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GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS

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As a cooperating partner of the community, Greenville Public Schools will assure all students the education necessary to participate as responsible citizens in an ever-changing world.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 Graduates!

Greenville Public Schools would like to congratulate the GHS Class of 2022. Students, staff, and families can all be very proud of the many accomplishments as well as celebrate a community of support. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Students from the Montcalm Youth Prevention Club sponsored a free, all-inclusive "Safe Prom" experience, including tickets, a chartered bus ride to and from Prom, and a catered meal. Their goal was to keep their classmates safe while giving everyone the opportunity to experience Prom without the often-expensive price tag! Sixty-three students took advantage of this successful, first-time event.
- Prom was held at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. 450 juniors and seniors enjoyed the formal event with DJ, dancing, photo opportunities, and desserts. Many students chose to attend Post Prom afterward, a non-formal backyard barbecue-themed event inside the high school, complete with games, prizes, and fun with friends.
- Honors Week consisted of the following events; each streamed for loved ones to view across the miles:
 - *Scholarship Evening was hosted in the GHS Auditorium for seniors and their families. Over \$148,000 worth of scholarships were awarded from across our generous community.*
 - *Jacket Pride Day was hosted on Legacy Field with the sun shining brightly on our seniors as well as 9th-11th graders seated in the stands. Students were recognized for their leadership skills, activities, academics, and honor cords were awarded. Twenty percent of the senior class earned a gold cord, which is extra-remarkable during a pandemic. Following Jacket Pride Assembly, seniors enjoyed an outdoor lunch—hot off the grill—as well as yard games.*
 - *Elementary Clap-outs were later that same day. Seniors returned by bus to their neighborhood school to wear caps and gowns and be welcomed "home" by former K-5 staff as well as being cheered on by current elementary students who will one day be GPS graduates themselves.*
- *Swingout is a beloved GPS tradition. Three class speakers delivered the welcome, history, and farewell addresses. The class poet shared her original work dedicated to her peers, and Village Green sang a piece that touched many hearts. Four major awards were given; namely, these are: The Commander Grow, American Legion Auxiliary Award, Outstanding Male, and Outstanding Female.*
- Senior banners were posted along Greenville West Drive thanks to a partnership between parents, Senior Mystery Trip, and The Daily News.
- GHS Commencement was held on Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. LaRissa Paras delivered an inspirational message to graduates, families, Board of Education, staff, and honored guests.



The Class of 2022 was respectful, responsible, and resilient. They persevered through a global pandemic and did not grow resentful, but rather extra appreciative of the opportunity to end their K-12 career being in person, together, and united. Congratulations and best wishes to The Class of 2022!



Greenville Public Schools 2022 Back to School Bash!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

Greenville High School – Legacy Field

Activities & Games
from 6:00-7:30pm

Including Touch-A-Truck,
Petting Zoo, GPS T-shirts,
Backpacks & School Supplies,
Food & much more!

Movie on Legacy Field
at 7:30pm - *Encanto*



Check out the GPS District website and Facebook page
for up-to-date information.

www.gpsjackets.org



CHINESE IMMERSION PROGRAM

Greenville Public Schools is very excited to be celebrating the 10th anniversary of our Chinese Immersion program. Chinese Immersion, comprised of speaking and learning in Mandarin, brings many proven benefits for students in Kindergarten through 11th grade. These include:

- Enhanced cognitive skills, attention, and flexibility in thinking and problem solving.
- Increased cultural sensitivity as immersion students are more aware of and show more positive attitudes towards other cultures and an enhanced appreciation of cultural differences in others.
- Preparedness to participate in global communities and job markets with a second language being an asset.
- Balanced perspectives and noticing the world through another lens.
- Ability to earn high school credit as early as elementary school and college credit and eventual degrees upon high school graduation, including a Seal of Biliteracy.
- Study abroad opportunities.

If you are interested in learning more about the GPS Chinese Immersion Program or enrolling your student, please contact Jen Mahar at maharj@gpsmi.us or 616.754.3688.



