



# Tuesday Take Home - November 5, 2019

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Wednesday	November 6, 2019	JV2 Volleyball @ Ron Russell	5:00 PM
Wednesday	November 6, 2019	Varsity 2 Volleyball @ Ron Russell	6:00 PM
Wednesday	November 6, 2019	Varsity 1 Volleyball @ Ron Russell	7:00 PM
Thursday	November 7, 2019	Fundraiser Delivery	3:00 - 4:30 PM
Monday	November 11, 2019	No School - Veterans Day	
Tuesday	November 12, 2019	7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tryouts (11/12-11/15)	3:45 PM
Wednesday	November 13, 2019	JV1 Volleyball vs. Dexter McCarty	5:00 PM
Wednesday	November 13, 2019	Varsity 2 Volleyball vs. Dexter McCarty	6:00 PM
Wednesday	November 13, 2019	Varsity 1 Volleyball vs. Dexter McCarty	7:00 PM
Monday	November 18, 2019	Boys Basketball Practice Begins	3:45 PM
Monday	November 18, 2019	JV2 Volleyball @ HB Lee	5:00 PM
Monday	November 18, 2019	Varsity 2 Volleyball @ HB Lee	6:00 PM
Monday	November 18, 2019	Varsity 1 Volleyball @ HB Lee	7:00 PM
Tuesday	November 19, 2019	Principal Recognition	3:00 PM

## FUNDRAISER PICK-UP – 11/7

I want to thank all of you that participated in our school fundraiser this year. Our product and prizes will be delivered on Thursday, November 7. If your student has a large number of items, please arrange for transportation! Numerous items can be really challenging to carry on the bus. Please plan on picking up your product between 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm. We do not have any extra space so all product will need to be picked up on the day of delivery. Thanks again for all the support.

## 7TH AND 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS will be held Tuesday, Nov. 12th through Fridayday, Nov. 15th - 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. 12th after school. Teams will be leveled by ability and grade. Paperwork is 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.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

On Thursday, November 7th, we will need volunteers starting at around 1:30 PM through 4:30 PM for help with our fundraiser delivery. Please contact Mr. Bonifacio at [bonifacio@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:bonifacio@gresham.k12.or.us) or 503.667.6900 if you are willing to help.

### **HEALTH CONCERNS AROUND VAPING**

Over the past few years I have seen an increase of students using and talking about vaping in school and at home. GBSD middle school principals have felt it necessary to draft a combined letter to parents about this topic. Please see the attached letter and as always, please call if you have any questions - Rolland Hayden.

### **UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please remember us if you or your family's contact information changes. Please call the main office to update your student's records.

### **FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS**

Free and reduced lunch program applications are assessed by a District Office computer and delivered to the school to verify applicant eligibility. If you feel you might qualify, please apply to potentially gain additional resources to support your student. Processing takes about a week. Families will be notified of their status as soon as possible. We ask that you please be patient with this process.

**\*Applications must be completed every school year to maintain enrollment in the federal program.**

If you have already received notice of qualification, please bring that paperwork with you to registration. If you qualify for the program after registration, you may then bring verification of your eligibility to our office and receive the appropriate refund.

### **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.

### **FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR GORDON RUSSELL**

While shopping for school supplies (list included) if you purchase supplies at the Office Depot, please give them the GRMS school identification # 70083784, or mention to them that you're a GRMS student, and 5% of your purchase amount will be credited to a merchandise account for our school. Last year we received several hundred dollars worth of supplies as a result of this program. (The GRMS Supply List is posted on our school website and will be available at registration.)

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.

### **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.

**Looking for a way to spread the cheer this holiday season?**

Every year, the Gordon Russell community supports families in need during the holidays. This year, we will be giving food from our food drive and gift cards to these families.

At parent conferences, look for the winter display at the front of the building. If you would like to assist these families, T -Bird leaders will be at the table by the display to help you. Please donate with cash or check. For every \$10 donation, we will add a snowflake to our display.

What a wonderful way to help others and make the holidays brighter!