



Gahanna Middle School West
Newsletter

Monday, 9/21 = BLUE Day
Tuesday, 9/22 = GOLD Day
Wednesday, 9/23 = BLUE Day
Thursday, 9/24 = GOLD Day - **all virtual learning day for MSW students
Friday, 9/25 = BLUE Day

******* Important*******

Thursday, 9/24 will be an all virtual, independent learning day. Students will still have class work to complete, but they will not attend any Google Meets on this day. This will allow MSW teachers to spend the day receiving additional technology training to support our upcoming transition to a hybrid learning model.



Sports This Week

Cross Country

9/19 @ Newark 11 am
9/22 vs MSS 5:00 pm
9/24 @ New Albany
5:30 pm

Girls Tennis

9/23 @ Reynoldsburg
Waggoner 5:00 pm
9/24 @ Pickerington
Ridgeview 5:00 pm

Boys Golf

9/22 @ Hilliard Heritage
4:30 pm
9/26 @ Pickerington
Lakeview 1:00 pm

Volleyball

9/21 @ Pickerington
Ridgeview 5:00 pm
9/23 vs MSE 5:00 pm
9/24 @ Pickerington
Lakeview 5:00 pm

7th Grade Football

9/23 @ Big Walnut 5:30 pm

8th Grade Football

9/23 vs. Big Walnut 6:30 pm

Girls Golf

9/23 vs Bexley 4:30 pm

Title I Information -- There are thousands of Title I schools nationwide that provide students with extra instructional support beyond the regular classroom. They coordinate and integrate resources and services from federal, state, and local sources. Along with Goshen Lane Elementary and Royal Manor, Middle School West is one of three GJPS schools that receives Title I funding.



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Notice of Right to Know Teacher Qualifications

RE: No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, Section 1111 (h)(6)(A)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You have the right to know about the teaching qualifications of your child's classroom teacher in a school receiving Title I funds. The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that any local school district receiving Title I funds must notify parents that they may ask about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher.

These qualifications include:

1. Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements.
3. The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held by the teacher and the field of discipline of certification or degree.
4. Whether your child is provided services by instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request this information, please send a letter or email to your building principal with the following information: child's name, parent/guardian name, address, city, state, zip code, and your child's teacher's name(s).

Sincerely,

Steven Tartt, Principal MSW

8th Grade Washington DC Update

As many of you already know, there is a no field trip district policy for the 2020-21 school year. We have decided to reschedule it for Wednesday, May 26 - Friday, May 28, 2021. This would be the first three days after school is over for the students. We will only proceed with the trip if the superintendent and the school board feel it is safe to travel at that time. If it is not possible to travel in May, the administration feels it is best to cancel the trip altogether.

Earlier this month, WorldStrides sent out an email explaining their financial situation and the need for them to apply for prepackaged Chapter 11. The way it was explained to me, there are different types of bankruptcy and this type is designed to make them more fiscally sound and it will not impact our trip. WorldStrides has always been a very fiscally sound company. You may remember a few years ago, another tour company went out of business leaving many districts without their promised trips and no possibility of refund. WorldStrides was one of the companies that stepped in and provided these districts with trips at no cost. They are a very reputable company that we have been traveling with for over 40 years. They are expected to come out of the bankruptcy process in early October.

At this time, parents can choose to keep their children registered for the trip and travel in May.

Some parents might want to opt out of the trip. If they purchased the trip cancellation insurance, they can get a full refund at any time minus the \$159 cost of the insurance. This policy is good until the day we leave for Washington.

For the parents who did not purchase the insurance, WorldStrides implemented a policy to provide the trip cancellation insurance to all families now that they officially canceled our trip. All participants are now eligible for a full refund minus the \$159 cost of the insurance. This insurance is only good until 151 days before our departure date. That will be near the end of December. This policy only applies if WorldStrides cancels the trip. It does not apply if the district cancels the trip.

If you are still interested in having your child attend the Washington trip, I strongly encourage you to call WorldStrides Customer Service and purchase the Trip Cancellation Insurance to protect your investment. As mentioned above, this policy makes you eligible for a full refund (minus the \$159 cost of the insurance) up until the day we travel. The insurance **MUST** be purchased by October 1, 2020!!! Our account rep told me that most of our parents already purchased this insurance policy during registration.

