

Good evening Tigers this is Mr. W, principal of Kiser Middle School, with several announcements for the upcoming week!

The first day of school for students is Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Student schedules and welcome letters were mailed on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> for all students who completed a SchoolMint registration before August 5<sup>th</sup>. Students who registered between August 5<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> will pick up their schedule at Open House. We will also email the schedule through PowerSchool as well similar to how report cards were delivered during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of last school year.

We are excited to welcome our students and families on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> for Open House. Our goal is to provide everyone an opportunity to meet their teachers, and for our new students to begin to get comfortable with the building as safely as possible. The Open House will be staggered by alphabet with the times listed below to reduce the number of people in the building at one time, and we also encourage families to limit the number of people that come with your student. Students and families should bring their schedule and report to the doors leading into each grade level wing from the car rider line, which is in the back of the building down the driveway across from the Grimsley tennis courts. We encourage our families to park in the Grimsley High School football stadium parking lot and walk down the driveway to where we will have our registration tables setup. We will have a registration table at each door and only those students whose last name is scheduled during that time will be permitted to enter the building. At the end of each time slot we are asking students and families to exit the doors between the gym and cafeteria, front office, or side exits to cut down on the number of people at the registration doors. Also, everyone must have a mask on for all events at school regardless of vaccination status. There will be representatives from the PTA, district transportation, athletics, and the office staff to help with any registration questions in the Kiser courtyard. Here is a bulleted list of things to remember for Open House:

- Open House Times by Alphabet on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>:
  - Students Last Name A – F 5pm
  - Students Last Name G – O 5:45pm
  - Students Last Name P – Z 6:30pm
- Parking in the football stadium.
- All individuals must have a mask to enter the building.
- Bring your student's schedule to the registration table for that grade level (6<sup>th</sup> Grade – A-wing; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – C-wing; 8<sup>th</sup> grade – B-wing)
- Visit Core and Encore classrooms and find QR codes for more information about teachers and teams.
- Complete important information links provided.
- Visit the courtyard for information on transportation, athletics, and PTA
- Visit the front office if you need to submit a medication authorization form.

Back to School Parent Question & Answer Session Zoom Meeting – Any parent that either can't make it to Open House or feels more comfortable can join me on Zoom on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for a chance to ask questions about school opening. Click here to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82501589985?pwd=dkJRek5hUHdYWWhF1a0pzaFFmaXJzZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 0158 9985

Passcode: BX8QN3

District transportation plans to publish the details and the bus stop times and locations on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents and students can download the Here Comes the Bus app and help track the school bus location and provide actual arrival times for your student. Click on the link here for more information:

<https://www.gcsnc.com/site/Default.aspx?PageID=63192>

6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parents, we are excited to have several new course offerings for students who are interested. We will now be offering Intro to American Sign Language (ASL) for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Beginning ASL and Beginning Latin for any 8<sup>th</sup> graders who did not take ASL or Latin 1A last year. Please note these courses are not for high school credit however they will give your student a chance to explore the language to see if it is something they would like to pursue further. Reminder for 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents that High School credit can be achieved by taking ASL 1A and 1B or Latin 1A and B in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please complete the link below as soon as possible to indicate which class your student is interested in. It will also be helpful if you list the class your student would like to drop. This form is only to be used for the above classes, it is not for other schedule changes. <https://forms.gle/v9UHC1oGBUVcuupp9>

Optional summer workouts for football will continue on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm on the lower athletic field. All students interested in participating in middle school sports this upcoming year should make sure they have an updated physical and concussion form completed on the new forms. Also, the Board of Education passed a resolution for the upcoming athletic seasons that all unvaccinated players will be required to get a Covid test weekly in order to participate; however, in order to prevent your student from having to quarantine from potential exposure or having to test weekly I encourage families to consider getting vaccinated.

Thank you to all the Kiser PTA families and Alumni members that came out on Saturday to help us with our campus beautification and spending time getting our school ready for our students to return.

Students who read throughout the summer are encouraged to submit their summer reading logs to Mrs. Wasserman in order to receive their incentive from Kersey Valley!! The reading log is attached to the email, or will be posted in Canvas for students on the Kiser Media Center page.

Click here to submit a Lunch Application for the upcoming year, <https://www.lunchapplication.com/>

Rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will need to make sure they have submitted documentation for the required 7<sup>th</sup> grade immunizations. . [Click here for more details](#)

Thank you, and have a wonderful evening.

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