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## Gresham-Barlow School District No. 10Jt

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Welcome Back!

On behalf of all the staff here at Dexter McCarty, I would like to say that we sincerely hope you have had a wonderful summer. It is that time of year again, and we are excitedly looking forward to another great year. I want to thank all of our parents and community members for the tremendous support and continued dedication you put forward for the children of our community. We had an exciting year last year and are anticipating even more fun and student success for the 2016-2017 school year.

For your information:

- Registration Day is August 23rd from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- The DMMS Office opens August 24th at 9:00 a.m.
- Teachers report for duty August 30th
- The first day for 6th grade is September 6<sup>th</sup>
- The first day for 7th and 8th graders is September 7th
- School hours remain the same for the upcoming year with the office open from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

I want to take this opportunity to introduce to you two new teaching staff members. James Mayik will be teaching 6th Grade Science taking the place of Mr. Erickson and Matthew O'Reilly will be teaching 7th grade science replacing Janae Reimer. In addition, we have a number of new classified folks working throughout the building that many of you will have the opportunity to come to know.

I also want to inform parents and students that this year the Gresham-Barlow School District will be sponsoring both boys and girls basketball for 7th and 8th grades. We will be providing the opportunity for all students to participate and will be playing other Mt. Hood Conference schools in addition to those middle schools in our district.

We are excited to see the start of the year fast approaching, and are working diligently to ensure a positive start for all students and staff. If you have any questions, the office will be open and phones will be answered beginning August 24th. Have a great rest of the summer! We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Enclosed you will find important information regarding the student registration process at McCarty Middle School for the 2016-17 school year.

Registration day is **Tuesday, August 23rd, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** All students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Following is a list of some of the important activities that will take place:

- Pick up new class schedules
- Sign up for athletics and other Out of School Time (OST) activities
- Order a new yearbook
- Update student/parent information
- Pick up a new bus schedule
- Pay school fees
- Explore your child's middle school

Please note, pictures will not be taken during registration. Students will have their school photos taken the second week of school, on Tuesday, September 13th, and will receive their student ID cards at that time. Photo order packets will be sent home with students the first week of school.

Parents will be required to update student information forms at registration. Please bring current medical information and phone numbers for emergency contacts.

Additionally, if you discover any lost library books or textbooks at home during the summer, please bring them with you and we will refund any previous fines paid. Remember that all debts from previous school years must be cleared during registration, or your student/s will not be able to pick up a class schedule or complete the registration process.

We look forward to seeing you August 23rd at registration. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

### **2016-2017 Middle School Student Fees and Charges**

<b>Basic Fees</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Waiver for Reduced Lunch</b>	<b>Waiver for Free Lunch</b>
Student Body Fee	\$25.00	\$12.50	0
Yearbook (Optional)	\$20.00	No Waiver	No Waiver
School Pictures	Varies	No Waiver	No Waiver
PE Uniform	\$20.00	See PE Teacher	See PE Teacher
Outdoor School (6th Grade Only)	\$60.00	\$30.00	0
Instrument Rental	\$60.00	\$30.00	0
OST/SUN (Per Trimester)	\$36.00	\$18.00	\$9.00*
Athletic Fees (Per Sport)	\$80.00	\$40.00	\$20.00*
Breakfast	\$1.25	0	0
Lunch	\$2.55	0	0

\* Contact Mr. George, Ms. Nimz, or Ms. Attmore to discuss payment plans and possible scholarships

\*\* Free/Reduced Lunch applications available during registration and in the school office

## **Registration Process**

All parents and students are strongly encouraged to attend. Our office will be open beginning Wednesday, August 24th at 9:00 a.m. for those who are not able to attend registration day.

### **Station 1**

Payment of old fines and fees if applicable (separate check/cash required - made out to DMMS)

All past due student fees must be cleared prior to receiving a schedule and completing the pre-registration process

- Pick up new Student Enrollment Form/s (if you did not bring in completed form/s)
- Review and make changes to existing Student Enrollment Forms
- Parent/VUE information
- School Calendars
- Bus Schedules
- School Supply Lists

### **Station 2**

- Turn in updated Student Enrollment Forms
- Pick up student schedules
- Pick up/turn in Medication forms

### **Station 3**

Parent Volunteer & Parent Teacher Club (PTC) information

### **Station 4**

- Lunch account deposit (separate check required)
- Free & Reduced Lunch applications

### **Station 5**

Athletics and OST activities sign-ups

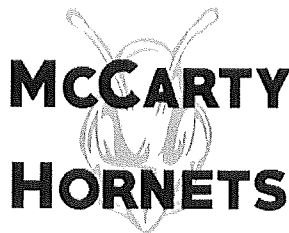
### **Station 6**

Payment of final fees (separate check required - made out to DMMS)

See chart on Pg. 1 for required fees

### **Office**

New student registration and verification form changes



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**Separate Checks are Required for School Lunches, Prior, and Current Fees  
Make Checks Payable to "DMMS" or McCarty Middle School**



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our goal this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school - regardless of the reason - it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent - which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!! Clearly going to school regularly matters! **Oregon law requires students to attend school (ORS 33.020 "Duty to Send Children to School")**.

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. If you have any questions or need more information please call.

