

Greenville Middle School

Family Newsletter

February 2023



Greetings,

Welcome to February! Please take time to read important updates from GMS. You will find information that will be helpful this spring as we look ahead. As always, please reach out to us with any questions.

With regard,

Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Powell

GMS January 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 January Students of the Month!

Parent Teacher Conferences



Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. The winter conferences held on Wednesday, February 15th and Thursday, February 16th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm will be conducted virtually. They will also be held on Friday, February 17th from 8:00-11:30 am in-person at Greenville Middle School.

The sign-up window will close on February 10th. The virtual links will be found on the GMS website during conferences. There will be no need to sign up for walk-in conferences on Friday, February 17th. Conferences are limited to 10 minutes. If you feel you need longer than this, please set up an individual meeting with the teacher(s) at another time.

If you have questions about your child's progress or their classes, we encourage you to communicate with the teachers through email or phone contact at any time. Please don't wait until conferences if something can be addressed proactively or in a timelier manner.

Conference space may be limited as some of our teachers see many students within a course of their schedule. There may not be enough conference spaces per teacher for each student but all of their teachers are available to you at any time if you have questions. They would be happy to set up a parent conference with you at any time at your request.

If you have any questions or need assistance registering, please contact the Greenville Middle School office at 920-757-7170.

Attendance matters, every day counts toward student success!



As we approach our second semester of the school year, 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:

- Call Greenville Middle School before 7:30am on the day your student is going to be absent. (920-757-7140) Please wait for all directions on the voicemail line, it will prompt you to save your message when you are done. Please wait for that to finalize your message.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

Student Cell Phone Use at GMS



Please do not text your child during the school day. This becomes a classroom management challenge for our staff. Students may only use their phone for school use in the classroom with teacher permission. They may not use it in restrooms, hallways, locker rooms, or the lunch room. If you need to get a message to your student, please call the school office and we will get them the message. If your child is not feeling well, remind them to go to the nurses office to be assessed rather than calling you first. The nurse's office will then contact you. Thank you for your help with this.

Student Safety Reminders



- Please do not drop off or pick up your student in the staff lot. You must use the drop off/pick up lane for your students safety.
- Pull up as far as possible in the lane, once you make your first stop and you are curbside your student should exit.
- GES students should be dropped off in the GES parking lot. If you have a GMS student as well, they can walk from GES.
- Drop off/pick up should only take place in the right lane. The left lane is for exiting after you have dropped off/picked up. Students should never walk through the left lane.



2023 Polar Bear Baseball Clinic

Visit www.hortonvillebaseball.com for more information

Clinic Date: Saturday, April 15
Clinic Times: Session I – Boys Grades 2 - 4 9:00 – 11:15 am (Check-in at 8:40)
 Session II – Boys Grades 5 – 8 12:30 – 3:00 pm (check in at 12:10)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, April 7, 2023

(We do accept late registrations, however we cannot guarantee a t-shirt for late registrations)

Clinic Summary:

Boys will receive individual and group instruction on the proper mechanics of hitting, throwing and fielding.

Location:

Clinic will be held at Hortonville High School. Boys should enter through the main entrance, walk through the commons and register outside of the fieldhouse. **Please arrive 20 minutes early to check in.**

What to Bring:

Students should bring a baseball glove, tennis shoes, comfortable clothing and batting gloves (recommended). If they have a bat, they should bring one; however bats will be available at the clinic. **All personal gear should clearly have your child's name on it.**

Cost:

The cost of the clinic is \$35. Each student will receive a t-shirt. **Make checks payable to: Hortonville High School.**

Clinic Staff:

The Hortonville High School coaching staff will direct the clinic. Many varsity players will be on hand to teach and demonstrate proper mechanics and give individual attention to students.

