
Weekly Newsletter

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🔔 Good evening everyone. I hope you had a wonderful weekend. Here is the newsletter for this week. There is quite a bit of information to cover. This week begins our seventh week of school. Please continue to check your child's Canvas account to ensure they are turning their work in on time. Homework and classwork is your child's opportunity to practice what they are learning. Remember that practice makes permanent. Quizzes and tests demonstrate a student's ability to apply what they have learned, show mastery of the subject, and present their best understanding of the content. We hope that you will take time each week to go over your child's grades in Canvas so that you are always up to date on their progress. Our teachers are working diligently to provide the absolute best instruction they can for every child. I hope everyone has an amazing week!

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Monday Pasta (Meat or Alfredo Sauce), Garlic Bread, Side Salad

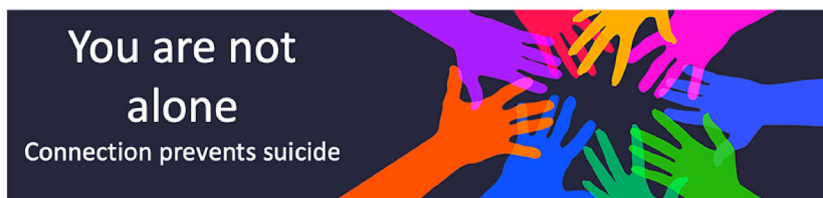
Tuesday Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Salad Bar

Wednesday Beef Taco Bar, Salad Bar

Thursday Beef Tips w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Salad Bar

Friday Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni)

September 25-29 is Suicide Prevention Awareness Week at Gray Stone Middle. Our theme is

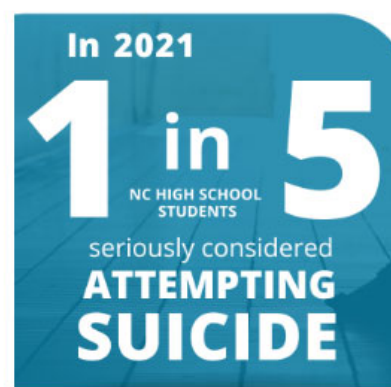


Students will have a chance to participate in creating a school-wide banner of helping hands, which will be on display in the lobby. We will also have daily announcements reminding students about resources they can use if they need support. Of course, parents and guardians are a critical part of that support network!

Here is some additional information for you, as parents/guardians, regarding [warning signs](#) and [risk factors](#) for suicide, how to [support](#) someone considering suicide, and familiarize yourself with the [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#).

<https://tinyurl.com/N>

Suicide is now the leading cause of death among youth ages 10-14 in our state.



NC Check-Ins 2.0- September 27-October 11

NC Check-Ins 2.0 are interim assessments aligned to North Carolina grade-level content standards developed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI). The main purpose of NC Check-Ins is to provide students, teachers, parents, and stakeholders with immediate in-depth action-data and a reliable estimate of students' current performance on the selected sub-set of content standards.

Please remember that **this is not a graded assessment**. It is truly an opportunity to collect data for instructional purposes. **However**, it is vital for our students to consider it an important assessment and they should try to

answer all questions to the best of their **ability**. If we are going to use instructional time to assess students so that we can better meet their needs academically, then they must participate to their fullest potential in order for us to ensure we are collecting valid information.

NC Check In window will begin for our students September 28 and 29 for all grade levels in Math. Reading check in will be October 10 and 11. Teachers will send a "remind message" concerning dates for these assessments.

🎉 Knights of the Week- 🎉

Congratulations to our Knights of the Week. We have such amazing students at Gray Stone. These students were chosen for their positive attitudes and acts of kindness. We are so proud of how they exemplify our core values. Keep up the good work.

6th grade Malachi Whitson



7th grade Kylie Feliciano



**8th grade
Jenny Pless**



  ***SPECIAL EVENTS***  

 **Homecoming Game Information- October 6** 

Students will need a digital ticket (or pass) to attend the game.

Tickets can be purchased the following ways:

tickets.graystoneday.org. OR www.graystoneday.org under athletics. OR

GoFan.co - search gray stone. OR GoFan app

Students involved in Homecoming/halftime/game festivities will be admitted free.

Knightfest 2023

Date: Friday, October 6th

Time: 3:15 pm-5:30 pm

Location: Outside by the Pfeiffer gym area

Knightfest Activities and Attractions:

- Activities: inflatables, a photobooth, games, sports/clubs activity tables
- Food trucks.-students will need their own money for this as well as club booth activities
- Students may stay for the game and cheer on the homecoming parade near the Pfeiffer Gym.
- The homecoming parade begins around 6:00.
- Any student that is **not staying for the game** will return back to the middle school at 5:30 for carpool pick up.
- Students will be monitored by middle school staff at all times.

Knightfest Admission:

- **Admission wristbands are required** to enter Knightfest.
- Wristbands will be sold for \$10. Wristband sales will take place Oct. 4th and 5th during lunch.

