



Tuesday Take Home - October 26th, 2021

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Tuesday	October 26, 2021	Principal Recognition	3:00PM *Link shared directly with families receiving recognition.
Tuesday	October 26, 2021	Fall Choir Concert	7:00PM *Info Below
Wednesday	October 27, 2021	JV Volleyball Game @ GRMS	4:00PM *Info Below
Wednesday	October 27, 2021	Varsity 2 Volleyball Game @GRMS	5:00 PM *Info Below
Wednesday	October 27, 2021	Varsity 1 Volleyball Game @GRMS	6:00 PM *Info Below
Thursday	October 28, 2021	Picture Retakes/Missed *info below	All Day
Thursday	October 28, 2021	Academic Student Of The Month	3:00PM *Link shared directly with families receiving recognition.
Friday	October 29, 2021	Spirit Day - Costume Day!	*see below
Monday	November 1st, 2021	JV Volleyball Game @ GRMS	4:00PM *Info Below
Monday	November 1st, 2021	Varsity 2 Volleyball Game @ GRMS	5:00 PM *Info Below
Monday	November 1st, 2021	Varsity 1 Volleyball Game @GRMS	6:00 PM *Info Below
Wednesday	November 3rd, 2021	JV Volleyball Game @ GRMS	4:00PM *Info Below
Wednesday	November 3rd, 2021	Varsity 2 Volleyball Game @GRMS	5:00 PM *Info Below
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Wednesday	November 3rd, 2021	PTC Meeting	7:00pm https://meet.google.com/jp-u-zxkd-cpa?authuser=0

SCHOOL PHOTOS AND RETAKES

Picture retake is right around the corner! If you were not able or present for picture day in September, this is your opportunity to get your picture taken! Picture Retake Day will be happening on **Thursday, October 28** during the school day. Students will be called down to the performing arts room alphabetically by their last name. If you ordered a picture packet from the first picture day, *you need to bring the photos with you on this day and return it to the photographer.* These were sent home last Friday, during the 7th period. If you are ordering pictures from this picture retake day, you need to have your order form and payment ready to give the photographers when you are called down. Get ready to smile!

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.

PARENT TEACHER CLUB

The Parent Teacher Club of PTC will be meeting on **Wednesday, November 3rd, at 7:00 PM**, this is a change from having it this week. This parent group is involved in a variety of activities designed to support students and staff at Gordon Russell. We hope that you will be able to make it!

FALL CHOIR CONCERT

We are excited to have our first concert of the year. This concert will be for a limited number of spectators and it will require that all spectators wear a mask. Participating students will receive two tickets to give to their family and loved ones. The concert will also be recorded and will be able to be sent to family members that can't come.

SPIRIT DAY-COSTUME DAY-OCTOBER 29TH

Friday, October 29th will be our Spirit Day for the month. Please remind your student of the guidelines for “Costume Day”.

- Costumes should be in good taste (i.e. not revealing or too gory).
- No toy or look alike weapons.
- Costumes should not endanger the safety of others.
- Costumes should not disrupt instruction.
- **Costume masks are NOT permitted.**
- **Facepaint, make-up or hairspray should be applied at home and not brought to school**

7TH AND 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

TRYOUTS will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8th and Nov. 9th - 4:00-5:15

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 boys’ season will be held the week of Nov. 9th after school. Students will need a “physical” form completed prior to them being able to tryout. 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!

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.

SUN VOLLEYBALL

A reminder that we’re not currently allowing spectators to stay for Volleyball games, unless they get a SUN provided game ticket to attend games.

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 kenneryb@mfs.email.

MORNING ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

Please do not drop your children off at school in the morning before 8:40 a.m. There is no supervision available for students prior to 8:40 a.m. Thank you for your consideration.

DAILY ATTENDANCE AND NOTIFICATION

Gordon Russell Middle School continues to use an **every period attendance system**. This will not only allow us to more closely monitor students in the building, but will also enable us to communicate student attendance more effectively with families. We will be making calls to parents throughout the day to ensure an open line of communication while students are at school, or confirming that they have an excused absence.

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.

SAM BARLOW ATHLETIC EVENTS

We appreciate and look forward to your attendance at Sam Barlow High School Athletic events. We wanted to let you know that the football season is underway and that there has been a change in attendance rules. All middle and elementary aged students must be accompanied by an adult in order to be admitted to the game. This policy has been put in place by the Mount Hood Conference and is designed to help us host a safe event. We look forward to seeing you at our athletic events, and Go Bruins!

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/qbsd.

CROSSING GUARD ON POWELL

Due to the increased number of Russell students who cross Powell Valley Road to get to our school, we have a crossing guard to assist students before and after school. Stationed at the crossing area just south of our property, a school staff member will stop traffic while assisting students who need to cross the street. We will be adjusting the crossing guard times to meet the needs of the students. To start with we will have a crossing guard on duty from 8:40 – 9:00 am and 3:35 – 3:50 pm.