



# Tuesday Take Home - January 14, 2020

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Tuesday	January 14, 2020	Principal Recognition	3:00 PM
Wednesday	January 15, 2020	7th Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Damascus	4:30 PM
Wednesday	January 15, 2020	JV Red Boys Basketball @ Dexter McCarty	4:30 PM
Wednesday	January 15, 2020	JV Black Boys Basketball @ Dexter McCarty	5:40 PM
Wednesday	January 15, 2020	8th Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Damascus	5:40 PM
Thursday	January 16, 2020	Site Council	4:00 PM
Thursday	January 16, 2020	7th Varsity Boys Basketball @ Dexter McCarty	4:30 PM
Thursday	January 16, 2020	JV Red Boys Basketball vs West Orient	4:30 PM
Thursday	January 16, 2020	JV Black Boys Basketball vs West Orient	5:40 PM
Thursday	January 16, 2020	8th Varsity Boys Basketball @ Dexter McCarty	5:40 PM
Monday	January 20, 2020	Martin Luther King Day-No School	
Tuesday	January 21, 2020	SUN Winter Term Begins	
Wednesday	January 22, 2020	7th Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Clear Creek	4:30 PM
Wednesday	January 22, 2020	JV Black Boys Basketball @ Clear Creek	4:30 PM
Wednesday	January 22, 2020	JV Red Boys Basketball @ Clear Creek	5:40 PM
Wednesday	January 22, 2020	8th Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Clear Creek	5:40 PM
Wednesday	January 22, 2020	PTC Meeting	7:00 PM
Thursday	January 23, 2020	Beginning Band Concert @ GRMS	7:00 PM
Friday	January 24, 2020	Standards/Assessment Day-No School for Students	
Saturday	January 25, 2020	North Albany Jazz Festival for Jazz Band	
Monday	January 27, 2020	Girls Basketball Tryouts After School	
Monday	January 27, 2020	Kindness Challenge Assembly	9:05 AM
Tuesday	January 28, 2020	Girls Basketball Tryouts After School	
Tuesday	January 28, 2020	Principal Recognition	3:00 PM

## FOOD DRIVE FOLLOW UP

Congratulations to the GRMS student body for meeting the goal of over 2500 food items. As promised, this of course means I need to spend a day on the roof of GRMS. That day will be this Friday! Thank you for all the support and helping our GRMS families. Think warm thoughts...

## 7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

TRYOUTS will be Friday, January 27th & January 28th - 4:00-5:30, practices begin Wednesday, January 29th.

We are very excited that this year we will be offering school Basketball here at GRMS! This is a no "cut sport". Students must have all paperwork in before they will be allowed to tryout. If a student misses tryouts they will not be considered for the A Team. Teams will be leveled by ability and grade. Paperwork

will be available in the main office. All paperwork must be complete before tryouts.

### Participation Fee:

- Fee is \$80 per player (\$40 if player qualifies for reduced lunch & \$20 if player qualifies for free lunch).
- Is charged for any player who participates in any part of the season.
- There are no refunds as GRMS has a "no cut" policy.

## AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

We are pleased with the parent and student support provided at our after-school games. When it comes to maintaining a game environment that is supportive of athletes and comfortable for all spectators, there are a

few guidelines that Russell students should keep in mind.

While attending an athletic event, student spectators need to respect the other spectators attending the event. Movement in and out of the gymnasiums should be restricted to quarter, half, and between game breaks. The doors leading to the hallway are the only doors available for entry and exit. DO NOT use the doors that lead to the football field. These are emergency exits only.

Students attending after school events are expected to be spectators in the stands. Students are not to be roaming around the hallway or areas outside of the gymnasium. These areas, including the covered play area, are off-limits to student activities during our games. Skateboarding and riding bicycles are also prohibited in these areas when after school events are taking place.

Again, we appreciate student spectators at our after-school athletic events. We expect our spectators to behave in a manner respectful of athletes and other spectators. Students and spectators unable to follow our guidelines will be removed from the event and restricted from after-school activities.

#### **UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please remember us if you or your family's contact information changes. You can use your ParentVUE account to update all contact information, review grades, assignments and check on attendance. If you have not activated your ParentVUE account, please contact the office to receive an activation code. Thank you for your support!

#### **YEARBOOKS**

Dear Parents, the Yearbook staff would like to inform you about the Gordon Russell Middle School Yearbook of 2019-2020. All books now cost \$20 before spring break. After that date, they will be \$25. Also, on yearbook signing day, there will be a limited supply: first come, first served and cash only. If you are not sure if you have purchased one, a list is posted outside the counseling office. Buying a yearbook will help the school and also be a record of great memories! Come to the main office and make your \$20 yearbook purchase today!

#### **GRMS SITE COUNCIL PARENT PARTICIPANTS NEEDED**

We are looking for parents who are interested in participating in Site Council for the 2019-2020 school year. The school Site Council is a group of teachers, parents, classified employees and students that works with the principal. The Site Council initiated the staff Peer Observation Project and hope to grow with more

projects and development. Please call or email Mr. Bonifacio if you are interested.

#### **SUN WINTER SESSION INFORMATION**

Registration for Winter Session is open now. Activity guides and registration forms can be picked up in the main office or the SUN Office. Registration forms will be accepted until classes fill up at which time we will create a waiting list. Wrestling participants require a current doctor's physical and insurance information to be on file before starting. For more information please contact SUN Site Manager, Kennerly Barrera at 503-367-3974, or [barrera11@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:barrera11@gresham.k12.or.us)

Students have the opportunity to receive additional help with their homework Monday through Thursday from 4:00-5:30. We have organized this by grade level so students can have access to teachers who know what is being discussed in class, are familiar with assignments, and know the kids. This is an outstanding way for students to not only get help, but to also be in a positive atmosphere each day after school. The SUN program provides a supper service so kids can eat some food after school and before they attend homework club. We encourage you to talk with your student, or their teacher about this program.

Students are able to ride the bus home after SUN. Buses load at 5:25 pm.

#### **KINDNESS CHALLENGE**

This year as a part of an ongoing anti-bullying campaign Gordon Russell Middle School will be taking part in The Great Kindness Challenge. This national event is one school week devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible, choosing from a checklist of 50 suggestions. On January 27th we will have a kick off assembly for students, staff and parents to attend and support (more details to come). Students will be encouraged to complete the checklist and turn it in at the end of the week for a drawing for prizes. We look forward to this great event.

#### **IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION**

Exclusion day for state required vaccinations is Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Letters will be mailed to parents whose children are not up to date or whose records are incomplete. Should you receive a letter, please provide updated information to the school as soon as possible. Children who are not current for vaccinations by February 19th will not be able to attend school until records are complete. If you need assistance in locating a health care provider or clinic site, please contact your school nurse.