



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

August	20	Picture Day
	21	Back to School Night – 6:30 – 8:00 pm
	23	Welcome Back Dance - 7:00 - 9:00 pm
	27	GOMS Parent Anti-Vaping Night - 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
September	2	LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL

**Principal's Message**

Hello GOMS Families,

I would like to thank all of our students, families, and staff for an amazing start to the school year. Our students have acted and behaved very respectfully and responsibly on our campus. Students have respectfully moved through our school day helping each other navigate through the first few days of school. They have also been very resilient by coming back to school with a smile on their faces and a can do attitude for the beginning of a new school year. The GOMS Staff is excited to work with your student and take them to their highest level of academic and social emotional achievement they can reach this year.

Thank you all for your support in making this a great start to a school year to remember. I hope to see you at our GOMS Back to School Night on Wednesday, August 21st.

I wish you and your families a wonderful and restful weekend.

Best regards,  
Jay Holmes, Principal

**Back to School Night – August 21, 2019 (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)**

**This event is designed for parents only.** Your student will bring home a personalized invitation with a schedule for you to follow and a map of the campus. Please make sure to look for the invitation from your student on August 19, 2019.

- If you are a parent of an ASB (Student Senate) you will meet in A6 at 6:15 - 6:25 p.m.
- If you are a parent of a Symphonic Band student you will meet in M-1 at 6:15 – 6:25 p.m.

Parents will visit their student's classrooms as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> period	6:30 – 6:40 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> period	6:43 – 6:53 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> period	6:56 – 7:06 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> period	7:09 – 7:19 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup> period	7:22 – 7:32 p.m.
6 <sup>th</sup> period	7:35 – 7:45 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup> period	7:48 – 7:58 p.m.

We look forward to meeting you!

# PICTURE DAY INFORMATION

**Picture Day is next Tuesday, August 20th.** Pictures will be taken during student's PE class. Order your picture package online by going to <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/> and using **Picture Day ID: CR049521Q0.**

If you are not ordering online, be sure to bring your picture order form and money on Tuesday!

## Back to School Dance

GOMS is excited to host the first dance of the year next Friday, August 23rd at 7:00 pm. This will be an amazing dance with a DJ, light-show, food, and activities. The dance will last from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the GOMS amphitheater. Tickets will be on sale Wednesday, August 21st through Friday, August 23rd during 7th and 8th grade lunch. Tickets will be sold for five dollars at lunches and ten dollars at the door the night of the dance. Be sure to save money and pick up your ticket at lunch!

See you at the dance!

## SPORTS INFORMATION from Jerry Ryan, Physical Education, Athletic Director



- **Flag Football** tryouts will begin after school on Monday 8/19 (2:30 - 4:00pm) & Tuesday 8/20 (3:30 - 5:00pm). Practice will begin on Wednesday 8/21. This was moved because of last weeks' heat and air quality.
- **Girls Volleyball** tryouts continue on Monday 8/20. 8th grade = 3:00-4:30pm. 7th grade = 4:30-6:00pm. Practice starts Tuesday 8/20 (3:00 - 5:00pm) for both teams.
- **Parent Information Nights for Flag Football and Girls Volleyball** will be Thursday 8/22 in the gym from 5:15-6:00pm.
- **Cross Country** practice starts on Tuesday 8/20 from 3:30 - 4:45pm.
- **Cross Country Parent Information Night** will also be Thursday 8/22 from 4:45-5:15 in the outside eating area.

## P.E. Uniforms

**A uniform may be purchased from the P.E. teachers during the first two weeks of school.** We recommend that students purchase the school P.E. uniform; however, students may wear a black pair of shorts and a gray T-shirt with no pockets or logos during class. The school P.E. uniform includes shorts and shirt for \$25.00 a set or \$13.00 each for the individual T-shirt or shorts. **Make checks payable to Granite Oaks Middle School.**

## Student Lunches - Message from Food Services

In Middle School your child now has the option to not only purchase a reimbursable meal but also a variety of snacks & drinks. These items have an additional cost which can be found on the [DISTRICT WEB-PAGE](#). The student has to purchase a meal before they are allowed to purchase snacks. Drinks can be purchased at any time. There is a "No Charge" policy in place for all lunches, snacks and drinks so please ensure they have money on their account or bring money daily if they plan to purchase food. We do allow a 1 time courtesy charge for lunch if the student does not have money that day. You can put money onto your child's account online at [MY SCHOOL BUCKS](#) or bring/send cash or check to the school. Thank you!

## Student Attendance

This year parents will be receiving a call at 10:30 a.m. for any student absent and not cleared and again at 6:30 p.m. at night. We are doing this to help provide a safe environment and alert parents. If parents call and clear the absence they will not be receiving a call. Call our Attendance office at 916-315-9009, ext. 4105.

## Checking your Student out during the School Day

If your student needs to leave school at any time during the school day 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. Students can only be signed out by a parent, guardian, or person listed the Aeries Parent Portal Account and is at least 18 years of age. This policy ensures an uninterrupted learning environment and allows students to be waiting for you in the front office to be signed out.

## Messages and Deliveries to Students

Parents are encouraged to let students assume responsibility for remembering lunches, school items, homework and P.E. uniforms. However, you may leave items on the counter for your student to pick-up. The office may send a message to your student to pick up an item if an office aide is available. The **office does not guarantee** that your student will get the message or the item. Students may not order food (pizza, etc.) to be delivered to the office for lunch.

## Cell Phones

GOMS is concerned about the disruptions that Cell phones/Electronic devices have on the educational program and school activities. Therefore, Cell phones/Electronic Devices may only be used before school and after school while on school grounds. **Cell phones/Electronic Devices must be put away and turned off** during the day and may only be used during instructional time when directed by a supervising staff member.

## 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/pickup is not permitted behind the E Wing Building or in the back staff parking lot; this area is reserved for our special needs families.**



## 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.

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