

# GRETCHKO NEWS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021



## GRETCHKO SCHOOL "MEET THE FAMILIES"

GRETCHKO PTO INVITES parents to bring their students and JOIN US as we "Meet the Gretchko Families". After your student comes home from school **TODAY Friday, September 24th**. Come to Gretchko for Kona Ice treats and fun with new friends. **Stop by between 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.** Meet new Gretchko friends and visit with old friends! The PTO will have the service of a Kona Ice Truck , outdoor games, playground fun, and more! We hope to see you there!

\*There will be no available restrooms during this event as it is an outdoor event, and the building will remain closed to visitors.

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29 EARLY RELEASE

Students dismissed 2 hours early at 2:07 p.m.

## HELP WANTED - LUNCHROOM & PLAYGROUND MONITORS

Help Wanted - Lunchroom & Playground Monitors

Gretchko school and the WB School District is currently hiring lunchroom & playground monitors.

- \$15/hour
- 3 hours/day (working hours during the school day only)

Contact the school office at 248-865-6570 or the HR office at 248-865-6527 for further information.

## ASSISTANCE NEEDED WITH DISMISSAL

We are very concerned about the safety of our students during drop off and pick up. Several parents are not staying in line.

\* **Please stay in the car line on the left (west) side for drop off.** Some cars are passing other parents, dropping students in unsafe locations and turning around in undesignated areas.

\* **Do not drive into the right (east) loop to park or to drop off your student.** It impedes the busses, and preschool drop off.

\* **Please do not go around the building and attempt to exit on the bus loop side.**

\* **Thank you for following our procedures.** It will make the process smoother for all of our parents and bus personnel.

## PLEASE USE THE NEW DROP OFF AND PICK UP SIGNS

We would like you to use the new drop off student signs with the teacher's names on them that were passed out last week. They are bright pink or bright blue. Please put your student's sign so it is visible in your car window when picking up or dropping off your student. Thank you!

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR OUR ART, MUSIC, GYM AND ICENTER CLASSES

Here is the link for Gretchko **Art Class** Curriculum Information

<https://youtu.be/gRRIFfZLfml>

Curriculum information for Gretchko's **Music Class** - Susan Rabotnick teacher

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_4NiK9c-UlvJ4DVATE60SOEvpl0lbtQg/view?ts=6140cb6d](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_4NiK9c-UlvJ4DVATE60SOEvpl0lbtQg/view?ts=6140cb6d)

Here is the link for Mrs. Hammerick's **iCenter** Curriculum video.

<https://youtu.be/IZGUQDnsmjo>


Here is the link for the **Physical Education** curriculum night for Ms. Hubbard's classes.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DdGJ1Xx51jxv59sL9ugB0yuDAwi7agnbfEqshrOUILU/edit?usp=sharing>

Below is the link for Haley Barnes - **Physical Education** teacher at Gretchko.

[Barnes PE Curriculum Night Video](#)

## JOIN IN FOR PIZZA FUNDRAISER NIGHT



# pizza night

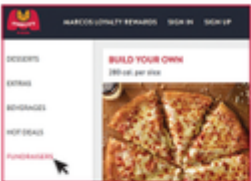
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

ORDER BY PHONE OR ONLINE TO EARN EXTRA FUNDS FOR GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY. SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.


**ORDER ONLINE AND RECEIVE EXTRA CREDIT**

Order online at MARCOS.COM and the school will receive an additional 10% of online sales. Remember to add your teacher(s) name(s) when ordering online.


**STEP 1:**  
Place your order as normal then click "Fundraisers" under the menu. Look for your school's name, then click the "Add Button" to the right of your school's name.



**STEP 2:**  
Checkmark the box with the teacher's name, then click "Apply".




**STEP 3:**  
Check your cart. You should see your school and teacher's name.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR PTO OUTSIDE FUND RUN



**Gretchko Elementary  
2021 FunD Run  
Friday, October 1, 2021**

**We Got This!**

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual FunD Run will take place on Friday, October 1st!  
The FunD Run is the major school fundraiser for the 2021-22 school year. This year our goal is to purchase new playground equipment, books, science engineering/maker space items and much more!