MEET THE YELLOW JACKETS



TUESDAY • AUGUST 23 • 7:30pm
GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LEGACY FIELD



Visit our website:
www.gpsjackets.org

ESSER Funds

Greenville Public Schools is very proud of our mission, which focuses on "assuring all students the education necessary to participate as responsible citizens in an ever-changing world." We take seriously the responsibility to provide rigor and relevance in our curriculum and are focused on purposeful instruction and maintaining positive relationships with our students. After a long few years with COVID, GPS was awarded Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER) to ensure in-person learning could continue to take place in our school district and to provide additional support for mental health services and other learning and security opportunities. We are proud of the investment that will be made for our students moving forward and are optimistic that we will be able to continue to provide a safe and meaningful learning environment for all staff and students that includes mental health supports and security upgrades.

With the ESSER funds, GPS has made a significant investment in the following mental health supports: renewed memberships to the be nice. program, an additional district counselor and district social worker, positive behavioral supports, additional afterschool activities, and professional development for our staff in restorative practices. In addition, we are grateful for the money raised through the Education Foundation of Greenville's Dancing with the Local Stars fundraiser. These funds will enable us to provide four (4) additional comfort dogs in our school buildings, along with vouchers available to all students and parents to help pay for any mental health support needed.

In the area of safety and security, we will use ESSER funds to provide all classrooms with the Boot Locking System that secures a door in case of an emergency. This system will provide an additional lighting and sound alert system that will be installed in each hallway, allowing emergency response systems to respond in a timely manner in case of an emergency. We are also installing a new PA system in every building that provides not only a two-way intercom system, but also provides each teacher with an emergency button on their classroom mic system, where they can call for support at the push of a button. We are also investing in a buzz-in lock system at the Central Office and transportation department. The last piece to our safety and security plan is to partner with Greenville Public Safety to secure a full-time resource officer for GPS. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with the department on this new initiative and know that it will significantly impact relationships with our students and staff.

We will continue to make safety, mental health, and learning a priority and look forward to the implementation of these plans this summer.



CARE FOR KIDS

Finding and getting the right mental health care for your child

STEPS FOR CARE:

1. Parent/Guardian selects service to best fit their child's need
2. Parent/Guardian contacts their child's school for help with funding
3. Child receives the appropriate care
4. Contact Allyson Bradley at 616-754-1996 with questions

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES:

- Local Counseling and Therapy
- Emergency Support
- Camps

Made possible by Education Foundation of Greenville

PHOTO LEFT: Lincoln Heights' comfort dog, Cinder, celebrated her third birthday at school on October 28, 2021.

ANNUAL LEGAL NOTICES:

Wellness

Greenville Public Schools recognizes good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well being of students. The District has set goals in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits. These goals focus on:

- Nutrition Education
- Physical Activity
- School-Based Activities
- Nutrition Promotion
- Meeting USDA Competitive Food Regulations

The District's Food and Nutrition Director is responsible for facilitating and verifying the District implements and meets the goals established in Policy 8510. For more information, please visit www.gpsjackets.org or call 616.754.3686.

Helping Homeless Students

In accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, students who meet the federal definition of "homeless" will be provided a free and appropriate public education in the same manner as all other students of the District and will not be stigmatized or segregated on the basis of being homeless. No homeless student will be denied enrollment based on the lack of proof of residency. No board policy, administrative guideline or practice will be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance or school success of homeless children.

Allyson Bradley is the liaison at Greenville Public Schools; she may be reached at bradleya@gpsmi.us or 616.754.1996.

