

# **GMS Family Update – August, 2022**

Good Day GMS Families,

As we approach the final weeks of summer we wanted to communicate additional information with you. We are excited about the upcoming year and look forward to working with you and your children! We look forward to seeing you soon.

## **Registration and Demographic Information Update**



Hortonville Area School District  
Student Information & Family Access  
**Demographics Update**

Please log in to Skyward and complete your child(ren's) demographic information update for the coming school year, please be sure to do so as soon as you are able. We need this information to plan for the school year and bus routes. Thank you in advance for helping us by completing this as soon as possible.

## **Fall Open House**



August 30<sup>th</sup> will be our Open house. We welcome you from 3:45-5:45pm.

## **School Supply Lists**



School supply lists are available on the GMS [website](#).

## **Welcome New Staff to GMS**



As we begin the 2022 school year, there are some new faces we would like to welcome to the GMS family. Please help us welcome:

**Matthew Winkel** - Mr. Winkel will be joining the music department as a choir teacher here at GMS this year.

**Tyler Norton** - Mr. Norton is already a member of the Phy Ed team at GES, he will be joining the GMS Phy Ed/health team in the mornings.

**Nicole Lunde** - Ms. Lunde is already a member of the district Special Education Team, she will be joining us from Hortonville Elementary in supporting students here at GMS.

**Lena Parry-Cook** - Mrs. Cook is joining the GMS Exploratory team and will be teaching students in grades 5-8 Digital Literacy.

**Danielle Munger** - Mrs. Munger is joining our 5th grade team this year.

**Please help us in welcoming these great individuals to our GMS team. We are excited to have all of them as part of the GMS family!**

## **Annual GMS Fall Fundraiser**



We will be holding our annual GMS Fall Fundraiser from September 1st - September 16th this year. On the first day of school your child will watch an informational video and a packet of information regarding the sale this year. Everything is online so it is super easy! There are also lots of great prizes for our students this year. Every student that sells 15 items or more will get to go to Urban Air as a special incentive from school. Please look for more information to come after the first day of school.

## **8th Grade WEB Leader Training Days**



Attention all 2022/23 8th Grade WEB leaders: (UPDATED INFO)

WEB Leader training will be held on August 15th and August 16th. Please note, our training will now take place at Greenville Elementary School. We will meet our WEB leaders right inside the front entrance at 8 AM. We have adjusted the training time slightly, it will now be held from 8am - 11:30am. Lunch is not included.

6th grade orientation will be held on August 23rd and will still take place at GMS at the scheduled time of 8 AM. Orientation will take place from 8 - 11:30 AM. Lunch is not included.

## **6th Grade Student Orientation**



We will be kicking off the 2022-2023 school year with a 6th grade Orientation Day on Tuesday, August 23rd from 8:00-11:30am. This will be held in the Greenville Middle School gymnasium and will be led by our 8th grade WEB Leaders. The transition from 5th to 6th grade is big and our 8th graders want to make sure 6th graders feel welcome, comfortable, and confident starting their school year. Please have your child dropped off by 8:00 a.m. Lunch *will not* be provided. There is no need to pre-register. Please do not worry if your child is not able to attend, there will be a great deal of support for our students in their first few days as they transition.

## **5th Grade Transition Event**



In order to help prepare our incoming 5th graders, we will host a 5th Grade Transition Event on August 23rd from 3:00-4:30pm at GMS. Please do not drop your child off before 2:45pm. There is no need to pre-register. If your child is unable to attend, we assure you our incredible 5th grade team will help support them in their first days. Our Open House night on August 30th is also another chance to get comfortable with the building.

## **First Day of School - Start/End Time**



We are excited to welcome back our GMS students to school on Thursday, September 1st. Just a reminder that the school day starts at 7:40am. This means that students need to be in class and ready to learn by 7:40am. If you are dropping off your child at school, the doors will be open at 7:25am. Students will need to remain in the cafeteria until they are released to their grade level at 7:30am. If your child is planning to get breakfast, please have them here by 7:25am so they have plenty of time to get their breakfast and be on time for class. Bus students will have time to get breakfast when the bus gets here. Drop-off students will all enter the building through the main entrance, door 1. Bus students will be entering the building through our new entrance in the back of the building. Open gym does not start until September 19th. More information will come regarding that. Students are all released at 2:50pm. We look forward to seeing you all on September 1st for our annual red carpet welcome!

