



Germantown

HIGH SCHOOL

August 2023

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The academic year will begin on Friday, September 1st. Our school day will begin at 7:10 am for ALL GHS STUDENTS. Classes are dismissed at 2:33 pm. Here you can find our [bell schedule](#).

We will be communicating our information for this school year via electronic methods: email, Skyward and at www.gsdwi.org. On the website, select Germantown High School. In order to conserve resources, you will not receive a mailing.

Remember that ALL families must complete the **online verification** process through Skyward Family Access. The tab to complete this process is located in your Skyward Family Portal. It is located on the left hand side and is labeled Online Verification. Please complete the online verification by clicking on the link. **This process needs to be completed before your student will be able to view his/her schedule and locker information**, when they become available, which is approximately one (1) week before the start of school.

For those without computer access or those who need assistance with the online verification process, **help** will be available on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 pm at Germantown High School. Report to the Commons/Cafeteria, using Door #1 (Main Entrance on the east side). After that date, if you have difficulty with online verification, please contact Student Services at Germantown High School, 262-502-7267.

GHS gets questions about "**supply lists**." GHS does not publish supply lists or have specific universal supply requirements. Students can expect that they will need a folder for each of their classes, a number of pens/pencils, notebooks or loose leaf paper. Math classes often recommend a graphing calculator such as the TI-84+, though some classes only require a scientific calculator. More information regarding specific supplies will come from individual teachers the first week of school.

FRESHMAN INFORMATION

A Freshman Picture & Locker Night will be held for incoming freshmen on Wednesday, August 23rd from **4:00 to 5:30 pm for students with last names A-F & M-Sch** and **5:30 to 7:00 pm for students with last names G-L & Sci-Z**. Please attend ONLY during your assigned window of time. Freshman families received a letter with further details. Information can also be found in Skyward and at www.gsdwi.org - Germantown High School. Please come prepared to have your student ID picture taken, yearbook photo and school photo. You also have the opportunity to order additional photos this evening.

Freshmen should report to their first period class at 7:10 pm on the 1st Day of School. Staff will be available in the halls to assist students with finding their class if needed. First period teachers will have school maps available for students.

There will be Freshman Orientation during Resource periods (3B: 9:52-10:27 am) the first few weeks of school. It will include: school expectations, student life, learning supports and resources, co-curriculars, and more.

PICTURE/ID DAY FOR GRADES 10-12

Picture Day for packet purchases, student IDs and the yearbook photo are **Friday, September 1st** for grades 10-12. Pictures will be taken during English classes. If you do not have an English class, please ask to go during your Resource Period (3B: 9:52-10:27 am) or if you have a study hall. Student ID cards will be available the same day. All students must have a photo taken for their ID. For purposes of safety and security, students are required to **have** their student ID **on their person** while at school or at school sponsored activities. Students who are late to school have their IDs scanned in the Main Office before a pass is issued to class. Students will be using the barcodes on their IDs for hot lunch. Food Service staff will scan the ID to connect to the account. Freshmen who missed getting their ID taken on Freshman Picture & Locker Night may do so on Friday, September 1st during lunch times.

Picture packets can be ordered and paid for online via this link: [Germantown HS Prepay Link](#) OR you can find the order form to bring along on Friday, September 1st (do not drop it off early). The link/form can also be found at www.gsdwi.org – Germantown High School, print and fill out along with a check made payable to Network Photography.

HANDBOOK SIGN-OFF

The [Student Handbook](#) will be reviewed with all students during the first week of class in Resource periods. The Handbook includes information regarding important Board of Education policies, procedures, rules, expectations, and potential consequences. Parents and guardians are required to review the Handbook with their students. It is available on the GHS website. Students will review and sign Verification Sheets in their Resource period during the first two weeks of school.

SIGNATURE VERIFICATION SHEET

Each student will be provided with a 2023-2024 Signature Verification sheet during Resource. This sheet is required for EVERY student and must be signed by a parent/guardian as well. Please complete this sheet and return it to the school office by Wednesday, September 6th.

REGISTRATION FEE

Your registration fee can be found in Skyward Family Access under Fee Management. The Germantown High School registration fee is \$85. The fee covers book rental, general materials, consumable materials and supplies. Classes with additional material and/or supply needs have an added course fee to cover those materials. In addition, a technology fee of \$40 will be charged to all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders to support and maintain the 1:1 technology initiative approved by the Board of Education. Please pay all of your fees by September 1st, 2023.

