

GREENFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

COUGAR CONNECTION

Dear GIS Families:

A Few Important Items:

- **(NEW) 2018-2019 Registration Dates** - Online registration begins on Monday, July 16th. Walk-in registration will be Thursday, July 19th from 12:00pm-7:00pm.

- **(NEW) GCJHS Band** - Attention all 6th grade students and parents! As you are preparing to transition to the Junior High next year, have you considered becoming a part of the “Cougar Pride” Band program? Plans will need to be made by the end of this current school year, as student schedules for 7th grade will be based around their participation in Band (and/or Choir or Violin), and which instrument a student chooses to play. During the next few weeks, there will be several important events to give you all the info you will need to know about how to join the Band:

- **Monday May 14th (MIS) / Thursday May 17th (GIS)** - 6th graders will visit GCJHS for orientation, including a demonstration concert by the Band (also Choir and Violins). Later that day students will receive the Permission Slip that will allow them to be excused from class to participate in the May 21st Instrument “Try-ons”.

- **Monday May 21st** - Mr. Poncar and Mr. Basso will visit your school to “Try-on” students for instruments.

- **Wednesday May 23rd** - Meeting @ GCJHS Cafeteria @ 7:00 pm for incoming 7th grade parents (and students, optional) to find out instrument info and sign up for band. This will be a fairly short but **very** important meeting to explain the GCJHS Band program, and **this is where and when you will enroll your child in next year’s 7th grade Band!**

Please see the attachment to this email (“Band Parent Info for incoming 7th Grade 5-18”) for more details, and be looking for your student to bring home the Permission Slip the afternoon of their orientation visit to GCJHS.

- **(NEW) GCJHS Strings** - Attention 6th Grade Parents! Your student is eligible to sign up for Strings Class at GC Junior High School for Fall 2018. **Seventh grade students will have the opportunity to sign up for beginning violin**, and their journey can continue with Concert Strings and Chamber Music into 8th Grade and High School. The mission of the GC Strings Program is to develop admirable character in students while serving the community with excellence in chamber music.

Don’t delay, this is your only chance to join this program as a 7th grader. Please take a moment to

review the attached letter, check out the [Strings Website](#) and videos, and **sign up now by Friday, May 18** via this [Google Form](#). Your student will be making beautiful music in no time!

- Visit our GC Strings Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/gcsc.k12.in.us/violin15-16/>
- Sign Up for Strings by May 18 via this Google Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/1B5ngMq6yBAqCnpM2>

- **(NEW) Yearbooks** - Extra yearbooks are on sale in the office until they are gone. Soft cover yearbooks are \$18. Hardback yearbooks are \$23. Come and buy your yearbook before the yearbook signing party on May 29th. There are a limited supply of yearbooks, so buy yours before they are gone. Make checks payable to GIS. Please email Kim Lewis at kLewis@gcsc.k12.in.us with questions.

- **(NEW) Smoke Detectors Available** - Brian D. Lott (Fire Marshal with Greenfield Fire Territory Fire Prevention, Investigation and Education Division, 317-325-1505) has free smoke detectors and installation for the community (as needed).

- **(NEW REMINDER) GIS Book Drive** - New event! GIS will be holding a Book Drive next week and our goal is to collect at least 500 new or gently used (intermediate-aged) books. This works out to only be almost one book per student. Throughout next week, books may be dropped off in the main office. The books we collect will be used next year for a fun event we are planning ;) So, dig one of those well-read books off the shelf at home and drop it off at GIS! Thank you!

- **Character First** - The character trait for the month of May is Initiative. We are defining Initiative as "Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it." Please take a minute to speak with your student about this month's character trait.

- **Volunteer Opportunities** - Are you interested in volunteering to help at GIS? Great! We have many things we could use your help with! If you are interested, you can sign up by [clicking here](#). We'd love to have you :)

Upcoming Dates:

- Blue or Gold Day? - Monday will be a BLUE Day

- 6th Grade Field Trip - 5/15

- Incoming 7th Grade Parent Night at GCJHS - 5/15 @ 7:00pm-8:00pm

- Incoming 4th Grade Parent Night at GIS - 5/16 @ 7:00pm-8:00pm
- 6th Grade Visit to GCJHS - 5/17
- 6th Grade Field Trip - 5/22
- Memorial Day (No School) - 5/28
- 4th Grade Awards - 5/29 @ 8:00am
- 5th Grade Awards - 5/29 @ 1:00pm
- 6th Grade Awards - 5/31 @ 8:00am
- Last Student Day - 5/31