



Tuesday Take Home - May 17, 2022

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Thursday	May 19, 2022	Staff vs. Student Game	4:00PM
Friday	May 20, 2022	COVID-19 Test Kits Sent Home	
Wednesday	May 25, 2022	Virtual PTC Meeting	7:00PM LINK
Thursday	May 26, 2022	Academic Student Of The Month	3:00PM
Thursday	May 26, 2022	Spring Band Concert @ SBHS	7:00 PM

COVID-19 TEST KITS

This week on Friday we will be sending home free COVID-19 test kits to all students. We will be giving the kits to your students 7th period class. Please expect your student to bring one home on Friday.

HALLWAY BEHAVIOR

Unfortunately, social media often drives trends in behavior in schools. We have noticed a considerable uptick in physical type rough housing in the hall. This includes “dunking on, leap forging, tag...etc.” On Monday, we all school announced and reinforced safe behavior in the halls and that any physical type behavior will result in an assigned “Rule School” with no more warnings. Thanks for your support.

ALL SCHOOL CLASSROOM REMINDERS

As we work to finish the school year, we ask you to help support our work with your students by reminding them the importance to;

- Be on time with all materials & seated before the bell rings
- No food or drinks allowed, except water
- Use computers responsibly & report any problems to staff
- Treat others with respect
- Ask for help when needed
- Do your best & attend school everyday

Working together, we create the best possible outcomes for your student and finish the year on a positive note.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Due to Inclement weather we have decided to postpone our Special Olympics...again. It has now been moved to ~~May 12, 2022~~ to **June 2nd**. We appreciate your support.

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.

8th GRADE SAVE THE DATE

We are very excited to announce that this year we will have our 8th Grade Celebration at Sam Barlow High School on June 13th at 7:00pm in the Main Gym. At the celebration, students will be recognized for earning a variety of achievement awards as well as all students attending. We have attached additional information about the end of the year activities for 8th grades.

STUDENT STORE

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](#).

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

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.

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 a 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..

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.