



Tuesday Take Home - October 5th, 2021

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Thursday	October 7, 2021	No School - Standard & Assessment	
Friday	October 8, 2021	No School - Statewide Inservice Day	
Monday	October 11, 2021	SUN Begins	M,T,W,TH 4:00pm-5:15pm
Thursday	October 28, 2021	Picture Retakes/Missed *info below	All Day
Friday	October 29, 2021	Spirit Day - Costume Day!	*see below

SUN SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Our school offers SUN programming. We will offer a range of athletic and interest-based classes including homework support in three sessions throughout the school year. Programming will run Monday through Thursday. An activity bus will be available to transport students to their neighborhood following programming.

Our belief is that by partnering with community programs such as those listed above, as well as others, our middle schools can offer even more after school activities than before. Even better, more students will have the opportunity to participate because the offerings will be much more than a standard athletic program. As we all know, the more students we have engaged in positive after-school activities, the better it is for them, their parents, and our community. *See the attached flyer for more information about signing your student up. SUN school begins October 11th.*

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.

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.

OCTOBER 7TH, STANDARDS & ASSESSMENT DAY OCTOBER 8TH, STATEWIDE INSERVICE DAY

A reminder that Thursday, October 7th and Friday, October 8th there will be no school for students. On the 7th the staff will be completing progress grades and be involved in professional development. The 8th is a State-Wide In-Service day and a non-contract day for teachers.

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**

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 6th 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/gbsd.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Get your smiles ready! Picture retakes/missed photos will be taken on Thursday, October 28th. This is for all students who did not get their photos taken or would like a retake. If you are planning to order pictures, please come with your picture packet filled out and bring your payment with you. If you would like to order pictures online, you may do so at <https://dorianstudio.com/>

Tips to make picture day great:

- Simple clothing like solid shirts or small patterns photograph best.
- Graphics or wording may not photograph completely
- Think of something funny as they take your picture

BUS INFORMATION

Most likely you have received information from First Student regarding the times for student pick up. If not, or if you have questions, please feel free to contact them at 503-665-8193. Those parents, who will be driving their children those first few days of school, please remember to arrive no earlier than 8:40 a.m. Students who arrive early will be asked to wait outside until that time.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

To ensure adequate coverage of the body at school and school activities, the following articles of clothing are not permitted:

Allowable Attire

- Students must wear shoes and clothing including both a top and a bottom or the equivalent.
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front and on the sides.
- Clothing must cover undergarments; waistbands and bra straps excluded.
- Fabric must cover all genitalia, buttocks, and nipples. Clothing covering these areas must not be see-through.
- Headwear must allow the face and ears to be visible and not interfere with the line of sight to any student or staff. Hoodies must allow the student's face and ears to be visible to the staff.
- Clothing and footwear must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, CTE shops and labs, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

Non-allowable Attire

- Clothing may not depict, advertise or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or other controlled substances.
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
- Clothing may not depict violent acts, promote violence, or aggression.
- Clothing may not depict Confederate flags, Nazi symbols, nooses, or hate speech targeting groups

based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected group.

All decisions regarding inappropriate dress and/or grooming are at the complete discretion of the school administration.

We will work with our students to help them meet school expectations. We attempt to always interact respectfully with each individual as we address concerns. We ask that parents support our efforts through regular discussions with students about school behavior and proper attire. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

I LOVE YOU GUYS

The safety of your student/students at school is our number one priority. This past year our school district, along with our local fire and police departments, have adopted new protocols and procedures. The protocols were created by the "I Love You Guys" Foundation, which was developed following a fatal school shooting. It is becoming a standard regionally and nationally. The protocol's curriculum, materials and posters are free to download and duplicate. The protocol features four standard emergency responses: Lockdown, Lockout, Evacuate, and Shelter. Your students will be given training on the new protocols and an informational letter is attached.

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.



STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE

"To a Location"

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

Students are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.

