



Tuesday Take Home - February 4, 2020

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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		Band & Choir Chocolate Bar Fundraiser Starts	
Wednesday	February 5, 2020	JV Red Girls Basketball @ West Orient	4:30 PM
Wednesday	February 5, 2020	7th Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Floyd Light	4:30 PM
Wednesday	February 5, 2020	JV Black Girls Basketball @ West Orient	5:30 PM
Wednesday	February 5, 2020	8th Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Floyd Light	5:40 PM
Thursday	February 6, 2020	JV Red Girls Basketball vs. JV Black Girls Basketball	4:30 PM
Monday	February 10, 2020	JV Red Girls Basketball vs. West Orient	4:30 PM
Monday	February 10, 2020	7th Varsity Girls Basketball @ Parkrose Middle School	4:30 PM
Monday	February 10, 2020	JV Black Girls Basketball vs. West Orient	5:30 PM
Monday	February 10, 2020	8th Varsity Girls Basketball @ Parkrose Middle School	5:40 PM
Wednesday	February 12, 2020	JV Black Girls Basketball @ Dexter McCarty	4:30 PM
Wednesday	February 12, 2020	7th Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Dexter McCarty	4:30 PM
Wednesday	February 12, 2020	JV Red Girls Basketball @ Dexter McCarty	5:30 PM
Wednesday	February 12, 2020	8th Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Dexter McCarty	5:40 PM
Thursday	February 13, 2020	Site Council Meeting	4:00 PM
Thursday	February 13, 2020	Springwater Trail High School Parent Night	6:00 PM
Monday	February 17, 2020	President's Day - No School	

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.

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.

SUN WINTER SESSION INFORMATION

Registration for Winter Session is open now. Activity guides and registration forms can be picked up in the main office or the SUN Office. Registration forms will be accepted until classes fill up at which time we will create a waiting list. Wrestling participants require a current doctor's physical and insurance information to be on file before starting. For more information please contact SUN Site Manager, Kennery Barrera at 503-367-3974, or barrera11@gresham.k12.or.us

Students have the opportunity to receive additional help with their homework Monday through Thursday from 4:00-5:30. We have organized this by grade level so students can have access to teachers who know what is being discussed in class, are familiar with assignments, and know the kids. This is an outstanding way for students to not only get help, but to also be in a positive atmosphere each day after school. The SUN program provides a supper service so kids can eat some food after school and before they attend homework club. We encourage you to talk with your student, or their teacher about this program.

Students are able to ride the bus home after SUN. Buses load at 5:25 pm.

IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION

Exclusion day for state required vaccinations is Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Letters will be mailed to parents whose children are not up to date or whose records are incomplete. Should you receive a letter, please provide updated information to the school as soon as possible. Children who are not current for vaccinations by February 19th will not be able to attend school until records are complete. If you need

assistance in locating a health care provider or clinic site, please contact your school nurse.

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

SPRINGWATER TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL 8TH GRADE STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH at 6:00PM

Next fall the entering 9th grade class at both Gresham High and Sam Barlow High Schools will be nearly 500 students strong! Total enrollment at each of the large high schools is currently around 1,850 students and forecasted to continue to grow in the next couple of years. Fortunately, you have another choice. Springwater Trail High School is one of three high schools (Gresham, Sam Barlow and Springwater Trail) in the Gresham-Barlow School District and is offered as an option to students who are not interested in attending a large high school and want to benefit from small class sizes in a more personal environment. Springwater Trail High School is a 4-year accredited high school with the same standards and graduation requirements as both Gresham and Sam Barlow High School. Our entering freshmen class next fall will be 45 students and our total enrollment will be approximately 170 students. Springwater Trail is NOT an "alternative" school designed to help dropouts and/or students with behavior problems earn an education. Instead it is a school of choice for those students who want to succeed, do not want to attend a large high school, and feel that they (and their parents) can benefit from a smaller high school with a more personal environment. Enrollment at STHS is by application/interview only, and, due to the fact that there will be more applicants than available spaces, all qualified students are entered into a lottery where they are eligible to be selected. Unsuccessful applicants will go on a waiting list should any seats open up after the spring lottery. They will be hosting a Student/Parent Information Night on Thursday, February 13th, 6:00 pm for all interested 8th grade students and parents to come and visit, ask questions, meet the principal, Ryan Blaszak, and Counselor,

Linda Centurion. If you are interested in getting more information about Springwater Trail please contact your school counselor for information.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER MENTOR @ SBHS

Complete a Volunteer Interest Form

As an ASPIRE mentor at Sam Barlow High School, you will play a unique role in the life of a student as you help guide and assist them in pursuing education and training beyond high school. Visit ASPIREoregon.org to learn more.

How do I become a mentor?

1. Complete a Volunteer Interest Form or contact an ASPIRE coordinator directly at Sam Barlow High School.
2. Review and complete the ASPIRE Volunteer Application Packet and submit to your ASPIRE coordinator.
3. Satisfactorily pass a criminal background check. ASPIRE sites may also conduct personal reference checks and interviews.
4. Complete ASPIRE Volunteer Orientation and Training.

What makes a good mentor?

- Being enthusiastic
- Having an interest in working with youth
- Being reliable and consistent
- Following program policies and procedures

Why should I mentor a student?

Mentoring helps:

- Create an interest in education and training beyond high school
- Improve classroom attendance
- Increase scholastic ability and performance
- Give students hope for their future

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Neuenschwander, College Coordinator at Sam Barlow High School, 503-258-4890, neuenschwander@gresham.k12.or.us