

**Gervais Middle School**  
300 E. Douglas AVE  
P.O. Box 176  
Gervais, OR 97026  
Phone: 503-792-3803 ext. 2020  
Fax: 503-792-9210



Principal: Toni Johnson  
Counselor: Vilma Chan Vasquez  
Behavioral Specialist: Fenya Aman  
Officer Manager: Maria Guerrero  
Secretary: Crystal Camacho

Within our growing, diverse community we sow the seeds of opportunities to raise prepared resilient students.

August 15, 2022

Welcome Back Students (Parents, and Guardians),

I hope all of you have had a great fun filled summer: sleeping in, enjoying the sunny weather, and being with family. I got to look at colleges for my Senior child in high school. I want to welcome all students to the 2022-23 school year.

Let's start with introductions: My name is Toni Johnson. I'm the new middle school principal. Many of you may recognize my name from being a teacher in the district for many years. I taught 5th grade for 10 years and 6-8th grade 14 more. This will be my 25th year. I'm so excited to take on the challenge of being the GMS principal. I plan on bringing my belief that all students can succeed and high expectations for everyone school wide. I know you can do it! You just have to believe you can do it!

It is going to be a great year to grow as a student and human being. This year we are focusing on "The Future" and what that means. Middle school is a time of thinking about all the possibilities that are ahead of you and what it takes to get there. Middle school does matter! With a positive attitude and hard work, success is a reality.

I am excited to announce, we have three new teachers at GMS this year. Mr. Lundin, who is a Gervais High School graduate, will be teaching 8th grade history and Mr. Cook will be teaching 6th grade math. Ms. Ruiz, who has been working in the district for a while, will be an additional English Language Development (ELD) teacher in our building. We are also welcoming Mr. Baughman, as a long-term substitute September through November for 8th grade Language Arts.

I want to announce a new middle school council beginning in September. Once a month, one representative from each of the advisory classes will meet with myself and a member of the counseling team during advisory to talk about the middle school and what we can do to help everyone in the school succeed. This will be a great opportunity to represent your fellow students and have a say in activities at GMS.

Every Friday at the end of the school day, a message will be sent out to parents and guardians via email letting everyone know the schedule for the upcoming week; sports activities, school events, large tests, celebrations, meetings, etc. that will be happening around GMS. Please be sure the office has all emails for parents and/or guardians so they can keep informed of any events around the school.

Please check out the Gervais Middle School Website under "resources" for the updated school supply list. It is important that students be prepared for their first day of the new school year.

Open House is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 1 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. I hope you will be able to join us to meet your teachers, ask questions, and check out some new additions to our school.

We can't wait to see you. Be proud to be a Wolverine!

Thank You,

Toni Johnson  
GMS Principal