



Middle School Matters

September 16, 2019

Monday 9/16 Day 2	Tuesday 9/17 Day 3	Wednesday 9/18 Day 4	Thursday 9/19 Day 5	Friday 9/20 Day 6
Monday 9/23 Day 1	Tuesday 9/24 Day 2	Wednesday 9/25 Day 3	Thursday 9/26 Day 4	Friday 9/27 Day 5

Dates to Make Note of:

- Sept. 23** - Spirit Day, Girl's Soccer, 3:15PM
- Sept. 26** - Flu Vaccine Clinic, MS, 2:30PM-6PM
- Sept. 30** - **SCHOOLS CLOSED!**
- Oct. 2** - Spirit Day, Girl's Volleyball, 3:15PM
- Oct. 9** - **SCHOOLS CLOSED!**
- Oct. 10** - Spirit Day, Girl's Field Hockey, 3:15PM
- Oct. 18** - Homecoming Parade @ HS 6:30PM, Football Game @ HS 7:30PM
- Oct. 23** - Photo Re-take Day

Insurance Coverage Available through CHIP

CHIP covers uninsured children up to age 19 in Pennsylvania. It doesn't matter why your children don't have health coverage right now; CHIP may be able to help. Most receive CHIP for free. Others can get the same benefits at a low cost. For more information, please visit the CHIP website at:

<https://www.chipcoverspakids.com/chip-resources/Pages/default.aspx>

Student Pick Up After School/Sports

We are asking our parents to please respect the designated traffic patterns when picking up your children after school and after sports. Specifically, please **do not** park in the handicapped designated areas unless you are in possession of a handicap placard; refrain from double parking in any areas in front of the middle school preventing the free flow of traffic, the bus lanes, the cross walks or fire hydrants. Lastly, we encourage the use of the spaces in our parking lots as these are the best places to wait for your child. Safety of all is paramount given the hundreds of children in the area.

Parents of Athletes:

Please pick up your student **no later than 5:10PM, after practice!** Thank you.

Fall Sports Information

For schedules of games:

<https://www.gvmsd.org/domain/970>

For locations of fields and directions:

<https://www.gvmsd.org/domain/966>

Box Tops for Education has some BIG changes!

The traditional Box Tops to clip will be phased out, and digital box tops will replace them. You may still find some of those traditional Box Tops in your stores for a short while.

GVMS has three ways for you to earn money for your school:

- Clip the traditional Box Tops and send into GVMS.
- Download the Box Tops for education app, select Great Valley Middle School to earn your Box Tops, then scan your store receipts.
- Is downloading an app and scanning your receipts something you don't want to do or are disinterested in doing? No problem, send your receipts into school and we will take care of that for you!

For more information on Box Tops for Education, please visit:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/How%20To%20Earn>

Thank you for continuing to support this program!

Points of Interest

- **A Few Reminders As You Return to School:** If you will be absent or will be coming into school late, please email our attendance desk at gvmsattendance@gvmsd.org by 9AM. If for any reason your child will be picked up early from school, please be sure to send a note with your student indicating the time of the departure so we can note our attendance records. An early dismissal email can be sent in to the attendance email as well. All notes should come to the main office upon entering school in the morning. Cell phones are not permitted in school during the school day; phones must be left in the student's locker. In addition, if you have a meeting during the school day with anyone in the building you **must** bring in a valid drivers license for admittance to the school building! If your student left something at home, we have a 'pick-up' table in front of the main office for those forgotten items. Students know to check the front table in between classes for their belongings. Thanks in advance.
- **Attention all Middle School Students,** are you making a difference through volunteering? We would like to recognize your contributions by encouraging you to apply for the **2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**. This awards program provides our school with an opportunity to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism throughout the student body by recognizing students who have distinguished themselves through community service. Please complete your application on line and visit the website for further information, at: <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit. **Completed applications must be submitted to the school Principal by November 5, 2019.**
- It's essay time at GVMS once again! The Paoli Chapter of the VFW and the Great Valley Chapter Of the Daughters of the American Revolution are each sponsoring these contests. The Patriots Pen Essay (VFW) is titled "What Makes America Great". This essay is **due on Wednesday, October 23rd**. The Daughters of the American Revolution Essay is "The Voyage of the Mayflower". This essay is **due on Friday November 8th**. If you are interested in participating in this contest, please be sure to hand in your essays to Mr. Cinciripino in Room 6 by the deadlines! This contest is open to all students. Please see your Social Studies teachers for additional details.
- **NEW** this year for 8th Grade Girls & Boys: **Great Valley Crew** is now open to 8th graders interested in learning to row. 8th grade rowers train and practice with the GV Crew Team but are not eligible to compete in regattas. 8th graders pay a reduced registration fee and do not need to purchase a uniform. This is a great opportunity to learn this unique sport! Visit: gvco.org/crew or contact: gvcrewupd@gmail.com for additional information.



We recognize how easy it is for children to contact parents directly during school hours. However, if they are feeling ill and are asking to come home, they **MUST** make this request through the nurse. This GVSD protocol is for your child's safety.

Please remind him/her to get a nurse's pass from their teacher and come to the Nurse's Suite when feeling under the weather.

Thank you for your support in this matter.