WELCOME TO
JAMES R. GEISLER MIDDLE SCHOOL

5TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION
MARCH 9, 2020

National School of Character
“THE GEISLER WAY”

Ms. Stacey Lown, Principal
Mr. Kyle Pipkin, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Ann Marie Rutherford, School Counselor
Mrs. Amanda Hart, School Counselor
PURPOSE OF TONIGHT

• The intent of this meeting is to ensure your confidence and trust in our school and staff.

• Target Goal: Learn one informational item about middle school life that will lower your anxiety.

• This presentation is available online – www.wlcisd.org/geisler

• Call/email anytime for questions

• Between now and August, there will be a number of opportunities for communication.
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A 6TH GRADER

• Parent Drop-Off Loop or Bus (routes will be sent home in August)
• Lockers (access @ 8:00 a.m.)
• Start time = 8:10 a.m.
• Four Core classes (~58 minutes)
• Lunch (30 minutes) (11:18-11:48)
• Passing Times (5 minutes)
• Two Encores classes (~58 minutes)
• Dismissal time = 3:00 p.m.
• *BACKPACKS NEED TO STAY IN LOCKERS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY!
• *TRAPPER KEEPERS DO NOT FIT IN GMS LOCKERS!

Note: Order of classes & lunch times are not set until next fall.
COUNSELING SERVICES

Mrs. Ann Marie Rutherford – School Counselor

Mrs. Amanda Hart – School Counselor

• Support

• Counseling Resources

• Liaison between home and teacher

• Students can sign-up to see a counselor

• Career Guidance

• Assemblies

• Collaborative Counseling Team
LEARN A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT GEISLER:

- Welcome to Geisler Middle School
Our philosophy is to provide youth with extended opportunities over their three year middle school career.
GMS MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

**Fall Sports (August-October)**

- 7th/8th Grade Boys’ Soccer
- 7th Grade Girls’ Volleyball
- 8th Grade Girls’ Volleyball
- 7th/8th Grade Football
- 6th/7th/8th Grade Cross Country*Cheer

**Winter I Sports (Nov. - January)**

- 7th Grade Boys’ Basketball
- 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball
- 7th/8th Grade Cheerleading
- 7th/8th Grade Swimming Begins
- Cheer

**Winter II Sports (February-March)**

- 7th/8th Grade Swimming Ends
- 6th/7th/8th Grade Wrestling*
- 7th Grade Girls’ Basketball
- 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball

**Spring Sports (April-June)**

- 6th/7th/8th Grade Track and Field*
- 7th/8th Grade Girls’ Soccer
6TH GRADE ATHLETICS

- Cross Country (September-October)
- Wrestling (January-March)
- Track and Field (April-June)

MUST HAVE A SPORTS PHYSICAL ON FILE DATED AFTER APRIL 15, 2019
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Student Leadership
- Orchestra Buddies
- Upstanders
- Homework Club
- Unplugged Club
- School Musical
- Spelling Bee
- Forensics
- Teen Club (Tuition)
- Robotics
- Lady Wolves
- Book Club
- NJHS (7th and 8th Grade)
- Orchestra Ensemble
- Religious Diversity Journey
- Variety Show
- Nature Walkers
- Coding Club
- Future City Club
- Social Justice
- Jazz Band
- Peer Tutoring
- Select Men
- Newspaper
COMMUNICATION

• Website – www.wlcasd.org/geisler
• Twitter – GMS Twitter will be up and running by fall! @gmsmrpipkin
• Skyward Family Access – Parent ID is a must!
• Curriculum Night – September
• Parent/Teacher Conferences – Fall/TBD
• Geisler Get Going – TBD
• First day of school – TBD
• Progress Reports – posted in Skyward every 5 weeks
• Report Cards – posted in Skyward every 10 weeks (quarters)
• Student Planners – daily
• Parent Bulletin – weekly email from Ms. Lown
• Essential your email is correct and you don’t block/spam emails from WLCSD/Judy Evola
• PTSA Meetings – once a month
SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS

• Major communication tool for teachers!
  – Link from Geisler homepage – www.wlcisd.org/geisler

• Skyward Family Access has many tools:
  – Grades
  – Calendar
  – Food Services
  – Link for online payments (eFunds)
  – Attendance Reports
  – Discipline Reports
  – Emergency Contacts
SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS

Constance Roberts (Sac Studies / 07, Period 1)

To All Parents & Students - 8th Grade SS
Tue Mar 14, 2017 6:05am

To All Parents & Students - 8th Grade SS
BA Essay – March 20 & 21 (there is nothing to study)
BA (multiple choice) – Monday, March 27.
Students should be working at home on their study guide for the test on
March 27. Everything up to the Civil War was reviewed in class on Tuesday,
February 28. Study guides were passed out to ALL students at the beginning
of the marking period. Study guides are due the day of the test. Thanks, as
always, for your support at home!