Services available include:

- transportation services;
- educational services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act or similar state and local programs, educational programs, education programs for children with disabilities and educational programs for students with limited English proficiency;
- programs for vocational and technical education;
- programs for gifted and talented students;
- school nutrition programs;

If a parent/guardian is not satisfied with a placement decision, the dispute resolution procedure outlined in Board Policy 5111.01 shall be followed.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) requires Greenville Public Schools to obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities, including a student survey, analysis, or evaluation in an applicable program. This opt-out right also applies to the collection, disclosure, or use of student information for marketing purposes and to certain physical exams and screenings. The opt-out option request must be submitted in writing. For a schedule of activities requiring parent/guardian notice and consent or opt-out for the upcoming school year, or to exercise the opt-out option, contact the appropriate building principal.

Parents and students 18 years of age or older are advised that they have the right to review the student's record and that permission must be granted before confidential information is given to a third party. Pertinent policies and information about filing complaints may be obtained at Central Services Facility located at 1414 Chase Street.

Asbestos Program Notification

This notice is to inform you that state-approved asbestos inspection and management plans exist for all buildings in the school district. These plans are in each building's main office and are available for review.

The management plan contains information regarding the location of all asbestos-containing materials, the condition of the material and the specific location of any remaining materials. Very little asbestos remains in our district. The majority of that which remains is in non-public areas, such as pipe tunnels, etc.

Detailed re-inspections occur every three years and periodic surveillance is performed every six months. These inspections have confirmed that all known asbestos is properly sealed and has not deteriorated so as to cause a safety concern. Our treatment of remaining asbestos is in conformity with all Environmental Protection Agency guidelines.

Behavior & Bullying Policy

To promote a safe and civil environment for staff and students, GPS has board policy regarding behavioral expectations for students and staff. Policy includes expectations and consequences regarding bullying. It states, "Bullying toward a student or staff member, whether by other students, staff or third parties, including Board members, parents, guests, contractors, vendors and volunteers is strictly prohibited." The policy directs each school to "implement a system of positive support strategies in order to encourage proactive, positive, skill-building approaches for the teaching and learning of successful student behavior and prevent inappropriate behavior, including bullying." See the District's website for more information on this policy.

Directory Information Disclosure

The District may disclose "Directory Information" from the educational records of a student. "Directory Information" is designated by the District as:

- student's name, address and telephone number;
- names of student's parents;
- student's date and place of birth;
- student's class designation (i.e. 1st grade, 10th grade, etc.);
- student's extracurricular participation;
- student's achievement awards or honors;
- student's weight and height if a member of an athletic team;
- student's photograph;
- previous educational institutions attended by the student;
- student's dates of attendance;
- name of school student currently attends;
- student's electronic mail address;
- student's projects, artwork, web pages, and photographic or video images created by the district or students in conjunction with school-sponsored activities may be used for information and/or instructional purposes including, but not limited to: video and audio playback, internet and print publication and cable television transmission.

The District may disclose any of the above without prior written consent unless the building principal is notified to the contrary in writing by September 1. Each building administrator maintains a list of student names wherein disclosure has been refused. These lists are reviewed yearly.

Federal and Michigan law require Greenville Public Schools to provide military recruiters, upon request, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of high school students. This information can only be used to provide information to students concerning educational and career opportunities available in the U.S. Armed Forces or service academies. A parent/guardian or 18-year old students may exercise the option to withhold consent for the release of this information to military recruiters by submitting a signed written request to that effect to the high school principal.

Video Surveillance & Electronic Monitoring

In order to protect District property, promote security and protect the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and visitors, the District uses video surveillance and electronic monitoring equipment on school property, and in school buildings and school buses.

Integrated Pest Management System

Greenville Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the district's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this will only be used as a last resort. This program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

You will receive advance notice of the application of a pesticide, other than a bait or gel formulation, at your child's school. This advance notice will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods. The first method required by law is the posting at entrances to your child's school. The second method we will use is the posting in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application. If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact the Facilities Management Department at 616.754.4436. Please give the Operations Administrative Assistant your name, mailing address and the school your child attends. In an emergency (i.e. bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

Please contact Rod Harrison, Director of Facilities, at 616.754.4436, if you have any questions regarding this program.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CONCERNS

Are you concerned that your child may not be meeting their speech and language developmental milestones?