## **Drop Off/Pick Up Safety & Efficiency Expectations**



We look forward to a smooth and efficient process in the new pick-up and drop off lane but we need your help to keep it safe. We ask that all parents share this information with anyone who may be dropping off or picking your student up. If everyone follows the expectations and signage, we can execute the process quickly and safely. Please take time to review the drop off expectations.

If you have elementary children and middle school children and want to have them exit at one location, please drop off at GES and have your GMS student walk over using the sidewalk. It is much safer for our GMS students to walk the distance rather than our GES friends. Please do not drop off elementary school students in the GMS drop off lane.

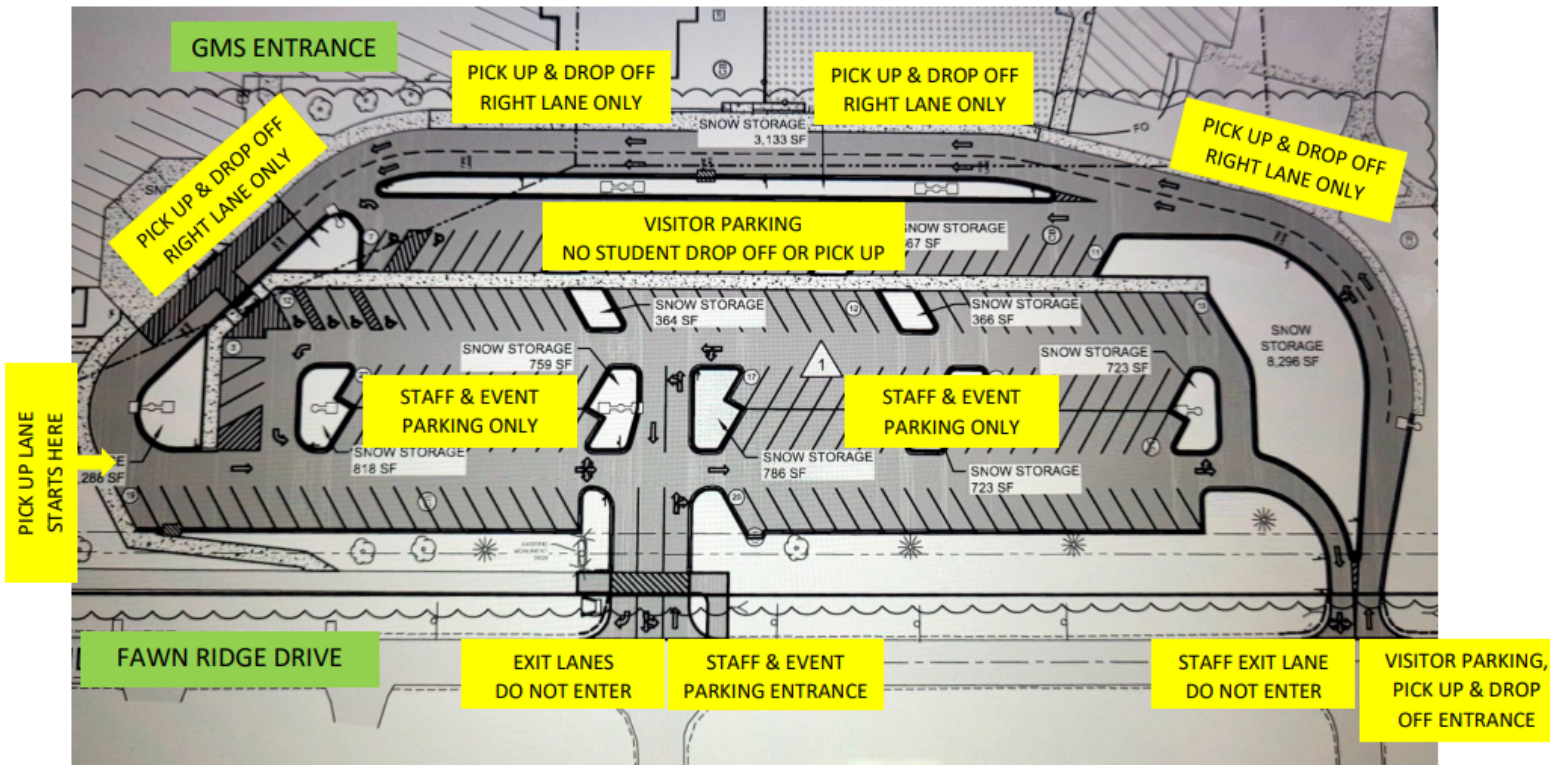
When you are in the GMS drop off lane, pull as far ahead past the GMS Door 1 Main Entrance as you can prior to dropping off your middle school student. When your vehicle makes its first stop, and you have sidewalk to your right, your student should exit the vehicle. You may then pull into the left lane to exit. When you make multiple stops in the lane, this greatly holds up traffic. Your student should exit once your vehicle is stopped in the lane. They will need to walk from that point to the entrance.

