

# Greenwood Middle School

## Summer Newsletter

### 2021-2022

Student schedules that can be currently viewed via PowerSchool are not the final schedules. Schedules will not be finalized and official until schedule pick up.

### Schedule Pick Up

Please enter through the main door (1) or door 8 from the south parking lot.

July 27<sup>th</sup> 5 pm - 8 pm (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

July 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - 2:00 pm & 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### Textbook Fees

6<sup>th</sup> grade \$132.29

7<sup>th</sup> grade \$155.93

8<sup>th</sup> grade \$156.92

\*These fees do not include school device rental / insurance.

School device rental cost \$60/year

Insurance option \$20/year (is not activated until paid)

A minimum payment of \$50 may be made at schedule pick-up or you can visit the GMS Homepage and click on EZ SchoolPay to use a debit/credit card. Debit/credit cards cannot be accepted when paying textbook rental in-person.



Gym Suits cost \$10.00 and will be available for purchase at schedule pick-up.

Click [here](#) to go online and file for the Indiana Free / Reduced lunch program. **Families must reapply each school year.** Families that qualify for free or reduced lunches will automatically receive textbook assistance if applied for by October 1<sup>st</sup>. This aid covers only a portion of the cost of textbooks. Families that do qualify for free or reduced lunches are still responsible for a portion of the textbook fees.

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### Upcoming important dates:

6<sup>th</sup> grade schedule pick up - Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> (5 – 8 pm)

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade schedule pick up – Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> (11 – 2 pm) (5 – 7 pm)

Back to School Night – Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> (6 – 8 pm)

## Helpful Hints for Students and Parents

1. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 4th.
2. If your student is returning to Greenwood schools and you have not re-registered please visit the [GMS Homepage](#) to do so. This must be done prior to schedule pick-up. You may also click [here](#) to access the registration page. Registration works best when using a desktop computer.
3. If students arrive at school by car, they should be dropped off in the South lot and enter door 8. Students may enter the building starting at 7:40 and proceed to the auxiliary gym, cafeteria or band room. Please observe the parameters of the drop-off procedure in that students can only be dropped off along the green curb. At the end of the day, students must be picked up in the same area. Following these procedures will help to make this process safer and more efficient. More information on drop off and pick up procedures will be sent out in the near future.
4. If your child walks to school, please remind him/her of pedestrian safety rules. It is important that students use good judgment when walking to/from school. If you are a student who walks to school or rides to school in a car, please time your arrival accordingly.
5. Please make sure that your child is up-to-date on their immunizations. [Please check the GMS webpage under Resources for a list of required vaccinations.](#)

6. Please remember to call the GMS Guidance Office Attendance Hotline (889-4043) to report all absences. Please call before 9 a.m. *If absences are unreported, they will be recorded as unexcused.* An accumulation of unexcused absences could result in grade reductions, a report to the Johnson County Probation Office for truancy and/or a report to the Division of Child Services for an investigation of Educational Neglect. Also, please remember to get a physician's statement if your student visits the doctor because of illness. Please refer to the attendance policy published in the student agenda book for additional information.
7. Any student who arrives late to school should report to the front office and receive a "late to school" pass before reporting to class. Students should make every effort to arrive on time to school. Chronic "late to schools" may result in a Friday Night School.
8. Every student receives an Agenda Book (student handbook) at the beginning of school. This handbook contains hall passes, a date book and a homework-recording sheet. The handbook also includes a copy of all school rules and other pertinent school information. Please impress upon your student that the handbook is as important as any textbook and should not be lost or damaged. Please also help students to remember that we usually do not replace misplaced agenda books. In an attempt to help students "hang on to" their agenda books, all agenda books will be bar coded... *It is important that parents read the handbook. It will be a useful tool for both you and your student.*
9. Please remember to review behavioral expectations when looking at your agenda book. GMS operates with a school-wide discipline plan. The details of the discipline plan are included in the agenda book.
10. Parents also will be able to access information about their child's grades, attendance and discipline via the school's data system, PowerSchool. Please contact the school if you do not have **parent** PowerSchool login information.
11. Please note that a link to the 2021-22 calendar is included in this mailing. *Please try to limit student vacations to those designated on the calendar.*
12. If you have provided your email to the school, you will receive a weekly email that highlights that upcoming week's activities. This information also is listed on the school website under "Weekly Announcements". Your email will also allow you to receive behavior notifications.
13. Dress code and cell phone violations are frequent issues that we address each day. Please refer the [student handbook](#), which can be found under resources on the GMS Homepage, for more details.
14. We also are asking that parents supervise their children's Facebook/Twitter/Instagram etc. pages/accounts. We have noticed that many of the social issues and disagreements that come to GMS originate on social networking pages. Middle school students are very concerned about the opinions of their peers. Often, when they access a social network, they feel less responsible for comments that are made than if they were making the comments in person.

