

# GCMS Cougar Connections

August, 2019



## #DigDeeperGCMS

Want a Dig Deeper T-shirt?



GCMS is taking orders before school for students. Shirts are \$5. If you cannot afford one, please let us know. Parents may also order by stopping by GCMS during normal school hours. **Deadline is Fri., 8/16.**

### GCMS on Social Media

Want to keep up with the great things happening at GCMS? Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



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### 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.

## Dig Deeper

GCMS has chosen **Dig Deeper** for our theme for 2019-20. This theme highly correlates to our instructional focus of rigor, which involves creating tasks that require deeper student thinking. But digging deeper goes beyond classroom tasks. When we dig deeper, we strive for better attitude, more potential, improved determination, and greater IMPACT. We strive to help our students become successful, productive citizens who have that kind of greater impact on our community.



## A Great First Week!

GCMS students excelled during the first week of school. Student behavior and focus on learning were exceptional, and there was a very positive feeling in classrooms and hallways. Students worked on learning procedures, and building their "Dig Deeper" goals for the year. GCMS also supported our district theme of GCS Connected.



**Social Media**

***Did You Know?***

Parents have many options for restricting online and social media to create safer experiences for our students. Simply "google" parental controls and behold a wealth of information for both Apple and Android products.

**Parent Volunteering**

We welcome all of our parents to come out and help at GCMS! Whether in the classroom, the office, or after-school, we would love your expertise and know-how. Visit us to learn more about this opportunity!

**IC Portal**

Want more information on checking your student's progress and grades? Please e-mail [melanie.manion@grayson.kyschools.us](mailto:melanie.manion@grayson.kyschools.us) for access.

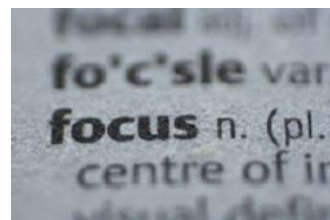


**Cougar Zone**  
**Kickoff - Aug. 27**

Our **after-school** program, now offering remedial help and a wealth of fun activities like Girls That Code, Fashion Designers, Top Chef, and much, much more!

**FOCUS Electives**

Remember that class in school where you got to study something that interested you, and you got to work together, using a variety of different skills? Was that one of your favorite classes? That's exactly what GCMS has designed for 7th period. Students will get a chance to learn about everything from Geometry in Art to Mythology to Forensic Science to Public Speaking. Students will have fun while learning important skills and concepts in various standards. We hope that these classes may even help them "focus" on possible careers.

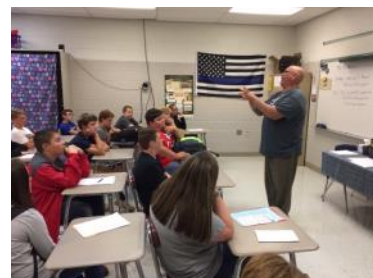


**GCMS Students Learn about the Dangers of Vaping**



On Thursday, Aug. 8, GCMS students watched a video from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine about the long-term health effects of vaping. As you probably know, vaping and e-cigarette use has sharply risen with adolescents. Also, parents should have received a packet from the CDC with more information. Part of "Digging Deeper" is keeping our bodies healthy and strong.

**GCMS Digging Deeper!**





## August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 1st Day for Students	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Football vs McLean Co-AWAY 5:30pm	16	17
18	19 Band-6th grade uniform fitting 3-5pm  Band-Music & Arts Instrument Rental Night 4-6pm	20 Football vs Muhlenberg Co.-AWAY 5:30pm  Club Fair in Gym 7-Dismissal	21 SBDMC - 3:15 p.m.	22	23	24
25	26 Band-7th/8th uniform fitting 3-4pm  Band-Parent Meeting 5-5:45pm	27 Cougar Zone starts 3-5  Football vs Breck Co-HOME 5:30pm	28	29	30 Band-RADA Fundraiser Kick-Off	31

### Other Upcoming Dates:

Mon., Sept. 2 - Labor Day - No School

Tue., Sept. 3 - Football vs. Butler Co. - AWAY

Tue., Sept. 10 - Football vs. Edmonson - HOME - 5:30

Thu., Sept. 12 - Meet the Lady Basketball Cougars - 5:00

Fri., Sept. 13 - School Picture Day