
MS Newsletter August

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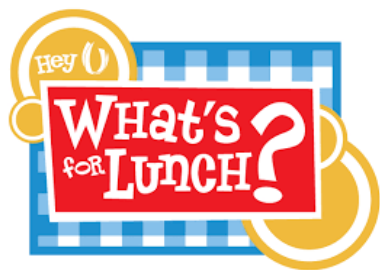
GOOD AFTERNOON TO OUR WONDERFUL KNIGHT FAMILY,

Well, we made it through the first few days of school and let me tell you that your children have been outstanding! I am so excited about what we have seen this week. I can tell that it is going to be the best year ever! Lots of information below for the first newsletter! Let me know if you have any questions! We are always here for you! Have a great weekend! See you next week!



INTRODUCING: Dean of Students- RoyMorgan

Congratulations to Mr. Roy Morgan who has transitioned into one of our support administrators - Dean of Students! His goal is to make sure students achieve high standards and excellence while attending Gray Stone Day School.



LunchSchedule

August 11-15

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

Tuesday - BBQ Chicken, Corn, Green Beans, Salad Bar

Wednesday - Beef or Chicken Tacos, Salad Bar

Thursday - Chicken Fried Rice, Fruit, Salad Bar

Friday - Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni)

Important Upcoming Dates



- **August 11: School Board Meeting**
- **August 14: Back to School Assembly 6th-8th**
- **August 21: MS Club Fair**
- **August 28: FCA Begins in the Square for MS**
- **August 28: MS Club Sign Up Day - Session 1**
- **August 29: Early Release Day**
- **September 1: Labor Day- No School**

Quiz Bowl Try Outs

Think you're smart? Time to PROVE IT! Quiz Bowl tryouts are coming and we need the sharpest minds in middle school to join our ultimate trivia team! Quiz Bowl isn't just about being book-smart.

We tackle everything from pop culture and sports to science and history. Love anime? Know every Marvel character? Obsessed with space facts? Can you name all the capitals? Your random knowledge is actually your SECRET WEAPON!

Join a team where being a walking encyclopedia makes you the HERO, not the nerd. Make friends who actually think your fun facts are cool. Travel to competitions. Win trophies. Experience the rush of your brain working at lightning speed under pressure.

TRYOUTS: Thursday, August 14 at 3:00pm or FRiday August 15th at 7:30am

No studying required - just bring your curiosity and quick thinking! Whether you're confident or nervous, whether you know everything or just love learning, we want YOU on our team.

Ready to turn your brain into the ultimate game console? See you at tryouts!

More information COMING SOON!

Mock Trial Try Outs

Think you'd crush it as a smooth-talking attorney? Love detective work as an investigator? Have the acting skills to be a convincing witness? Mock Trial has a role for every personality - from master debaters to behind-the-scenes strategists.

This isn't boring legal textbook stuff. You'll solve mysteries, act out dramatic scenarios, think on your feet, and experience the thrill of real competition against other schools. Plus, you'll build confidence, public speaking

skills, and friendships with teammates who love the adrenaline rush as much as you do!

TRYOUTS: [To Be Determined]

No legal experience needed - just bring your passion for justice and your competitive spirit!

Objection? Overruled! See you at tryouts! Be on the look out for more information and try out dates!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Lunches:

Habeeb Catering accepts cash, check, and Venmo. Students can bring lunch money daily or purchase a 10-punch or 20-punch card for convenience.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm. Your engagement over these past few days has already shown me this will be a remarkable year for our Gray Stone community!

DRESS CODE:

Rationale

At Gray Stone Day School, we believe that how we present ourselves reflects our respect for learning, our community, and ourselves. Our dress code is designed to foster an environment where students develop awareness of appropriate presentation while maintaining focus on academic excellence and personal growth.

General Dress Standards

Students should attend school in appropriate and respectable attire and shoes. Please use your good judgment and consider whether your clothing choices meet the standards and values set by your own families. **If your fashion choices disrupt the learning environment, we reserve the right to ask you to alter them accordingly.**

Teachers and administrators will encourage students to consider their fashion choices with reminders and consequences that develop good habits of self-discipline, respect for school norms, and respect for self. We expect students to respond affirmatively and constructively when a staff member asks the student to remove head coverings while in class or identifies an item of clothing, such as wearing pajamas to school, that detracts from the learning environment. Parents, we appreciate your support at home as students make choices about what to wear to school. **Students who violate the dress code may be asked to change clothes or call a parent for alternate attire.**

Examples of Inappropriate Dress

The following items are not permitted and include, but are not limited to:

- Clothing that displays or suggests sex, alcohol, drugs, or violent acts
- Clothing that has offensive logos, labels, or phrases
- Clothing that does not fully cover undergarments, including tank tops (unless covered by another garment at all times) and shirts with plunging necklines
- Clothing that exposes private areas or midriffs
- Shorts and skirts (including pants with holes and running shorts) that are not at an appropriate length suitable for an academic environment
- Head coverings such as hats, hoodies (including visors), and bandanas are not permitted in the building except for medical purposes and religious reasons. Students' eyes and the tops of their heads must be visible at all times during the academic school day unless there is a documented medical need or for religious purposes.

