

Greenville Middle School

Family Newsletter

October 2022



Greetings,

Welcome to October! We had a great start to the school year and look forward to continuing to develop connections with your student(s). The relationship between you, your student, their teachers, and the GMS school community is essential to creating an environment to help your student thrive. You may access [Mastery Connect](#) at any time to monitor your child's progress. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions about specific classes. We also encourage you to call our school office with any questions you may have. Our fall sports are starting to wind down which brings more exciting options for students in the next season. We want to celebrate the positive attitudes and sportsmanship of our participants throughout the season. We appreciate how our students and parents have represented us with pride. Information about clubs and activities can be found in our [daily announcements](#). We share this with students each morning but encourage you to review them to see what opportunities are available for your student(s). Thank you for partnering with us.

Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Powell

September GMS Students of the Month



Each month we celebrate students who are demonstrating strong Social and Emotional Learning Skills (SEL) in the areas of Self Management, Self Awareness, Relationship Skills, Social Awareness, and Responsible Decision Making. Congratulations to our September Students of the Month!

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.

Social Emotional Learning at GMS



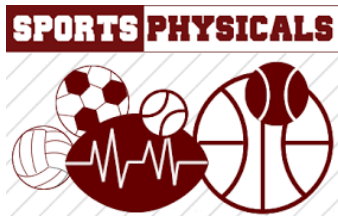
We work hard to ensure that your child develops the essential academic content skills/concepts that are identified as “Power Standards” within each course. We believe the same way in which we teach our students academic content standards, we need to be purposeful in our instruction and practice in developing their academic and social skills. [Social Emotional Learning](#) (SEL) is an important part of developing the whole child so that they can be successful in and out of the classroom. We have embedded SEL instruction within our curriculum here at GMS and will also provide SEL feedback on your students progress within Mastery Connect. The [Essential Academic and Social Behaviors Rubric](#) is aligned to the SEL competencies and is the tool we used to help students and teachers assess progress in the development of these skills. Please take a moment to look at this tool and let us know if you have any questions. We wanted to share this with you so that you are familiar with the language we use here at GMS so that we can partner in this with you.

Parent Teacher Conferences



Parent teacher conferences are right around the corner. Conferences will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday, October 13th from 3:30pm-6:30pm. The links to access conferences will be posted on the GMS website. Please call the office during this time if you have trouble accessing the links. Conferences on Friday, October 14th will be held in-person at GMS. There is no school for students on this day. Conferences on Friday will be conducted from 8:00am-11:30am, there is no need to pre-register for conferences during the morning as they will be walk-in. Please limit your conference to ten minutes and if you feel you need additional time please arrange a separate meeting with your child's teacher.

Student Athlete Health & Physical Information



Please take time to review the [Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#) Information posted on our athletic page.

7th and 8th graders that will be starting upcoming school affiliated co-curricular sports. Please check to make sure your physicals are up to date prior to the start of the season. If you are unsure you can call the school office and they can check for you or reach out to your healthcare provider. Students must have a sports physical every other year. Basketball will start in mid-october so please plan accordingly. If you have additional questions about co-curriculars feel free to reach out to the GMS Co-Curricular Coordinator, Mr. Linz. He can be reached at: TimothyLinz@hasd.org

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 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.

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 Apparel Fundraiser



We have partnered with 360 Apparel for a fall apparel fundraiser. Please visit this [link](#) for more details. If you have questions about this, you can contact them at: shop@360apparelstore.com. The online store will close on October 24th. After the orders close, they will be ready for pickup in approximately three weeks at the Greenville store location. They will notify you when the orders are complete.

Middle School Student Supervision - High School Events



We welcome and encourage you and your students to attend district events. Please keep the following expectations in mind:

- Elementary/Middle School students should be seated at athletic events with the adult(s) supervising them. HHS does not provide supervision for GMS students.
- Elementary/Middle students should not be socializing under the bleachers, in common areas, or along the fence during the game. They should be seated in the bleachers while attending.

Thank you for ensuring your student is supervised and following expectations while in attendance. We appreciate your help with this.

