

GCMS Cougar Connections

December, 2020



#GCMSOpportunity

GCMS Offers Unique Opportunity with "Naughty to Nice"



If you're BEHIND THIS 9 Weeks:

December 17-18 - Designated "Catch-Up" Days

If you're totally caught up by Dec. 17, those 2 days (17-18) will be fun enrichment activities (rather than new content or tests)



If you had one or more F's for the 1st 9 weeks:

You can use Dec. 1-18 to go back in time, and re-submit work and/or tests to raise your score.



Wouldn't it be nice to start 2021 with a clean slate?



GCMS is offering students a unique opportunity to catch up on their work during the holiday season. The "Naughty to Nice" system is a way to capture student attention and help ensure best effort. If students improve as listed, they will be eligible to win a coupon for a free ice cream cone from Dairy Queen. Please encourage your students to show big improvement in the month of December!

Do YOU Have Quick Access to Your Child's Grades?

With all of the transitions and varied approaches to teaching and learning this year, it's even more important that parents can keep up with your child's grades. To gain access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, first, e-mail melanie.manion@grayson.kyschools.us and you will be e-mailed a student-specific Activation Key. Next follow the steps on the graysoncountyschools.com website under "Infinite Campus-Parent Portal". Yes, IC Portal can be used as an app as well, with push notifications! See page 3 of this newsletter!



GCMS Cross County Runners Earn State Honors



8th Graders Houston Brooks and Gracie Portman have earned Academic All-State honors from KHSAA. Both of the runners competed in the HS State Meet and earned this recognition for having superb academic standing at GCMS. Congratulations to these fantastic student-athletes!



Bi-Weekly Parent Videos

Mr. Parker is producing a bi-weekly parent video, to make sure GCMS parents are "in the know" on all important procedures and newsworthy items at GCMS.



Extra Info for Understanding Google Classroom?

Check our Facebook page/Website for the link to a great video about missing assignments!

Having trouble accessing texts/links from GCMS? Please give us a call at 270-259-4175



GCMS on Social Media



GRAYSON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL



VISION:
To build successful, productive citizens who have a meaningful impact on their community.

MISSION:
Empower students to reach their full potential by achieving academic excellence and embracing our core values.

Non-internet Students - Please pick up work on Mondays from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Canned Food Drive Extended
Although we have transitioned to NTI for in-person students, we will be continuing our canned food drive! Our ending date for the drive will now be extended. Stay tuned for more information!



In the meantime, GCMS staff are having a separate staff competition to provide needed support for the Alliance!

Progress Reports

Reports for the 2nd quarter mid-term will be mailed home on Fri., Dec. 11. Please review student grades and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Check out our website!
www.graysoncountyschools.org/gcms



Pandemic Not Stopping Support for Nursing Homes



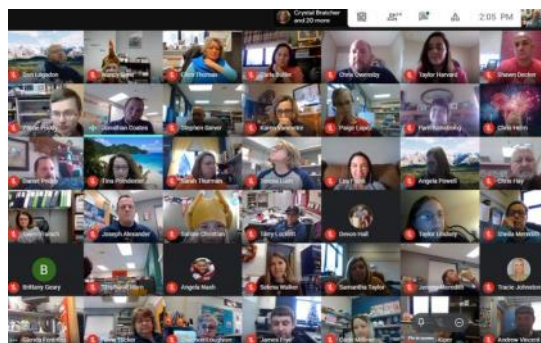
GCMS Counselor Sahale Christian is working to make sure that our local nursing home residents still feel the support and love of GCMS! With the help of our band, chorus, and orchestra directors and students, she is putting together a video highlighting some holiday student performances! This video will be shared with our local assisted living facilities.

Stuck on Assignments? Have you tried tutoring?

Since the beginning of the school year, our Cougar Zone program has offered virtual tutoring opportunities from HS and College students, always supervised by an adult staff member. If you haven't had the chance to try it, go to our website, and check out a new slide presentation that walks you through the sign-up process! Go to Menu, then Cougar Zone, then "How to Sign Up for Tutoring". Take advantage of this awesome opportunity!



Opportunity over Obstacles!



The GCMS faculty and staff is working hard to make at-home learning the best it can be. Teachers and staff are spending many hours developing lessons, videos, and assignments to foster learning. Also, they are reaching out to families to make sure students are completing quality work.

Recently, GCMS had students complete a survey to gain student input on ways to help them have an even better experience. We're trying to turn obstacles into opportunities for success.



Parents & Students, information is at your fingertips.

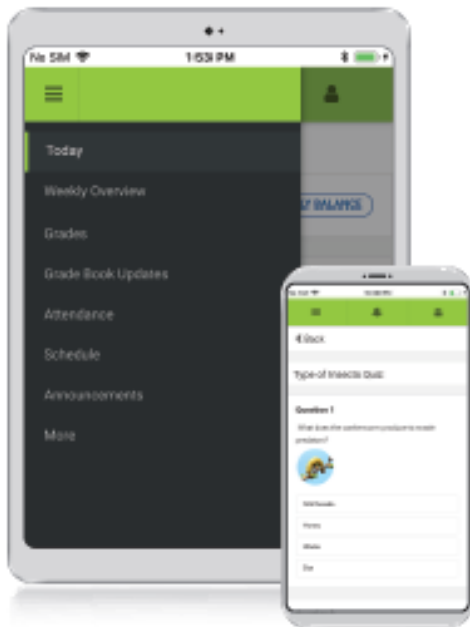


Access on the Web Campus Student and Campus Parent

Campus Student and Campus Parent are designed to provide real-time access to student information. The easy-to-use design displays what is currently happening in the classroom so you can understand, monitor, and participate in the educational process.

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AND



Download the Mobile App Campus Student and Campus Parent

Announcements

Quickly see district announcements as they are posted.

Assignments

Browse assignments by specific class or due date.

Attendance

Review attendance events in summary and detail form.

Grades

Immediate access to grades as they are posted.

Schedule

Review schedule from anywhere, at any time.



Infinite Campus Mobile Apps can be downloaded through the Apple App Store or Google Play Store



Learn more at graysoncountyschools.com

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