



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES - (Every Monday is Early Dismissal at 1:56 pm)

August	29	Math Lab Begins, Library (Tues – Thurs, 3:15pm to 4pm)
	31	Magazine/Cookie Dough/Cinnamon Sales Order Turn In Day, Student Services – 7:45 – 8:20 am
September	4	NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
	7	Magazine/Cookie Dough/Cinnamon Sales Order Turn In Day, Student Services – 7:45 – 8:20 am
	13	Picture Retakes

Students Check Out/Check In Policy

If your student needs to leave school during the school day (*i.e.*: *appointment*) they need to bring a signed note from their parent/guardian before school to the attendance office. They will be issued a slip to be released from class.

This policy ensures an uninterrupted learning environment and allows students to be waiting for you in the front office to be signed out. If no slip is issued before school to excuse the student from class, please be aware that you might wait several minutes for your student to come to the office. Students can only be signed out by a parent, guardian, or person listed on emergency card and is at least 18 years of age.

When checking your student into school, your student must go to the attendance window to sign a slip before going into class.

Parking Reminder

With the increased traffic in the main parking area for both morning drop off and afternoon pick up of students, we ask that you as parents continue to extend courtesy and patience during these times. Two suggestions that will help the congestion is for you to arrange a pick up point a few blocks away from the school and have your student walk to meet you there; or you can arrange to pick up your student after school at 3:25 p.m. By this time, traffic has cleared out and access to the parking lot is open. We thank you for your patience, understanding, and courtesy during this time.

Please do not block parking lot entrances at any time. Cars blocking parking lot entrances cause major backups on Park and Wyckford that could lead to accidents. The bus loop is closed to all cars in the morning from 7:45 to 8:30am and in the afternoon from 2:45 to 3:45pm. Cars entering the bus loop and parking may receive citations from Rocklin PD.

Remember; drive as though your kids attend Granite Oaks Middle School. We thank you for your patience, understanding, and courtesy during this time.

Driving Caution during Drop Off and Pick Up

Please do not stop in the middle of the traffic lane or in the middle of the parking lot to let your student out. Please pull to the curb or into a parking spot. **Also, please do not park in the bus loop or block the bus loop driveways; this area needs to be kept clear for buses. Student drop off is not permitted behind the E Wing Building.**

Parent Schoology Access Codes

Over the next week, teachers are working to provide you with your Schoology parent access codes in order for you to support your child at home. You will be able to access agendas, homework, class work, grades, and more. It is a place to see all of your child's classes in one place, receive teacher and academy communication, and you can even set up daily or weekly reports that will be delivered directly to your email. More communication to follow on how to set up the reports.

Marine Biology Club Applications for KEY/Rubicon Academies

After school on Tuesday 8/29, application packets for KEY and Rubicon students interested in attending the Marine Biology Club overnight field trip to Mackerricher State Park will be available in Mr. Thayer's classroom (B8). The dates for this trip are October 17th-20th. The completed first-page of the application packet and a check for \$265 made out to GOMS are due no later than Friday September 1st. If the number of applications exceeds the spaces available on the trip, a lottery system will be used to equitably enroll campers on the trip. At that point, a second, mandatory due date for medical forms and doctor authorizations (if needed) will be established.

Marine Biology Club Trip date for Odyssey and Legacy is October 3rd through the 6th. The Pacific Environmental Education Center is located at Mackerricher State Park just north of Fort Bragg.

Applications will be available on Monday, August 28th, and are due back on September the 7th along with ½ payment of \$132.50.

The trip accommodates a limited number of students, therefore, if there are more applications submitted than spots available there will be a lottery to determine whether or not a student is going on the trip. Applications turned in after the above due date will be placed on a waiting list.