Greenville Public Schools may be able to help your child! If you have concerns regarding your child's speech and language development, or other developmental delays, please contact Deb Hansen at hansenda@gpsmi.us or 616-754-1996 for more information. Children must be residents of GPS for further evaluation.



2 YEARS

- Minimal attempts to communicate with gestures or words
- No first words
- Difficulty following simple directions
- Inconsistent response to "no"

3 YEARS

- Limited use of speech
- Speech is not understandable
- Limited understanding of simple questions
- Difficulty naming objects
- Frustration related to communication

4 YEARS

- Uses only 3-word phrases
- Speech is not understandable to parents
- Takes a long time to understand others
- Difficulty asking questions and finding words to express thoughts

SCHOOL BUS

TRANSPORTATION

The GPS Transportation Department is gearing up for a new school year. We are committed to safety first and great communication with our parents and community.

- Current bus students are already registered for the upcoming school year; first-time riders will need to register and can do so by visiting the Transportation webpage on the district website - www.gpsjackets.org.
- Parents will receive information in August about the new Traversa Ride 360 mobile app. This app will link parents to their student's bus information.

If you have any questions, please contact the GPS Transportation Department at 616.754.3850.

We look forward to a fantastic year!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A licensed before and after school child care and preschool program that provides a safe, enriching environment for children.

JUNIOR JACKETS: (Preschool Programs) Available at Cedar Crest & Walnut Hills. OPEN DAILY 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT: Baldwin Heights, Cedar Crest, Lincoln Heights & Walnut Hills OPEN DAILY 6:00 - 8:30 a.m. & 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

For additional information, including rates and multiple child discounts, please visit our website at www.gpsjackets.org or contact Venus Cox, Program Director at coxv@gpsmi.us 616.225.1000 ext. 8700.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit www.gpsjackets.org for calendar updates & individual school activities throughout the year.

August 22	First day of classes for all students	
August 26	No School	
September 2	No School	
September 5	No School - Labor Day	
September 7	Half Day all students / Professional Development	
September 21	Half Day all students / Professional Development	
October 5	HS Conferences	5-7pm
October 10	No School	
October 11	HS Conferences	4-6pm
October 13	HS Orchestra Fall Concert	7:30pm*
October 18	HS Choir Fall Concert	7:30pm*
October 19	Half Day all students / Professional Development	
October 21	End of secondary first marking period	
November 2	Half Day all students / Professional Development	
November 2	MS Conferences	5-7pm
November 3	MS Conferences	4-6pm
November 4	End of elementary first trimester	
November 10, 11	HS Fall Play	7:30pm*
November 16	Half Day for all students / Professional Development	
November 17	Elementary Half Day - Elementary Conferences	4-8pm
November 17	MS Orchestra Concert	6:30 & 7:30pm*
November 18	Elementary Half Day - Elementary Conferences	1-4pm
November 21	Elementary Conferences	5-8pm
November 22	Elementary Half Day	
November 23-25	No School - Thanksgiving Recess	
November 29	MS Band Holiday Concert	6:30, 7:15 & 8:00pm*
December 1	MS Choir Holiday Concert	7:00pm*
December 7	"Hark Up" Concert sponsored by EFG	7:30pm*
December 9, 10	HS Holiday Collage Concert	7:30pm*
December 12	Lincoln Heights Elementary Holiday Concert	6:30pm & 7:30pm*
December 13	Walnut Hills Elementary Holiday Concert	6:30pm & 7:30pm*
December 14	Half Day for all students / Professional Development	
December 15	Cedar Crest Elementary Holiday Concert	6:30pm*
December 19	Baldwin Heights Elementary Holiday Concert	6:30pm & 7:30pm*
December 19, 20	Secondary (MS/HS) Half Day - Exams	
December 20	Half Day for all students / Professional Development	
December 20	End of secondary second marking period	
Dec. 21-Jan. 3	No School - Winter Recess	
January 4	School Resumes	

