



Student Summer Newsletter - 2021 - 2022

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UPDATE

As we continue to plan for students' return to school, information is changing quickly. Please see the **highlights** below to update you on the latest information about returning to school.

WELCOME BACK UPDATE

With school right around the corner, we wanted to make sure you had the latest updates. We look forward to seeing your students in person. We are planning a more typical in-person experience this school year with a 7 period day and regular start and end times of 9:05am and 3:35pm. We cannot wait to welcome our students back.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As of right now, masks will be required for all students, staff and visitors inside of the school building. In addition, enhanced cleaning protocols will be in place, and hand sanitation stations will be positioned across the building.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This year Gresham-Barlow School District will provide all consumable school supplies at no cost for families. On the first day of school all GRMS students will be receiving; A binder, pencil pouch, dividers, paper, pencils, pens, etc. Students will receive everything they need for their classes. This does not include a backpack.

BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE (Canceled)
Unfortunately, the latest guidelines means we are having to cancel this public event.

~~With a new school year, and many of our students not having seen the inside of the building, we wanted to host our open house prior to school~~

~~starting. All families are encouraged to attend our back to school open house on September 1st, from 6:00-7:30p.m. Please wear masks to the event.~~

BUILDING TOURS

Instead of Open House, we will be offering school building tours by appointment. Feel free to call the front office between 8-4 this week and next to schedule a time for your student to walk the halls of the building. We will have limited staff(not everyone is back) available to answer questions. Call 503-667-6900 to schedule your tour.

TECHNOLOGY

This year, like last, students will have the opportunity to use a district issued Chromebook. Most incoming 7th and 8th graders should still have them from last year. Incoming 6th graders and 7th and 8th graders without a currently assigned computer will receive one on the first day of school.

1st DAY OF SCHOOL

September 7th- 6th Grade

September 8th - 7th and 8th Grade (All students)

We are working hard to complete student schedules. They will be available prior to the first day of school and visible in StudentVue or ParentVue. You will receive a notification when student schedules are available.

Attached is a copy of the Middle School "bell" schedule.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND VERIFICATION

We wanted to remind you that Parent Verification for the 2021-2022 School Year will open August 23rd, 2021.

Before the beginning of every school year, we request that parents/guardians review and/or update their family and student information.

Keeping your family's information up to date is crucial to receiving timely communication from Gresham-Barlow School District and ensures that you can be contacted in case of an emergency. This year all updates can be done online through your ParentVUE account. After logging in to ParentVUE, click on the "Online Registration" tab in the top right-hand corner to start the verification process.

ParentVue is a tool with our student information system that will allow parents to access their student(s) ongoing progress and final grades, current attendance reports, and have the ability to update demographic data (i.e. address, phone, etc.). Parents or guardians should have an access code, but if you do not please call the main school office number at 503-667-6900 for an activation code.

SCHOOL OFFICE PHONE HOURS

8:00 am - 4:00 pm School Days

The GRMS building is open to the public beginning the week of August 23rd.

SCHOOL/PARENT COMMUNICATION

The Tuesday Take-Home is a weekly newsletter that will be sent electronically on every Tuesday of the school year. The Tuesday Take-Home highlights events, procedures, PTC information, and occasionally has important items attached. Copies of the TTH can be found on our webpage under "Our School".

The **GRMS website** is an online resource that includes information from both of our newsletters,

as well as other school-related information.
<http://russell.gresham.k12.or.us>

GRMS is also on **Social Media**.

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GRMSTBirds>

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MEAL INFORMATION/FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS* (Please use link below)

<https://www.gresham.k12.or.us/domain/41>

****Applications must be completed every school year to maintain enrollment in the federal program.***

CLOSING COMMENTS

I am extremely excited for the upcoming school year. Gordon Russell is a quality school with a staff that is committed to providing an outstanding middle school experience. There is an authentic belief that all students will succeed and I am proud to be part of this community. I look forward to partnering with you all for the 2021-2022 school year to make it a great experience for all.

Sincerely,

Rolland Hayden
Principal

M, T, TR, F Schedule 2021-22			
6th Grade		7/8 Grade	
Period 1	9:05-9:50	Period 1	9:05-9:50
Period 2	9:54-10:39	Period 2	9:54-10:39
Period 3	10:43-11:28	Period 3	10:43-11:28
Period 4 * Includes Advisory	11:32-12:30	Lunch/Recess	8th Grade Lunch: 11:33-11:48 Recess 11:48-12:03
			7th Grade Recess: 11:33-11:48 Lunch: 11:48-12:03
Lunch/Recess	6th Grade West Wing Lunch: 12:35-12:50 Recess 12:50-1:05	Period 4 * Includes Advisory	12:08-1:06
	6th Grade Explorers Recess: 12:35-12:50 Lunch: 12:50-1:05		
Period 5	1:10-1:55	Period 5	1:10-1:55
Period 6	1:59-2:45	Period 6	1:59-2:45
Period 7	2:49-3:35	Period 7	2:49-3:35

Wednesday Schedule 2021-22			
6th Grade		7/8 Grade	
Period 1	10:05-10:47	Period 1	10:05-10:47
Period 2	10:51-11:29	Period 2	10:51-11:29
Period 3	11:33-12:11	Period 3	11:33-12:11
Lunch/Recess	6th Grade West Wing Lunch: 12:16-12:31 Recess 12:31-12:46	Period 4	12:15-12:53
	6th Grade Explorers Recess: 12:16-12:31 Lunch: 12:31-12:46		
Period 4	12:51-1:29	Lunch/Recess	8th Grade Lunch: 12:58-1:13 Recess 1:13-1:28
			7th Grade Recess: 12:58-1:13 Lunch: 1:13-1:28
Period 5	1:33-2:11	Period 5	1:33-2:11
Period 6	2:15-2:53	Period 6	2:15-2:53
Period 7	2:57-3:35	Period 7	2:57-3:35