Registration Form (Detach)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent (s) Name: _____

Register my son for:	_____	Session I	_____	Session II
		Grades 2-4		Grades 5-8
		9:00 – 11:15 am		12:30 – 3:00 pm

T-Shirt Size

- ___ Youth Small
- ___ Youth Medium
- ___ Youth Large
- ___ Youth XL
- ___ Adult Small
- ___ Adult Medium
- ___ Adult Large
- ___ Adult XL

Mail Registration to:

Greg Yeager
 Hortonville High School
 155 Warner St
 PO Box 220
 Hortonville, WI 54944

(Please sign the back of the form)

**PARENT'S RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
BASEBALL SPORT CLINIC**

I/WE HEREBY REQUEST THAT YOU ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF _____ IN THE CLINIC DURING THE SET DATES. I/WE HEREBY RELEASE THE CLINIC, INSTRUCTORS, DIRECTORS, AND HORTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FROM ALL CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF INJURIES WHICH MAY BE SUSTAINED BY MY/OUR SON/DAUGHTER WHILE ATTENDING THE CLINIC. I/WE AGREE TO INDEMNIFY BASEBALL SPORTS CLINIC FROM EACH CLAIM WHICH MAY HEREAFTER BE PRESENTED BY MY/OUR SON/DAUGHTER AS A RESULT OF ANY SUCH INJURIES. I/WE ALSO CERTIFY THAT MY /OUR SON/DAUGHTER IS MEDICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR CLINIC.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

SPRING FLING DANCE

Dear HMS, GMS, and FWA Parents,

We are excited to announce our second Greenville Middle / Hortonville Middle / FWA dance of the year.

The Spring Fling will be held on **Friday, March 3rd, 2023**. We will begin the evening with a **5th and 6th grade dance party from 3:30 – 5:00 PM** and will follow with a **7th and 8th grade dance from 5:30 – 7:00 PM**. Transportation will be available for our 5th and 6th graders from GMS who will need a ride over to HMS, but parents will be responsible for picking their children up afterwards at HMS. Please be sure to be on time when picking your child up. 7th and 8th graders will not be permitted to attend until 5:30 PM.

The cost to attend this event is \$5.00 per student and will include a DJ, dancing, open gym activities, hotdogs, chips, and drinks.

If you would like for your student to attend, please complete the permission form on the back of this letter and have them return it to the office by Wednesday, **March 1st, 2023**. **Checks should be written out to Hortonville Middle School.**

We are looking forward to a great time on March 3rd, 2023. Please call us if you have any questions.

Mr. Lawrence, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Rochon-Luft, and Ms. Proetti

**Dance Party Permission Form Please return by Wednesday,
March 1st, 2023**

Name of Student(s): _____

Circle one: HMS / GMS / FWA

Grade(s): _____

I, _____, give my child(ren) listed above permission to attend the Dance Party on Friday, March 3rd at Hortonville Middle School. I understand that attendance at school dances is a privilege, and that I will discuss behavior expectations with my student in advance. Included with this permission form is \$5.00 per student, with my check made payable to Hortonville Middle School. I also understand that my child(ren) need(s) to be picked up from the dance on time **(5:00 PM for 5th and 6th graders and 7:00 PM for 7th and 8th graders)**. I will have my child return this form to the GMS office by Wednesday, March 1st, 2023

Parent Signature: _____ Date:

GMS 5th and 6th Graders Only >>> _____ Please check here if you would like your child to ride a bus from GMS to HMS for the Dance Party on March 3rd, 2023. I understand that I will need to pick up my child from HMS afterwards.

TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED AFTERWARDS TO GMS.

2023-2024 Teacher Requests



It is that time of year when families and parents start to send teacher requests for next year. Classroom teachers, interventionists, pupil service staff, and special education staff collaborate to identify the very best placement for your child. Lists are created, reviewed, and then revised several times to balance student needs.

Some of the factors considered when placing students in classes include:

1. Balancing the ability levels of all students
2. Equalizing class size
3. Separating children who have demonstrated personality conflicts.
4. Distributing the ratio of boys and girls.
5. Configuring classrooms for access to resource teachers.

We do not guarantee any teacher requests as we believe our educators are qualified to support all students. Only requests with a specific medically documented academic need can be honored. If your student qualifies for a request based on academic need, please submit a written statement which contains the reasons why such a placement is necessary for your child's education. The Written statement must include the date, child's name, his/her grade level for the following school year, the FIRST AND SECOND choice of teacher and the academic rationale for the request. A parent/guardian signature and documentation from the student's medical provider supporting the request must be included. All requests must be received in the school office **no later than April 30, 2023**.

Important Dates to Remember:

[2022/2023 District Calendar](#)

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