



Thunderbird Take Home - 10/2/2020

Gordon Russell Middle School Phone: 503-667-6900

Office Phone Hours: 8:00 - 4:00 Web Address: <http://russell.gresham.k12.or.us>

 <https://twitter.com/GRMSTBirds>

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Monday	October 5, 2020	Math Diagnostics Begin (see information below)
Wednesday	October 7, 2020	No Advisory - Students to Complete IReady Diagnostic Grading Day Progress Report
Thursday	October 8, 2020	No School - CANVAS Inservice Day
Friday	October 9, 2020	No School - Statewide Teacher Inservice
Monday	October 12, 2020	Reading Diagnostics Begin (see information below)

GREAT START

It has been a great start! It has been wonderful visiting our live classes. Students and teachers are excited to see each other again and get back to a routine. We have had 94% attendance since the start of the year, which is comparable to in person school. Thank you parents for the big effort in making sure your students are making it to their classes everyday. I'm very proud to be part of the GMRS community. -Mr. Hayden

SCHOOL SUPPLY PACKETS

During last week's Drive-Thru Open House, 201 sixth graders, 218 seventh graders, and 228 eighth graders came through to say hi to staff members and pick up their school supplies.

That means that we still have supplies left over for pick up.

6th grade = supplies + math book

7th grade = supplies + math book

8th grade = supplies + math book + science packet

Additionally, supplies for Band, Choir, and Art should be picked up if you have those electives.

Please call the Front Office at 503-667-6900 to make an appointment. Supplies can only be picked up through appointment.

FALL DIAGNOSTIC READING/MATH

iReady Diagnostic: Math diagnostics will begin on October 5th and Reading on October 12th. Please review the Diagnostic flyers, provided below. There you will find the parent video and technical troubleshooting.

1. [Parent Flyer - English](#)
2. [Parent Flyer - Spanish](#)

TECHNOLOGY PROBLEMS

Call the Family Tech Support phone number for any questions at 503-258-4733. If you leave a voicemail someone will call you back as soon as possible. We suggest calling during Tech's office hours from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

SCHOOL OFFICE PHONE HOURS

8:00 am - 4:00 pm School Days

The GRMS building is closed to the public. If you feel there is a need to come to the building, please contact the front office to schedule an appointment. For the safety of our staff, do not drop by the school without an appointment

PARENTVUE(Grade Checks/Attendance)

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.

TECHNOLOGY PICKUP

If you were unable to pickup a district chromebook from the device pickup, you can call the front office and schedule an appointment for pickup.

It is strongly recommended that all students use a district-issued device. Security, firewalls, software, and other things are guaranteed when our devices are used.

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**.

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Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/gordonrussellthunderbirds>

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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.***

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

In a digital environment, it is important to remember ways to maximize the time spent online.

Tips for Being Successful

- Be Prepared (remember to charge devices at night and have class materials ready)
- Stay On Task (avoid distractions and give your full attention to the class)
- Be Visible

- Mute your microphone when starting a class meeting. Turn it on when needed.
- Use appropriate language when speaking
- Wear school appropriate clothing
- Academic Integrity-avoid plagiarism, copying, or turning in work that is not your own.
- Report any problems immediately to an adult

We support our students' right to free expression and the right to dress in a comfortable manner. It is critical to keep in mind that we are a public school and an academic setting.

ONLINE SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2020-2021

Horario Middle School	Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri Student	Wednesday Student
Advisory 8:30-8:55 (25 min)	Advisory Live lessons & check-in	Advisory Live lessons & check-in
Period 1 9:00-9:50 (50 min)	Period 1 Live lessons & check-in (Approx. 30 min of live instruction, 20 min small groups and/or independent classwork)	45 minutes of iReady Math 45 minutes of iReady Reading
Period 2 9:55-10:45 (50 min)	Period 2 Live lessons & check-in (Approx. 30 min of live instruction, 20 min small groups and/or independent classwork)	
10:45-11:25 (40 min)	LUNCH	LUNCH
11:25-12:15 (50 min)	Extra time for classwork	Teacher office hours 12:40-1:10
Period 3 12:15-1:05 (50 min)	Period 3 Live lessons & check-in (Approx. 30 min of live instruction, 20 min small groups and/or independent classwork)	Time for assigned classwork
Period 4 1:10-2:00 (50 min)	Period 4 Live lessons & check-in (Approx. 30 min of live instruction, 20 min small groups and/or independent classwork)	
Period 5 2:05-2:55 (50 min)	Period 5 Live lessons & check-in (Approx. 30 min of live instruction, 20 min small groups and/or independent classwork)	

Student engagement (attendance) info for families

FALL 2020

Attendance during online learning is very important for your student's academic success and connections with peers. In accordance with ODE guidelines, attendance will be taken on a daily basis for each scheduled class. ***Daily participation is expected in online face-to-face class sessions.***

Please contact your school main office if your student is not able to participate during a daily face-to-face session.

If your student is unable to attend the face-to-face session on a given day, here are other ways they can be marked as attending:

1. Watching a recorded lesson and then completing the work that goes along with it later that same day.
2. Communicating with the teacher via email, phone call, chat, or text message (two-way). If your student is in grades K-5 and possibly 6-8, this communication will count if it is between parent and teacher.
3. Posting completed work online.

For a student to be marked present, they must participate in one of the above ways during the 24 hours (12:01 a.m.-11:59 p.m.) for each scheduled class.

If grades K-5: If your student is marked absent for 3 or more consecutive days, a staff member will be contacting your family to see how the school can support your student's attendance.

If grades 6-8: If your student is marked absent for 3 consecutive days, you will receive an automated phone call from your school. If your student is absent for more than 3 consecutive days, you may be contacted by a staff member to see how the school can support your student's attendance.

If grades 9-12: If your student is marked absent for any single period of a day, you will receive an automated phone call. If your student is absent for more than one day, you may be contacted by a staff member to see how the school can support your student's attendance.



Grab-and-Go Meals

Monday to Friday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Free & Reduced Meal Qualification:

Students whose families receive Basic Food Assistance, SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid automatically qualify for free and reduced meals. Nutrition Services gets daily reports from the state to ensure we are matching all family members in the household for approval. Nutrition Services staff will communicate with families regarding status changes and qualification by letter, email, and phone calls.



Free & Reduced Meal Applications:

Applications are required at the start of each school year to continue the free & reduced status from last year.

English Application:

<https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp>

Spanish Application:

<https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/FRLApp/?Length=2>

Applications can also be picked up at the Nutrition Services Office (1505 NW Eastman Pkwy, Gresham).

Applications MUST be completed by October 26, 2020. If a new application is not received by October 26, students will default to 'paid' status and will be required to pay full price for meals once the emergency feeding program ends in December.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the GBSD Nutrition Services Office at (503) 261-4590.

Feeding our Future, together we can make it happen!

Sheldon Moore,
Director of Nutrition Services



**eGBSD is virtually
everywhere!**



GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT

Every Day Matters in eGBSD: Engage today, Excel tomorrow

-K-5 students will have daily attendance taken by their classroom teacher.

-6-12 students will have attendance taken during each class daily.

We want all students to be present, engaged, and supported! Here's how you can show your attendance each day:

Participate in video classes.



Communicate with your teacher(s) via email, chat, text, or phone.



Post completed work to your class.