Constance Roberts (Sac Studies / 07, Period 1)

To All Students & Parents - 8th Grade SS Homework
Thu Mar 9, 2017 6:20pm

To All Students & Parents - 8th Grade SS
Students will be given a homework assignment tomorrow (Friday, March 10) to
complete this weekend. Your son/daughter will need to bring home the Civil
War booklet they are working on to share with a parent. Please take some time
to allow your child to share some of the interesting things he/she is learning and
how he/she is responding in writing to questions posed in the booklet. I am
sending this notice on Thursday, so you will have time to remind your
son/daughter to remember to bring home their Civil War booklet. I hope you
have a great discussion!

Suzanne Ickes (Advisor)

High School Information
Thu Mar 9, 2017 8:21am

MMC Parental Options letter.pdf

Upcoming Events

Wed Mar 22, 2017
Quick Check

Thu Mar 23, 2017
Book Club Effort

Book Club Assignment

Thu Mar 23, 2017
Amoeba Factoring

Fri Mar 24, 2017
Reading BA-Fiction

Fri Mar 24, 2017
Review Assignments

Fri Mar 24, 2017
CWLAdv/Disadv/Strategies N & S

Fri Mar 24, 2017
CWL: Lincoln Habeas Corpus

Fri Mar 24, 2017
CWL: Bull Run

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- Graded Assignments have grade next to it.
- Missing assignments are boxed in red.
- Great for future planning
- Updated in “real time”
BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

• BYOD Program allows for a 1:1 learning environment. Together we achieve this with your support.
• Wireless environment/infrastructure allows for BYOD to be implemented in all grades.
• Family decision; learning style of your child
• Curriculum is the same for all 6th graders
• BYOD website
CELL PHONE POLICY

• NO cell phones during the school day (off and out of sight/secured in lockers).
• Individual teachers have discretion to use cell phones for instructional purposes.
• For accountability, all students should call home using the Attendance Office phones.
QUESTIONS OVER THE YEARS

- After School Activities – Pick up at West Gym entrance
- Lockers, what fits?
  - Not much - books, small backpack, coat, and supplies only (no rolling cart!)
Time of evening concerts and large presentations @ school 7:00 p.m.
- Communication with teachers
  - Please seek to understand-respectful and purposeful conversation and feedback | Email is best | 24 hr response | follow up with Ms. Lown or Mr. Pipkin
- Drop Off in AM – Earliest 7:30 a.m.
- Do you have recess? Activity time
  - Lunch time there is always a 12 – 15 minute opportunity for movement.
When dropped off where do kids go? – Commons Area
- Helpful Hints: Locker combination purchase a comb lock and practice
- Probing questions on “How was your day?”
How much HW is expected? Varies by time of card marking. Typical day 30 – 60/day
  - During weeks when there are many BA’s, this will likely increase.
LOOKING AHEAD

• **Monday, March 17th** – Course selection sheets entered into Skyward and turned in to 5th Grade teacher (course selection green sheet).

For the Students

• **Monday, March 2nd** – Meadowbrook visited Geisler
• **Wednesday, March 4th** – Hickory Woods visited Geisler
• **Friday, March 6th** – Guest visited Geisler
• **Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th** – GMS Counselors visit elementary schools to collect green sheets and meet with students individually
HAVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS?

• For Skyward Family Access issues, including your Parent ID, please contact:
  – familyaccess@wlcsd.org or 248-956-2190

• For scheduling questions or Encore selections, contact Mrs. Rutherford or Mrs. Hart:
  – AnnMarieRutherford@wlcsd.org 248-956-2917
  – AmandaHart@wlcsd.org or 248-956-2916

• For busing questions, contact the Transportation Department:
  – transportation@wlcsd.org or 248-956-3090
  – Route cards sent out typically in middle August.

• For building visits and general questions, contact Ms. Lown or Mr. Pipkin:
  – StaceyLown@wlcsd.org or 248-956-2932
  – KylePipkin@wlcsd.org or 248-956-2931
• Individual/situational questions after the presentation

GO WOLVES!
WELCOME TO GEISLER!!