

# Giles Helpful Hints for Parents

## **Morning / After-School Drop-Off:**

Oriole Ave. in front of the school is closed to all vehicular traffic. When dropping your child off at school, all vehicles must drive SLOWLY on Cullom Ave. heading East. To ensure a safe and timely drop-off, I request that parents let their children out at the drop off zone. Students MUST exit the curb side only and walk to the sidewalk. Vehicles should ALWAYS stop at the stop sign and NEVER stop in the crosswalk. Please obey the crossing guard at all times. Once you have come to a complete stop at the stop sign, vehicles may continue driving east on Cullom Ave. or turn left on Oleander Ave. heading North towards Montrose Ave.

If you drop your child off at Berteau Ave. and Oleander Ave. please note that Oleander Ave. is closed to all traffic during morning/afternoon drop-off times. We thank you for your cooperation. Please review a map below in the weekly tracks.

## **Backpacks:**

Students should only carry the following items in their backpacks: Chromebook, notebooks, paper, folders, pens and pencils. Student textbooks for ELA and Math will not be brought home. Textbooks will remain in the students ELA and Math classroom for use each day. Students have access to a digital copy of the textbook online. School supplies will be left in the students' advisory classroom. Teachers will provide advance notice if students need specific supplies for a class project. Students should not be carrying everything throughout the day. All students have personal space in their advisory classroom to hold all supplies.

## **Bicycles:**

Students that ride their bicycles to school MUST observe all village traffic ordinances. Students should ride their bikes on the sidewalk and remain off the streets. When crossing at intersections, please ride slowly and look both ways before crossing. Once a student arrives on campus, they MUST walk their bicycles to the bike rack. It is very important that all students lock their bicycles up.

## **Attendance and Tardies:**

Attendance and learning are key ingredients to educational success. Students should be in school everyday. This year, attendance and arriving on time are goals that we are working on this school year as described in the school improvement plan. Families should refrain from taking vacations during the school year. This year the administration will be watching for trends taking place that result in students not being in school. Please review the Parent/Student Handbook for additional information. Students not in school may receive consequences. Your

cooperation regarding attendance and tardies is much appreciated. If your child is sick and unable to attend, please notify the school Attendance Office at 708-453-4847. Parents may call at any time and leave a voicemail message. When calling in, please clearly state your child(rens) name, including the spelling along with the parent calling in. Please share the reason for the absence along with any additional information.

### **Gourmet Gorilla Lunch Service:**

Students wishing to purchase a school lunch may do so by ordering online at the Gourmet Gorilla website using the Giles School Code: GS006. All orders for the following week **MUST** be placed each Tuesday by midnight the latest. Payments may be made on Push-Coin. Additional information is located on the Gourmet Gorilla flier found in this newsletter.

### **Cell Phone Policy:**

Cell phones **MUST** remain off and away during the day in the students backpack. Any student found in violation of this policy will result in the cell phone being confiscated by the teacher and delivered to the Principal's Office. The teacher will contact the parent to pick up the phone at Giles School. Students are reminded of this policy each day and therefore, if a student is found in violation, it will result in loss of the cell phone. Please understand that cell phones cause a distraction to the learning environment. If a student needs to contact a parent, they may always use a school phone to call a parent. Your cooperation on the cell phone policy is much appreciated.

### **Chromebooks:**

Norridge School District 80 is a 1:1 chromebook district. This means each student receives a chromebook, case and a charger. The chromebooks are property of Norridge School District 80. Please discuss with your child the importance of taking care of their device. Any intentional damage to the chromebook will result in consequences along with an invoice being emailed home for damages. Chromebooks are expensive and therefore must be treated with respect. Students should **NEVER** remove a case attached to the chromebook. Students should **NEVER** walk in class or in the hallway with an open computer being held with one hand. Students should close their chromebook when stepping away from their device. Chromebooks are monitored at all times. Any inappropriate use will result in a discussion with administration and possible consequences.

### **Communication:**

If you have questions regarding your child's education, please reach out to the advisory or subject-level teacher for additional information. It is important for parents and teachers to partner together to support each student's learning. Parents are encouraged to email or contact by phone. Teachers will respond within 24 hours. Mrs. Gulo - Assistant Principal and I are here

to support you as well. If you have a question or need to share important information with us, please do not hesitate to reach out.