* Greenville Performing Arts Center

FOOD & NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

Greenville Public Schools serves breakfast and lunch at all of our buildings every school day. The GPS Food & Nutrition Department is pleased to share we have once again qualified the entire GPS district for the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), which means all students will receive a complete breakfast and lunch free of charge for the entire school year. Parents MUST complete and submit the Household Information Report (HIR) through the online registration process. The CEP program only covers complete meals; any extras or add-ons (ala carte purchases) to the meal must be paid for through the students' lunch account. For students bringing lunch from home, milk may be purchased for \$0.50.

- greenville.familyportal.cloud is the provider for our student meal deposits. When opening an account, you will need your student's ID number.
- greenville.nutrislice.com is the department's online menu tool. Download the app at Google Play or the App store - search "School Lunch by Nutrislice".

If a doctor has determined your child has dietary restrictions that prevent them from eating a regular school meal, we will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor at no extra charge. The doctor's statement, including diet and/or required substitutions, must be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Department at the school the child attends.

Charge Policy: GPS students who have no money in their account may go into debt on their account up to \$10. At no time will students be denied meals. Students may not purchase ala carte items if their account is not current.

Contact Kate Bradley at bradleka@gpsmi.us or 616.225.1000 ext. 8219 for more information or questions.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ANNUAL LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED:

Michigan Freedom of Information Act Procedures and Guidelines - Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.23115,246, provides for public access to certain public records, permits the charging of prescribed fees and deposits, and provides remedies and penalties for noncompliance. A person has a right to inspect, copy, or receive copies of certain requested public records. Some public records are permitted or required not to be disclosed. The school district is a public body that must comply with the FOIA. The school district has established the following procedures and guidelines to implement the FOIA effective July 1, 2015. For purposes of these procedures and guidelines, terms have the same meaning as defined in the FOIA. A complete copy of the FOIA is available on the Michigan Legislature's website at www.legislature.mi.gov. This link or a physical copy of these procedures and guidelines will be included in each of the school district's FOIA responses. Paper copies of these procedures and guidelines are available upon request at the Greenville Public Schools Central Office, located at 1414 Chase Street, Greenville, MI 48838.

Nondiscrimination

Greenville Public Schools does not discriminate, in admissions or employment, on the basis of any legally protected characteristics including race, age, disability, or sex.

It is the policy of the Board of Education to comply fully with the requirements of Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans With Disabilities Act and all accompanying regulations.

If additional information is needed, please contact Lisa Steed at steedl@gpsmi.us or Brian Zdanowski at zdanowskb@gpsmi.us or 616.754.3686.

Annual Notice of the Right to Request a Personal Curriculum Modifying Michigan Merit Curriculum Requirements for Graduation

What is a personal curriculum?

The personal curriculum (PC) is a process to modify specific Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) high school credit requirements and/or content expectations based on a student's unique learning needs and post-secondary goals. It is designed to serve students who want to accelerate or go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize MMC requirements to earn a high school diploma.

Who may request a personal curriculum?

A personal curriculum may be requested by:

- The parent or guardian of a student for whom a personal curriculum is sought.
- The student if the student is of the age of majority.
- An emancipated minor.
- A teacher who is currently teaching the student (who currently teaches in, or whose expertise is in, a subject area proposed to be modified by the PC, or who is determined by the principal to have qualifications otherwise relevant to developing a PC).
- A school counselor or school employee qualified to act in a counseling role.

If the request for a PC is made by the student's parent or legal guardian or, if the student is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor, by the student, the school district shall develop a PC for the student pursuant to the parameters outlined in 320.1278b(5).

When may a personal curriculum be requested?

If the student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be submitted prior to 9th grade. (Note: Any resulting PC may not be implemented until the student begins/enters 9th grade.) If the student does not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be submitted after the student has completed 9th grade.

For more information on the Personal Curriculum (PC), or to make a request for a PC, please contact your student's principal or counselor or visit the district's website.

