



Dear GOMS Staff and Families,

Our staff has been working very hard to prepare our campus for the return of students on Wednesday, August 11th. Our first tardy bell will be ringing tomorrow morning at 8:25 am with classes starting at 8:30 am. GOMS students will be released from classes at 3:10 pm. We are all looking forward to having our students back on campus and learning.

[2021-2022 Bell Schedule Link](#)

We would like to remind our parents and students that lunches will be provided for any student wishing to access a school provided lunch. Please take a moment to review our mask guidance guidelines listed below.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our students tomorrow!

Mrs. Honegger and Mr. Holmes

**New CDPH Guidance Mandates Require:**

Face Masks/Coverings

- Face masks/coverings are optional when outdoors on campus for all students and staff members. This may include lunch, recess, passing periods, outdoor P.E., outdoor assemblies, athletics, walking onto and off campus, and other other outdoor school-based activities.
- **Regardless of vaccination status, students must wear a face mask when indoors** at school and on school transportation unless the student has a Medical or Mental Health Exemption on file, which will be made available in the coming days prior to the start of the school year. Click [here](#) for more information on enforcement options. In a typical TK-6 daily schedule, a student would be wearing a mask for no more than two (2) hours at time, often for much less, due to scheduled breaks, recess, lunch, and other transitions. Students in grades 7-8 will be wearing a mask for no more than 47 minutes at a time. Students in grades 9-12 will wear a mask for no more than 86 minutes.
- All RUSD staff must wear a face mask while sharing indoor spaces with students at school and on school transportation.
- During the 2021-2022 school year, students wearing masks have a modified quarantine that allows them to remain at school as long as they are asymptomatic (have no symptoms). This means the majority of students, other than those who are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms, will be able to be at school learning and participating in athletics and other school-sanctioned activities.
- We're excited to move forward with the traditional athletic seasons. CDPH has announced they will provide updated athletic guidance in the coming days.

New CDPH Guidance Loosens Some Restrictions:

- While Rocklin Unified will continue to maximize indoor spaces whenever possible, physical distancing is no longer a requirement.
- Furthermore, many schools are committed to creating additional outdoor learning opportunities for students where they can remove their face coverings.
- Approved visitors and volunteers are welcome on RUSD campuses and must self screen for COVID-19 symptoms before entering school campuses, adhere to wearing a face mask/covering while indoors and when students are present, regardless of vaccination status.
- Rocklin Unified will continue to utilize MERV-13 filtration systems in all classrooms, offices, and indoor spaces.

**Mandated State Immunization Requirements:**

All students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and newly registered students must meet all state immunization requirements, including proof of 7<sup>th</sup> grade TDAP requirements, or have a temporary or permanent Medical Exemption completed by a doctor.

**Electives:**

Every effort is made to place students in electives based on preference and space; therefore, elective changes are not permitted. Elective teachers will provide students with any additional information related to course materials and requirements. More information will be given to students during the first week of classes. ***Note: Elective courses are subject to change; placement in preferred elective courses is not guaranteed.***

**ELA Plus and Math Plus:**

ELA Plus and Math Plus classes do not start until Monday, August 23rd. This may be confusing to some students, as their schedule shows both Enrichment and ELA/Math Plus. Please remind your students that, if they have ELA/Math Plus, they will not come to us until August 23rd. They will be with their Homeroom teachers for Enrichment until then.

**The following information should answer any immediate questions concerning the start of school.**

**Classes begin Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

**School/Office/Library Hours:**

Every **Monday** School starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at **1:56** p.m.

Tuesday through Friday school starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at **3:10** p.m.

Office hours are Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Library is open Mondays from 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday - Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**[2021-2022 Bell Schedule Link](#)**

Students should not arrive on campus before 8:05 a.m. Students should plan to be off campus by 3:30 p.m. unless participating in a supervised activity or studying in the library. Granite Oaks does not have supervision to permit students on campus beyond designated times.

**Student Suggested Supplies:**

We suggest that students have a backpack, pencil, pen and paper on the first day of school. Teachers will give a suggested list of supplies on the first day of school.