WorldStrides Customer Service: 1-800-468-5899
Trip ID: 182734

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Clark (Clarka@gjps.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Important Please complete your annual information update in Infinite Campus Parent Portal

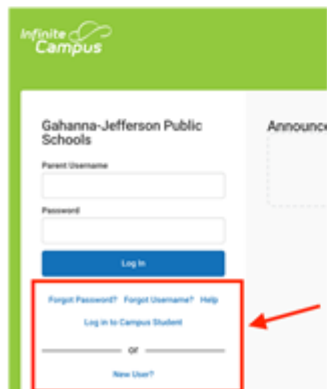
To complete the annual information update:

- Log into your parent portal at our new url:
https://gahanna-jeffersonoh.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/gahanna_jefferson.jsp
- Click MORE from the left-hand column
- Click Online Registration from choices on the right
- Click "Click here to go to Existing Student Registration"

Please note that your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account is intended to be used only by parents/guardians and will allow you to access information on all students in your household.

All students in grades 6-12 will also receive their own personal student accounts which will allow them to access only their own information. We advocate that students use their personal student accounts rather than a family/parent account to ensure data privacy.

Parents and guardians also have a new option to recover their username and password. They are located below the username and password fields.



This information includes your student's EMA

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Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



GMSW COUNSELOR CORNER



This week's focus is exactly that: Tips to keep **focused** and **organized**! The below list is adopted from *ADDitudemag.com*, a source for parents of children with ADD and adults with ADD, that offers a TON of great information.

While we do not want to generalize ADD and ADHD, we feel it is safe to say that ALL students (and probably parents too) are finding it more difficult to stay on task in an online environment. With blue/gold days, Google Meet codes, full access to phones, endless tabs on the Chromebook, Netflix, tv, and many other distractions, it is more difficult than ever for young students to keep their focus on their academics and keep their lives organized.

A few tips for students to stay organized while learning from home:

1. Students should check Google Classroom and Infinite Campus **daily** - every morning or evening -for assignments and due dates
2. Don't skip this step! Students should **track/record** assignments and due dates in a personalized way- on paper or electronically - not just keep everything in their mind!
3. Help your student put their phone and other devices **away** during class times and keep fidgets handy!
4. If you or your student's siblings are home, consider setting up your student's workspace in the **same space**. Having a person work in the same room can help a lot with focus.

Please do not hesitate to call or email either of us for questions, concerns, or support!

Shayla Oates: OatesS@gjps.org, leave a message at (614)643-0807

Emily Remnant: VargasE@gjps.org, leave a message at (614)479-1326

Students can visit our Bitmoji "virtual offices" to sign up for a counseling session and explore resources! Visit our Counselor page at:

https://www.gahannaschools.org/Schools/Middle_School_West/MSW_Guidance.aspx



PHASE TWO

COMMUNITY QUESTION & ANSWER VIRTUAL MEETING



Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools has placed a combined bond, permanent improvement and operating levy on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

With our current buildings near or overcapacity, student population growth is an urgent issue for the Gahanna-Jefferson community.

Funds from Issue 22 will:

- Build a new Gahanna Lincoln High School on the current LHS site
- Add classrooms and increase office and cafeteria space at:
 - Blacklick and High Point Elementary
 - Middle Schools East, South and West
- Support current and future district operations

LEARN THE FACTS AND ASK YOUR QUESTIONS
DURING OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY Q & A
VIA YOUTUBE LIVE

Questions during the live events can be submitted through the chat feature on YouTube Live.

JOIN US

from your laptop, desktop,
tablet or phone

Wednesday, September 9
6:30-8:00 PM

Monday, September 14
6:30-8:00 PM

Saturday, September 19
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Thursday, September 24
6:30 - 8:00 PM

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT:
<https://tinyurl.com/gjpsQA>

Participants will receive an email
with a link to the YouTube
Live stream 15 - 30 minutes
before the start of the meeting.