

Grandville High School Newsletter

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year. This newsletter is designed to provide quick, specific information for the coming school year. You are required to attend the scheduled registration days for your grade. While this communication can't possibly cover all the information for the school year, we hope it will help you begin planning the important dates for the 2019-20 school year.

Student Registration Days

Freshman Smart Start

Aug. 13 last name A-D - 7:45am-10:30am
 last name E-La - 9:45am-12:30pm
Aug. 14 last name Le-R - 7:45am-10:30am
 last name S-Z - 9:45am-12:30pm

Sophomores: Aug. 15 - 8:30am-11:30am

Juniors: Aug. 14 - 12:30pm-3:30pm

Seniors: Aug. 13 - 1:00pm-3:30pm

Students must attend on the day designated for their grade and must stay until they have completed the registration process (below). **Freshmen will receive an additional letter in this packet in regards to Smart Start (gray sheet) and students are required to stay for the entire time indicated by their last name (above). Smart Start is student specific (no parents).**

- Students should report to the Auditorium for a class meeting before starting the registration process.
- Yellow "Data" and pink "Medical" forms should be returned to the designated table in the Auditorium lobby. (please write any changes on the yellow form i.e. address, contact phone #, etc.)
- Seniors must check the spelling of their first, middle and last name for graduation and **initial the checklist** at the designated table in the Auditorium lobby. This is very important!
- Senior Exec. Board will be selling Senior T-Shirts for \$10 at registration. These T-Shirts will get Seniors into all **Home** athletic events and \$1 off Spirit Dances.
- Pick up your schedule after turning in all your forms.
- Sign the Student Handbook Acknowledgement form that was sent to your school email account prior to registration stating you will read and share the information in the GHS Student Handbook with your parents. To access the Student Handbook you can go to www.hs.gpsbulldogs.org/ and click on the "students" tab followed by the "policies" tab.
- Have your school picture taken in the project rooms. **All students must have their picture taken for their School ID.** (Seniors will only have an ID picture taken at this time). Our school dress code applies so please dress appropriately!
- Pick up your chromebook in the West gym and pay \$20 insurance fee (online at <https://recpro.gpsbulldogs.org> and choose technology insurance.

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Student Registration Days continued....

If the dates listed on the previous page do not work, the following make-up options are available:

Friday, August 16: 9:00-10:30am or 1:00-2:30pm

NOTE: Students who do not participate in registration prior to the beginning of school will need to do so when they arrive on the first day of school.

Drop/Add Days: If there is a schedule error, counselors will see students on a first come/first served basis on the following days (**schedules will only be changed if there is a wrong or missing class**):

Seniors: Tuesday Aug. 13, 1:00-4:00pm

Juniors: Thursday Aug. 15, 12:30-3:30pm

Sophomores: Friday Aug. 16, 8:00-11:00am

Freshmen: Friday Aug. 16, 12:00-3:00pm

Students must pick up a “Drop/Add” form located on the table outside the 2nd floor guidance office during registration. Bring the completed form with you on your designated drop/add day above (parent signature is required).

First day of school is a half-day: August 19th, 2019 - 7:50am - 10:57am. Additional half days this year are as follows: September 27, October 25, December 20, January 24, February 20, March 20, and May 29. See the full school calendar on the GPS home page (www.gpsbulldogs.org). Click the Parent tab and choose calendar and hours.

Staff Changes: We are very excited to welcome three new staff to Grandville High School. Libby Geurink will be joining our Math Department. She comes to us from Allegan Alternative High School where she has been for the past 10 years teaching Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.

Kelsea Fischer will be joining our Special Ed. Department. She comes to us from Coopersville High School where she completed her first year as a Special Education Teacher this past year. Kelsea has a passion for working with Special Education students and is eager to work at GHS in order to give back to the community and school that has given her and her family so much.

Ross Huber is our new Asst. Band Director. Ross comes to us from Holland Middle School. He is passionate about building positive relationships with students while also holding them to high expectations musically.

Chris Groenhout from our Science Dept. has accepted a new role at GHS. He will be our Instructional Technology Coach. He will be working with our staff to continually develop our collective skills in using technology to enhance instruction and increase efficiency. Chris will also continue teaching science at GHS as well.

Seminar: This is a time where students will use a program called Naviance: Family Connection to explore career options, academic planning and college preparation. This is also a time for students to receive additional academic support within the school day. Some of these supports could include re-teaching, test preparation, and retesting.