Special Dress Requirements

Gray Stone students are occasionally required to wear more formal attire than the standard dress code allows. On designated presentation or professional dress days, students must maintain this attire for the entire school day, with the exception of Physical Education classes.

Note: Persistent violations of the dress code may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension.

General Information- Easy information that can be found on our website

2025-2026 School Calendar

Please click [here](#) for the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar.



- **What's Bell Schedule?**

[Bell Schedules](#)

- **What's My Schedule?**

Look for your schedule on Infinite Campus

- **How does lunch work?**

A catered lunch is available for purchase at \$6 per meal. Students may purchase a 10-meal lunch card for \$60 or a 20-meal lunch card for \$120. The meal includes an entree, side, full salad bar, and either tea or lemonade.

- Monday-Thursday for \$6- Catered lunch.
- Fridays- On Fridays, students can purchase cheese or pepperoni pizza from Domino's at \$1.50 a slice. (CASH ONLY)

Visitor Policy:

- For the safety of our students, we do not allow visitors during the instructional day, including lunch time.
- This policy helps us maintain a secure environment for all students.
- The Lance will be coordinating with parents to volunteer, so be on the lookout for opportunities to serve with us.

Supply Lists

<https://www.graystoneday.org/SupplyList.aspx>

- **Technology Requirement-** see our school website <https://www.graystoneday.org/TechnologyRequirement.aspx>
- **MATH TECHNOLOGY-** Ti-84 Calculator will be needed for all grade levels in MS.

Carpool

To [sign up for the carpool list](#) for the 2025-2026 school year, please click [here](#). The list will be sorted by town and grade level once we get closer to the first day of school. More information will be sent to those who sign up on how to access the list once they have been created.

Arrival: Morning Pick-up Procedure

- **Students should arrive by 8:00 AM**
- Arrival on the high school side from 7:30-8:00 AM.
- After **8:00 AM**, Middle School families are encouraged to drop off on the MS side, **both lanes will be open**

Dismissal: Afternoon Pick-up Procedure

Dismissal begins at 2:40 PM (11:40 AM on early release days). We're updating our dismissal process to improve safety and supervision for middle school students. Here's how pickup will work for families with both high school and middle school students:

Parents with both a high school AND a middle school student rider-

Before 3:00 PM:

- Both students will be picked up from the **high school side** of the carpool area.
- We'll direct your middle school student to cross over to meet you when you arrive in the pick up area.

After 3:00 PM:

- You can choose either pickup location:
 - **High school side:** Your middle school student will cross over to you
 - **Middle school side:** Your high school student will walk over to you

Special DISMISSAL Circumstances:

- MS students with a **HS sibling who is participating in athletics** will be supervised at the MS until 3:15-3:30 PM. A MS staff member will then escort remaining students to the commons to wait for their sibling. MS students are expected to remain in the commons and not wander the campus.
- MS students with **HS siblings that drive to school** will wait in the front area of the MS until their older sibling walks over to get them. The driving sibling doesn't need to get in the carpool line—they may simply walk over and notify an adult they're picking up their sibling.
- **MS students participating in sports/clubs after school** will be released at 3:00 PM or when coaches need them released for practice or games.

Helpful Tips:

- Many parents text their children to indicate which pickup line they're in
- Our staff will use walkie-talkies to coordinate student movement between areas

While this may seem complex initially, we believe it will create a much safer dismissal process once everyone becomes familiar with the new system.



Athletic Trainer provided by
Atrium Health

Should you have further questions:

For Middle School, please email Mrs. Tina Holt at tholt@graystoneday.org.

For High School, please email Mrs. Shannon Lisk at slisk@graystoneday.org.

About Us

Gray Stone Day School is a regional school that provides a rigorous, college preparatory curriculum for students in grades 6 - 12. While developing strong character, students engage in highly challenging courses that will require them to work diligently in and out of the classroom. A high caliber teaching staff prepares a rigorous curriculum to prepare students for post-secondary opportunities.

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Our vision is to nurture and develop students who are well-prepared for the challenges of college and life and who exemplify the core values of integrity, responsibility, and service.

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“Seek first to understand, then to be understood.”
Quote by Stephen R. Covey

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