When students DO come face to face during the school day, trouble erupts. Please help your child to understand the responsibility that comes with the use of these sites. If issues from social media disrupts the school day, the school may take action.

15. Breakfast will not be served on the first day of school.
16. A reminder goes to students that it will take a few days for the cafeteria procedure to become a smooth routine. Please have your lunch money/I.D. number ready and pay close attention to the supervisor's instructions so that you can get through the lines quickly.
17. Visitors will need to present a valid I.D. and to wear proper identification at all times during the school visit. Please do not be offended if you are stopped if you are not wearing one of these identification badges. Remember that we are trying our best to keep your children safe. Only adults listed in PowerSchool will be able to pick up or visit a student.
18. Daily homework can be expected of your middle school child. Some students will have an ELT (study hall) and will be able to use that time for study. However, if your child consistently comes home with no homework assignments, especially if his/hers grades are not 'up to par', please follow-up to make sure that homework is being completed.
19. GMS will be providing a daily 38-minute remediation/enrichment program for all students. This program is called our PRIDE program and takes place from 8:00-8:38 each morning. Students focus on essential math and language arts skills during this time. **IT IS CRITICAL THAT STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL ON TIME IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PROGRAM.**
20. Each day all students will be reminded to "be kind...listen to adults...work hard in class".
21. You can follow us on Twitter @GwoodMS.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply list:**

- Folders, one for each class. These get torn up easily, so while they are on sale, please pick up enough for the whole year. They need to have pockets and three prongs and be blue, green, yellow and red. Each core teacher has a specific color.
- Spiral notebooks with perforated pages that can be torn out neatly to hand in. One per class.
- Calculator – *not one on the cell phone.*
- A pencil case– one large enough to fit and hold your calculator
- Pens, blue or black ink for assignments- (Buy extras so you are always supplied.)
- Red pens at least 5 to get through the year.
- #2 pencils. (Please buy a large quantity while they are on sale)
- A 12 pack of colored pencils (You'll need these for social studies.)

- One box of tissues to be given to the Language Arts teacher so that we will have a year's supply. (We run through lots of tissues when cold and flu season sets in.)
- A pack of Blue or Black Dry Erase Markers.
- A pair of earbuds.
- Two large glue sticks

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply list:**

- Science  
Folder  
Pencils
- Social Studies  
12 pk of colored pencils  
1 black fine point Sharpie  
1-inch binder with 3 dividers  
Loose-leaf notebook paper in binder
- Math  
Notebook  
Pencils  
Dry erase markers  
Calculator
- Language Arts  
2 folders  
Notebook  
Pencils  
Pair of headphones or earbuds
- Choir  
2 pocket folder with prongs  
Pencils

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply list:**

- 7 folders
- Pencils
- Pens
- Highlighters
- 2 notebooks
- Colored pencils
- Trapper keeper
- Headphones/earbuds
- Pencil bag
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Scissors

[Click here for the 2021-22 school calendar](#)