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General

Welcome to Guntersville Middle School! Our doors open at 7:15 AM and the **school day begins promptly at 7:35 AM**. Students who ride in cars are to be dropped off in the back of the school at the gym entrance before 7:30 AM, at which time the back doors will be locked. You must enter from the front after that time. If you arrive **after 7:35, you must be signed in by an adult**. The **school day will end at 2:40 PM**. Seventh and Eighth grade car rider pickup will occur at the back of the school where students are dropped off in the morning. Sixth grade car rider pickup will occur in the parking lot on the North side of the school building.



Tuesday, May 16 – SGA Student Appreciation Day/Field Day
Wednesday, May 17 – Semester Exam Exemption Notifications
Thursday, May 18 – Awards Day/ 8th Grade Graduation 8:00am
Monday, May 22 – Semester Exams for Periods 1, 3, 5, & 7
Tuesday, May 23 – Semester Exams for Periods 2, 4, 6 & Make-ups
Thursday, May 25 – Last Day of School, Early Dismissal at 11:00am

FEES

Please remember **ALL** unpaid fees are due. You can see your student's balance on your PowerSchool parent portal. Unresolved balances will prevent your student from being able to pick up next year's schedule. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Bodine at 256-582-5182 ext. 4005.

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One of our main areas of focus at GMS is reducing Chronic Absenteeism. Please remember each and every school day counts and we need every student present. ALL absences and check in/outs will require a note to be excused. These notes must be received within **three** days of the absence. If the absence is due to sickness requiring a doctor, dental or any other medical appointment, please submit your doctor's note. These are unlimited for the year. If your child is absent from school due to sickness without a doctor's note, or anything other than sickness, it requires a home note to be excused..Our policy has changed this year. Please note... **Four Home Notes are allowed per semester**, with each note covering a **single** day only. They may be sent in writing or via email to juliemoultrie@gcboe.net

We will be strictly adhering to our tardiness policy found in the GMS Handbook this year. The policy reads as follows:

3.3. Tardiness (defined as late arrival)

- Middle school parents are responsible for getting students to school on time.
- Students are responsible for getting to class on time.
- Homeroom begins at 7:15 a.m. Students are marked unexcused tardy to school after 7:35 a.m. daily. If a student is tardy to school, excused or unexcused, a parent or guardian must accompany the student into the office and check the student in. **If a parent does not accompany the student, the student will not be allowed to check-in and the parent or guardian will be telephoned.**
- If a student accumulates 4 or more unexcused tardies to school during a nine-week period, he or she will be given early morning detention (EMD). If a students' unexcused tardies exceeds 7 in a nine-week period, the student will receive further discipline including, but not limited to, Saturday School, In School Suspension, or Out of School Suspension. Four unexcused tardies to school are equivalent to a single-day unexcused absence. Excessive unexcused tardies to school are subject to Handbook Policies 3.5 and 3.6 regarding truancy.
- When a student is tardy to class, it will be recorded by the teacher. When a student is tardy two or more times in a week, he/she will be given early morning detention (EMD). Excessive tardiness to class will result in further disciplinary action by GMS Administration.



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3.4. Check-In/Check-out Procedures

- Students must come to the office to get a pass whenever they check in. When a student checks in or checks out, he/she is counted as absent from the missed classes. Parents must send a doctor or a home note for check-in/check-outs in order for the absence to be counted as excused.
- Home notes used for check-ins and check-outs count toward the 4 allowed per semester.
- Parents / guardians (or approved school pick-up contacts) are the only adults allowed to check out students. Check-outs must be in-person. Students will not be allowed to check-out with a written note.
- Student check-outs must be completed prior to the last 30 minutes of the school day. This is to decrease the amount of traffic in and out of the school and increase the security of the school during transition.

Faculty & Staff

We would like to make it convenient to reach out to all Faculty and Staff at GMS. Below is our email directory. Feel free to contact us.



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GMS FACULTY & STAFF DIRECTORY

*Office

Principal -- Rob Paradise
 Assistant Principal -- Kortney Johnson
 Counselor -- Calley Kutner
 Nurse -- Tammy Nabors
 Bookkeeper -- Jessica Bodine
 Secretary/Receptionist -- Julie Moultrie
 School Resource Officer -- Tim Nugent

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*Other Certified Personnel

Jennifer Kitchens -- PE
 Brandon Shelton -- PE
 Matt Holoday -- PE
 Jessica Light -- Band
 Janice Samuels -- Media Specialist
 James Tucker Davis -- STEM
 John Wilson -- Career Tech
 Wynn Simmons -- Learning Center
 Bridget Morris -- Specialized Population
 Val Jones -- Art
 Ana Beasley -- Agriscience
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 6th Grade Social Studies -- Patrick Morton
 6th Grade Science -- Haley Thomason
 6th Grade Math -- Lauren Thompson

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 7th Grade Social Studies -- Jennifer Teall
 7th Grade Science -- Reid Hinkle
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 8th Grade Social Studies -- Chris Walshus
 8th Grade Science -- Rachael Willoughby
 8th Grade Math -- Brittany Case

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Parents,

If your child has had any over the counter medication checked in with me this year, please take a minute to drop by and sign it out. Per state guidelines, I am not allowed to send it home with a student; it must be disposed of or returned to the parent. If you'd rather I dispose of it, please send me an email and I'll be glad to take care of it.

Thank you,
Tammy



From the GMS Lunchroom

Please make sure to clear up any negative balances on your student's lunch account . We can no longer charge meals on any account.

Media Center News

GMS 2023 Yearbooks that were pre-ordered are being distributed today. Any extras will be sold on a first come first serve basis for \$50.



Sports News

***** All athletes trying out for sports must have an updated physical.**



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CROSS COUNTRY

A Sign-Up Sheet has been placed on the Front Office counter. The first meeting for athletes AND their parents will be on Monday, May 22nd at 5:00pm at the old Field House.

GMS BASKETBALL

***EVERYONE MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS.

*Any current **6th or 7th Grade Boys** interested in trying out for 7th or 8th grade basketball for next year need to sign up with Coach Miller. Tryouts will be **May 15th and May 17th** 3:00pm - 4:15pm *There will be NO TRYOUT ON MAY 16th!*

***8th Grade Boys** that are interested in trying out for 9th grade basketball need to see Coach Miller to sign up. Tryouts will be **May 15th and 16th** from 5:30 - 6:30pm at the **HIGH SCHOOL GYM**. You must have a current physical on file.

***6th and 7th Grade Girls** Tryouts will be **May 15th-17th** at GHS from 3:30 to 5:30pm.

GMS BASEBALL

Tryouts will be Tuesday, May 23rd, from 3:30-5:00 at Jim Whitaker Field at the high school for any upcoming 7th and 8th Graders