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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year at Guinyard-Butler Middle School! We are so excited to have your child on campus this school year and have great expectations for their growth and success. Your child and your family are valued members of the Guinyard-Butler Middle School community. You will be invited to participate in parent teacher conferences, the School Improvement Council, parent surveys and family nights. Additionally, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to discuss any concerns or suggestions you may have. We look forward to partnering with you to ensure the success of our children. Listed below are some updates regarding school expectations and procedures.

1. **Student arrival time:** Students are permitted to enter the school building @ 7:20 a.m. Students should not be dropped off to school before 7:20 a.m. Between 7:20 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. students must enter the campus on the cafeteria side of the school building. Students arriving after 7:45 a.m. are considered tardy and must report to the main office **with a parent or guardian to be signed in**. Please do not drop your child off at the front door.
2. **Walkers:** Students designated as walkers should walk from their house to school. Parents should not park along the roadside across from the school to drop off or pick up students. Also, please do not park in the funeral home parking lot or use the funeral home road as a drive thru.
3. **Car Rider Drop off and Pick up Procedures:** The gate to the student drop-off area will open at 7:20 a.m. each school day. As safely as possible, please take your place in the car line on the school side of Allen St.
 - **Please avoid making a “U-Turn” on Allen Street. Due to safety concerns, please do not make a left turn into the horseshoe Drop-Off area when other vehicles are present.**
 - Once your vehicle comes to a complete stop in the horseshoe, please have your child ready to exit the vehicle safely.
 - When possible, please pull your vehicle up to the STOP sign in the horseshoe to increase available space. Please allow your child to exit the vehicle on the right side of the car nearest the sidewalk.
 - Please be cautious as you maneuver in and out of the car line and horseshoe. Be sure to lookout for pedestrians and sudden stops. Take extra caution when inclement weather is present.
 - Dismissal from school will be conducted via the PikMyKid program. Car riders and walkers will be dismissed via their assigned number. Please have your child’s student ID tag visible on your car dashboard to ensure efficient dismissal.

4. **Transportation Changes:** To minimize classroom disruptions, please avoid early dismissals after 2:00 p.m. whenever possible. Please contact Mrs. Veronica Gadson at 803-541-1371 to arrange dismissals as necessary. Please send a signed parent note **with a phone number** for transportation changes or for permission to walk.
5. **Dress Code:** Please ensure your child follows the school dress code by avoiding... overly tight or short skirts, shorts, skorts, or dresses. Please do not send your child to school wearing athletic shorts or pants with holes above the knee. Age-appropriate length of clothing as determined for GBMS is 2 inches above the knee.
6. **Breakfast/Lunch Items:** Students are permitted to bring breakfast and/or lunch items from home to be eaten in the cafeteria. However, during the 26-27 school year, GBMS will not be accepting food deliveries for students. To maintain a consistent and secure school environment, parents may not deliver lunches, birthday meals, treats, or gifts to students during the school day.
7. **Badges and Temporary Badges:** All students will be issued a district issued badge. Students are required to wear their GBMS badge visible on a lanyard around their necks. These badges should never be tucked in pockets or inside of their clothing. Students are not permitted to cover their picture or deface the badge in any way. Students will be required to purchase another badge if theirs is destroyed or lost. Replacement cost for the district issued badge is \$6, \$1 for the lanyard and \$1 for the badge protector. Students who do not wear their badge to school will be issued a temporary badge at the cost of \$1 per temporary badge. Students who are unable to pay at the time a replacement or temporary badge is issued will receive a bill with their report card.
8. **Chromebooks and Internet Usage:** Each student will be issued a **NEW Chromebook and charger to use for the 26-27 school year. Each student is responsible for the care of the device, the case, and the charger.**
 - If **any part** is damaged, a replacement fee of \$250 may be charged.
 - A student with keyboard damage will be charged \$75.
 - Students and parents are also required to sign the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and pay a \$25 technology usage fee for the school year. The \$25 technology usage fee is **not insurance**.
 - Students should not place stickers on the Chromebooks.
 - If a student misuses the device and/or their student account, administration has the right to search, confiscate devices, and freeze their account. Students who are involved in disciplinary issues with technology may be required to complete their assignments via paper and pencil.
9. **Student Handbooks:** Students will receive an agenda that contains an abbreviated version of the handbook that contains rules and expectations. For a full copy of the handbook, please visit <https://gbms.bcsd.net/>.

Once again, welcome to the 2026-2027 school year at GBMS, home of the Warponies! We are honored to work with you to ensure our students have exceptional educational opportunities so that they will have options for the future. By working together, we can ensure every student has a successful and rewarding school year.

Sincerely,

Ms. HYWilliams