



Tuesday Take Home - November 16th, 2021

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Monday	November 1st, 2021	Music Department Fundraiser	Info Below
Monday	November 15th, 2021	Basketball Practice M-TH	3:50-5:30
Wednesday	November 17th, 2021	JV Volleyball Game @ Ron Russell	4:00 PM *Info Below
Wednesday	November 17th, 2021	Varsity 2 Volleyball Game @ Ron Russell	5:00 PM *Info Below
Wednesday	November 17th, 2021	Varsity 1 Volleyball Game @ Ron Russell	6:00 PM *Info Below
Friday	November 19th, 2021	End of First Trimester	
Monday	November 22nd, 2021	Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences	5:00PM-8:00PM Info Below
Tuesday	November 23rd, 2021	Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences	8:00AM-8:00PM Info Below
Monday	November 29th, 2021	Holiday Canned Food Drive Begins	Info Below

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE 2021-2022

Looking for a way to spread cheer this holiday season? Beginning November 29th, please support our food drive by sending perishable food items to school with your students. These items will be to help support our GRMS families. Please consider donating. Our holiday canned food drive will begin **Monday, November 29th and run through Friday December 10th**. This will be a **grade-based competition** to see who can bring in the most items. Please see the attached slides for more information.

[Canned Food Drive](#)

SAVE OUR NUMBER

We have become aware that when the school calls home, some phone carriers show the school number as "scam likely". Please save our school number in your phone to avoid this from happening, 503-667-6900.

PARENT CONFERENCES

This year please plan on attending our online family teacher conferences. Students will help lead the conference by having prepared a slideshow that goes over their current performance as well as goals for the future. All of the conferences will be with one of your student's teachers. Conference dates and times will be for Monday, November 22nd from 5:00 - 8:00 PM and Tuesday, November 23rd

from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Look for a scheduling email that was sent to you on Wednesday, November 10th, by one of your student's teachers. If you're having trouble you're welcome to call the front office at 503-667-6900. We very much look forward to connecting with you. Please have your student join the conferences.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

Our music department has started their winter greenery fundraiser running from November 1st- November 16th. Please contact our front office with any questions.

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 VOLLEYBALL

A reminder that we're currently not allowing spectators to stay for Volleyball games, unless they get a SUN provided game ticket to attend games. Please remember to wear your mask properly at all times and there is no food or drinks at the gym.

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.

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.