



GCMS High School



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Dear GCMS High School Parent/Guardian:

It's time to register for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. We hope to make it convenient for you by offering early registration. Early registration is a benefit not only to the school district but we hope also to you as parents. It allows you to perhaps budget for registration costs and prevents you from standing in line on registration day.

Included in this mailing are several forms and informational papers. The Registration Billing, Student Demographic Information, Autocall form, and the Free & Reduced Lunch Waiver are all forms that must be reviewed carefully, edited if necessary, and returned to us. For those families that qualify for a fee waiver you must complete the appropriate form that can be found on the GCMS web site, www.gcms.k12.org, after July 1st. This form should be returned with the Registration Billing. We have also enclosed the calendar for the school year. Next year's schedules can be found on the web site under Lumen after July 1st. Our school nurse has also included a note that outlines the physicals/immunizations that are required for each grade level.

Other fees that may be collected once the school year begins are: individual classroom project fees, calculator purchase/rental, and PE locks. We will also have for purchase Red Army passes and Season Athletic passes.

Our web site has, for your convenience, forms for those participating in extra-curricular activities (sports, Scholastic Bowl, Speech Team, Flags, Band etc.) One form that **must be signed before the school year begins** is the GCMS Drug Testing Policy Consent Form. If this form is not signed before the school year begins, a **\$35.00** fee is charged if the student decides at a later date to participate in an activity.

We strongly encourage you to take advantage of registering early by mailing or dropping these forms off at the High School. Our summer office hours are as follows: May 25-June 20, 7AM-3:30PM. We will return August 1st with the same hours. Students are also encouraged to check their GCMS email accounts throughout the summer for the most up to date information for the coming school year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our office at, 217-784-4292.

Sincerely,

Chris Garard
Principal

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**Registration Billing – GCMS High School
2019-2020**

NAME:

Grade(Circle one) 9_10_11_12

Textbooks..... \$100.00

Drivers Education..... \$200.00
(Charged only if you are taking Driver's Ed)

Yearbook..... \$ 45.00
(Optional fee for those wishing to order a yearbook.)

TOTAL..... _____

GCMS School Unit School District #5

Free and Reduced Lunch Waiver

2019-2020

The undersigned has reviewed the free and reduced lunch income eligibility guidelines as presented by the United States Department of Agriculture, and **waives** the need to complete a free and reduced lunch application at this time due to income levels that would not meet the qualifications.

If income situations change the undersigned may come back and apply for the free and reduced lunch program at any time.

Student Names:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Parent Signature

Printed Name



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we look forward to summer break, I would like to take a moment to send a friendly reminder to have your GCMS High School student's health requirements completed and turned in on or before the first day of school. You may bring paperwork such as physicals, vaccine records, etc. to registration with you and turn them in to the school nurse.

Below you will find the health requirements for entry into each grade. We appreciate your help in getting the school year off to a good start by turning these requirements in **before school starts on August 20, 2019.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by calling the GCMS Middle School office at 217-784-8731.

Thank you,

Julie Saunders R.N., MS
School Nurse
GCMS Middle School & High School

Entry Requirements

9th Grade

- Complete school physical
- Dental Screening (This is a new requirement starting 2019 – 2020 School Year)
- Vaccines: Should have Tdap, 2 doses of varicella, and 3 doses of Hepatitis B, and 1 MCV4(meningococcal)

10th Grade

- No school physical required; sports physical needed only if participating in sports
- Vaccines: None if all vaccine requirements were met last year

11th Grade

- No school physical required; sports physical needed only if participating in sports
- Vaccines: None if all vaccine requirements were met last year

12th Grade

- No school physical required; sports physical needed only if participating in sports
- Vaccines: **Must have had 2 doses of Meningococcal vaccine** (MCV4/Menactra) for entry into 12th grade; **EXCEPTION:** If first dose was received at age 16 years or older, only 1 dose is required.

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2019 - 2020 Calendar Dates

August 6	Registration (8:00 am – 12:00 and 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
August 7	Registration (New Student by Appointment)
August 8-9	New Staff Induction Orientation (8:30 am – 3 pm)
August 15	Kindergarten Zoo Night
August 14	6 th grade Transition and Social Night (Middle School 5:45 pm – 7:45 pm)
August tbd	Freshmen Transition Day (10:00 am – 1:00 pm)
August 19	Teacher Institute
August 20-23	Student attendance (students dismissed at 2:20, Teacher Workshop (2:20 – 3:35))
September 2	Labor Day – No School
September 20	Midterm 1 st Quarter
September 20	SIP day (Student dismissal @ 11:30 AM) (Teacher meetings 12:15 - 3:35)
September 26-28	Homecoming Weekend
October 11	Teachers Institute
October 14	Columbus Day – No School
October 18	End of the 1st Quarter
October 23 & 24	(Student Dismissal @ 2:20) Two Nights of Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:15 pm – 8:00 pm) Report Cards Distributed
October 25	No School – Fall Break
November 11	Veteran’s Day Program (Full Day Attendance)
November 15	Midterm 2 nd Quarter
November 26	SIP day (Student dismissal @ 11:30 AM) (Teacher meetings 12:15 - 3:35)
November 27 - 29	Thanksgiving Vacation – No School
December 20	End of 2nd Quarter - (Early dismissal for students and staff – 2:20)
December 21 – January 5	Winter Vacation
January 6	Teacher Institute
January 7	Student Attendance Resumes
January 20	Martin Luther King Holiday Observation – No School
February 7	Midterm 3 rd Quarter
February 14	SIP day (Student dismissal @ 11:30 AM) (Teacher meetings 12:15 - 3:35)
February 17	Presidents’ Day - No School
March 6	End of 3rd Quarter
March 23 – March 27	Spring Break
April 9	SIP day (Student dismissal @ 11:30 AM) (Teacher meetings 12:15 - 3:35)
April 10	Spring Holiday- No School
April 17	Midterm 4 th Quarter
May 16	High School Graduation
May 25	No School – Memorial Day
May 28	Last full scheduled day of student attendance – (Early Dismissal 2:20)
May 28	Report cards distributed – Tentative (Based on Emergency Days Used)
May 28	End of the 4th Quarter
May 29	Teacher Institute – Tentative (Based on Emergency Days Used)

Note: This Calendar is built with digital / home learning days for 5 days of inclement weather / emergency. In the event of a “snow day” all staff and students are expected to engage in continuous learning activities digitally or through alternative methods as approved by administration.