

Good evening, Tigers this is Mr. W, principal of Kiser Middle School, with some important updates for the upcoming week.

The January PTA Meeting will be on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the media center.

The end of the grading period is quickly approaching, so please encourage your student to make sure all work, assignments, projects, etc....are getting completed and turned into the classroom teacher. The last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grading period is Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. All students will take their Reading Benchmark Interim Assessment on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in their ELA core class. Please encourage your student to do their best work on the interim assessment on Tuesday.

There will be an after-school dance sponsored by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as an Outer Banks Field Trip fundraiser on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30pm in the Kiser gym. Tickets for the dance will be \$5, which includes admission to the dance and a snack and drink at the dance. Tickets will be on sale Monday through Thursday, and only students who purchased a ticket will be allowed to stay for the dance. All students must have a ride at 5:30pm. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be picked up from behind the cafeteria and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be dismissed from the car rider line.

#### Rising 9th Grade HS Options Info Night

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents, please plan to join us on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7pm on Google Meets to hear about different high school options including having an opportunity to hear from Mr. Barnard, Grimsley I/B Coordinator, so you can be prepared for when the GCS School Choice Application period opens later that week. The link will be provided with communication when we return from winter break.

Tuesday, January 9 · 6:00 – 7:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/kde-evtn-xue>

Or dial: (US) +1 585-532-5348 PIN: 287 127 687#

Beginning Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, the construction company is going to begin utility work for the new building along Campus Dr. The utility work is going to temporarily close one lane of traffic in sections as they install the new utility along Campus Dr. Please be aware of the impacted lane closure and know that it may have an impact on the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. The first section will be closed at the corner of Campus Dr. and Josephine Blvd.

Any student who is interested Sharon Graeber, local architect and painter, is hosting free design workshops on Saturdays for middle school students in January. Mrs. Graeber is a Greensboro native and is also a member of the design team for the new Kiser Middle School building. Please see the attached flyer if your student is you are interested in attending her sessions.

GCS Winter Break Reading Challenge will be available for students to log their minutes read throughout the winter break in the BeanStack App which is found in Clever. Students who read for 300 minutes will receive complimentary tickets to a UNCG basketball game in January or February. Please log your minutes by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Kiser Yearbook is on sale now at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com) for \$35. Be sure to reserve a copy for your student now for the end of the year. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents, you can find information on the same website for ordering a shoutout for your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student for the end of the year to be included in the yearbook!

Final field trip payments for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outer Banks field trip are due on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Payments can be made on K12 Payment center which is linked below.

Note from Mrs. Ingram: Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Students –

**High School Options Important Dates:**

- Student session – December 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in media center at lunch, use sign up link
- Parent session – week of January 8<sup>th</sup> virtually (see information above!)
- GCS School Choice Application Period – January 12 through February 23
- GCS Showcase of all Programs – January 31 at the Coliseum
- Tuesday Tours at Program site – February 6, 13, 20
- Parent Notifications – April 19
- Accept/Decline Offers by - April 26
- Students should use the link below to sign up! This link is also posted on my Canvas page under announcements. Students who sign up will receive a pass to attend the session, the day before. If these two sessions fill up, I will host a third one. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BADAD29A75-46290348-high>

Looking forward to working with your students as they prepare for high school!

**Save the Dates and Events:**

- Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> Boys and Girls Basketball v. Jamestown Middle School (home) 4:45pm & 6pm
- Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> Wrestling @Jamestown Middle School (away) 5pm
- Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> Boys and Girls Basketball v. Southwest Middle (home) 4:45pm & 6pm
- Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> Wrestling @Southwest Middle (away) 5pm

**Quick Links**

- GCS Student & Family Handbook Link: <https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/56547>
- Kiser PTA Website: [Kiser PTA](#)

- Athletic Forms Link [Sports Forms / Forms- Physical, Concussion, Fees and more \(gcsnc.com\)](https://gcsnc.com/SportsForms/Forms-PhysicalConcussionFeesandmore)
- Bus Transportation Request Link [Transportation / Requesting Transportation \(gcsnc.com\)](https://gcsnc.com/Transportation/RequestingTransportation)
- Volunteer Registration Link: [GCS Volunteer Registration Login \(gcsvolunteers.com\)](https://gcsvolunteers.com/GCSVolunteerRegistrationLogin)
- Free/Reduced Lunch Form [LunchApplication.com](https://LunchApplication.com)
- K12 Payment Center Link: [Online School Payments for K-12 | K12 PaymentCenter](https://OnlineSchoolPaymentsforK-12.K12PaymentCenter)

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