The 2018-2019 School Year has concluded! This year has been full of successes and wonderful achievements made by our GMS student body. As our students embark on the summer months ahead, we wish you a safe, relaxing, fun filled summer!

Farewell to our 8th Grade Students

Dear GMS 8th Grade Students:

Congratulations on completion of your middle school career. Over the past three years, the staff and faculty at GMS have taught and given you the tools to become safe, responsible and respectful young ladies and gentlemen. You have risen to the occasion and not only accomplished this task, but have done it with remarkable success. Your hard work and dedication to your academics has paid off and now you can sit back and reap the rewards. You have made us all proud. While you worked hard at Gray Middle School, you will have to keep up the hard work next year in high school. Remember that the doors here at Gray Middle School are always open to our graduating students. We wish you continued success as you become a Raider or Jaguar.
Summer Reading Assignments

Summer reading assignments can be found on the GMS website. Under the “For Students” drop down tab you will find “Summer Reading Assignments 2019-2020.”

PBIS End-of-Year Parent Feedback 2018-19

Parents - Please click the link below and answer 2 brief questions in regards to Gray Middle school Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

https://forms.gle/EWeWycNt7B8jpX3Z7
GMS PTSA NEWS

Where did the PTSA money go?

Purchases this school year:

This year Gray Middle School PTSA brought in a total of $28,700 during the school year. This money paid for classroom furniture, the bookstore start up supplies, landscaping the courtyard, secret robot world presentation, 8th grade dance, and teacher appreciation treats and luncheon. If anyone would like to make a difference with the PTSA next year please email LeeAnn Magee at l.l magee@icloud.com.

8th Grade Dance

Thank you to everyone who helped with the 8th grade dance this year!
Everyone had a great time!
Is your family enrolled in the Kroger Plus Card Savings Program?

Did you know that if you link your Kroger Card to Gray Middle School, we get a percentage of what you spend to help with improvements at the school? Currently we have 93 families enrolled and so far, we have earned $4,645 this school year. We have approximately 775 families in GMS. Just think how much more money we could earn for the students and the school if we could get at least half of our families to sign up!! It's easy to enroll!!! Please sign up today!!!

GREAT NEWS!!!

You no longer have to re-enroll your Kroger Plus Card to support Gray Middle School. This is no longer required and donations will continue to be forwarded.

If you are not already contributing to an organization, or wish to change, please consider signing up to contribute to Gray Middle School. Every little bit helps and it's such an easy way to earn money for our school. Please sign up today and get your Kroger Plus Card linked to GRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL!!

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

. . . Does this affect my fuel rewards points? No points you earn for fuel discounts are not affected nor do they go away if you participate in this program.

. . . How do customers sign up for Kroger Community Rewards?

Customers enroll online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Customers must have a valid Plus Card account and an online account. It’s easy to start a free online account at www.kroger.com.
GRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Invites You to Attend
PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT
INFORMATION FOR ALL INCOMING
6TH GRADE PARENTS
GRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM
10400 U.S. 42/ 859-384-5333

Program Information:

WHEN:    Monday, August 5, 2019
WHO:     Parents (This evening is geared towards parents, however, students are able to attend)
WHERE:   Gray Middle School Gym
TIME: 6:00—8:00 PM

- Administrative and Counseling Personnel
- Middle School Curriculum/Daily Schedule
- Choir/Band Courses/Advanced Math Requirements
- Dress Code/Attendance and Discipline Policy
- Extracurricular/After School Programs
- ILP Plans/Special Education Programs/504’s
- State/Star Testing
- Infinite Campus Parent Portal/Teacher Websites
- Registration process
6TH GRADE STUDENT ORIENTATION IS COMING!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

When: Tuesday, August 6

From: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  Where: Gray Middle School Gym

Goal:
Incoming 6th grade students are invited to attend a special, 2 hour (students-only) event to welcome them, and focus on acclimating them to life as a middle schooler here at Gray! The day is designed to:

- Alleviate any fear(s) about the transition to middle school
- Familiarize them with the layout of the building
- Meet some of the teachers they may have as a 6th grader, and
- Learn about the expectations, procedures and routines they’ll encounter during their time at GMS.

Student participants will receive a GMS t-shirt to welcome them to the Gray Middle School family!

Click [here](#) to sign your student up for 6th Grade Orientation.