GPS LEGACY ONLINE LEARNING

BE A YELLOW JACKET STAY A YELLOW JACKET!

FALL ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

LEARN MORE AT GPSJACKETS.ORG

Program Highlights

- Online or Hybrid Options
- K-12th Grade Curriculum
- Whole Child, Relationship Focused
- Success Rate Surpassing State Average
- Participate in Sports, Clubs & Activities
- Stay a Part of Your School Community

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERALLY MEETS IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE CENTRAL SERVICES FACILITY, THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00PM. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME.

FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE, PLEASE VISIT WWW.GPSJACKETS.ORG.

No person shall on the basis of race, creed, sex, religion, national origin or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any program activity or employment by the Greenville Public Schools.



- » **NEW Students:** Please contact Central Services Office at 616.754.3686 or email Ashley Ray at rayae@gpsmi.us
- » **CURRENT Students:** All returning families should update student information, sign appropriate forms and download other important information for the start of school using their ParentVue account at <https://pvue.gpsjackets.org/pvue/>
 - If you do not have an account, please contact your student's school for more information.
 - Your student's schedule, teacher assignments and transportation information will be available through ParentVue starting early August.
 - Additional information will come from your student's school.

It is important for new families to register their children and returning families to verify their children's information in ParentVue promptly. This will allow GPS an accurate number of students to expect this fall and will provide the district with accurate parent contact information in order to communicate important information.

BACK TO SCHOOL SCHOOL BEGINS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Grades: DK/K - 5th
Full Day Schedule: 8:50am - 3:45pm
Half Day Schedule: 8:50am - 11:50am

BACK TO SCHOOL INFO

Additional information, including teacher assignments, will be provided by your school mid-August and will also be available using ParentVUE.

PARENTS RIGHTS TO KNOW

All GPS elementary schools are Title I buildings under federal guidelines of the ESEA. Parents whose children attend these schools have the right to request information about the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals who teach and work with their children.

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

BALDWIN HEIGHTS OPEN HOUSE NIGHT
August 17: PreK – 5th Grades from 5:30 - 7:00pm
**including GSRP.*

CEDAR CREST OPEN HOUSE NIGHT
August 17: PreK – 5th Grades from 5:30 - 7:00pm
**including Junior Jackets, ECSE & GSRP.*

LINCOLN HEIGHTS ORIENTATION OPEN HOUSE NIGHT
August 16: GSRP & DK/K Orientation starting at 6:00pm
August 17: 1st & 2nd Grades Open House from 5:30 - 6:15pm
August 17: 3rd – 5th Grades Open House from 6:15 - 7:00pm

WALNUT HILLS OPEN HOUSE NIGHT
August 17: PreK – 5th Grades from 5:30 - 7:00pm
**including Junior Jackets.*

ELEMENTARY LEGACY LEARNING VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE NIGHT
August 17 from 5:30 - 7:00pm
**Details will be provided directly to families.*

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6th - 8th
Full Day Schedule: 7:30am - 2:25pm
Half Day Schedule: 7:30am - 10:30am

BACK TO SCHOOL INFO

Information will be sent to parents and students via email in early August informing them of important back-to-school information. Paper schedules and enrollment paperwork will not be mailed. Schedules will be posted in ParentVUE & StudentVUE in early August. If you are unable to access the information, please contact the GMS office at 616.754.9361.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please call the attendance line at 616.754.1992 to report any absence or tardy on the day your student is going to be absent. This is a 24-hour line for your convenience. Appointments made in advance of the absence may also be reported on this line.

WEB (*Where Everybody Belongs*) ORIENTATION

This orientation event for 6th graders will be held on **August 11 from 8:00am-12:00pm**. This is a great way for 6th graders to experience GMS before the school year begins as well as meet some 7th & 8th grader WEB leaders. More information will be sent out to families from the WEB Orientation organizers, as we get closer to the date.

