



Tuesday Take Home - April 7, 2020

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Mon-Fri	April 6-10, 2020	Optional Learning Review Online	9:00am Daily
Mon-Fri	April 6-10, 2020	Digital Teacher Office Hours	1:00-3:00 PM
Thursday	April 9, 2020	Band Instrument Pick-Up **See Below FAQ**	3:00-5:00 PM
Mon-Fri	April 13-17, 2020	Trimester 3 Courses Begin for Students	9:00am Daily

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

I hope this update finds you and your family in good health. Our Gordon Russell family has been working hard creating a new environment for learning. This newsletter will serve as a resource to families as we implement "online distance learning". We at Gordon Russell are still here to serve you even though the physical building is closed.

PARENTVUE

As we move forward as an online community, ParentVue is the way that information will be shared with families. Parents must have an updated account to receive communications. You use your ParentVUE account to update all contact information, access Trimester 2 Final grades and assignments. If you have not activated your ParentVUE account or have questions about using this tool, please contact the office 503-667-6900 to receive an activation code.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

The Gresham-Barlow School District expects all users of technology and the internet to:

- Show Respect for the Values and Opinions of Others.
- Show Respect for your Personal Integrity.
- Show Respect for the Laws of the Community, State and Country.
- Show Respect for Values of Parents, Guardians and Teachers.
- Show Respect for Equipment and Programs.
- Show Respect for Work and Work Space of Others.

NEED A CHROMEBOOK?

Chromebooks will only be loaned to households that need them. These must be returned by June 10th or when we return to school this spring, whichever comes first.

Please complete this Chromebook loan request **BEFORE** you come pick up your Chromebook(s). You will need the student ID number of your **OLDEST** student in order to complete this form. It is also your student's lunch number and is on report cards. If you do not have it available, please log into ParentVUE or call the school where your oldest student attends to request that ID number.

[Chromebook Loan Request Form](#)

Chromebooks will be checked out at four different locations which can be selected in the request form linked above. For your convenience, each location will be open for Chromebook check out from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm each day.

If your oldest student is in high school pickup will be on Wednesday, April 8.

If your oldest student is in middle school pickup will be on Thursday, April 9.

If your oldest student is in elementary school pickup will be on Friday, April 10.

We encourage families to come throughout the day to help us maintain safe social distancing during check-out. Our process will allow you to check out Chromebook(s) without leaving your car. We ask that you remain in your car.

If you do not have a vehicle and need to walk to the site, we will provide a walk-up option that will require families maintain safe social distancing while waiting. We have sufficient Chromebooks to meet our community's needs. We ask for your patience as we complete the device check-out process with each family.

Sincerely, Gresham-Barlow School District

YEARBOOKS PURCHASES STILL AVAILABLE!

You can still purchase a yearbook!! Please call our main line at 503.667.6900 and we can take payment over the phone and get your student on the list to receive a yearbook. The price for a yearbook is \$20. We will only be ordering the exact amount for students that have paid. No extras will be available. **The last day to purchase a yearbook will be April 28th.**

Community Resources

Internet Access at Home:

In order to have access to learning materials, your student will need access to the Internet. Most Internet providers are waiving late fees and suspending data usage limits due to COVID-19. The following are internet providers that you can contact to activate internet services:

1. Comcast basic internet is free for low-income customers for 60 days and \$9.99/month after that: www.internetessentials.com/Apply
2. Comcast: corporate.comcast.com/covid-19
3. CenturyLink: news.centurylink.com/covid-19

Emergency Relief Resources:

Below you will find information on various sources including Food/Benefits, Utilities/Rent, Health and more.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_vxTr5ze9Po3noASrmc3075x9EMsKZQczUe-QHsWADQ/htmlview?usp=sharing#

School Meals:

Free grab and go meals for students at GRMS.
11:30 am to 12:30 pm - Pick up Lunch and Cold Breakfast for Following Day
For the most updated information click on the below link.

<https://www.gresham.k12.or.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=9003>

School Counselors:

GRMS School Counselors are available during our regular school hours from 8:00-4:00 pm.

Erika Dixon dixon20@gresham.k12.or.us

6th & 7th grade M-F

Tricia Bootzin bootzin@gresham.k12.or.us

8th grade M/W/F

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis or need someone to talk to you, please consider contacting the following crisis lines. Support is available to you 24 hours a day at the contacts below.

Crisis Text Line:

Text 'hello' to 741-741 or visit crisistextline.org

Lines for Life: 1-800-273-8255

Youthline: 1-877-968-8491 or text "teen2teen" to 839863

The Trevor Project: 1-866-488-7386

Multnomah County Crisis Line: 503-988-4888

For information on other available community resources, [check out this directory.](#)

FAQ FOR PARENTS

When will my student receive technology?

See the section in this letter titled, *Need a Chromebook*. Then click on the link [Chromebook Loan Request Form](#).

When can my student get their band instruments or items from their locker?

This Thursday, April 9th between the hours of 3:00 - 5:00 PM you will be able to pick up your band instrument from GRMS.

- Instruments will be along the sidewalk in front of the building.
- Instruments will be labeled by groupings for people in cars to see.
- Parents will pull into the bus loop and stay in the car.
- Each car slowly moves along the line until they see their instrument. When seen the student will get out, grab their instrument, and then reenter the car.
- Parents exit the school lot.

I need to pick up my student's medication.

Please call the front office and we will make arrangements for you to come in.

Can my 8th grade student pick up forecasting sheets for high school?

No. Forecasting will now be done through 8th Grade Social Studies Google Classroom. Please check these sites for instructions.

We don't have internet access. What can we do?

Please see the article under Community Resources above.

How does my student get assignments from their teacher?

Coursework and assignments are available to students through teacher created Google Classrooms. Students should log into Google Classrooms daily.

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