The FunD Run is a fun-filled day long event that promotes physical fitness, positive behavior and most importantly FUN! All Gretchko students and staff participate, along with many parent volunteers and supporters. Every student that participates will receive a FREE Gretchko FunD Run t-shirt and will enjoy a day filled with music, prizes, healthy snacks and more! Parents are encouraged to attend and show their support by cheering on their kids.

Please mark your calendars for this special event! Watch for more information as the event draws near. If you plan to volunteer at the event and wish to purchase a volunteer t-shirt, please see the reverse side of this form. All pre-orders must be in by Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>. Select sizes will be for sale the day of the run!

Please direct any questions regarding the FunD Run to Lindsay O'Malley  
[linds.omalley@yahoo.com](mailto:linds.omalley@yahoo.com)

**FUND RUN SCHEDULE FOR  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021**

<b>MORNING</b>	(Orange )	(Blue)	(Red)	(Green)	Run Time
9:30:00 AM	Pre-School 3's	Pre-School 4's	Risden	Drakos	6 Minutes
10:00:00 AM		Smith	Sizemore	Hans (leveled)	8 Minutes
10:45:00 AM	Williams			Pace	10 Minutes
11:30:00 AM	Barker	Wild			8 Minutes
<b>AFTERNOON</b>					
1:30:00 PM		Cohen	Miller	Allen	10 Minutes
2:15:00 PM		Geottes/Kirk	Ayar		12 Minues
3:00:00 PM	Jamison			Costello/Merglewski	12 Minutes



## Calling All Volunteers!

We are looking for as many volunteers as possible for the day of the run! Please come cheer on our kids to make this a great day for the students!

### FunD Run Schedule (Subject to change)

<u>Morning</u>		<u>Afternoon</u>	
Pre School 3's/4's	Pace	Ayar	Miller
Scott	Williams	Cohen	Jamison
Risden	Wild	Allen	
Drakos	Barker	Geottes/Kirk	
Sizemore	Smith	Costello/Merglewski	

Please fill out the below form and return to the office by Friday, September 24th. We will match your volunteer time with your child's run time. Lunch provided for volunteers that stay all day! Please contact Jessica Szkrybalo at [jamoquin3@gmail.com](mailto:jamoquin3@gmail.com) for volunteer questions.

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I would like to purchase a volunteer t-shirt (\$10 enclosed) **All shirt orders must be received by FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>.**

\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_ Xlarge \_\_\_\_ XXLlarge

Please check your shift below or sign up at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) (Search by Creator's Email [jamoquin3@gmail.com](mailto:jamoquin3@gmail.com)) If you sign up online there is no need to send in a paper form.

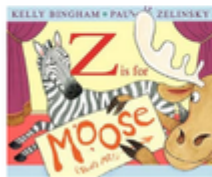
☐ Yes, I would like to work the morning shift

☐ Yes, I would like to work the afternoon shift

☐ Yes, I would like to work the morning and afternoon shifts (FREE lunch)

# iCenter **News** September

## WE'RE READING



## CONTACT ME

[monica.hammerick@wbsd.org](mailto:monica.hammerick@wbsd.org)



## WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Every book in the iCenter has a "home" so we can find what book we want to read.

Fiction picture books are organized in **ABC order** by the author's last name.

Books have many parts...front and back cover, title, author and illustrator, spine, call number, and barcode.

The **CALL NUMBER** helps us know where to put our books away on the shelf using the first 3 letters of the author's last name.

WEST BLOOMFIELD/KEEGO HARBOR  
**BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK**  
PRESENTS

**Trivia Night**  
TEASE YOUR BRAIN!

**MOVIES THEME**

Form your own Team of 10  
OR JOIN US and  
we'll group you with some  
really smart people.

