

GOMS Eblast 5-1-2020 - Current 7th & 8th Grade Families

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

May 1 - 8th Grade Educational Plan/Elective Selection Worksheet Due

May 3 - SOAR Application Due

May 8 - Advanced Language Arts Application Due

This is a reminder that the deadline to submit the 8th Grade Educational Plan/Elective Selection Worksheet is Friday, May 1st. If you have not already done so, please share this form with your student and discuss all the options prior to making selections as the form should only be submitted once. If your student does not submit a form to select their elective classes, the Counseling staff will place them into their courses. **Please note:** Students may not retake an elective course that they have already taken with the exception of Orchestra, Chorus or Computer Science.

GOMS 8th Grade Educational Plan/Elective Selection Worksheet

[Click Here](#) - Due Friday May 1st

Granite Oaks Virtual Book Club! Join Mrs. Mangels for a lunchtime Virtual Book Club, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon, beginning April 22nd. Join the Google Meet, talk about books, and sit back and enjoy being read to again. Mrs. Mangels will share some of her favorite books, beginning with *Savvy*, by Ingrid Law. *Savvy* is the story of 13-year-old Mib who comes into a super power on her birthday.

Go to meet.google.com, "Join" a meeting, and type in the nickname "govirtualbookclub"

Order your yearbook online NOW! [CLICK HERE TO ORDER YEARBOOK](#)

Placer County Youth Commission is accepting applications for the July 2020-June 2021 Youth Commission term. The Placer County Youth Commission is a group of youth (9th-12th grade) from throughout all of Placer County that is appointed by the Placer County Board of Supervisors, who serve to identify and advocate for issues important to and affecting Placer County youth.

If your student will be in grades 9 through 12 in the 2020-2021 school year and is interested in serving on the Youth Commission, click on this link: [Placer County Youth Coalition Application](#)

SOAR Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are now open!

SOAR is an exciting class that allows students to develop their organization, goal setting, public speaking, and other useful skills while completing interactive projects that cover a wide range of high school, college, and career readiness topics. Throughout the year, we also go on field trips to four local colleges and universities.

For more info, please [check out this slideshow](#).

Applications open April 24th and close **May 3rd**. To apply, [click on this link](#), or go to bit.ly/apply2soar

The 8th Grade Advanced Language Arts Application Is Now Open For 2020-2021 School Year!

Students in the advanced course engage in a highly-differentiated curriculum in order to help prepare them for advanced classes in high school. In addition to analyzing text and writing academic essays, students participate in literature circles, Socratic seminars, expert panel discussions, blog posts and 20time projects. Students are also exposed to higher-level learning through an introduction to Shakespeare and literary criticism theory. Students are admitted into the program through an application in the spring. The expectation is that students have a strong foundation in reading and writing upon entering the program.

Applications are being accepted starting **April 21st, 2020** until the deadline on **Friday, May 8th, 2020**.

Please note that there is no guarantee that you will get into the ADV ELA program. Upon completion of this application, we will review your information, contact your 7th grade ELA teacher to see if he/she recommends you for the course and we will look at class size availability. After turning in your application, you do not need to do anything else to be considered for ADV ELA. If you are accepted, you will automatically be enrolled for next year.

Application Link here:

Advanced ELA Application 2020-2021

Questions? Contact Megan Persinger at

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ASB Student Leadership

Attention returning 7th graders! The application to be part of the 2020-21 ASB leadership team is now available. If this interests you, read on...

ASB is the student led organization at GOMS that helps make our school great! ASB students serve as liaisons between the student body, teachers, administration, and parents. They regulate the distribution of ASB funds, promote school spirit, raise funds for our school and others, serve in the school and community, participate in behind the scene school affairs, and plan and run school activities, dances, clubs, and rallies.

If all that sounds good, then ASB is for you! [Click on this link to apply to be part of next year's ASB team](#)

Application to the Granite Oaks ASB is open to all students of Granite Oaks Middle School who meet the following requirements/commitments:

- Possess at least a 2.0 grade point average
- Have no more than one "NM" grade per quarter
- Demonstrate good citizenship by following school rules
- Keep all merits and complete 'merit retrieval' if any are lost
- Meet Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 7:30 – 8:15 am (other mornings may be added as needed)
- Participate after school & at lunch (as needed) to take care of ASB business
- Follow through on commitments to ASB/GOMS
- Conduct themselves as positive reliable role models for all students



WEB Day Leaders

Attention 7th graders! Remember WEB Day?! It's the day you learned all about Granite Oaks and what it means to be a Falcon. Well, now it's your turn to lead this day for next year's 7th graders. The application to be a WEB leader for WEB Day is now available.

WEB leaders help organize and run the orientation activities that welcome incoming seventh graders and brand new eighth graders to our school. The activities include team-building games, answering questions about our programs, and serving as tour guides for our school before the Fall term begins.

In order to be a WEB Leader you will need to be able to attend a WEB Training Day on Monday August 3rd from 9am to Noon and WEB Day on Wednesday August 5th from 8am to 1pm.

Click on this link to apply to be part of next year's ASB team: [Granite Oaks Middle School WEB Application](#)



Message from Parent Falcon Club (PFC)

The GOMS Parent Falcon Club is prepping for the 2020/2021 school year and would like to invite you to join the PFC Board. The main role of the Granite Oaks PFC is to support students by building strong working relationships among parents, teachers, and the school. This includes recruiting members, coordinating volunteers, fundraising, planning events, and organizing teacher appreciation activities. The PFC is committed to working closely with Mr. Holmes, Mr. Daley, and Ms. Serin and administrative staff to decide jointly which programs will most benefit the school.

The PFC welcomes all GOMS parents to join the Executive Board for the 2020/2021 school year. We have the following openings:

Vice President

The Vice President oversees all fund-raising as sponsored by the PFC as well as fills in for the President in his/her absence.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for collecting and depositing all monies received by the PFC in conjunction with the President.

Volunteer Coordinator

The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the volunteers needed for PFC sponsored events.

We are also open to job sharing and welcome you if you have an interest in any of these positions (*These positions currently have an incumbent but job sharing is encouraged*):

President

Presides over PFC meetings and ensures compliance with the PFC Bylaws

Communications Coordinator

Responsible for publicity and communication from the PFC.

Teacher Appreciation Coordinator

Coordinates monthly Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts/lunches as well as the donations for each event

Community/Administration Liaison

Coordinates information between the PFC, School Administration, and the community

All inquiries can be directed to Karma David, PFC President at graniteoaksPFC@gmail.com or via the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GOMSPFC/>)

All nominations for the PFC Board should be received no later than May 8, 2020. Elections will take place during the May PFC Board meeting scheduled for **May 22nd**.

Go FALCONS!