Teacher contact for Odyssey Academy is Mr. Yanni in room B9

Teacher contact for Legacy Academy is Mrs. Jensen in room B8

Granite Oaks Math Lab

Beginning August 29, 2017, Library

(Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday- 3:15-4:00 pm)

- Granite Oaks Math Lab provides assistance to students that need extra support with math.
- Unlike private tutors, the lab instructors are credentialed classroom teachers familiar with textbooks, common core standards, styles of teaching, classroom expectations, and grading.
- The Math Lab is great for students who:
 - Struggle with completing quality homework assignments
 - Receive low test scores
 - Have learning difficulties
 - Need extra time or one-on-one assistance
 - Need to improve overall understanding and performance in math

GOMS App

Our Parent Falcon Club (PFC) launched a custom mobile app for our school and it's full of useful information. It's never been easier to access event calendars, class information, lunch menus, bell schedules, district information, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, and so much more! By installing our app, you will get important announcements and friendly reminders about what's happening at our school.

To download, search for our school or use these links to download our app today:

[iTunes](#)

OR

[Androids](#)



Cookie Dough, Magazine, and Cinnamon Roll Sales

The Cookie Dough, Magazine, and Cinnamon Roll sale officially started yesterday. Students are encouraged to reach out to family, friends, and neighbors. Students should have received a packet yesterday, with all the details of the sale. There are many items available online too. Your student will get credit for all items sold; online and physically turned in orders.

To order online, please go to www.gaschoolstore.com and enter **School Code: 4996260**. For more details, check out the packet your student(s) brought home and view the attached flyer for more details.

Students must collect the money up front, from the physical orders and turn it in on the specific turn in days. If someone is writing a check, they need to be made out to GOMS.

Turn in days are as follows:

- 1st Turn In = **August 31** (7:45am to 8:25am in the main entrance)
- 2nd Turn In = **September 7** (7:45am to 8:25am in the main entrance)

If you are able to help collect forms and distribute prizes on the turn in days, **please go online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e48aea929a2fb6-cookie> to sign up.**

Site Council Information

The Site Council objective is to assist Granite Oaks Middle School in matters pertaining to the school and its educational program. Specific objectives include:

- A. Advising, recommending, and reviewing with the principal, teachers, other school personnel, parents, and pupils the implementation of the school improvement program and assessing periodically the effectiveness of the program.
- B. Facilitating school and district communication with parents and community.
- C. Informing and advising school and district staff regarding community conditions, aspirations, and goals.
- D. Assisting in providing support to parents, teachers, students, and community for school programs.
- E. Involving citizens in a meaningful way in problems and important decisions confronting Granite Oaks Middle School.
- F. Foster relationships between homes, school, and staff.

If you are interested in serving on the Granite Oaks Site Council, please [APPLY HERE FOR SITE COUNCIL](#) by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2017, so that your name can be included on the ballot for the September 20, 2017 meeting and election of parent representatives.

**Site Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.
Library Conference Room
AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Brief explanation of School Site Council and member's responsibilities**
- 3. Election of Parent Members and Officers**
- 4. Review Meeting Dates/Times and Calendar**

East Coast Tour 2018

8th Grade Foundations of Freedom Tour



Do you like to travel? Do you like U.S. history? Do you like to experience new things and meet new people? Do you have good grades and all your merits? IF SO THEN THE EAST COAST TOUR IS...

FOR YOU!!

Also called the Foundations of Freedom Tour because of its many links to our nation's history, the East Coast Tour visits the following U.S. cities:

- **Boston**
- **New York City**
- **Philadelphia**
- **Washington, D.C.**

You are invited to attend an informational meeting about this year's East Coast Tour

WHEN: Tuesday September 19, 2017 at 6:00pm

WHERE: Granite Oaks Gym

At this meeting you will:

- **Meet the tour directors, Joanna & Chelsea Cameron**
- **Meet the chaperones**
- **Receive a brochure detailing the trip and cost**
- **Receive an application for the trip**
- **Get all your questions answered!**

Questions? Please email Mr. Champ at dchamp@rocklinusd.org

The East Coast Trip is not a school-sponsored trip.
It is paid for and funded only by those who choose to participate.