



Tuesday Take Home - December 7th, 2021

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Wednesday	December 8, 2021	PTC Meeting	7:00 PM <i>In Person</i>
Wednesday	December 8, 2021	7th Varsity Boys Basketball @ Parkrose	4:30 PM
Wednesday	December 8, 2021	8th Varsity Boys Basketball @ Parkrose	5:40 PM
Wednesday	December 8, 2021	JV- RED Boys Basketball vs West Orient P	5:40 PM
Wednesday	December 8, 2021	JV- BLACK vs West Orient B	4:30 PM
Monday	December 13, 2021	7th Varsity Boys Basketball vs West Orient	4:30 PM
Monday	December 13, 2021	8th Varsity Boys Basketball vs West Orient	5:40 PM
Monday	December 13, 2021	JV- RED Boys Basketball @ Deep Creek Damascus	5:40 PM
Monday	December 13, 2021	JV- BLACK vs Clear Creek @ Deep Creek Damascus	4:30 PM
Wednesday	December 15, 2021	7th Varsity Boys Basketball vs Ron Russell	4:30 PM
Wednesday	December 15, 2021	8th Varsity Boys Basketball vs Ron Russell	5:40 PM
Wednesday	December 15, 2021	JV- RED Boys vs JV-BLACK	4:30 PM

TEST TO STAY - COVID 19

When we return from winter break, we will transition to "Test to Stay" protocols. For us to have the ability to test your student, we need to have a signed Covid Testing Consent form on file. Please see the attached form and turn it into the main office. We look forward to maintaining access to in-person learning when covid-19 exposures occur in our school! [COVID CONSENT FORM](#)

YEARBOOK

Attention parents of 7th and 8th graders: if you missed your chance to buy a yearbook last year, you're in luck! Last year's yearbook is on sale right now for a discounted price of \$15. For a limited time only, while supplies last, you can buy the book with cash, check, or card through the main office until December 17th. Don't miss your chance to own the first book with QR codes to videos, created by the yearbook class all online! It was a year for the record books! [See Attached](#)

BOYS BASKETBALL

We are continuing to add back sports at GRMS. With that we are currently only allowing 75% capacity for attending games. During the games you will be required to wear your mask properly at all times and there is no food or drinks at the gym. Thank you for your support.

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 non-perishable food items to school with your students. These items will be to help support our GRMS

families. Please consider donating. Our holiday food drive runs from **Monday, November 29th 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.

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.

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.

MASK UPDATE

On November 23, 2021, Governor Brown and representatives from the Oregon Health Authority announced a change to current mask guidance. The DO leadership met that same day and decided the following.

Mask Guidance: Masks outdoors at GBSD schools and programs are now *not required*.

- This change applies to recess, outdoor instruction, before and after school, and outdoor PE.
- Students may still choose to wear a mask.
- Masks remain mandatory indoors at all times and this includes riding the school bus.

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 6th 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.

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.