



Thunderbird Take Home - 9/18/2020

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STUDENT SCHEDULES

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

Students have received email notifications 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 9/21.

Advisory teachers have emailed 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.

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

We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's back to school drive through. The purpose of this event is to give your student materials to be better equipped to learn in their online classes. Every student has items to pick up.

Here is the plan; we ask you to plan on driving through the Gordon Russell's Parking Lot in reverse (please find the map at the end of this TTH). Families will be able to

pick items essential for their students to be successful. Items for pickup:

All Students

Math Textbook

Visual Response Cards

Dry Erase Cards/Dry Erase Markers

Paper Notebook

Daily Class Schedule

Handouts by Class

Art Supplies

Band Handouts/Instruments

Choir Handout

Last Year's Yearbook

2019-2020 Yearbook (if purchased last year, we do not have any extras)

Plus your student will get to wave to their teacher.

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

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE THRU MAP





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.



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.