Friday, November 5, 2021  
**ST. GEORGE  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
43816 Woodward Ave. N. of Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills  
We've MOVED - as sadly, Santia Hall is closed.  
Buffet Dinner 6:00 - 7:15 pm  
Trivia Games start at 7:30 pm  
50/50 Raffle Raffle Prizes Cash Bar  
\$30 per person by November 3, \$35 at the door

**BUY EARLY!**  
Sells out  
every year!

Tickets online at  
blessingsinabackpackmi.org/events or  
Kathy Sheiko at 248-521-0074 or  
katherinesheiko@hotmail.com  
All proceeds support  
Blessings in a Backpack - West Bloomfield/Keego Harbor  
Donor Advised Fund of Community Foundation of Greater Rochester

Donate a 10 oz. box of Mac & Cheese or  
5 oz. can of Tuna or Chicken -  
**Get 1 FREE RAFFLE TICKET!** (max 5)

## DAILY MASK USE

Students are required to mask up inside during school hours. When students go to lunch they will be removing their masks to eat. Right after lunch our students will enjoy an outside recess without a mask. Right after the lunchtime recess is a perfect time for students to refresh masks for the afternoon. **We are requesting that parents send their child with 2 masks daily to help keep their child safe and comfortable.** Students will be able to put the morning washable masks in their backpack. They will be able to dispose used paper masks in a special bin. Thank you for helping keep all of us safe!

# Do you have a student in WBSD with an IEP?

Connect with other parents and caregivers for support and resources specific to your family's school experience!



9-29-21  
7:00-8:00 WBHS  
Lakers Commons (across from cafeteria)

**Meet the Director!**  
At our first meetup of the 21/22 school year we will kick off with a meet and greet with the new Director - and an overview of what the Laker P.O.S.S.E. is all about.

RSVP: [lakerposse.weebly.com](http://lakerposse.weebly.com) OR



[facebook.com/LakerPosse](https://facebook.com/LakerPosse)



[lakerposse.weebly.com](http://lakerposse.weebly.com)



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

### WHAT'S NEW

WBSD Community Education ***After the Bell*** Offerings are BACK this FALL!

Mondays - **Soccer** Skills with Coach Emily Hubbard, More Info & To Register, [Click Here](#)

Tuesdays - **Drawing** Classes with Young Rembrandts, More Info & To Register, [Click Here](#)

Fridays - **Chess** with Chess Wizards, More Info & To Register, [Click Here](#)

## COVID 19 TRAVEL PROTOCOL UPDATE

The CDC recommends that unvaccinated individuals should refrain from traveling internationally. If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, it is important to follow the [CDC's recommendations](#). Students that travel internationally must do the following upon return if they are not fully vaccinated:

- Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel. Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days. If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.

Fully vaccinated individuals must get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel, but do not

symptoms do develop. They should also follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.

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West Bloomfield School District

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## Interested in joining **Cub Scouts**?

Want to find out more about the Cub Scout family program  
that includes boys and girls from K - 5?

Come learn about the adventure of Cub Scouts on

Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Scotch Elementary School  
Open to all boys & girls that attend  
Gretchko/Scotch/Roosevelt



Fun for the Entire Family!

For more information, please contact  
[Pack100westbloomfield@gmail.com](mailto:Pack100westbloomfield@gmail.com)

