



Gahanna Middle School West

Newsletter

Week #2

In our first full week of the school year, we had another great week of learning and growing at Middle School West. Students and staff renewed bonds and formed new relationships and solidified daily routines. At this point, even our newest students are comfortable navigating their way through the halls and getting in and out of their lockers in timely manner. We are off to a great start and well on our way to another outstanding year at MSW!

Adventure Day

Our annual **6th Grade Adventure Day** was an absolute blast for both students and staff. A huge thank you goes out to all parent volunteers who helped to make this event a success!

A word from the district technology department

All 7th and 8th graders have been assigned Chromebooks. Devices for 6th graders were originally scheduled for delivery before the start of school but, due to variables outside of our control, we recently learned we will not receive our new shipment of Chromebooks until early September. We share your disappointment and frustration and are working with the manufacturer to speed up the delivery in any way possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

After-school events

MSW has begun hosting home athletic contests for fall sports teams. Students are encouraged to support their classmates by attending these contests. The start time is typically 5:00 pm or 5:30 pm. Students who wish to attend must leave campus at 3:30 when school dismisses, and return prior to the start of the event. All school rules apply during after-school events and activities. Admission for students and senior citizens is \$3, while adult admission is \$5.

Safety drills

On Thursday of this past week, we had our first fire drill of the school year. The students did an excellent job of exiting the building quickly and safely. All students were out of the building and attendance was taken in a matter of minutes! In an effort to be proactive and prepared in case any emergencies arise, we will be conducting fire, high winds, and lockdown drills throughout the school year.

Home Sporting Events:

*August 28 - Volleyball vs. Westerville
Heritage (7th Grade 5 pm/8th Grade 6:15 pm)
August 29 - 8TH Grade Football vs. New
Albany @ 5 pm*

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

August 27 – 7th Grade Open House. 5:15 pm in the auditorium
August 27 – 8th Grade Open House. 5:30 pm in the cafeteria
September 2 – Labor Day *NO SCHOOL*

Did you know? All about attendance

Did you know that GMSW has an attendance line? All absences should be called in to 614-269-4845 before 8:45 am. If we are on another call, you are able to leave a message. You need to leave your name, the name of your child(ren), and the reason for the absence or tardy. Messages are retrieved before attendance phone calls are sent.

Did you know that there is a preplanned absence form? You can get this form in the office or find it on our webpage.

Doctor notes should be turned into the office within 3 days of the visit. Forgot to get one? Have your doctor fax it to 614-337-3771.

Reminder from the Clinic:

All 7th graders are required to have Meningococcal and a Tdap vaccine for school. If you have not turned in shot record yet, please submit your child's record to the school as soon as possible

Emergency Medical Authorization Forms

According to Ohio Revised Code 3313.712, all students are required annually to have a completed Emergency Medical Authorization form on file within 30 days after the start of school. Students not in compliance with this law will not be allowed to participate in any field trips until this form is completed in its entirety. It is important that this form is completed each year as it tells us what action to take for your student in case of an emergency while at school. Without this, we will not be aware of your wishes and per our guidelines, will contact Emergency Medical Services to assess, treat and possibly transport your student if need be.

Please follow the instructions listed below on completing or updating the required information online through Infinite Campus. If you do not have access to a computer or you have any questions, please call the school at 614-478-5580. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

To complete the necessary forms/paperwork required by the district, go to https://gahannajeffersonoh.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/gahanna_jefferson.jsp. Once you sign in, click on ONLINE REGISTRATION to begin the process.