Immediately following the orientation at 4:00 pm the 6th graders and their parents are invited to pick up their student’s schedule and pay fees and tour the building.

We’re looking forward to a wonderful day, and a great school year with our newest Gators!
GATORAMA FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE
(pick up schedules, pay fees and tour the building)
Fees can be paid online, watch for more information on the GMS website.

Wednesday, August 7—4:00-7:00 pm

Alternate schedule pickup on August 8 from 11-1 pm
(no building access during this time)

New Enrollee Tour—August 8 at 1:00pm
7th and 8th grade students that will be new to Gray Middle School for the 19-20 school year
Welcome to the 8th Grade!!!

We are thrilled to finally meet you as your middle school journey comes to a wonderful finish!

Your 8th grade year is an exciting one. We prepare for your transition to high school by offering wonderful opportunities to grow and learn.

As an 8 grader, you will have the chance to attend overnight camp at Camp Joy in Clarksville, OH. Camp Joy is an amazing experience. It is a combination of history, environmental awareness and self-discovery that will leave you with a new sense of maturity. The cost of the all-inclusive trip is approximately $150.00. We will distribute information in early October and collect money through early November. The trip is scheduled November 11-12 for one group and November 13-14 for the second group.

The 8th grade will also travel to Chicago in April again next year. This two night hotel stay is a perennial favorite at Gray!! We visit world class museums, attend the theatre and visit Chicago landmarks. An online payment system will be used again this year through the travel company, cost will be determined. We encourage all 8th graders to attend, but certain behavioral and academic criteria must be met in order to participate. We will distribute Chicago information in early September so that you can plan accordingly.

All activities in the 8th grade are planned well in advance and we will do our best to keep you informed of any trips or events in the 8th grade. We will use e-mail lists and All-Call phone messages to keep you in the loop on all events.

Good Luck in the 8th grade and we look forward to working with you!!!!

Gray Middle School 8th Grade Staff
Shout Out to Olivia Messerly

GMS 8th Grader Olivia Messerly who wrestles for Gray and Ryle made the under 15 Junior Olympic team. She will compete in the summer games representing the United State this Summer in Budapest.

Congratulations Olivia and best of luck!!!!
HELP US PROVIDE BASIC NECESSITIES FOR STUDENTS IN NEED IN OUR SCHOOLS

Did you know that 32% of children in Boone County Schools are considered to be living in poverty, and that 1% of those children are homeless? **You can help provide these children with basic items like clothing, personal hygiene items, food, and cleaning supplies by donating to the Boone County Schools’ FRYSC at Gray Middle School.**

**What is the FRYSC?** The Boone County Schools’ Family Resource and Youth Services Center assists children in our schools with basic needs items. In these tough economic times, the FRYSC is struggling to provide the help our students need to assure they are ready to learn when they get to school.

The Board has started a district-wide initiative which aims to help keep the FRYSC stocked so it can provide for our students in need. **THE ITEMS MUST BE NEW.** Each month, we will ask for specific items to be donated. Personal hygiene and cleaning supplies are always needed. **We will post each month’s item request on the Infinite Campus Portal, as well as in the Gator Gazette.** Simply send the item to school with your student (there will be a permanent donation box in the front lobby of the school) or drop off the item in the main office. We will make sure your donation gets to the FRYSC. If you have any questions, please email Allison Larkin at allson.larkin@boone.kyschools.us

**Family Resource & Youth Services Center**

**Items to Collect over the Summer Months**

**Deodorant**

**Boys and Girls Underwear**

**Toilet Paper**
GMS VOLLEYBALL
TRYOUT INFORMATION

FOR 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADE

OPEN GYM DATES
JULY 10, 12, 15, 17 & 18
6:00 PM—7:30 PM

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

TRYOUT DATES
FRIDAY, 07/19
6:00 PM—7:30 PM
SATURDAY, 07/20
8:00 AM—9:30 AM
GMS Athletic News

Summer activities for sports
There are several sport camps that are available during the summer. Please check the Ryle High School and Gray Middle School athletic webpages for more details.

GMS Volleyball open gym and tryouts are during the summer. Check the web page for additional information.

ANYONE wanting to participate in sports at GMS and/or Ryle must have a current KHSAA physical form on file in the office (or give to coach before tryouts). No exceptions. They also need to turn in a permission to tryout and proof of insurance form before tryouts. All of these forms are available at GMS web page – athletics.

Important Dates

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