



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We have had an amazing hybrid first week start for our students and staff at GOMS. The number one concern we have during our return to the new school year is the safety of our students and staff. We want everyone to stay happy, healthy, and at school! Maintaining the health of all of our stakeholders centers on students wearing masks on campus and practicing social distancing.

The students at GOMS have been well behaved and have followed our mask wearing protocols for campus. They have followed our egress and ingress arrows on the ground and have used the dots outside of our classrooms to social distance. It has been amazing to have our students and teachers back on campus and fully engaged in the learning process.

As with any new endeavor, we have areas where we can improve. One such way is in our social distancing during breaks and at lunch. It would be wonderful if you could talk to your student about social distancing and how very important it is to practice social distancing on campus to stop the spread of any illness. Thank you for all your support in our return to on campus learning.





A huge thank you to our Parent Falcon Club for our welcome back sign and teacher appreciation goodies. Your support for our students and staff goes a long way to lift the spirit of teachers and staff at GOMS!

Have a great weekend! Mr. Daley and Mr. Holmes

Synchronous/Asynchronous/Enrichment Learning

We would like to give you a reminder about how asynchronous and synchronous learning looks during the hybrid model.

- Asynchronous instruction: Providing instruction or communication to students without meeting at the same place and/or at the same time. Examples include discussion boards, e-mail communication, self-paced learning modules, or providing recorded videos or lectures.
- Synchronous Instruction: Delivering instruction and communication to students in real time. An example of synchronous instruction would include in class instruction.

The asynchronous learning at home will take different approaches according to the teacher and what they assign. That being said, students will be asked to check in with their enrichment teacher during their enrichment period each day. This will be the only time that they are required to check in with a teacher on their asynchronous days. During the enrichment time students can ask questions of their teacher or receive help on assignments. Work/assignments/flipped classes will be posted on Schoology for asynchronous days by each teacher. These work/assignments/flipped classes will take different varied forms according to each teacher.

Teachers will have office hours at the end of each day where students can make an appointment to receive more help in their class. Please contact any teacher to make an appointment during their 3:10 to 3:40 pm office hours.

Hybrid A/B Groups

Students will be divided into "A" and "B" groups that will have synchronous learning on campus one day and asynchronous learning at home the other day. **Students will also be required to check in with their enrichment class on the days in which they receive asynchronous instruction at home.** The "A" grouping of students will be completing synchronous or in school learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The "B" grouping of students will be completing synchronous or in school learning on Wednesday's and Friday's. Our "A" and "B" groups will be alternating Mondays at school and at home.

<u>Please note that Monday September 28th is an "A" day so "A" students will attend campus Monday, Tuesday and Thursday next week, while "B" students will attend Wednesday and Friday.</u>

Please see the complete calendar for more information: Hybrid A/B Calendar

Hybrid Schedules

Please view the hybrid school day schedule and hybrid articulation day schedule <u>HERE</u> for school hours during our hybrid model. Student Hybrid Group assignment is available through the Aeries Student and Parent Portals. Go into your Aeries Student or Parent Portal, choose Student Information, choose Demographics; the Hybrid Group is listed on the bottom right hand side.

RUSD Reopening Guidelines

Please look over the document that was sent out via email about the <u>RUSD Reopening Guidelines</u>. Please note that all students and staff must wear face coverings while on campus during hybrid learning.

"In order to comply with this guidance, schools must exclude students from campus if they are not exempt from wearing a face covering under CDPH guidelines and refuse to wear one provided by the school."- pg. 6 of RUSD Reopening Guide.

Masks

All staff must wear a face covering at school when physical distancing is not possible. All students must wear a face covering at school except when eating lunch. All students must wear a face covering on the bus, unless exempt. Face coverings will be provided to staff (face shields as appropriate). Face coverings are available upon request for students. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the wearing of a mask.

The Parent Falcon Club hopes that you had a great first week on campus! The PFC has been busy behind the scenes trying to make sure our teachers, staff, and students feel supported and energized as we navigate this next stage of this pandemic. In the last week, we have kicked off this in-person phase with a snack station for our teachers where we offered a variety of individually packaged breakfast and snack items, decorated our amphitheater with a GIANT Welcome Back banner and signs, showed our appreciation for our teachers with a small token of our appreciation, and distributed new GOMS stickers to all students who were on site this week (we are working on distributing to RVC)! Please consider following us on Facebook for up-to-date information from the PFC.



Masks for sale - AGAIN!

You asked - we listened (again)! The PFC has re-opened the mask store. It's only here for a short time - all orders MUST be placed by October 4th.

There are multiple sizes available. Orders will be delivered to your child's enrichment teacher, RVC students can pick up at GOMS (date/time TBD) or orders can be shipped for a flat rate of \$5. Please allow 3+ weeks AFTER STORE CLOSES for delivery. There will be no refunds or exchanges.

CLICK TO ORDER MASKS

Granite Oaks Library Information

Please check out the link to the Granite Oaks "Virtual" Library: Granite Oaks Virtual Library

There you will find information on how to check out books from the Granite Oaks Library and how to check out eBooks and audiobooks, using the "Sora" app.



Be sure to click on the "featured" books, to see a book trailer or hear an audio excerpt from the book. A new slide will be added each week, so check back often.

New to Granite Oaks!!!

Our library will be holding its first ever Online Scholastic Book Fair, October 1 - October 14. Look for more information soon!