Sincerely,  
John George  
Principal



John George, Director • Amy Nimz, Subdirectora • Colleen Thornberry, Directora de Oficina

## Distrito Escolar Gresham-Barlow No. 10Jt

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Estimados padres y encargados:

Nuestra meta este año es asegurar que cada estudiante asista a clases de forma regular. Asistir a clases tiene un gran impacto en el éxito académico del estudiante desde Kindergarten hasta la escuela preparatoria. Aun cuando los niños crecen y se vuelven más independientes, las familias juegan un papel clave al asegurar que sus hijos lleguen de forma segura a la escuela cada día y entiendan por qué la asistencia es tan importante para el éxito en la escuela y la vida.

Entendemos que algunas ausencias no se pueden evitar debido a problemas de salud y otras circunstancias. Sin embargo, también sabemos que cuando los estudiantes pierden demasiadas clases –sin importar la razón– puede causar que se queden atrás académicamente. Es menos probable que su hijo tenga éxito si se ausenta crónicamente –lo cual significa perder 18 días o más en el curso de todo año escolar. Los estudios muestran:

- Es menos probable que los niños con ausencias crónicas en Kindergarten y 1<sup>o</sup> grado lean al nivel de su grado para finales de 3<sup>o</sup> grado.
- Para 6<sup>o</sup> grado, las ausencias crónicas son una señal temprana de advertencia probada de que los estudiantes están en riesgo de dejar la escuela.
- Para 9<sup>o</sup> grado, la buena asistencia puede predecir las tasas de graduación aun mejor que las puntuaciones de exámenes de 8<sup>o</sup> grado.

Las ausencias pueden crecer rápidamente. Un niño tiene ausentismo crónico con solo perder dos días cada mes. Claramente, ir a clases de forma regular cuenta. **Las leyes de Oregón requieren que los estudiantes asistan a clases. (ORS 33.020 “Deber de Enviar a los Niños a la Escuela”).**

No queremos que su hijo se quede atrás en la escuela y se desanime. Por favor asegúrense de que su hijo asista a clases cada día y llegue a tiempo. Éstos son algunos consejos prácticos para ayudar a apoyar la asistencia regular:

- Asegúrense de que su hijo tenga una hora regular para ir a dormir y establezca una rutina para las mañanas.
- Preparen la ropa y mochila la noche anterior.
- Asegúrense de que su hijo vaya a clases cada día a menos que esté verdaderamente enfermo.
- Eviten programar vacaciones y citas con el doctor cuando hay clases.
- Pidan consejo a los profesores y orientadores si su hijo se siente ansioso de ir a la escuela.
- Desarrollen planes de emergencia para llegar a la escuela si algo se presenta.

Hágannos saber cómo podemos ayudarlos mejor a ustedes y a su hijo para que puedan llegar a clases a tiempo cada día. Si tienen alguna pregunta o necesitan más información, por favor llámenme.

Atentamente,  
John George  
Director



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Уважаемые родители и опекуны:

Наша задача в этом году добиться того, чтобы студенты в этом учебном году регулярно посещали школу. Регулярное посещение школы влияет на прогресс успеваемости студента начиная с нулевого класса и до старших классов. Даже тогда, когда дети становятся старше и более независимыми, семья играет ключевую роль в том, чтобы студенты посещали школу, были в безопасности и понимали то, что посещаемость школы, влияет на их успех как в школе так и в жизни.

Мы понимаем некоторые пропуски неизбежны из-за проблемы со здоровьем или по причине других обстоятельств. Мы также знаем то, что если студент пропускает много школьных занятий не зависимо от причины это может привести к плохой успеваемости. Ваш ребенок имеет меньше шансов на успех в учебе если он хронически пропускает школу, а это значит 18 или больше дней в течении учебного года. Исследование показывает:

- Дети, которые хронически отсутствуют в нулевом и в первом классах гораздо менее вероятно смогут читать на уровне своего класса к концу 3го класса.
- В 6ом классе хронические пропуски занятий являются проверенным признаком преждевременного отсеивания со школы и показателем того, что студент не сможет закончить школу.
- В 9ом классе хорошая посещаемость может быть лучшим показателем чем экзамен в 8ом классе, по поводу того окончит ли студент школу.

Пропуски добавляются очень быстро. Ребенок хронически отсутствует если он или она пропускают только два дня каждый месяц!! Ясно что ходить регулярно в школу имеет большое значение! **Закон штата Орегон требует, чтобы дети ходили в школу. (ORS 33.020 "Обязанность отправлять детей в школу")**.

Мы не хотим, чтобы ваш ребенок отставал в школе и был озабочен. Пожалуйста помогите вашему ребенку быть в школе каждый день и вовремя. Вот несколько практических советов, которые помогут вашему ребенку регулярно посещать школу:

- Убедитесь, что ваш ребенок вовремя идет спать и установите утренний распорядок.
- Приготовьте одежду и сложите портфель с вечера.
- Убедитесь что ваш ребенок каждый день идет в школу за исключением, когда он очень болен.
- Не планируйте отпуск и не заказывайте визиты к врачу во время школьных занятий.
- Поговорите с учителем или консультантом если ваш ребенок чувствует беспокойство когда идет в школу.
- Заранее обговорите дополнительный вариант как доставить ребенка в школу в случае необходимости.

Дайте нам знать, как мы можем наилучшим образом поддержать вас и ваших детей, чтобы они могли быть в школе каждый день и вовремя. Если у вас есть какие-либо вопросы или нужна дополнительная информация, пожалуйста, звоните

С уважением,  
John George  
Директор