



Tuesday Take Home - January 24th, 2022

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Monday	January 24, 2022	Winter SUN Begins	3:45-5:15 PM
Monday	January 24, 2022	Kindness Challenge Week	1/24-1/27
Monday	January 24, 2022	7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts (1/24-1/26)	See Below
Tuesday	January 25, 2022	Principal Recognition	3:00PM (Virtual) *Link shared directly with families receiving recognition.
Thursday	January 27, 2022	Academic Student of the Month	3:00 PM (Virtual) *Link shared directly with families receiving recognition.
Friday	January 28, 2022	Grading Day-No School for Students	6 Weeks Progress
Wednesday	February 2, 2022	PTC Meeting	7:00PM (Virtual) https://meet.google.com/fei-vz-ijw-buk?hs=122&authuser=0

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 24th we will have a kick off for students, staff. This year we are watching the movie **Wonder**. 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.

Monday, January 24th - Kickoff Movie, watching Wonder (providing snacks)

Tuesday, January 25th - "Kindness Matters at GRMS" pencils given to students who complete 5 or more challenges on the checklist.

Wednesday, January 26th - "Kindness Matters at GRMS" bracelets given to students who complete 15 or more challenges on the checklist.

Thursday, January 27th - Cookies given to students completing all 50 challenges

7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tryouts will be Monday, January 24th through Wednesday, January 26th from 4:00-5:30, practices begin Thursday, January 27th.

We are very excited that this year we will again be offering school Basketball here at GRMS! This is a "no cut" sport.

Tryouts for the girls' season will be held the week of Jan. 24th after school. *Students will need a "physical" form completed prior* to them being able to try out. Teams will be leveled by ability and grade. Paperwork is available in the main office. All paperwork must be complete before tryouts.

Participation Fee:

- This year there is no Fee!

SPRINGWATER TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL VISITATION INFORMATION

High school is right around the corner! Can your student benefit from smaller class sizes, a more personalized learning environment, authentic learning opportunities, participating in activities throughout our community, and/or are they interested in earning high school and college credit through a Middle College Program at Mount Hood Community College? If so, Springwater Trail High School may be the right place!

Springwater is a 4-year accredited high school with the same standards and graduation requirements as Gresham and Sam Barlow High School. Total enrollment at each large high school is currently around 1,600-1,800 students. Students have another choice. Springwater's entering 9th grade class will be approximately 50 students and our total enrollment will be about 195 students.

We will be sending a group of 8th graders that are interested in attending *STHS Friday, Feb. 11th at 12:40*. This field trip will give you the chance to tour Springwater Trail High School, talk to staff and students, and help you decide whether Springwater is the right high school! For

questions, please contact our 8th grade school counselor Katie Johnson at johnson392@gresham.k12.or.us or get a permission slip from the counseling office. *Only students that ask for and return a signed permission will be attending the field trip.*

SUN WINTER SESSION INFORMATION

Registration for the 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, Jakzury Balderas at jakzuryb@mfs.email

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 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.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

We are continuing to add back sports at GRMS. With that we are currently only allowing 75% capacity for attending games. During the games you will be required to wear your mask properly at all times and there is no food or drinks at the gym. Thank you for your support.

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.

BUS RIDE TO SCHOOL/HOME

This year, unlike previous years we are not allowing students to take a bus that is not assigned to them. If you want your student to go home with a friend, you will need to make other arrangements than a school bus.

SUN FAMILY SUPPORT

The SUN Program currently has funding available to provide various resources to families in need of assistance. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have to jakzuryb@mfs.email

COUNSELOR INFORMATION

To help you all contact the counselor who works with your students please read the following information. Ms. Dixon works with 6th grade Explorers and 7th grade and Mrs. Johnson works with 6 th grade West Wing and 8th grade. Thanks for contacting the right person to get the best support for your student.

SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY'S WELL-BEING

Gresham-Barlow School District is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and families. We are proud to announce our partnership with Care Solace to support our ongoing commitment. If you or your family members are looking for help with mental health or substance use, Care Solace will quickly connect you to community providers matched to your needs. Call 888-515-0595 or caresolace.com/gbsd.

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.