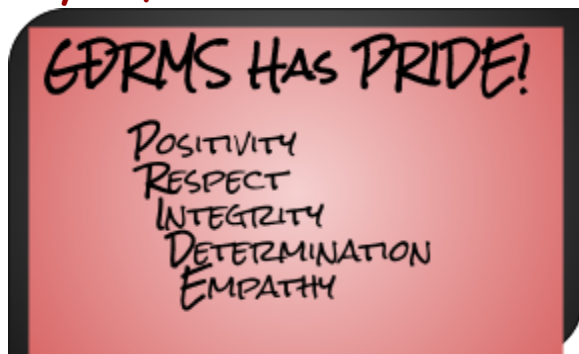


May 27, 2021



Greetings to Middle School Families & Staff!

### Band & Chorus

We are excited to once again return to instrumental and voice music next year at the middle school! Students entering grade 5 will have the option to take Chorus every other day for two quarters for a total of 45 days or Band every other day for the full year for 90 days total. Fifth graders who opt to take Band will not take one of the IA classes in order to have a full year of Band.

Students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 will have the option to take one of these three music classes: General Music, Chorus or Band. If you and your middle schooler decide that they will take Band or Chorus, these classes will run every other day for the entire year for a total of 90 days. Additionally, Band/Chorus students will not take one of the other grade level IAs during the year in order to focus on their music education.

Here are some descriptions that might help you and your middle schooler to make this decision:

[Middle School Chorus](#)

[Grade 5 Band](#)

[Grades 6-8 Band](#)

Sign up for Band, Chorus or to decline both for next year, here:  
<https://forms.gle/fnU34xGkhndnfQMp2A>

### MCAS

#### Students currently in school:

[Testing start time 8:30am.]

- June 1 - gr 5 & 8 Science
- June 3 - gr 6 & 7 Math
- June 7 - gr 5 & 8 Math

[Please note, students in remote learning will have asynchronous assignments these mornings.]

#### Students currently in remote learning:

[Start time 8:30am, plan to arrive by 8:15am]

- June 2 - Remote gr 5 & 8 Science
- June 8 - Remote gr 5 & 8 Math
- June 9 - Remote gr 6 & 7 Math

[Please note, students in remote learning will be excused from classes during these mornings.]

### High School Intentions??

If your 8th grader is not attending GDRHS, please complete this survey so that we make sure records get to the correct schools:  
[2021-2022 HS Intention Survey](#)

### Message from Health Office

If your middle schooler has or will receive both doses of Covide Vaccine, please send in a copy of the vaccine record for school records. Please scan an email to school nurse [lgray@gdrsd.org](mailto:lgray@gdrsd.org) or [pffleming@gdrsd.org](mailto:pffleming@gdrsd.org) or have your student stop by and we will make a copy of their vaccination card.

### GDRMS

### Library

### News

[bit.ly/GDMSlibrary](https://bit.ly/GDMSlibrary)

MAY QR CODE MENUS!! Grab your phone or tablet. Click on the QR Code and taste a book review. Find a book that satisfies your appetite! We just put more entrees (books) in the catalog. Celebrate with desserts - May activities and games! **NEW Quiz -What siblings from Middle Grade Books are MOST like your family? Click on our site to find out.**

### Fall Football

Fall Football sign ups for next year's 7th and 8th graders, possibly 6th graders based on numbers:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Vor6rER8fU34mEfLLostUZWFW-N8v8ryuACzP5BwIcI/edit?usp=sharing>

### Recent 'GDRMS Has Pride Posts'

[May 20, 2021](#)

[May 6, 2021](#)

[May 13, 2021](#)

[April 30, 2021](#)

### Summer Opportunities:

[www.Connected.gdrsd.org](http://www.Connected.gdrsd.org)

### SEL News Social Emotional Learning Relationship Skills & Social Awareness

During May & June, all students will have weekly lessons in either Relationship Skills or Social Awareness. Here's this week's link that parents can use at home: [Teaching Kids Empathy and Compassion - Use These Simple Steps](#)

