

# Greenwood Middle School

## Summer Newsletter

### 2023-24

**Any student schedule that can be currently viewed via PowerSchool is not the final schedule. Schedules will not be finalized and official until schedule pick up.**

**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.**

GMS is excited to announce the following new staff members.

Dean of Students - Chris Brewer ([cbrewer@gws.k12.in.us](mailto:cbrewer@gws.k12.in.us))

#### Message from the Dean of Students

Hello and happy summer Greenwood Middle School! I wanted to take a second to introduce myself and express how excited I am to join the GMS family this year as the Dean of Students. I am a former 4th and 5th grade teacher, having spent the past four years at our own Westwood Elementary. I grew up down in Trafalgar and graduated from Indian Creek High School. My wife and I bought a house here in Greenwood last year and in December welcomed our first child, a daughter who can't wait to fit into the GMS gym uniform someday. I have come to truly care about this community and the families that make it so special, and I am so looking forward to continuing to serve you in this new role. I can't wait to see everyone at schedule pickup later this summer. Have a wonderful rest of your break!

Athletic Director - Scott New ([snew@gws.k12.in.us](mailto:snew@gws.k12.in.us))

### Schedule Pick Up

**Please enter through the main door 1 from the north parking lot or door 8 from the south parking lot.**

**July 26<sup>th</sup> 5 pm - 8 pm (6th Grade)**

**July 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - 2:00 pm & 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

More details regarding schedule pick up will be sent in July.

Gym Suits cost \$13.00 and will be available for purchase at schedule pick-up. Cash or check only.

Click [here](#) to go online and file for the Indiana Free / Reduced lunch program.

**Families must reapply each school year.**

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### **Upcoming important dates:**

6<sup>th</sup> grade schedule pick up - Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> (5 – 8 pm)

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade schedule pick up – Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> (11 – 2 pm) (5 – 7 pm)

Back to School Night – Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> (6 – 8 pm)

## **Helpful Hints for Students and Parents**

1. The first day of school is Tuesday, August 1st.
2. 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. For more information on drop off and pick up procedures click the following link. [\(Drop off/Pick up video\)](#) You can also view the [Drop off and Pick up Zone video](#) for more information. These links can also be found on the GMS Homepage.
3. 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.
4. 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. The student handbook is available online.
9. Please remember to review behavioral expectations when looking at the student handbook. GMS operates with a school-wide discipline plan. The details of the discipline plan are included in the student handbook.
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 2023-24 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".
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. A reminder goes to students that it will take a few days for the cafeteria procedure to become a smooth routine. Students need have their lunch money/I.D. number ready and pay close

attention to the supervisor's instructions so that they can get through the lines quickly. Parents can put money on their child's lunch account by using this link. [EZ School Pay](#) This link can also be found on the GMS Homepage.

16. 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 being 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 a student.
17. 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 by contacting the teacher to make sure that homework is being completed.
18. GMS will be providing a daily 30-minute remediation/enrichment program for all students. This program is called our PRIDE program and takes place from 8:00-8:30 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.**
19. Each day all students will be reminded to "be kind...listen to adults...work hard in class".
20. 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 2023-24 school calendar](#)