

Greenville Middle School

Family Newsletter

December 2022



Greetings,

Welcome to December! We hope you enjoyed the recent long weekend and wish you well in the upcoming weeks. During the month of December we have set a school wide goal to reduce the number of behavioral incidents in regard to Self-Management. Please talk with your student about a specific goal they may have for themselves. Specifically discuss how their hard work can impact our school community. As always, if you have any questions please reach out to us anytime and we will be happy to assist you.

Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Powell



November GMS Students of the Month



Each month we celebrate students who are demonstrating Social and Emotional Learning Skills (SEL) in the areas of Self Management, Self Awareness, Relationship Skills, Social Awareness, and Responsible Decision Making. We celebrate students who are growing and making progress in their skills and also those who demonstrate them consistently.

Congratulations to our November Students of the Month!

Winter Spirit Days



December 19 – Pajama Day

December 20 - Flannel Day

December 21 – Red and Green Day

December 22 – Silly Sock Day

December 23 – Silly Sweater Day

Attendance matters, every day counts toward student success!

As we approach the winter break, please keep our attendance requirements in mind as you plan ahead this year. If your child is planning to miss school please have them pick up a pre-arranged absence form from the office. Please also remember, anytime your student is out for a medical (medical,

dental, mental health) appointment or is ill, a note from the doctors office can exempt those occurrences from the ten days.

Wisconsin Attendance Law:

According to “State Statute 118.15(3)(C) parents may excuse their child from school for no more than **ten** (*all or part of*) days a school year. *After* ten times of being excused, a medical excuse will be required to exempt the absence, or the absence may be treated as unexcused.”

Helpful Tips:

- Schedule as many appointments as possible outside of the school day.
- If a student misses school due to an appointment (doctor, dentist, therapy, etc) or goes to the doctor for an illness, the professional can send a note exempting the absence from school by either faxing (fax number 757-7141) the note to school or it can be handed into the office here at Greenville Middle School.
- Schedule your vacations to coincide with the school district calendar. (Pre-arranged absence forms must be filled out and approved before a trip)
- Communicate with school staff when there are barriers to your student attending school.
- Call Greenville Middle School before 7:30am on the day your student is going to be absent. (920-757-7140)
- Students will be marked tardy after 7:40am. Students are expected to be in school and seated ready to go at this time.
- Greenville Middle School and Hortonville Area School District will be sending reminder letters, emails, and requesting parent meetings after 10 school days are excused, we want to be partners in your child’s success. Absences after 10 occurrences will be marked unexcused and will require a doctor's note.



Lost and Found Items



Please remind your student to check the lost and found often as it piles up quickly here at school, especially in the winter. The lost and found is located near our front entrance to the cafeteria. We will gather up the items that have not been picked up and we will donate those items on December 23rd. We always remind students in our daily announcements the week prior to donating but appreciate your help reminding students as well.

Student Drop Off Time



Students can enter the building each morning at 7:25am (unless they are here for band, choir, or an activity supervised by a staff member). Please do not drop them off prior to that as there is no supervision. Please remind them they will need to wait in the cafeteria until 7:30am before heading to their grade levels. If your student is planning on getting breakfast, please remind them to get breakfast right away and take it with them to their first hour. If your child is coming to Open Gym, they may arrive at 7:00am but must remain in the gym until 7:25am.

***Please keep in mind, students should be seated and ready to learn by 7:40am.
Please plan accordingly if you are dropping off so that they have adequate time.***

Polar Parents



“Polar Parents” is a great way to get involved here at school. We will share volunteer opportunities with you in the coming weeks and throughout the school year. We hope you consider assisting us throughout the year. If you think at any point this year you may want to volunteer at school or chaperone a dance or field trip, please take time to complete the [background check form](#). This can take several weeks to process so we encourage you to be proactive in completing it. This must be completed and processed prior to your participation.

GMS Student Handbook



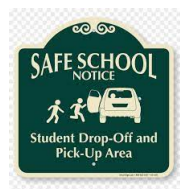
Please take time to review our [Student Handbook](#). Your student has been provided a copy of this. You may also access [district policy](#) if you have additional questions.

Lunch Guests & Treats



Please remember that if you have a special guest coming to have lunch with your student for a special occasion, they must be listed in your student's Skyward Account (parent/guardian/emergency contact). If you need to add them you may do that in your demographic update in Skyward or call the school office for help. We will then provide you with a conference room or an office space where you can eat with your student. They may not bring friends for lunch with you, it may only be with your own students. We also want to remind you of our district snack/treat policy. Students may not provide food (snacks, birthday treats, etc) to other students. Thank you for your help with this.