Do not use the left lane to cut ahead of others and cut people off in the right lane (the drop off lane). The left lane is for exiting only after you have dropped off your student. Students should only enter and exit the vehicle on the passenger side. They should not walk through the drop off lane or parking lot at any time. Do not park in the staff for student drop off or pick up. It is unsafe to walk through the moving drop off lane. The parking lot is for staff use only during the school day. If you need to enter the building during this time, please use visitor parking. You will access visitor parking through the drop off lane. Follow the signage to visitor parking. Visitor and staff parking are not to be used for drop off and pick up.

We are excited about the additional parking that will be available in the staff lot which will be used for athletics, events, open house, and parent teacher conferences. During the school day, please use visitor parking as needed. During drop off and pick up you should be using the designated lane for that purpose. Please help us to ensure that your student is not walking through the parking lot during drop off or pick up as it is unsafe.

Students should not be walking home using the rear bus lot as a pathway as this is unsafe with bus traffic. If your student is walking home they should exit from the front of the building, use designated sidewalks and crosswalks and should not be crossing through the front or rear parking lot.

## Parking Lot - Drop off Pick Up Map



## GMS Picture Day

GMS picture Day will be held on Tuesday, September 6th.





## **Construction Safety Reminder**



Please remind your children that they should not enter the GMS Campus Construction Zone at any time. We have had several notices from our contractors that people have gone beyond fencing and barricaded areas. Youth sports teams that are using our fields/grass area for practice must stay far back from this area at all times. Parents and coaches, please help us ensure this is off limits.

## **Fall Sports Reminder**



If your child is planning on participating in a fall sport please be sure to have the sports physical completed and paperwork to our school office prior to the start date. For more information on the required paperwork, please use this [link](#).



## **2022/23 Illness Protocol Information**



The Hortonville Area School District has been hosting a COVID-19 case dashboard for approximately two academic years. From the start of the pandemic, new tools have become available to limit the effects of COVID-19 on communities and healthcare systems. As a result, the goals of the COVID-19 response have shifted from preventing all transmission of SARS-CoV-2 to preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. Wisconsin Department of Health Services supports the use of the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels to monitor the impact of COVID-19 in our communities. As such, HASD removed the COVID-19 case dashboard for our schools.

COVID-19 or other illnesses Positive for COVID-19:

- Please refer to Outagamie Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard for recommendations for positive cases.

<https://www.outagamie.org/government/departments-f-m/healthhuman-services/public-health/communicable-disease/covid-19-2019-novel-coronavirus> (Outagamie County Public Health)

- Stay home for 5 days after symptoms begin, AND
- Return to school after 24-hour fever free without fever reducing medications

COVID-like symptoms, Influenza symptoms, or generally not feeling well:

- Stay home
- Return to school after 24 hours fever-free without fever reducing medications

- Return to school after 48 hours without vomiting or diarrhea

These guidelines remain consistent whether someone is vaccinated or not. School-age household members of a positive COVID-19 person do not need to be excluded from in-person.

Masking is optional. Students/Staff may mask at any time.



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We are excited to welcome our students back to school. We will send another update next week with some “Frequently Asked Questions.” Please take time to talk through the FAQ’s with your student, it is a great way to help them feel prepared to transition back. As always, if you have any questions please reach out to our school office for additional information. The school office is the best way to get up to date and accurate information when you have questions. Feel free to contact us directly with questions as well, we are happy to help!

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