Student Parking tickets: We will be issuing parking tickets for students who do not display their parking pass (cost \$10) or who park in an unauthorized lot (staff, athletic or band lots). Tickets will be a \$10 fine

and subject to additional school discipline if not paid. Please see the student handbook for additional information on the parking policy.

Student Handbooks: All of our high school policies are in our 2019-20 GHS Student Handbook, to access the Student Handbook you can go to www.hs.gpsbulldogs.org/ and click on the “students” tab followed by the “policies” tab. The handbook will be e-mailed to each high school student via their school email account by mid August. It is the responsibility of each student to read the handbook, know the policies and to share this information with their parents. Each student will be asked to sign an acknowledgement form prior to registration stating they will read and share the info with their parents. If you have any questions, please call 616-254-6430.

The Michigan Seal of Biliteracy is awarded by the Michigan Department of Education to high school graduates who demonstrate Intermediate High proficiency on acceptable world language assessments and who meet the English Language Arts requirements for graduation or demonstrate proficiency on a validated test of proficiency for English Learners. Eligible students include:

- World language students/AP world language students
- English Language Learner students
- Bilingual students
- Exchange students who graduate
- GHS students who do at least one year of exchange

Testing occurs in November and February. Successful students will receive an MDE Letter of Certificate with gold foil seal and wear special cords for graduation. There will be an informational parent meeting on Tues., Aug. 20 at 6:30 PM, in the auditorium, prior to Open House.

Grandville High School Open House: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 7:00pm

Open house is a time to experience a typical “school day” by following your student’s class schedule. Each class visit is 10 minutes. All parents and high school students are invited to attend. Parents may pick up their students schedule in the Auditorium entrance. Parents should come in on the Canal side of the Auditorium. The schedule is listed below:

6:30-6:50pm	Parent Arrival
7:00-7:15pm	1st hour
7:20-7:30pm	2nd hour
7:35-7:45pm	3rd hour
7:50-8:00pm	Seminar
8:05-8:15pm	4th hour
8:20-8:30pm	5th hour
8:35-8:45pm	6th hour

PAC Meetings: Parent meetings with the principal are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in one of the project rooms. All parents are welcome to attend.

PSAT/NMSQT test will be administered at Grandville High School on Wednesday, October 16 from 7:50-noon. This is the qualifying assessment for the National Merit Scholarship Award and preparation for the SAT test. **All Juniors** will take the PSAT test. Freshmen and Sophomores will take a practice PSAT at the same time.

High School Conferences: The high school holds conferences in the fall and spring. These are on a first come/first served basis in the cafeteria and West gym. Please log on to your parent portal and print your student's schedule before you arrive (or write it down). We will not have printed copies of schedules. We will, however, have a computer to look up student schedules. Each conference should be limited to 5 minutes. If more time is needed, please make arrangements with the teacher to meet another time.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Thursday, October 24 4-7 pm

Tuesday, October 29 4-7 pm

Thursday, March 19 4-7 pm

Wednesday, March 25 4-6:45 pm

Tardy or Absent Policy: Parents must call the attendance hotline at **616-254-6440** when their student will be out for an excused absence. Pre-arranged absences are done through the attendance office. Students accumulating 8 or more tardies in a class period and/or 15 or more absences will lose their academic grade and will receive an "E" with credit if they are passing the class. Parents will be notified every day for unexcused absences and will receive specific notification on tardies and absences as they approach the limit. Parents and students are asked to monitor grades and attendance on **Infinite Campus** on a regular basis.

College Applications and Transcript Requests: It is strongly recommended that college applications be submitted by Thanksgiving. Many colleges use December 1st as the date they begin awarding their academic scholarships. Students may obtain information about scholarships by checking announcements, looking on the high school website, visiting the guidance office and by searching www.fastweb.com. **All transcript requests for colleges are done electronically through Parchment (www.parchment.com).** For more information from our Guidance Department, please go to our website under "high school" "academics" and click on the "guidance and counseling" link.

Immunizations: The Michigan Department of Education requires information be given yearly regarding immunizations recommended for students in grades 7, 9, 12. Information on the diseases and immunization against them may be found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines, www.michigan.gov/mdhhs or on our website under "parents" and "medical." If you have questions, please contact Jeanette Kish, the district nurse, at 616-254-6455.