Drop Off/Pick Up

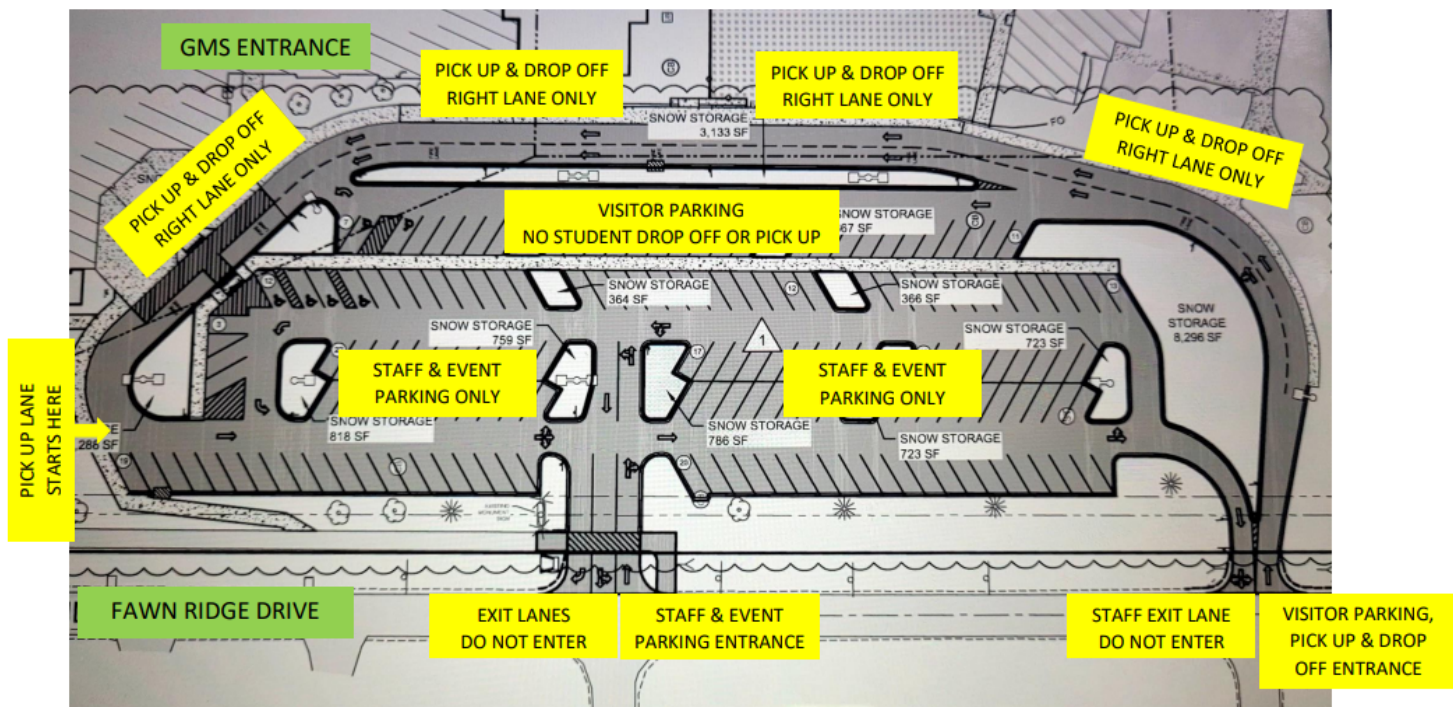


Please take time to review the drop off expectations. If you have someone else picking up your student, please share this information with them.

- 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. Do not make multiple stops to get to door 1. Students should exit once you are curbside at your first stopping point.
- Elementary students should be dropped off at GES (if you also have GMS students they should walk from that drop off location). Do not drop off elementary students in the GMS lane.
- After you drop off, exit into the left lane.
- Do not use the left lane or visitor parking lane to cut ahead of others.
- Students should only enter and exit the vehicle on the passenger side. They should not walk through the drop off lane to visitor parking or the staff lot at any time.
- Do not park in the staff or visitor parking area 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.

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.

Map of the GMS parking lot and drop off/pick up locations



HHS DECA Toy Drive



Hortonville DECA is holding a toy drive from Monday 12/5/22 through Tuesday 12/20/22. Please donate new or lightly used toys, they cannot be gift wrapped but original packing is accepted. There will be donation boxes in HES, GES, HMS, GMS and HHS. Your participation in this wonderful event is very appreciated as it helps our community greatly.

Jimmy John's HASD Fundraiser Night



Sharing the Love **COMMUNITY EVENT**

WHY

As a thank you for the love you've shown us, we will donate
10% of net sales to Hortonville School District!

WHEN

Thursday, December 15 ★ 10:00 am – 09:00 pm

WHERE

4194 W WISCONSIN AVE ★ 9208301111



GMS Retention Pond - Safety Reminder



Please remind your student(s) that they are not permitted in the area around or near the retention pond behind GMS. The water is deep and the ice is not safe. Students should never approach the pond. This has been an issue with our students who are walking to and from school as well outside of the school day. We have reminded our students and are installing signage but please discuss this with your student.

Reminders from the



If your student is not feeling well during the school day they should get permission from their teacher to go to the Health Office. The Health Aid will discuss their symptoms and assess your student in the Health Office and will then contact you. Please remind them they should not be texting parents from classrooms without teacher permission. Please remind them to follow this process so that we can follow our school health protocol. At times, students may be avoiding class and our Health Aid does an excellent job working with students to ensure it is appropriate that they leave for the day. This process also helps us ensure attendance protocols are utilized correctly. Please remind your student of this process and ensure they follow this protocol here at school.

Important Dates to Remember:

[2022/2023 District Calendar](#)

December 6th: [GMS Band Concert at HHS](#)

December 13th: GMS Choir Concert at HHS

5th & 6th Grade Report at 5:30pm / 7th & 8th Grade Report at 6:45pm

December 23rd: Early Release (11:45am)

December 26th - 30th: No School - Winter Break

January 19th: End of the 2nd Quarter

January 20th: Teacher Workday - No School for Students

February 2nd: GMS Renovation Community Open House

February 8th: Early Release Day (11:45am)

February 15th: Parent Teacher Conferences

February 16th: Parent Teacher Conferences

February 17th: Parent Teacher Conferences/No School for Students

March 3rd: GMS/HMS Middle School Dance at HMS

April 3rd - 7th: Spring Break - No School