to entrance #2; the main office. We will make that delivery during an appropriate time or call your child(ren) down to the main office to see you. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with our efforts to eliminate classroom disruptions and to ensure the highest level of student learning and engagement during school hours.



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Leaving Messages for Students (i.e. change of plans)

Occasionally, you may have to call the office to leave a message for your child(ren) about a change of plans or an emergency. Please make every effort to call the school as early as possible and **at least 15 minutes before dismissal.**

Back to School / Curriculum Night and Other Activities

Back to School / Curriculum Night will take place on Thursday, September 5, 2024. Additional information will be posted in the Giles weekly tracks. This is a time for you to meet your child(ren)'s teacher and to learn about the curriculum and our standards. Throughout the year, there will be many opportunities for you and your child(ren) to develop new friendships with other Giles families. Events are listed on the Giles calendar and flyers will be sent home in advance to remind parents.

PowerSchool

PowerSchool is our School Information System. During registration, please make sure you provide the correct contact information so that the school can properly communicate your child's academic progress throughout the year.

Mastery Connect

MasteryConnect is our grading platform. All students have access to their MasteryConnect information. There is a letter that parents can get from the office to set up an account with MasteryConnect.

In Norridge School District 80, we use Evidence Based Grade (EBG) also known as Standards Based Grading. Evidence Based Grading (EBG) allows each student to receive an accurate report of his/her current level of learning in relation to specific standards for each subject.

- It gives grades meaning and provides specific, actionable feedback.
- It helps teachers adjust instruction to individuals.
- It builds persistence/grit into the system; forces students to focus on learning.
- It helps align and adjust curriculum.
- It raises rigor and better defines excellence.
- It is more fair for all learners.

Why does Norridge District 80 use Evidence Based Grading?

- More accurate and meaningful feedback for parents and students.
- Separating achievement from work habits.
- Improves the use of data to drive instruction.
- Aligned to current Illinois Learning Standards in all subjects.



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PBIS

- Giles School awards students for positive behavior through a digital platform.
- Students earn points for following expected building and classroom expectations.
- Students Reporting terms for Giles School:
 - Meets: Solid knowledge and understanding of standard. (Green)
 - Developing: Demonstrates progress toward grade level standard. (Yellow)
 - Beginning: Showing minimal progress toward grade level standard. (Red)
- may use their points to purchase items at the GilesMade School Store or through their classroom teachers store.
- PBIS Rewards allows for 360 degrees of communication between school and home.
- Parents may sign up through the parent portal. (Advisory teacher will share QR code to parents)

Referrals

- Giles School utilizes an advanced referral system for majors and minors.
- Parents will receive notification (if signed up with the program)
- Minors are real-time. Please do not call the teacher during the day as the classroom teacher will be teaching and is unable to speak with parents until their prep or after school.
- Majors are processed through the Assistant Principal's Office.

PRIDE and GilesMade

- Giles School uses the following to teach proper social and emotional expectations:
 - Positive, Respectful/Responsible, Inclusive, Determined and Engaged
 - GilesMade is following all expectations in the building, in the classroom and within the community.