



GMS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER #3

Sept. 16, 2022

MESSAGE FROM MRS. JOHNSON -

The school year is already going quickly. Staff and students are getting settled into a routine for the school year. One of the hardest parts of middle school is the locker combination. I'm happy to report, most students are now able to open their lockers without help. 6th graders are using backpacks and did not have to worry about a locker this year.



Good job to all students getting to the classes on time this week. With 4 minutes passing time, all students should have lots of time to get their books, talk to their friends and make it to class on time. Promptness is a great skill to have for the future.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have a question or concern. Here is my email address: toni_johnson@gervais.k12.or.us

Be Proud to be a Wolverine!

Mrs. Johnson

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Sept. 19 - Monday -

- Soccer Game: 4:00 pm @ Home against SAC
- Volleyball Game: 4:00 pm @ St. Mary's - Dismissal at 2:45.

Sept. 21 - Wednesday - Regular Schedule @ 3:45

- Football Game: 4:00 pm Home against Blanchet

Sept. 23 - Friday -

- Athletic Grade and behavior Check
- 1st "Fun Friday" during 7th period. Criteria: 0-1 tardy the week of Sept. 19th

Sept. 26 - Monday -

- After-School Program Begins: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

- Soccer Game: 4:00 pm @ WVC - Dismissal at 3:00.
- Volleyball Game: 4:00 pm @ Jefferson - Dismissal at 2:15.

Sept. 28 - Wednesday - Early Release @ 2:15

- Football Game: 4:00 pm @ Home against Blanchet
- Soccer Game: 4:00 pm @ Home against Jefferson
- Volleyball Game: 4:00 pm @ Western Christian - Dismissal at 2:15.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES FOR SEPT. 19 - SEPT. 23

After School Program

The middle school after school programs will be starting the week of Sept. 26th. A list of classes students can sign up for will be posted in the school this week. Students will also be able to get after school homework help on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Gervais Middle School Handbook

Students have started to go through our handbook of rules that will be enforced this school year. Their advisory teacher will be going through the handbook with them. Once they have finished reading it together, the handbook will be sent home for a parent or guardian to review and sign. The final page will be returned to their advisory teacher and kept in the office. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

I-Ready Diagnostic Testing

Both the math and language arts teacher's are finishing up their I-Ready diagnostic testing which will tell them at what level each student is performing in both math and language arts. This will allow the teachers to better help each child to improve based on where they are at the start of the school year. It will be exciting to watch each student grow in their abilities throughout the school year.

Tardies

Starting next week students who arrive late to school will be marked tardy. Gates open at 8:45 am and 1st period starts at 9:00 am. Students also have 4 minutes passing time between classes. This is plenty of time to leave class, go to their lockers, and be in their next class on time. Should a student receive 2 tardies in one day, they will earn lunch detention. Being on time is an important skill to learn and one of the top requirements of employers.

Sports

This year GMS has 4 Fall sports available to students. For 7th and 8th Graders: Football. For 6th - 8th Grade: Cross Country, Soccer and Volleyball. All student athletes must be passing ALL

classes with either a D- or 60%, or a pass to play sports. A warning was given to all student athletes on Friday, Sept. 16. Student athletes have until this Friday, Sept. 23 to get their class to pass (60% or better) to continue to play in the games/events.

Cost for all Gervais High School athletic events for middle school students is \$2.00.

Fun Friday

Friday, September 23 will be the first Fun Friday of the school year. Every other week, during the last period of the day, the middle school will have an assembly and/or Fun Friday. Each Fun Friday will have a different criteria that students will have to meet allowing them to participate. The criteria for the first one on the 23rd is - Tardies. During the week of Sept. 19th students will be allowed 1 tardy for the 5 days. If they meet this challenge they will be able to choose between going to the gym, playing board games, cards or chess, maybe doing an arts or crafts project. Students who have 2 or more tardies during the week will get to use this time for a study hall to read, finish work, or get help from staff. Incentives like this are very important to middle schools and gives them motivation to do the best they can at school.