**Back-to-School Night:**

Back-to-School Night is Wednesday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. During Back-to-School Night, teachers will explain student expectations and school curriculum. Please mark your calendars (*this is a parent only event*).

**School Pictures:**

Each student will have their school picture taken on August 24th. Picture packets will be available on a pre-pay basis.

**Physical Education/Uniforms: (Subject to change due to COVID requirements)**

**A uniform may be purchased from the P.E. teachers during the first week 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.** For safety, sturdy laced athletic shoes are required. No slip on, backless or raised sole shoes will be allowed during P.E. class. The school will furnish P.E. lockers and locks for students.

**Lunches:**

Free lunches will be provided to all students this school year.

**Attendance/Absences:**

**To report your student absent, please call the Attendance Office, at 315-9009, Ext. 4105 (or #1 on the option menu).** Students must have absences cleared by a parent/guardian. Parents will receive an attendance letter for excessive absences if their student exceeds 10 excused absences or 3 unexcused absences for the school year. If your student is going to be out of school for 3 or more consecutive days, then they will need to request an Independent Study Contract through the Attendance Office, which must be notified at least one week prior to the departure date. Granite Oaks website contains important information regarding the importance of school attendance.

### **Student Check Out/Check In:**

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. Students can only be signed out by a parent, guardian, or person listed in 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

**When checking your student into school**, your student must go to the attendance window located around the corner from the main office to fill out a slip before going into class.

### **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.

### **Student Illnesses/Health Office:**

If a student has an emergency or is ill, they must notify an adult on campus and report to the health office. Granite Oaks staff will assist your student and allow them to use the office phone as needed.

### **Medications:**

Any student, who needs medication administered during school hours, must have a written medication authorization release signed by both the parent and doctor (Ed. Code 49423). This applies to all medications; **over-the-counter and prescription medications** either on file in the Health Office and or carried by the student (i.e., asthma inhalers and auto-injection Epi Pens).

[RUSD Medication Release Forms](#)

### **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. This area needs to be kept clear for buses. Student drop off is not permitted behind the E Wing Building.**

### **Transportation:**

Applications for bus passes **will be available on the district website the last week of July**. For fastest service, bus passes may be purchased by mail, **submit your application with a check payable to the RUSD**. Please send an application and check to 2225 Corp Yard Road, Rocklin, CA, 95677. Beginning in August, they may also be purchased at the Transportation Office located at the above address. Passes should be purchased by the start of school to guarantee service. **A copy of the tentative bus schedule will be available on the district website by July 1st** and in the school office for reference in August. This schedule will list approximate times for pickups. Students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled time to avoid missing the bus. Students planning to get on or off the bus anywhere other than their designated bus stop must have a signed note from their parent or guardian **and given to the bus driver upon boarding the bus**. Please call our District Transportation Department at 624-9106 for any questions you have.

### **Student Activities:**

Events are planned throughout the year to provide positive social opportunities for students. Our website will include a calendar of events as well as a listing of clubs. A weekly eblast will be emailed to each family on Friday's with the latest news and information.

## **TRY-OUTS – FALL SPORTS (2021)**

### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17th

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE = 3:30 – 4:30      7<sup>th</sup> GRADE = 4:45 – 5:45

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18th

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE 3:30 – 4:30      8<sup>th</sup> GRADE = 4:45 – 5:45

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE = 3:00- 4:30      7<sup>TH</sup> = 4:30 – 6:00

\*STUDENTS TRYING OUT NEED TO ATTEND ALL TRY-OUT DATES  
UNLESS CLEARED BY COACH & A.D.\*

PRACTICE WILL BEGIN FRIDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>

7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> COMBINED 3:30 – 5:00

### **FLAG FOOTBALL**

7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

TUESDAY 8/17 & WEDNESDAY 8/18

3:30-5:00

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### **CROSS COUNTRY**

PRACTICE STARTS TUESDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>

7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE / BOYS & GIRLS

3:20 – 4:20 (NO-CUT SPORT)

THERE ARE NO TRYOUTS REQUIRED FOR CROSS-COUNTRY.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE UNDER THE ATHLETICS TAB  
FOR SPORTS INFORMATION.