



GMS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER #5

October 9, 2023

MESSAGE FROM MRS. JOHNSON -

On Thursday, Oct. 5th the district had their yearly Lockdown Drill. The middle school went first and I am happy to say - It went great. Thank you to all the staff and students who took it seriously and did a great job!

It is conference week - Every 6th, 7th and 8th grade student should have brought home a conference paper which included the date and time, either Wednesday or Thursday. These conferences are very important for everyone to attend. It is a great time to meet your child's teachers, check to see how they are doing, and get information about Outdoor School and an upcoming parent meeting about what to look for around gang activity.

Make sure you read all the way through the information - Each week we will add a note from our counselor, Ms. Aloha at the bottom.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have a question or concern. Here is my email address: toni.johnsongervais.k12.or.us or phone number at GMS 503-792-3803 ext. 2020.

Proud to be a Wolverine!

Mrs. Johnson

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES: Oct. 09 - 13

- **Monday, Oct. 9 - Regular Schedule / Dismissed @ 3:00**
 - Home soccer game vs Central Linn at 4:00 pm.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 10 - Regular Schedule / Dismissed @ 3:00**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 11 - No School / Conferences**
 - Home volleyball game vs St. Paul at 4:00 in the high school
 - Away soccer game at OSD @ 4:00 pm. Busses load at 2:15 pm (McDonald's Stop)

- Home football game vs St. Mary's @ 5:00 pm
 - Thursday, Oct. 12 - No School / Conferences
 - Friday, Oct. 13 - No School / Statewide In-Service for teachers
 - Cross Country Meet at Champoeg - Leaves at 7:30 am
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES/UPDATES FOR Oct. 9-13

Conferences - Wednesday and Thursday! Call the office at 503-792-3803 ext. 2020 if you need to reschedule or did not get the form from your child last week.

Lots of sports going on this week even though there is no school. Please see the schedule above for dates and times of games/matches/meets. We have started doing grade checks for all the student athletes. All students must be passing all classes (D-/60%) or better to be allowed to play in sports. Many students were talked to last week and given a warning. If they do not have passing grades by the end of this week, students will be removed from the team.

- **Notes From Ms. Aloha:**

Happy October!! As we continue to raise the standards of academic learning, we also want to implement social/emotional skills and college and career development. During homeroom, we are lucky to have programs to provide social/emotional guidance and support, along with college and career exploration.

- 1. BASE: The program focuses on comprehensive student mental health and well-being solutions.**
- 2. Find Your Grind: This program is new to GMS and it focuses on exploring career opportunities that students may be interested in.**
- 3. GEAR UP: This program is also new to GMS and it focuses on what it takes to get into college, college visits, and career exploration.**
- 4. ASPIRE: Also new to GMS and it will focus on educating students and parents on how to become career and college ready.**

We are excited to have these opportunities at our school and look forward to working with students and families in understanding what these programs have to offer. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Aloha Yoshinaga (GMS Counselor) at aloha_yoshinaga@gervais.k12.or.us or 503-792-3803 x2024