



Tuesday Take Home - January 28, 2020

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Tuesday	January 28, 2020	Girls Basketball Tryouts After School	
Tuesday	January 28, 2020	Principal Recognition	3:00 PM
Wednesday	January 29, 2020	Girls Basketball Practice Begins After School	
Thursday	January 30, 2020	Academic Student of the Month	3:00 PM
Friday	January 31, 2020	Great Kindness Challenge Social	2:30 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. Students will be encouraged to complete the checklist and turn it in at the end of the week. We look forward to this great event.

Everyday next week our school will have activities to support this event:

Each staff member is looking for one student to nominate for showing kindness to receive a t-shirt for the week.

Monday, January 27th - Kickoff Assembly (parents are welcome to attend - students will attend with either their 1st or 2nd period teacher during that class time)

Tuesday, January 28th - "Kindness Matters at GRMS" bracelets given to students who complete 15 or more challenges on checklist.

Wednesday, January 29th - "Kindness Matters at GRMS" pencils given to students who complete 30 or more challenges on checklist.

Thursday, January 30th - Fudgesicles given to students completing all 40 challenges

Friday, January 31st - Great Kindness Challenge Social starts at 2:35 PM. Students who finish all 50 challenges on the checklist will be given a special treat.

7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS will be Monday, 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

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.

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.

STUDENT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our student store would like to open soon, but we are in need of parent volunteers. This is a great way to help support GRMS! There are several different days and shifts available. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Caryn Brown at 503.502.8295

Town Hall on School Safety

The Gresham-Barlow School District is holding a town hall on school safety Wednesday, January 29, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Gresham Public Safety Council Chambers, located at 1331 NW Eastman Parkway.

The town hall will cover a variety of topics, including:

- Safety improvements funded by the 2016 school bond
- How schools respond to a school incident
- How parents can support their students during an incident

Childcare and Spanish translators will be available. Please rsvp at: <http://bit.ly/39r2gJK>

For more information on the event visit: www.gresham.k12.or.us

SPRINGWATER TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL 8TH GRADE STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH at 6:00PM

Next fall the entering 9th grade class at both Gresham High and Sam Barlow High Schools will be nearly 500 students strong! Total enrollment at each of the large high schools is currently around 1,850 students and forecasted to continue to grow in the next couple of years. Fortunately, you have another choice. Springwater Trail High School is one of three high schools (Gresham, Sam Barlow and Springwater Trail) in the Gresham-Barlow School District and is offered as an option to students who are not interested in attending a large high school and want to benefit from small class sizes in a more personal environment. Springwater Trail High School is a 4-year accredited

high school with the same standards and graduation requirements as both Gresham and Sam Barlow High School. Our entering freshmen class next fall will be 45 students and our total enrollment will be approximately 170 students. Springwater Trail is NOT an "alternative" school designed to help dropouts and/or students with behavior problems earn an education. Instead it is a school of choice for those students who want to succeed, do not want to attend a large high school, and feel that they (and their parents) can benefit from a smaller high school with a more personal environment. Enrollment at STHS is by application/interview only, and, due to the fact that there will be more applicants than available spaces, all qualified students are entered into a lottery where they are eligible to be selected. Unsuccessful applicants will go on a waiting list should any seats open up after the spring lottery. They will be hosting a Student/Parent Information Night on Thursday, February 13th, 6:00 pm for all interested 8th grade students and parents to come and visit, ask questions, meet the principal, Ryan Blaszak, and Counselor, Linda Centurion. If you are interested in getting more information about Springwater Trail please contact your school counselor for information.

January 27 - 31, 2020



The Great Kindness Challenge is one week dedicated to creating a culture of kindness and compassion on campuses worldwide.

Our school is proudly participating in this proactive and positive kindness initiative.

All students will receive The Great Kindness Challenge checklist. Please encourage your child to complete as many acts of kindness as possible.

We are also happy to invite YOU to participate using the Family Edition checklist. Your family can complete the checklist anytime and anywhere.

Together, let's show the world that...

**KINDNESS
MATTERS!**

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