



Dear GOMS Staff and Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff, and parents for an amazing start to the school year. Students have done an excellent job being in our GOMS Nest and practicing being respectful, responsible, and resilient during all parts of the school day. Our staff has gone above and beyond the call of duty to get our school up and running for our students. Parent support for the whole school from our Parent Falcon Club and families has enabled us to hit the ground running and support all aspects of our school. Thank you all for an extraordinary start to the school year in very difficult times!

GOMS is asking students to bring their own device to school to engage deeper into the learning process. We do have chromebooks available to check out in the GOMS library if students are unable to bring their own device. Parents must fill out the general information in this form, sign both the front and the back of the form, and take it to the GOMS library to check out a chromebook. [CLICK HERE FOR FORM](#)

Please take a moment to discuss the dress code with your student since appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. We appreciate many students dressing appropriately while at school. Please be aware that inappropriately dressed students will be expected to change into PE loaner clothes. Headgear, (hats, bandanas, headbands, etc.) are not allowed to be worn at school (district-wide) with the exception of classroom curriculum activities. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. Bare midriffs are prohibited. Short skirts or shorts are subject to students changing clothes. Thank you for taking the time to be responsible with the dress code expectations. (The full dress code policy can be found on page 23-24 of the student handbook).

Great job Falcons at having a terrific start to school. We look forward to a great school year together in the nest!

Mrs. Honegger and Mr. Holmes

### **Back to School Night – August 18, 2021 (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)**

**This event is designed for parents and guardians only. We are asking all adults to wear face coverings while indoors to this event.** 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.

- 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 August 24th.** Pictures will be taken during the student's PE class. You can order your picture package online by going to <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/> and using **Picture Day ID: EVTH4D429**. If you are not ordering online, be sure your student brings their picture order form and money on Tuesday, August 24th!

## 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.

## Physical Education/Uniforms:

**A uniform may be purchased from the P.E. teachers during their P.E. 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.

## 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.

## 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.**

## 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 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.

## **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.



**Meet the PFC on Back-to-School Night**  
*with Special Guests Principal Holmes and*  
**Assistant-Principal Honegger!**

Join us from **6-6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room** and meet Mr. Holmes and Ms. Honegger to find out more about programs at Granite Oaks! If you are a PFC premium member\*\*, park in the VIP parking lot. If you aren't a member, consider joining before 9pm. Monday, 8/16 to get preferred parking!

The Granite Oaks PFC supports students and staff to promote an exceptional middle school experience. The PFC is committed to working closely with Mr. Holmes and the administrative staff to jointly decide which programs will most benefit our students. There are many levels of commitment so stop by and learn how you can get involved!

\*\*No donation is required to become a PFC member but for a donation of \$100 or more, we offer free VIP parking to premium members for major school events.

**Join the Parent Falcon Club during our**  
**Special Membership Offer**

A donation of \$100 to PFC by 9PM on 8/18 earns your student  
**1 YEAR of VIP PARKING**  
at  
**BACK to SCHOOL NIGHT, OPEN HOUSE & GRADUATION**  
and  
**1 PERSONALIZED STICKER**



**Limited time offer for 7<sup>th</sup> graders: \$175 donation earns**  
**2 PERSONALIZED STICKERS & 2 YEARS of PARKING in PFC VIP Lot**  
**on school blacktop click for more info:**

<https://www.gomspfc.org/membership/join-now>

**Pay by 9PM on 8/16 to reserve a parking spot for Back-to-School night!**