



Tuesday Take Home - December 3, 2019

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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		Holiday Canned Food Drive Begins (12/2 - 12/13)	
		Dental Sealants 12/2 - 12/13	
Wednesday	December 4, 2019	7th Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Dexter McCarty	4:30 PM
Wednesday	December 4, 2019	8th Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Dexter McCarty	5:40 PM
Thursday	December 5, 2019	7th Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Damascus	4:30 PM
Thursday	December 5, 2019	JV Red Boys Basketball vs. Clear Creek	4:30 PM
Thursday	December 5, 2019	JV Black Boys Basketball vs. Deep Creek/Damascus	5:30 PM
Thursday	December 5, 2019	8th Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Deep Creek/Damascus	5:40 PM
Monday	December 9, 2019	7th Varsity Boys Basketball @ Alice Ott	4:30 PM
Monday	December 9, 2019	JV Black Boys Basketball @ Dexter McCarty	4:30 PM
Monday	December 9, 2019	JV Red Boys Basketball @ Dexter McCarty	5:40 PM
Monday	December 9, 2019	8th Varsity Boys Basketball @ Alice Ott	5:40 PM
Wednesday	December 11, 2019	Jazz Band & Choir Community Tour	10:00 AM
Wednesday	December 11, 2019	7th Varsity Boys Basketball @ Parkrose	4:30 PM
Wednesday	December 11, 2019	JV Black Boys Basketball vs. West Orient	4:30 PM
Wednesday	December 11, 2019	JV Red Boys Basketball vs. West Orient	5:40 PM
Wednesday	December 11, 2019	8th Varsity Boys Basketball @ Parkrose	5:40 PM
Thursday	December 12, 2019	SUN Term Ends	
Thursday	December 12, 2019	Five Guys AVID Fundraiser	3:00 - 9:00 PM
Monday	December 16, 2019	7th Varsity Boys Basketball vs. West Orient	4:30 PM
Monday	December 16, 2019	JV Red Boys Basketball @ Deep Creek/Damascus	4:30 PM
Monday	December 16, 2019	JV Black Boys Basketball @ Deep Creek/Damascus	5:40 PM
Monday	December 16, 2019	8th Varsity Boys Basketball vs. West Orient	5:40 PM
Monday	December 16, 2019	Concert Choir at The Grotto	8:30 PM

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE 2019-2020

Our holiday canned food drive began today **Monday, December 2nd** and will run through **Friday December 13th**. This will be a **grade-based competition** to see who can bring in the most items.

The winning grade will receive ice cream at lunch on Tuesday, December 17th. **If we hit our school wide goal of 2,500 items, Mr. Hayden will have to spend a day on the GRMS ROOF!**

BAND CONCERT DECEMBER 19TH AT BARLOW

Our Winter Band Concert will be on Thursday, December 19th, at 6:00 PM in the Sam Barlow High School Auditorium. We hope to see you there!

CHOIR CONCERT DECEMBER 19TH AT BARLOW

Our Winter Choir Concert will be on Thursday, December 19th, at 7:30 PM in the Sam Barlow High School Auditorium. We hope to see you there!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

I wanted to thank and acknowledge the parents and students who attended conferences. Having the chance to meet and speak with you about student was awesome. I also wanted to thank the staff at Gordon Russell for preparing grades, speaking to you about your student(s) and putting in those extra hours to make conferences valuable for all who attended. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to contact teachers through email or by phone to chat about your student to celebrate successes or identify areas in

need of improvement. Remember, we are here to provide the best educational experience possible and want to partner with you in that process.

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.

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.

YEARBOOKS

Dear Parents, the Yearbook staff would like to inform you about the Gordon Russell Middle School Yearbook of 2019-2020. All books now cost \$20 before spring break. After that date, they will be \$25. Also, on yearbook signing day, there will be a limited supply: first come, first served and **cash only**. If you are not sure if you have purchased one, a list is posted outside the counseling office. Buying a yearbook will help the school and also be a record of great memories! Come to the main office and make your \$20 yearbook purchase today!