#### Relationship Skills:

- ★Communication
- ★Relationship Building
- ★Collaboration
- ★Social Engagement
- ★Teamwork
- ★Support Systems

#### Social Awareness

- ★Perspective-taking
- ★Appreciating Diversity
- ★Respect for Others
- ★Encouragement/Listening
- ★Empathy
- ★Stereotyping
- ★Peer Pressure

### Update on Scholarship Fund

The outpouring of support for Pete Myerson and his family was tremendous. The community donated \$13,900 to his daughter, Emily's scholarship fund. Any donation over \$10K means that it will be awarded every single year for perpetuity. Every year forever, Chelmsford will celebrate her amazing spirit and she will bring light and love to students and their families.

## Ambassador 351 Clothing Drive

Thank you for your donations to Avery Columbus and Abigail Cullip's clothing drive! Thank you to the 8th graders that pitched in to help bag it all!



## PTO News

The PTO is looking for new members to help the organization move forward. If you are interested in helping, please email Sara at [sfieberg@gmail.com](mailto:sfieberg@gmail.com).

## Reference Links:

[Early Dismissals for In-Person or Remote](#)  
[How to order lunch](#)

[GDRMS Website](#)

[GDRMS Library](#)

[Interface Link.](#)

[GDRMS Counseling](#)

[GDRHS Scheduling Information](#)

## COVID Update:

Thank you for being vigilant at home and not sending in your child if they are exhibiting these symptoms:

- ❑ Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- ❑ Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- ❑ Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- ❑ New loss of taste or smell
- ❑ Sore throat
- ❑ Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- ❑ Muscle aches or body aches
- ❑ Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

May 20 - 26: Weekly report:

COVID-19 New Student Cases:

Pooled COVID Testing update:

MSN & MSS: Wednesday 5/26:

## Grade 8 Celebrations

June 8 [6/9 raindate]- Parade, arrive at scheduled time to help traffic flow: 5:30 PM - Last names A-D; 6:00 PM - Last names E-H; 6:30 PM - Last names I-P; 7:00 PM - Last names Q-Z. Any questions please reach out to Christine Walzel at [christinewalzel@verizon.net](mailto:christinewalzel@verizon.net)

June 10 - Zoom Graduation 6-8pm, link to follow.

June 11 - Breakfast % PTO & 'Class Day'

## Summer Lunches Available

Free lunches for students! All children 18 and under can get free lunches during the summer! Call (978) 448-6155 x3108 to sign up or ask questions Or email [pstlaurent@gdrsd.org](mailto:pstlaurent@gdrsd.org) Must be signed up by June 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 Submitted by: Patricia St. Laurent, Food Service Director

## P.R.I.D.E.

**Empathy: Demonstrate kindness.**  
**Have compassion for others.**

## Upcoming Dates

**May 26** - Grades in School Brains updated  
**May 27** - In Person gr 5&7 ELA MCAS  
**May 28** - [World Hunger Day](#)  
**May 31** - Memorial Day, no school  
**June 1** - In Person gr 5 & 8 Science MCAS  
**June 2** - Remote gr 5 & 8 Science MCAS  
**June 1, 2** Covid Pool testing for pre-regis  
**June 3** - In Person gr 6 & 7 Math MCAS  
**June 4** - Half day, dismissal at 11:30  
**June 7** - In Person gr 5 & 8 Math MCAS  
**June 8** - Remote gr 5 & 8 Math MCAS  
**June 8,9** Covid Pool testing for pre-regis  
**June 8**-Grade 8 Parade, 5:30-7:30pm, [June 9 raindate] timed entry for traffic flow  
**June 9** - Remote gr 6 & 7 Math MCAS  
**June 9** - Grade 6 4th Q Awards  
**June 10** - Virtual Graduation 6-8pm  
**June 11** - 4th Quarter all work due!  
**June 11** - Gr 8 'Class Day' Gr 6 'Field Day'  
**June 14** - Gr 6 Greek Olympics  
**June 14** - Last day of school, dismissal at 11:30  
**June 15** - 'Report Cards' Live on School Brains after 3pm.

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