



Principal's Message

We would like to remind our families that school attendance is extremely important for the success of all students at GOMS. Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school. When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

But when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused— it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten. For example, young elementary school students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading. But when students are able to read on grade level by the end of third grade, which is when kids transition from learning to read to reading to learn, they are three to four times more likely to graduate high school and attend college, post-graduate, or professional development classes than their peers who struggle with reading.

As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority. By figuring out the reasons for your child's absences—whether they're physical or emotional—and taking advantage of support services—such as GOMS Math Lab, GOMS Sports and GOMS Clubs—you can help set your child on the path to success.

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

November	10	Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL
	20 – 24	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

Yearbook

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK ONLINE for \$50 at: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01005442>

For 8th Grade Parents/Guardians – Create Your Yearbook Dedication Page for your 8th Grader by February 7, 2018

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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