



Thunderbird Take Home - 9/10/2020

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STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules are going live in StudentVue and ParentVue first thing Friday morning. If you are unable to log in, please call the front office for your activation code.

Students will be receiving email notifications today and tomorrow from their teachers, inviting them to join Google Classrooms. Students should check their email and join their classes BEFORE the start of classes on Monday 9/14.

Advisory teachers will be emailing students a slide show with instructions about how to join assigned Google Meets for their classes. Please take a minute to review this slideshow with your student.

Attached is a copy of the **REVISED** Middle School "bell" schedule. Please take note of the times students are expected to login in for live classes.

TEACHER OUTREACH

This week your student's advisory teacher will be reaching out to you by phone. This may appear as "No Caller ID" on your phone. We look forward to speaking with you. Your student's advisory teacher will be your primary contact with the school for support and information.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE THRU

This year instead of our traditional Open House, we are going to have a back to school drive-thru event.

5:00 - 7:00 PM

6th Grade, September 22nd

7th Grade, September 23rd

8th Grade, September 24th

Students will have the opportunity to say a distant hello to their teachers and pick up necessary school materials. The items for pickup are:

6th, 7th, 8th Grade Math Textbook

Band Instruments*

Student Virtual Response Card

Art Supplies (If enrolled in an art class)

If you ordered and paid for a 2019-2020 Yearbook, they will be available for pickup during this event.

TECHNOLOGY PICKUP

If you were unable to pickup a district chromebook from 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.

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

SCHOOL/PARENT COMMUNICATION

The **Thunderbird Take-Home** is a weekly newsletter that will be sent electronically on every Tuesday of the school year. The Thunderbird 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".

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.

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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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

TIME	Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri	Wednesday
Middle School	Student	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)	Time for classwork on your own 2 hours
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	Student engagement & wellness time
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)	Student Wellness
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)	
2:55-3:35 (40 min)	Break	
3:35-4:00 (25 min)	Extra time for 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, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

When we return to school we will still be able to serve kids ages 1 to 18 for **free** at the designated schools and bus route sites.

Meal Serving Sites

Meals can be picked up at the front entrance of the schools listed below:

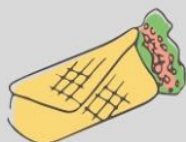
Gresham High School
Sam Barlow High School
Clear Creek Middle School
Gordon Russell Middle School
East Gresham Elementary
North Gresham Elementary
Hall Elementary
Highland Elementary
Hollydale Elementary
Hogan Cedars Elementary



When picking up meals:

- Follow signs and staff instructions
- Maintain social distancing
- Wear a mask

Family members are permitted to pick up meals for students.



Meals and Menus

Grab-and-go breakfast bags will include 1 entree, 1 fruit, and 1% milk. Students **MUST** take the complete meal.



Grab-and-go lunch bags will include 1 entree & 1 fruit. Students may choose to add a vegetable and milk.

We will start the year with cold options. In November the menu will include hot and cold options.

Breakfast & lunch will be packaged together daily.

Monthly menus will be posted on the Nutrition Service [website](#).



Bus meal delivery schedules will continue to be evaluated based on the current instructional model.

It is still important that households apply for free/reduced meal benefits.

Additional information regarding free and reduced meal applications and qualification is on following page.



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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.



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



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.