



Tuesday Take Home - February 25, 2020

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Wednesday	February 26, 2020	SBHS Avid Presentation	1:00 PM
Wednesday	February 26, 2020	JV Girls Red Basketball vs. JV Girls Black Basketball	4:30 PM
Wednesday	February 26, 2020	7th Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Ron Russell	4:30 PM
Wednesday	February 26, 2020	8th Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Ron Russell	5:40 PM
Thursday	February 27, 2020	Academic Student of the Month	3:00 PM
Thursday	February 27, 2020	Band Festival @ SBHS (Symphonic Band Only)	7:00 PM
		Classified Appreciation Week (3/2 - 3/6)	
Monday	March 2, 2020	JV Girls Black Basketball vs. Dexter McCarty	4:30 PM
Monday	March 2, 2020	7th Varsity Girls Basketball @ Ron Russell	4:30 PM
Monday	March 2, 2020	8th Grade Family Night @ Gresham High School	5:15 PM
Monday	March 2, 2020	JV Girls Red Basketball vs. Clear Creek	5:30 PM
Monday	March 2, 2020	8th Varsity Girls Basketball @ Ron Russell	5:40 PM
Wednesday	March 4, 2020	JV Girls Black Basketball vs. West Orient	4:30 PM
Wednesday	March 4, 2020	7th Varsity Girls Basketball @ West Orient	4:30 PM
Wednesday	March 4, 2020	JV Girls Red Basketball vs. West Orient	5:30 PM
Wednesday	March 4, 2020	8th Varsity Girls Basketball @ West Orient	5:40 PM
Wednesday	March 4, 2020	GRMS Wrestling @ Ron Russell	6:00 PM
Monday	March 9, 2020	SBHS AVID Interviews	9:05 AM
Monday	March 9, 2020	JV Girls Red Basketball vs. JV Girls Black Basketball	4:30 PM
Monday	March 9, 2020	7th Varsity Girls Basketball @ Clear Creek	4:30 PM
Monday	March 9, 2020	8th Varsity Girls Basketball @ Clear Creek	5:40 PM

STAFF vs. STUDENT BASKETBALL GAME

There is a staff versus student basketball game Thursday March 19th from 4:00 - 5:00. The cost is 9 T-Bird awards or \$3.00. 3 T-Birds will equal \$1. There will be concessions. Come cheer on your favorite teachers and fellow students!

TRACK ATHLETES

If you are interested in being part of Gordon Russell's Track team this year, pick up a registration form in either the front office, from Mrs. Baldwin or Mr. Schearer. Track is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Practice starts the day we return from Spring Break, March 30. You must have a current physical (within the last 2 years) on file with the school in order to participate.

LOST AND FOUND

Time to check the lost and found for items that you have not seen in awhile. We periodically haul our lost items to a local charity for distribution to needy families. We will be removing our current collection on March 20th. The lost and found is located near the student store. If you cannot find your missing belongings there, please speak with Jessica Houck, our Head Custodian, and she may be able to help as well.

Parent Requests For IN-DISTRICT Transfers Accepted March 2-30, 2020

***Deadline is March 30, 2020**

The Gresham-Barlow School District will accept in-district transfer requests for the 2020-2021 school year during the month of March only.

If you live within the Gresham-Barlow district and want your child to attend a Gresham-Barlow school outside

of your attendance area, you need to request an in-district transfer. If your student currently has an in-district transfer and is moving from elementary to middle or middle to high, please submit a new request.

Transfer request forms are available from (1) the district website: <http://gresham.k12.or.us> under Parent Resources (2) the main office at any GBSD school, or (3) the district office. Your completed form can be dropped off at any GBSD school, faxed to (503) 261-4553, mailed to the district office at 1331 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham 97030, or emailed to dewitz2@gresham.k12.or.us in time to arrive by March 30, 2020.

You will be notified in writing after review of all requests. Please note: kindergarten and first grade requests may not be decided upon until late summer after elementary registration. For further information, contact the Gresham-Barlow School District Office at 503-261-4550.

8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT AT SAM BARLOW HIGH SCHOOL - TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 5:45 PM - 8:15 PM

· 5:45 - 6:15 pm Co-Curricular fair in the Main Gym where representatives from various athletic, activities and academic groups will be available.

· 6:30 - 6:50 pm A general session will be held in the auditorium for a conversation with the administration about the transition to high school.

· 7:00 - 8:15 pm Students and parents will have the opportunity to see four presentations offering more specific information about freshman electives and our Honors and Advanced Placement programs.

This is a great opportunity to become acquainted with Sam Barlow HS. We look forward to seeing you. Welcome Class of 2023!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 8TH GRADE FORECASTING

GRESHAM HIGH SCHOOL FORECASTING FAIR

Please join administrators and teachers at Gresham High School - Monday evening, March 2nd from 5:15pm-8pm to learn the options for high school students. Students living in the GHS attendance area, or those who are planning on applying for a transfer to Gresham High, need to talk to their Gordon Russell counselor to receive information and support with the process.

SAM BARLOW HIGH SCHOOL

On Monday, March 16th, Sam Barlow counselors will visit with 8th grade students to talk about the forecasting process. Forecasting materials will be given to students at this time so they can begin to choose classes for their freshman year. Forecasting sheets are due back to the GRMS Counseling Office on Friday, March 20th. As well, please join the Sam Barlow Family Night on Tuesday, March 17th from 5:45pm-8:15pm to learn more about the options for high school students.

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. Once students leave the game and building, they are expected to go home and not return.

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.

UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember us if you or your family's contact information changes. You can use your ParentVUE account to update all contact information, review grades, assignments and check on attendance. If you have not activated your ParentVUE account, please contact the office to receive an activation code. Thank you for your support!

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!

GRMS SITE COUNCIL PARENT PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

We are looking for parents who are interested in participating in Site Council for the 2019-2020 school year. The school Site Council is a group of teachers, parents, classified employees and students that works with the principal. The Site Council initiated the staff Peer Observation Project and hope to grow with more projects and development. Please call or email Mr. Bonifacio if you are interested.

STUDENT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our student store would like to open soon, but we are in need of parent volunteers. This is a great way to help support GRMS! There are several different days and shifts available. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Caryn Brown at 503.502.8295