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Students can meet their teachers and locate their lockers at the open house. GMS Students will receive their Chromebooks during the first few days of school.

August 17: 6th Grade from 4:00 - 5:30pm

**Students should bring their class schedule they received at WEB Orientation.*

August 17: 7th & 8th Grades from 5:00 - 6:30pm

**Students should access their class schedule through StudentVUE and/or ParentVUE.*

August 17: GMS Legacy Students from 4:30 - 6:00pm

**Details will be provided directly to families.*

HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9th - 12th
Full Day Schedule: 7:35am - 2:30pm
Half Day Schedule: 7:35am - 10:35am

BACK TO SCHOOL INFO

Schedules will be posted in ParentVUE & StudentVUE beginning in August, please contact the GHS office at 616.754.3681 if you are unable to access the information. **SPECIAL NOTE** Students new to the district or returning to GHS from another school system will need to complete the online enrollment process at www.gpsjackets.org.

STUDENT DRIVERS

Students who drive to school must register their vehicle in the main office. All students must park in the student parking lot and are required to purchase a parking permit (\$5 per tag) **each year**.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please call the attendance line at 616.754.4282 to report any absence or tardy on the day your student is going to be absent. This is a 24-hour line for your convenience. Appointments made in advance of the absence may also be reported on this line. For questions regarding procedures or the attendance policy, please call the GHS office at 616.754.3681.

PE UNIFORMS

Order online (after August 10) at gpsjacketdepot.square.site
Shirts: \$12 each plus tax
Mesh/Cotton Shorts: \$12 each plus tax

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION, PICTURES & CHROMEBOOK PICK-UP

August 9: 9th Grade from 9:00 - 11:30am

SOPHOMORE PICTURES & CHROMEBOOK PICK-UP

August 9: 10th Grade from 12:30 - 2:30pm

JUNIOR PICTURES & CHROMEBOOK PICK-UP

August 10: 11th Grade from 9:00 - 11:00am

SENIOR PICTURES & CHROMEBOOK PICK-UP

August 10: 12th Grade from 12:30 - 2:30pm

OPEN HOUSE NIGHT

August 16: 9th – 12th Grades from 5:30 - 7:00pm

**Including Legacy Learning students & Satterlee students.*

SCHOOL CLOSING & DELAY PROCEDURES

The decision to close school is made cooperatively by the GPS Superintendent and Director of Transportation. Although not always an easy decision or a popular one, school will remain open if road conditions are safe for bus travel. Parents always have the option of keeping children home if they are concerned about weather conditions.

When it is necessary to delay or close school due to inclement weather, the decision will be announced as quickly as possible on the District's website, Facebook page and the following television and radio stations:

WOOD-TV 8 · WXMI-TV 17 · WZZM-TV 13 · WWMT-TV 3 · M-106.3 WGLM

IMMUNIZATIONS

GPS works cooperatively with the Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) in an effort to prevent, control and contain communicable diseases in schools. Students are expected to be in compliance with required immunizations and to have current immunization records on file with their school. Before an exemption from this requirement will be granted, a certified non-medical waiver from the MMDHD will be required. If you have questions about your child's immunizations, please contact the MMDHD at 989.831.5237.

We're an OK2SAY School!

P: 855-565-2729

Text: 652729

www.mi.gov/ok2say

OK2SAY is a student safety initiative available to Michigan students in grades K-12 that enables students to confidentially report potential harm or criminal activities aimed at students, teachers, staff or other school employees.

The program is operated through a partnership between the Department of the Attorney General, Michigan State Police, state agencies, schools, parents, law enforcement, and community leaders.

Anyone can confidentially submit tips 24/7 using the **OK2SAY** app, online at www.ok2say.com, texting 652729 (OK2SAY), or by calling 855.565.2729.

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Step 1: Complete a Preschool Application which can be located at:
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Step 2: A county preschool program will contact you to complete the enrollment process

QUESTIONS? Please contact Ginger Weber at weberg@gpsmi.us



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