



# Tuesday Take Home - November 2nd, 2021

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Monday	November 1st, 2021	Music Department Fundraiser	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
Wednesday	November 3rd, 2021	Varsity 1 Volleyball Game @GRMS	6:00 PM *Info Below
Wednesday	November 10th, 2021	Parent Conference Scheduling Email Going Home* See below	*See Below
Thursday	November 11th, 2021	No School- Veterans Day	
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## 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!

## 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 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!

## 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 will be 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 feel to 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](mailto: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/gbsd](https://caresolace.com/gbsd).

### **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.