ACTIVITY FEE

Students involved in ANY sport and some activities will be responsible for an \$85 fee per sport/activity. There is a \$425 per family cap on these fees. Students will not be permitted to

participate in co-curricular activities until both their registration fees and participation fee are paid. We recommend that students participate in at least one co-curricular activity each semester since involvement in co-curricular activities contributes to school and individual success. You can go to this link [Germantown HS Athletics & Activities](#) to view available activities or go to the Germantown High School website and click on Athletics & Activities.

ATHLETIC PASS OPTION

Purchase a Warhawk Fan Pass to avoid the long lines at the ticket booth! Each pass has multiple entries into any home athletic event (WIAA Tournament games not included) and do not expire. There are now two pass options for the 2023-24 school year:

1. **[NEW] Mobile Fan Pass:** Passes can now be purchased online through our GoFan ticketing system. Entries do not expire and are able to be shared with family members via email or text.
 - Go to <https://gofan.co/app/school/WI19429> to purchase. Fees do apply.
2. **Traditional Fan Pass Card:** Available for the family and individual passes. High School students receive the emblem on their student ID. Families receive cards. To purchase, complete [THIS FORM](#) and return to the GHS Activities Department along with payment. Checks can be made payable to Germantown School District.
 - Payment should be dropped off in the Main Office (Door 1) or the Athletic and Activity Office (Door 26).

OPTIONAL FEES

In lieu of a class fundraiser, there is an optional "class dues" charge of \$5. If you are interested in ordering a yearbook, the cost is \$75.

WARHAWK SCHOOL STORE

Order your Warhawk gear and supplies here at the [Warhawk School Store](#). Open Monday July 31 through Sunday August 27th! Anticipated Delivery is the Week of September 18th.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY

See the enclosed document regarding [GSD Medication Administration Policy](#).

- [Administration of Non-Prescription Medication Form](#)
- [Administration of Prescription Medication Form](#)
- [Self Administration of Prescription Form](#)

The High School Main Office will be open for medication drop-off on **Wednesday, August 23rd** from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, and on **Thursday, August 24th** and **Friday, August 25th** from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Please drop off medications on these days to avoid crowds on the first day of school.

STUDENT SCHEDULES, EXAM EXEMPTIONS, BACK to SCHOOL NIGHT, NEW WEBSITE/APP, ETC.

All students must earn 23 credits in order to graduate from Germantown High School. Staffing is determined in the Spring of the previous school year, based upon enrollment and course selection.

Therefore, no schedule changes will be considered, except for course conflicts, which are defined as having two classes scheduled for the same period. For additional information and questions, please contact Student Services at 262-502-7267.

Students have the opportunity to work for and obtain exam exemptions, based on exemplary attendance and discipline records, as well as academic accomplishment. Guidelines for exam exemptions are in the Student Handbook. Please know that this is a privileged based program and not a "right."

The annual "GHS Back to School Night" is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th from 6:00-9:00 pm. "Back to School Night" allows parents/guardians to experience their child's class schedule and to meet their teachers. Each teacher has the opportunity to explain their course curriculum, assessments and expectations. More details will be shared in advance of September 13th.

The gsdwi.org website is live! To enjoy the features of the site while on the go, visit Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store and search "**Germantown School District, WI**" to download **the mobile app**. This will give you the option of staying up-to-date on the latest happenings throughout the district in real-time. Examples of what you will find on the site and app:

- The weekly **Warhawk Pride newsletter** will be featured under GHS's News feed.
- The **Board Happenings newsletter** will be featured under the District News feed.
- The **daily announcements** (also posted on the school webpage and Skyward Family/Student Access).
- The daily **dining menus** and **calendars** for each campus.
- A filterable **staff directory**.
- A collection of **documents** and forms, and more!

During the school year, we encourage you to access the school website for important dates, forms and contact information.

The education of your child or children is a partnership between parents and teachers, and we look forward to working together for a successful school year. If we can be of additional assistance, please call the high school at 262-253-3400. It is our goal to maintain open communication and cooperation with you, and therefore encourage you to call at any time with comments, questions, or suggestions. Enjoy the remaining days of summer, and we look forward to starting the new school year.

The Germantown High School Administrative Team

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