  **Knight Under the Stars - October 27, 2023**  





Your Gray Stone Lance would like to invite Gray Stone Students, families, faculty, and friends to "Knights under Stars."

Friday October 27th from 6:00 to 8:30pm

- We will begin at 6:00pm and continue until 6:45pm with "Trunk or Treating" in the parking area between the middle and high school. This will be hosted by the Lance with the support of our high school clubs, teams, and students. We encourage middle school students, family siblings, friends, and children to dress up in your best Halloween costume and enjoy!
- Parking for the event will be in the large lot behind the high school and the high school lot beside the middle school. No parking please in the drop-off line or any area at the front of the school unless handicap needs to be accessed. We are wanting those areas to remain safe.
- We will have food trucks available within the administration parking area at the front of the school for you to purchase dinner options for your family. We have some great options available! There will also be dessert options on site to satisfy your sweet tooth!
- The Lance will have drinks for sale and concession snacks near the soccer field.
- At 7:00pm we will begin showing "Hocus Pocus" on the Soccer field for a fun fall movie night!
- Please remember to bring your chairs or blankets to enjoy the movies with family and friends on the soccer field.
- Food trucks and snacks will remain open the entire movie for your enjoyment.
- If you have any additional questions, please contact the Gray Stone Lance at graystonelance@gmail.com
- Please feel free to invite friends or family from the community to come out and experience what makes Gray Stone Day school an amazing educational opportunity for students and their families!

Upcoming Athletic Events

		GRAY STONE DAY SCHOOL			
49464 Merner Terrace, Misenheimer, NC 28109					
HIGH SCHOOL					location
Mon	9/25/23	away	G.Tennis at Union Academy	4:00	Dickerson Park
Mon	9/25/23	away	Volleyball at Albemarle	4:30/6:00	
Mon	9/25/23	away	B.Soccer at Albemarle	6:00	
Tues	9/26/23	away	G.Golf at West Stanly	3:30	Red Bridge GC
Tues	9/26/23	away	Volleyball at Mount Pleasant	4:30/6:00	
Tues	9/26/23	away	XC at North Stanly	4:30	Richfield Park
Wed	9/27/23	away	G.Tennis at Queens Grant	4:00	Russel Tennis Center
Wed	9/27/23	away	B.Soccer at South Stanly	6:00	
Thurs	9/28/23	home	B.Soccer v. Concord	4:30	
Thurs	9/28/23	home	Volleyball v. North Stanly	4:30/6:00	
MIDDLE SCHOOL					
Mon	9/25/23	home	MS B.Soccer v. Arborbrook	4:30	
Mon	9/25/23	home	MS Volleyball v. Faith Academy	5:00	
Tues	9/26/23	home	MS B.Soccer v. Piedmont Comm.	5:00	
Tues	9/26/23	home	MS Tennis v. Arborbrook	4:00	Chuck Morehead Park
Wed	9/27/23	home	MS Volleyball v. Queens Grant	4:30/6:00	
Thurs	9/28/23	home	MS XC Conf. Championships *host	4:30	Pleiffer Univ.
Athletic Director: swolfe@graystoneday.org					
DIGITAL Tickets ONLY: tickets.graystoneday.org OR GoFan.co					
Livestream: NFHS Network. (VB, SOC, BK)					

Cold & Flu Season Is Approaching

Sniffly season is approaching. Please make sure to contact the school nurse, Sherri Swarringen, for directions if your child is tested positive for Covid.

Picture Day

Pictures for grades 9-11 and Middle School students will be **Thursday, October 19**. The make-up day will be **Friday, November 17**. Remember, don't wear green that day as it interferes with the background.



Spirit Wall

Don't forget to reserve our Spirit Wall for upcoming special occasions! Renting the wall will allow you to display school spirit, celebrate your child's birthday, or post staff/student appreciation. Please read the guidelines highlighted below before making your reservation online.

Reservations will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Procedures for Reserving the Wall

Gray Stone Day School has a Spirit Wall that is intended for students and parents to have a place to acknowledge a student's birthday or celebrate a school accomplishment.

The following rules shall apply:

1. The Spirit Wall may be reserved for 2 consecutive calendar days for \$10. Reservations & payment should be made online at graystoneday.org > Parents.
2. Gray Stone reserves the right to block dates for school use.
3. Families must furnish their own labor, paint and supplies. Only the Spirit Wall may be painted. Please take care not to damage the surrounding area, and pick up all trash after painting. Please be kind to our environment and recycle your empty cans.
4. NO profane words, symbols or any derogatory or offensive messages will be permitted on the Spirit Wall. No political or religious messages may be painted on the Spirit Wall. Gray Stone reserves the right to remove any content, message, or language from the Spirit Wall as deemed inappropriate or controversial at the sole discretion of the Gray Stone Day School Administration.
5. The family painting the wall assumes liability for any individual or member of the group who may be injured, or who may incur clothing or other personal property damage.

The Gray Stone Day School Spirit Wall is governed by the Honor Code, with the hopes that everyone will respect these guidelines.