

Greenville Middle School

Family Newsletter

January 2023



Greetings,

Welcome to January! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful winter break. We were excited to welcome our students back to school on January 2nd. Prior to the break, we celebrated schoolwide growth in development of social emotional skills in working towards goals we set as a building specific to Self Management and Responsible Decision Making. We held school assemblies with our grade levels to celebrate and were very impressed by our students' positive participation. Thank you for reminding your students to make positive choices daily as they are part of a schoolwide community that is inclusive, kind, and respectful of others.

As we continue our winter activities seasons, please reach out to our Activities Director, Mr. Linz (timothylinz@hasd.org) with any questions you may have. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out directly to our school office to get the most accurate information. We wish you well in the new year!

With regard,

Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Powell

December 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 December 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 8:00-11:30am in-person at Greenville Middle School.

You will be able to sign up for the virtual conferences in Skyward beginning on February 2nd, 2023. 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.

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 January 19th. 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.

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.

Reminders from the School Counselor for 8th Grade Parents/Guardians



January 9th 8th Grade Parent Night (HHS)- *Information will be posted on Hortonville High School homepage*

January 12th High School Counselors coming to GMS for course registration presentation during Social Studies classes

January 23rd 8th graders will need completed and signed course registration form submitted to Ms. Rosene

January 25th High School Counselors coming to GMS to complete course registration in Skyward during Social Studies classes

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. Please review our student handbook if you have questions regarding cell phone expectations and consequences at GMS.

School Report Card



The Department of Public Instruction has released school building and district report cards for the 2021-2022 academic year. If you would like to review the data please use this [link](#) to find out more. The Hortonville Area School District exceeded expectations with a score of 76.4. Specifically, Greenville Middle School scored 80.4 on the report card which also indicated an exceeding rating. We would like to share the following celebrations with you:

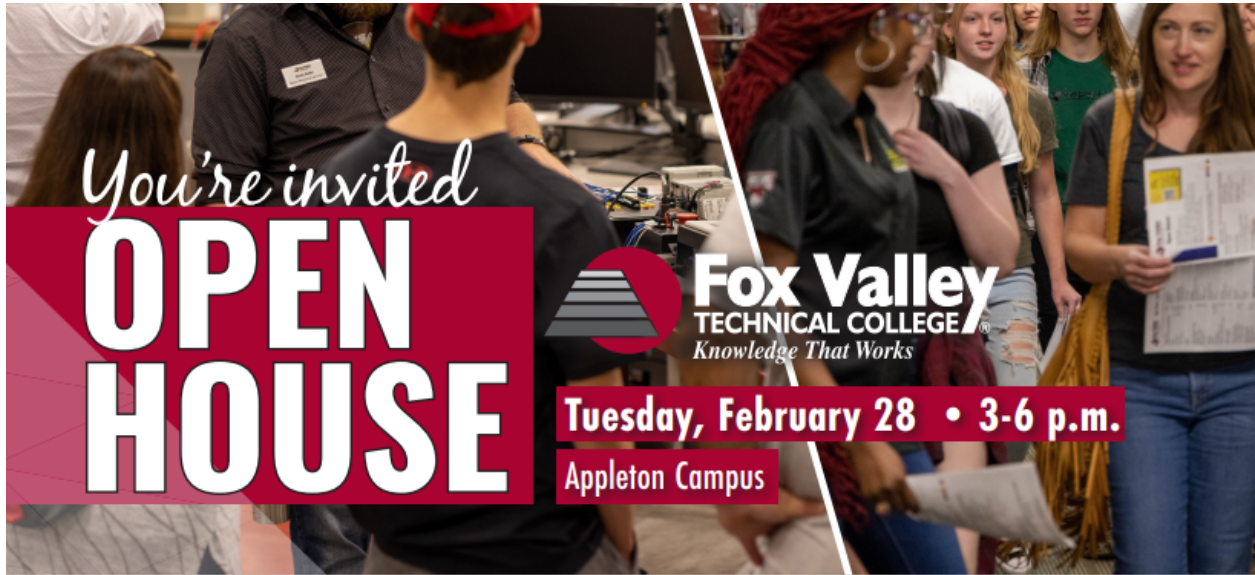
HASD was the same or higher than 83.9% of the districts in Wisconsin in achievement.

HASD was the same or higher than 82.6% of the districts in Wisconsin in academic growth.

HASD was the same or higher than 86.9% of the districts in Wisconsin in target group outcomes.

HASD was the same or higher than 87.9% of the districts in Wisconsin in on-track to graduation readiness.

We are grateful for our entire school community and the hard work of every individual. In order to serve our students, it is truly a partnership between our parents/guardians, staff, students, and community. We hope you take a moment to celebrate these results with your students.



You're invited
OPEN HOUSE



Fox Valley
TECHNICAL COLLEGE
Knowledge That Works

Tuesday, February 28 • 3-6 p.m.

Appleton Campus

Community Open House & Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, February 28 • 3-6 p.m.

Join us for a free fun family event where you can go on a **scavenger hunt**, **win prizes** and see our cool **high-tech labs** all at your own pace. You'll also have the opportunity to explore degree options, talk with instructors and learn about the services we provide.

Bring your family & friends and discover all Fox Valley Tech has to offer.

Appleton Campus
Entrance 10
1825 N. Bluemound Dr.

For more info: www.fvtc.edu/OpenHouse



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, January 19 ★ 10:00 am – 09:00 pm

WHERE

4194 W WISCONSIN AVE ★ 9208301111



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Important Dates to Remember:

[2022/2023 District Calendar](#)

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