



GMS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER #8

October 30, 2023

MESSAGE FROM MRS. JOHNSON -

This is the 9th week of school, which means we will be halfway through 1st semester at the end of this week. Where has the time gone? Please make sure your child's homework is getting turned in. The teachers will be updating grades this week and progress reports will be mailed home the week of Nov. 6th.

Tardies - Students late for school and classes. Staff is in the halls trying to get students to prioritize getting to class on time. On Friday, I started giving lunch detention to students with 4 or more tardies in a week. This is a small school. 4 minutes passing time is more than enough time to go to their lockers and get to their next class. Many students use this time to talk to their friends, making them late. Being on time is one of the top qualities employers look for in their employees. Now is the time to learn this important skill.

Make sure you read all the way through the information - Our school counselor, Ms. Aloha has a message about your child's future.

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. 30 - Nov. 3

Spirit Week

- **Monday, Oct. 30 - Regular Schedule / Dismissed @ 3:00**
 - **Girl's basketball practice starts today 3:15-5:00**
 - **Wrestling starts today in the high school 3:15-5:00**

- **Tuesday, Oct. 31 - Regular Schedule /Dismissed @ 3:00**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 1 - Early Release / Dismissed @ 1:00**
 - **Yes, there is practice from 3:15-5:00. Students stay in the gym with supervision**
- **Thursday, Nov. 2 - Regular Schedule / Dismissed @ 3:00**
- **Friday, Nov. 3 - Regular Schedule / Dismissed @ 3:00**

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES/UPDATES FOR Oct. 30-Nov. 3

Student Athletes and Early Release Days -

- **Starting this week we now have the beginning of winter sports. Both wrestling and girl's basketball are starting practice on Monday from 3:15-5:00. For now only 7th and 8th grade girls are allowed for basketball. If we need more players or wrestlers it will be opened up to 6th grade. Remember student athletes must be passing with a 60% or better in all classes to be allowed to be in sports.**

Student Pictures -

- **We are hoping to get the student's school pictures this week. Sorry for the delay. They will be given out in homeroom.**

Spirit Week -

- **This week is Spirit Week! This is always a fun week for both the students and staff. Here are the themes for each day.**
 - **Monday, Oct. 30 - Pajama Day**
 - **Tuesday, Oct. 31 - Costume Day**
 - **No blood, masks or weapons**
 - **Wednesday, Nov. 1 - Dress as your type Day**
 - **Thursday, Nov. 2 - Western/Jaripeo Day**
 - **Friday, Nov. 3 - Homies/Twin Day**

YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL FUTURE -

It's never too early to talk to your child/children about college and career opportunities. This year at GMS, we have the opportunity to implement college and career readiness programs. Here are the programs:

- 1. Find Your Grind: This program is conducted in homeroom, where it allows students to change the conversation around career exploration by asking students what kind of life they want to live, then equipping them with knowledge and skills to create it.**

- 2. ASPIRE: This program helps educate Oregon students to become career and college ready.**
- 3. GEAR UP: This program is to ensure that Oregon's low-income middle school and high school students are prepared for, pursue, and succeed in postsecondary education.**

Let me know if you would like more information about these programs, please contact me at aloha_yoshinaga@gervais.k12.or.us or at 503-792-3803 x2024.

Thanks,

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