



# **GMS WEEKLY**

## **NEWSLETTER #12**

**Dec. 4, 2023**

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**MESSAGE FROM MRS. JOHNSON -**

**Happy December! Winter is in the air. Should snow or ice delay or close school a call will go out to notify families. You can also go to the school district website at [gervais.k12.or.us](http://gervais.k12.or.us). Families can also watch the channel 12 Fox News for school updates.**

**December 8 at 6:00pm is the Gervais Christmas Light Parade. If you, your child or organization would like to join the parade a form is located on the Gervais city website. <http://www.gervaisoregon.org/>**

**Saturday, Dec. 9th from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Gervais High School will be the Winter Festival. Dinner is turkey gravy, mashed potatoes and a roll. Adults \$2.00 and children \$1.00 each. Activities are free for everyone. Hopefully, you will come out to join the fun.**

**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](mailto:toni_johnsongervais.k12.or.us) or phone number at GMS 503-792-3803 ext. 2020.**

**Proud to be a Wolverine!**  
**Mrs. Johnson**

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**Message from Mrs. Guerrero in the Office:**

**If you need to pick up your child from school please try to contact the office at 503-792-3803 ext. 2020 BEFORE 2:00 on regular school days and by 12:00 on early release days. It is too difficult to get a message to students when parents/guardians call right at dismissal time.**

**Winter Break is from Monday, Dec. 18 through Tuesday, Jan. 2. First day back for all students is Wednesday, Jan 3 which will be a full day - Dismissal at 3:00 pm.**

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES: Dec. 4 - Dec. 8**

- **Monday, Dec. 4 - Regular Schedule / Dismissed @ 3:00**
  - **Away Girl's Basketball game at Blanchet @ 4:00. Students dismissed at 2:45**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Regular Schedule /Dismissed @ 3:00**
- **Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Early Release Schedule / Dismissed at 1:00**
  - **Away Wrestling Meet @ 4:00 pm at Jefferson. Students dismissed at 2:30**
  - **Away Girls Basketball game at Salem Academy @ 4:00. Students dismissed at 2:45**
- **Thursday, Dec. 7 - Regular Schedule / Dismissed @ 3:00**
- **Friday, Dec. 8 - Regular Schedule / Dismissed @ 3:00**
- **Saturday, Dec. 9 - Winter Festival / 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Gervais High School**

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## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES/UPDATES for Dec. 4 - Dec. 8**

### **GMS Yearbook now on sale -**

You can now pre-order the 2023-24 middle school yearbook. It will be given out to students at the end of the school year, who have ordered and paid. Hardcover \$25.26 and Softcover \$15.77. <https://store.shopyearbook.com/gms-yearbook>

### **Ms. Aloha's Words of Wisdom 😊**

#### **Willamette Vital Health Upcoming Grief Groups and Events**

Welcome back!! I hope you had a great thanksgiving week.

Here is a great opportunity for families who may be going through a loss of a family or loved one. Willamette Vital Health (formerly Willamette Valley Hospice) provides grief support for families with children grieving the loss of a loved one. They have a 7-week Family grief group for children starting January 9th.

Here is more information: Each group series is a 7-week structured grief support that focuses on grieving children ages 6-18 and their parents/trusted adult(s). In order to have the best impact for the child, each child/family group must have an adult(s) participating in the concurrent adult group. Due to being at different developmental stages, children are separated into different groups based on age. This group is in-person at our administrative office: 1015 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW Salem OR 97304. The deadline to register is January 5<sup>th</sup>, but we encourage registration as early as possible. There is no charge for this 7 week group.

**Group includes age-appropriate activities for different age groups (6-8), (9-12), (13-17), (18+ adults). Each age group will have a session with our Music Therapy team. There is limited availability so please have parents/trusted adult(s) call us at 503-588-3600 and request to speak with the Grief Care Coordinator to pre-register. We also have the online registration form available on our website WVH.org. on the Grief Care Page.**

**Here is a link directly to the online registration form for our Family Grief Group. <https://forms.office.com/r/1trLm0vhA3>. Following the initial interest Pre-Registration Form, a counselor will call to complete the Process. Completion of Informed consents for Parent/Trusted Adult(s) and each child attending is required before registration is complete. Families who do not complete ALL of their consents will be on the waitlist until we receive every form completed.**

**Let me know if you have any questions. Contact Aloha Yoshinaga, at [aloha\\_yoshinaga@gervais.k12.or.us](mailto:aloha_yoshinaga@gervais.k12.or.us) or at 503-792-3803 x2024.**