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, 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.

Coat Drive



Please consider donating a new or gently used coat for our Coat Drive. There is a box in the office to submit donations. Please send donations to school by October 13th!

Dewey's Food Drive



Dewey's Food Drive is back! There will be a box in the office to submit donations. Each grade level will be competing against each other and we will celebrate the winning grade. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted from October 31st through November 11th. Our goal is 10,000 items!

Lunchroom Expectations

Thank you for reminding your student of the following lunchroom expectations:

- Clean up their area including the floor so that it is free of food and wrappers
- Keep the volume to a level in which only those at their table can hear them
- Students should find their seat after getting lunch and remain seated. They should raise their hand if they need to go to the bathroom. They should not be wandering around.
- Absolutely no throwing food.

FYI: Please be aware of a viral social media challenge that has spurred a lot of student conversation at school. “The One Chip Challenge” encourages students to dare each other to eat a Paqui hot tortilla chip. The challenge involves eating a single chip coated with Carolina Reaper and Scorpion Peppers. The goal is to wait as long as possible after consumption to eat or drink anything else. Because of the intensity of the peppers, students across the nation who have participated in this challenge have become very ill, some to the point of hospitalization. Please do not allow your student to bring this to school. For reference, the packaging looks like this:



Drop Off/Pick Up

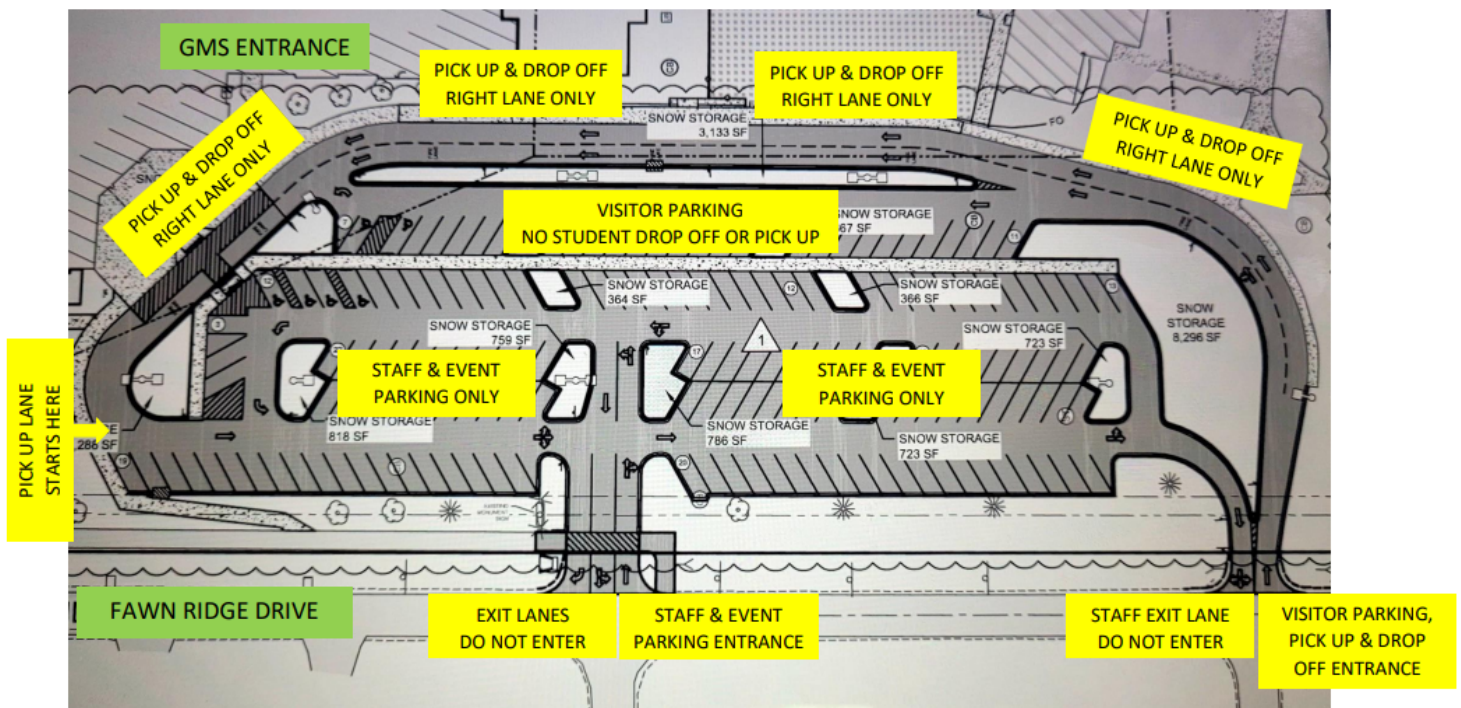


Please take time to review the drop off expectations. If you have someone else picking up your student, please share this information with them.

- 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)
- 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 new parking lot and drop off/pick up locations



Substitute and Support Staff Positions

HASD is always looking to add to our substitute teacher/support staff pool. If you are interested in learning more about this please contact our Human Resource Department.

[HASD Employment Opportunities](#)

Attendance Matters!

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.

- If your student missed more than ten days of school last year, we will monitor your child's attendance closely again this year. We will periodically meet with your student to talk about their attendance progress in a proactive manner to set goals and talk about supports for this year.



MONSTER MASH

The first Dance Party of the school year is coming on
Friday, October 21st, 2022

Dear HMS, GMS, and FWA Parents,

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

The Halloween Monster Mash will be held on Friday, October 21st. 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 HMS/FWA who will need a ride over to GMS, but parents will be responsible for picking their children up afterwards at GMS. 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.