Yearbook Pictures: Senior pictures are due by **January 10, 2020** to Mrs. Peterson in room 178 or on-line at scunningham-peterson@gpsbulldogs.org. The picture must follow GHS dress code, be either full face view or ¾ face view, and have **no props or items of any kind**. Size **2 ¼" X 3 ¼" (head size 1 ½")**.

Yearbooks: To get the lowest price on 2019-20 yearbooks you must order by October 11, 2019. Go to the Jostens link on our website to order or if you would like to earn a free yearbook by participating in fundraisers, please wait to order. Information on fundraising will be given to students in early October. Only seniors who pay for shipping will have their yearbooks mailed to them. All other grades will pick up their yearbooks at the high school when they arrive (approx. end of September).

School Day Schedule

7:50-8:48 1st Hour
8:53-10:02 2nd Hour
(includes announcements)
10:07-11:05 3rd Hour
11:10-12:38 4th Hour
(includes lunches)
(A) 11:10-11:38
(B) 11:38-12:08
(C) 12:08-12:38
12:43-1:41 5th Hour
1:46-2:44 6th Hour

Seminar Day Schedule (Wednesdays)

7:50-8:36 1st Hour
8:41-9:33 2nd Hour
(includes announcements)
9:38-10:24 3rd Hour
10:29-11:29 Seminar
11:34-1:02 4th Hour
(includes lunches)
(A) 11:34-12:02
(B) 12:02-12:32
(C) 12:32-1:02
1:07-1:53 5th Hour
1:58-2:44 6th Hour

Half Day Schedule

7:50-8:17 1st Hour
8:22-8:49 2nd Hour
8:54-9:21 3rd Hour
9:26-9:53 4th Hour
9:58-10:25 5th Hour
10:30-10:57 6th Hour

Grandville High School Athletic Department
First day of fall sports practices/tryouts for 2019

Time and locations subject to change

All athletes must be registered in FinalForms in order to participate in a sport. If you haven't already done so, please go to <https://grandville-mi.finalforms.com> and follow the prompts to create your account. **All forms need to be signed electronically by both the ATHLETE and PARENT each new school year.** Payment should also be made at this time. Free and reduced lunch participant's pay-to-participate fee is waived. Please call the GHS athletic office to verify this information. There is a non-refundable 4% fee for online payments, however, the pay-to-participate fee is refundable if an athlete is cut or drops from a team prior to competition. **Student must have passed five classes from the previous semester (June report card) to be eligible to participate in athletics.**

All sports start on Monday, August 12th with the exception of volleyball and girls swim

Varsity Football: Monday, August 12th from 2:00 – 8:30 pm

FR/JV Football: Mon.-Tues. 3:00-8:00 pm, Wed.-Thurs. 3:00-7:30 pm and Friday, 3:00-7:00 pm

FOOTBALL TEAM PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH AT 8:00 AM

Varsity/JV Football Cheer:

Varsity – Monday, August 12th 8:00-11 am at PrairieView Cheer Center. Kickoff family picnic is Tuesday, August 13th at Johnson Park at 6:00 pm

Formal dress sale is August 28th and 29th at GHS from 3-7 pm at GHS

JV – Monday, August 12 – TBD

FOOTBALL CHEER PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH AT 7:30 AM

Boys Cross Country: Monday, August 12th at 8:00 am – meet at the athletic entrance

Girls Cross Country: Monday, August 12th at 8:00-9:30am - meet at the athletic entrance

Girls Volleyball:

All levels – Wed., August 14th-16th 5:30-9:00 pm

Boys Tennis: Monday, August 12th 9am-12 noon at the high school courts

Girls Varsity/JV Golf: Tryouts are August 14, 15 and 16 from 8am – 12 noon at LE Kaufman Golf Course

Boys Soccer: August 12th – Aug. 14th from 10:00-12 noon on Grandville Field

Girls Swim & Dive: Practice begins on Wednesday, August 14th at the high school pool 6:30-9:30 AM

Boys Water Polo: TBD

Girls Rugby: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30p-7p starting August 13th.

TEAM PICTURES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOOTBALL AND VARSITY CHEER WILL BE TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY., AUGUST 21ST STARTING AT 3:00 PM – COACHES WILL DISTRIBUTE ORDER FORMS OR YOU MAY ORDER ONLINE AT geskusphoto.com