



Tuesday Take Home - November 9th, 2021

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Monday	November 1st, 2021	Music Department Fundraiser	Info Below
Wednesday	November 10th, 2021	Parent Conference Scheduling Email Going Home* See below	*See Below
Wednesday	November 10th, 2021	JV Volleyball Game @ Floyd Light	4:00 PM *Info Below
Wednesday	November 10th, 2021	Varsity 2 Volleyball Game @ Floyd Light	5:00 PM *Info Below
Wednesday	November 10th, 2021	Varsity 1 Volleyball Game @ Floyd Light	6:00 PM *Info Below
Thursday	November 11th, 2021	No School- Veterans Day	
Monday	November 15th, 2021	JV Volleyball Game @ Ron Russell	4:00 PM *Info Below
Monday	November 15th, 2021	Varsity 2 Volleyball Game @ Ron Russell	5:00 PM *Info Below
Monday	November 15th, 2021	Varsity 1 Volleyball Game @ Ron Russell	6:00 PM *Info Below
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7TH AND 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

will be held, Nov. 8th thur Nov. 10th - 3:50-5:30

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. Basketball practices generally run Monday-Thursday from 3:50-5:30.

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 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.

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.