This fun event will include dancing and open gym activities. Additionally, there will be educational activities put on by members of our Health Empowered Youth Group (HEY) around the effects of drugs and alcohol use. Students wearing a costume (No costume masks, accessories, or look alike weapons allowed) will also be eligible to win prizes. There will also be hotdogs, chips, and drinks available for students.

Student supervision at an event like this is extremely important to us, therefore, we will be asking staff members to assist in providing a safe and fun-filled environment for all students. We would also appreciate parent volunteers if interested. You can contact Mr. Lawrence at GMS. Chaperones will need to have an up-to-date [HASD background check on file in order to assist](#).

The cost to attend this event is only \$5.00 per student. 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, October 19th, 2022. Checks should be written out to Greenville Middle School.

We are looking forward to a great time on October 21st, 2022. Please call us if you have any questions.

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

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MONSTER MASH

Monster Mash Blast Dance Party Permission Form Please return by Wednesday, October 19th, 2022

Name of Student(s): _____

Circle one: HMS / GMS / FWA

Grade(s): _____

I, _____, give my child(ren) listed above permission to attend the Monster Mash Blast Dance Party on Friday, October 21st, 2022 at Greenville Middle School. I understand that attendance at school dances is a privilege, and that I will discuss behavior expectations with my student in advance. If my child plans to wear a costume, I understand that he or she may not wear a costume mask or bring any look-alike weapons or costume accessories. Included with this permission form is \$5.00 per student, with my check made payable to Greenville Middle School. I also understand that my child(ren) need 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 HMS or GMS office by Wednesday, October 19th, 2022.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

HMS/FWA 5th and 6th Graders Only >>> _____ Please check here if you would like your child to ride a bus from HMS to GMS for the Monster Mash Blast Dance Party on October 21st, 2022. I understand that I will need to pick up my child from GMS afterwards. TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED AFTERWARDS TO HMS.

_____. Please check here if you would like to chaperone. If you are not sure that your background check is up to date, please feel free to call the GMS office at 920-757-7140

Important Dates to Remember:

[2022/2023 District Calendar](#)

October 12th: Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30pm - 6:30pm

October 13th: Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30pm - 6:30pm

October 14th: No School for Students

October 14th: Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00am-11:30am

October 17th: Picture Retakes

October 27th: No School for Students, Staff Workday

October 28th: No School for Students or Staff

November 4th: End of the First Quarter

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

November 24th & 25th: No School