



Grandville High School Newsletter

School Day Schedule

M, T, TH, F
 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

Welcome to the 2018 – 2019 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 2018-19 school

Student Registration Days

*Freshman Smart Start

Aug. 14 last name A-D 7:45 am-10:30 am
 last name E-La 9:45 am-12:30 pm
 Aug. 15 last name Le-R 7:45 am-10:30 am
 last name S-Z 9:45am-12:30 pm

Sophomores:

Aug. 16 - 8:30-11:30am

Juniors:

Aug. 15 - 12:30-3:30 pm

Seniors:

Aug. 14 - 1:00-3:30 pm

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 “polices” tab.
- ◆ Have your school picture taken in the cafeteria. **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 chrome book in the West gym and pay \$20 insurance fee (online at <https://recpro.gpsbulldogs.org> and choose technology insurance or you may pay with check or cash at time of pickup).

Student Registration Days continued.....

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

Friday, August 17: 9:00-10:30 a.m. or 1:00-2:30 p.m.

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. 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Freshmen: Friday, Aug. 17, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Juniors: Thursday, Aug. 16, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Sophomores: Friday, Aug. 17, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

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).

What’s New at the High School?

First day of school is a half-day: August 20, 2018 - 7:50 a.m. - 10:57 a.m. Additional half-days this year are as follows: September 21, October 19, November 16, January 25, February 15, March 15 and May 31. 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 have a few staff changes this year. Megan Welch, math teacher and Michelle Weston, Registrar retired this past school year. Stephanie Swartz, Spanish teacher, LeAnn Hulst, Guidance Counselor and Daniel Russell, Athletic Asst. have resigned from their positions at GHS. Mr. John Philo has accepted a new position in the district as Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources. With this change, we welcome Mr. Adam Lancto as our new high school Principal. Mr. Lancto has been an Asst. Principal at the high school the past three years and has several years of teaching experience at the high school. Tung Nguyen is our new Asst. Principal. Tung comes to us from Holland High School where he has been an administrator for the past 4 years. Erika Beckett has been hired as the new Guidance Counselor at Grandville Middle School. Erika has taught English the last few years at GHS. Tracy Bloem has been hired to fill the counseling position. She has come to us from East Aurora High School in Illinois and is a passionate advocate for students. Jon Tillema has been hired to teach Math. Jon brings a wealth of teaching experience from GRPS and has a unique ability to cultivate relationships in and outside of the classroom. The Spanish and English teaching positions are yet to be filled. Sheryl Ploeg is our new Registrar. Sheryl worked in the main office this past year and has worked at GMS for several years. We are very excited and welcome our new staff members. They are great additions to an already strong staff.

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.

New Student Parking tickets: We will be issuing parking tickets for students who do not display their parking pass (cost is \$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 2018-19 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 emailed 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 254-6430.

Grandville High School Open House

Wednesday, August 22, 2018 7:00 p.m.

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:

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

Parent/Teacher Conferences:	
Thursday, Oct. 18	4-7 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 23	4-7 pm
Thursday, March 14	4-7 pm
Tuesday, March 19	4-6:45 pm

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.

PAC Meetings: Parent meetings with the principal are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the media center. All parents are welcome to attend.

Tardy or Absent Policy: Parents must call the attendance hotline at **254-6440** when their student will be out for an excused absence. Pre-arranged absences are done through the attendance office. Students accumulating 10 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.

PSAT/NMSQT test will be administered at Grandville High School on Wednesday, October 10 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.

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 Dept. 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 11, 2019** 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 3/4 face view, and have **no props or items of any kind**. Size: **2 1/4" X 3 1/4" (head size 1 1/2")**.

Yearbooks: To get the lowest price on 2018-19 Yearbook you must order by Oct. 12, 2018. 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 Oct. 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 Sept.).



Grandville High School Athletic Department
First day of fall sports practices for 2018
Time and locations subject to change

ALL parents of athletes must use FinalForms to register their student for a sport. Please read the next page for instructions on how to use FinalForms to register. This will replace the pink slip process.

You may register at: <https://grandville-mi.finalforms.com> and follow the prompts to create your account, create your students account and sign your forms electronically. Payment should also be made at this time. Free and reduced lunch participant's pay-to-play fee is waived. Please call GHS or GMS athletic office to verify this information. There is a non-refundable 4% fee for online payments, however, the pay to play fee will be refundable if an athlete is cut or drops from a team prior to competition. Student must be passing five classes of previous & current semester to be eligible to participate in athletics.

Varsity/JV/Freshman Football: Monday, August 6th Varsity 4-9 pm
Fr/JV 5-9 pm

Varsity/JV Football Cheerleading:

Varsity – Wed., August 8th at 8 am at GHS
Jr. Varsity – Wed., August 8th from 5:00 -7:30 pm at Prairie View

Girls Volleyball:

Varsity volleyball: August 8th and August 9th from 6-9 pm East Gym, August 10th 8-11 am East Gym
JV: August 8th and August 9th from 6-9 pm East Gym, August 10th 8-11 am East Gym
Freshman: August 8th from 6-9 pm West Gym, August 9th 9-12 noon West Gym and August 10th 9-11 am West Gym

Boys Tennis: Practice begins Wednesday, August 8th from 9:00 am -12:00 noon at the high school courts.

Girls Varsity/JV Golf:

The first practice for Varsity and JV will be Wednesday, August 8th at LE Kaufman Golf Course – time to be determined.

Boys Soccer: Tryouts begin Wednesday, August 8th - Varsity and JV from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at Bulldog Field (new turf) and Freshman from 9:00 am – 11:00 at Bulldog Stadium (football stadium).

Girls Swimming/Diving: Practice begins on Wednesday, August 8th at the high school pool – time to be determined.

Girls Cross Country:

Wednesday August 8th, 8-10am (GHS, Heritage Park)
Thursday August 9th, 8-10am (GHS)
Friday August 10th, 8-10am (Johnson Park).

Boys Cross Country:

Wednesday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Johnson Park. August 9th and August 10th at 8:00 a.m. at the high school up on the hill behind Costco.

Boys Water Polo: Practice begins Wednesday, August 8th from 3:00-5:00 pm at the high school pool.

Sports Pass Prices:

School-Year Individual Pass: \$125.00 (Adult) \$50.00 (Student K-12)

School-Year Family Pass: \$250.00 (2 adults, 2 school age children) \$300.00 (2 adults plus unlimited school aged children).

Passes may be purchased from the high school athletic office starting August 10. Passes are good for all home high school and middle school contests. Passes cannot be used for some tournaments, Conference, District, Regional or State sponsored events.

Grandville High School/Middle School Athletic Department

We are very excited to announce that the Grandville High School and Middle School Athletic Departments have partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign athletic participation forms for your students. The most exciting news is that FinalForms saves data from season-to-season and year-to-year, meaning that you will never need to enter the same information twice!

You may review your data at any time to verify it is current. You will be required to electronically sign your forms once per year and after any update. **Please note that your student's physical form dated after April 15, 2018 will still need to be turned into the athletic office.**

Click on the Parent Playbook (attached) to get started in FinalForms. If you require any support during the process, scroll to the page bottom and click "Use Support".

We are asking that ALL parents of athletes use FinalForms. THIS WILL REPLACE THE CURRENT PINK SLIP PROCESS.

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Thank you for your assistance in streamlining our paperwork process at Grandville High School and Middle School.

Brian Parsons – GHS Athletic Director – 616-254-6436

Kimberly Thornton- GMS Athletic Director – 616-254-6611