



Tuesday Take Home - March 29th, 2022

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Monday	March 28, 2022	Track & Field Practice Begins (M-F)	3:45-5:15PM
Tuesday	March 29, 2022	Principal Recognition	3:00PM (Virtual) <small>*Link shared directly with families receiving recognition.</small>
Tuesday	March 29, 2022	Sam Barlow High School 8th Grade Family Night	5:15-8:15PM
Thursday	March 31, 2022	Academic Student of the Month	3:00 PM (Virtual) <small>*Link shared directly with families receiving recognition.</small>
Thursday	April 7, 2022	Track Meet vs DCD/West Orient	4:00PM
Monday	April 11, 2022	8th Grade Class Photo	12:00PM

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 28. You must have a current physical (within the last 2 years) on file with the school in order to participate.

8th GRADE CLASS PANORAMA PHOTO

Our 8th grade class will be taking a class photo on Monday, April 11th. Next week on Thursday we will be sending home an order form with student. You can also go to mydorian.com to order the photo.

IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION

Exclusion day for state required vaccinations is Wednesday, April 20, 2022. 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 currently vaccinated by April 20th 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.

STATE WIDE TESTING INFORMATION

OSAS state testing notice. This test provides schools with information about where your student is academically related to the standard. Let me know if you have questions. We are required to inform parents of their rights to opt-out of state testing. See links below;

[2021-22 State Test Opt-Out Form - English](#)

[2021-22 State Test Opt-Out Form - Spanish](#)

[2021-22 State Test Opt-Out Form - Russian](#)

YEARBOOK

Final Call for Yearbooks! If you have not ordered this year's yearbook full of memories to last a lifetime, don't miss your last chance! The deadline is April 12th. Pay \$20 with cash or, check, at the main office. There will be a yearbook social at the end of the year when everyone can sign your yearbook! Don't feel left out without one! Order your yearbook today!

Have you taken a guess about our yearbook theme yet? The mystery box is in the main office. Take a chance to win the yearbook for free!

8th GRADE FAMILIES

If you think your student may be going to a different high school other than Sam Barlow next year, please have your student come into the counseling office. Our Counseling department can help them transfer or register for their new high school.

STUDENT STORE

With there being no school this Friday 3/11, we will not be running the student store this week. **Volunteers Needed!** Please consider volunteering to help the PTC run the student store. 1-2 hours is all that is needed! If interested, please contact: Corey Sexton by email: GRMS.PTC@gmail.com. Reminder: volunteer application and background check needs to be submitted through the district [website](#).

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 18th. 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.

Next Wednesday students will participate in a building safety drill. Fire, earthquake, Hold, Secure, and Lockdown drills are held regularly to teach students the safest way to respond to emergencies. Specific instructions on evacuating the building are posted in each classroom. In case of a catastrophic emergency, students will be cared for at school, medical conditions permitting, until released to a parent or responsible adult.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Students may not make or receive calls (or text messages) on a cell phone during the school day. Prior to entering the school, or once the 3:35 p.m. bell rings, cell phone use is permitted. All devices are to be **stored securely in their locker** during the school day. If a cell phone is used (including texting) by a student, heard ringing, or is visible during the school day, the cell phone or other electronic device will be confiscated.

1st Offense - Student pick up at the end of the day in the office

2nd Offense - Parent pick up in the office

3rd Offense - Parent/Student meeting with administration

Failure to follow cell phone policy may result in the student not being able to bring a cell phone to school. Again, the possession of any valuable item is discouraged, and the risk of loss or theft is entirely the responsibility of the student.

**Parent Requests For IN-DISTRICT Transfers
Accepted March 1-31, 2022 * Deadline is March 31, 2022**

The Gresham-Barlow School District will accept in-district transfer requests for the 2022-2023 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.

A digital transfer request form will be available on the Transfers section of the district [website](#). The link to this form can also be emailed to you directly if you request it from any GBSD school or district office. Forms must be submitted by March 31, 2022.

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 503-261-4575.

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 jakzuryb@mfs.email

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.

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. It's a free website for Gresham Barlow families to connect with the needed care based on your insurance.

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.

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.