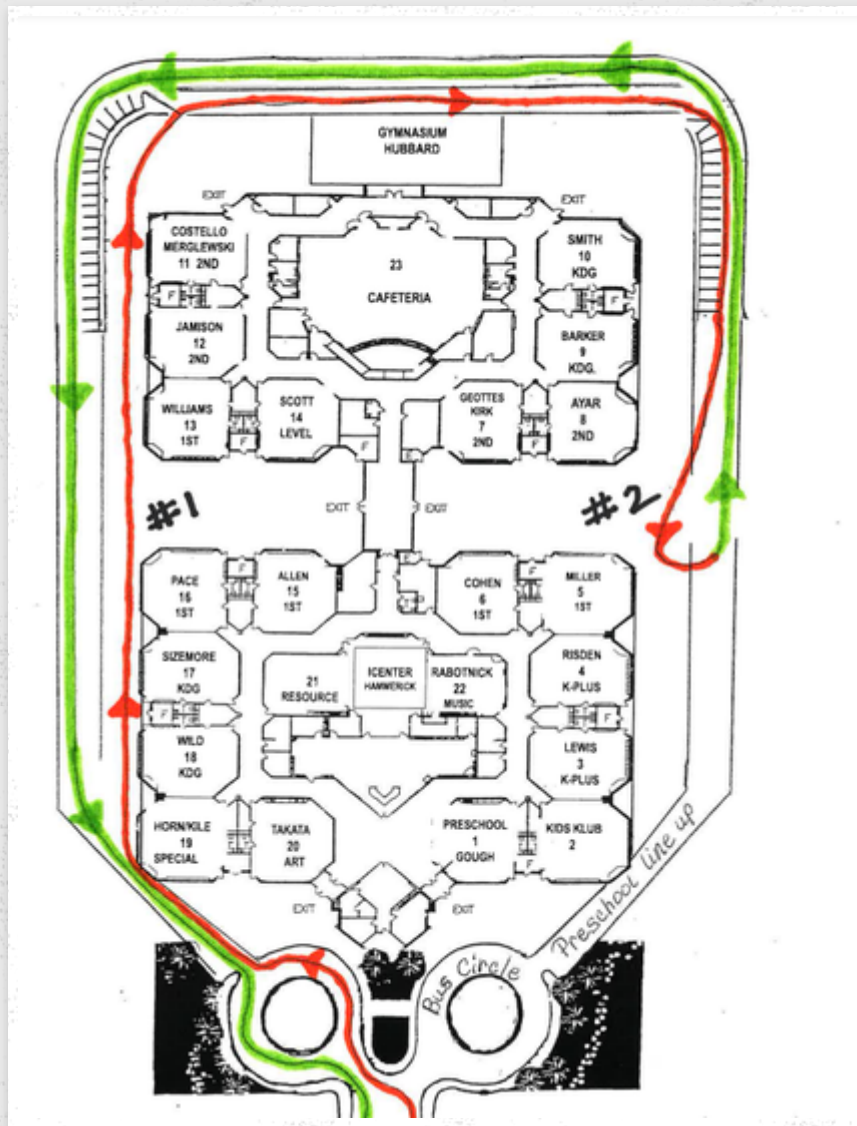


A parent or guardian must attend to register.

## DAILY ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Please refer to the map below of the school to see where your students' class is located. Locate the proper drop off area. We have 2 arrival and dismissal locations this year.

- \* All cars enter the left (West) circle. Remain in the car line through drop off 1, 2.
- \* Drop your student at their designated drop off location (See above)
- \* All parents should remain in vehicles.
- \* Students should unhook their seat belt and open car doors to exit the car.
- \* Students will be directed by staff when exiting or entering vehicles.
- \* All cars will continue following the car line around the loop.
- \* Follow the car line around the building to loop around.
- \* Exit on the same side that you entered on the West circle.
- \* Please follow arrows and directions from our staff.



## TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

We cannot accept any transportation changes after 3:00 p.m. Please do not EMAIL OR LEAVE VOICE MAIL MESSAGES regarding student transportation on the day of the change. Our staff may not receive the message in time regarding the change.

**SEE WHAT IS OFFERED THIS FALL BY OUR  
COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**



GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# SOCCER SKILLS



MONDAYS AFTER THE BELL  
4:10-5 P.M.  
GRADES K-2  
OUTSIDE OR GYM  
6 WEEKS

9/27-11/1

\$65

COACH: EMILY HUBBARD  
ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL ED TEACHER

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

VISIT [WWW.WBSDEC.CE.ELEVO.COM](http://WWW.WBSDEC.CE.ELEVO.COM) TO REGISTER. USE CODE 400-F21A

Enroll Now for Fall!



Drawing Classes  
for **kids**  
at Gretchko Elementary

Community Education

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PORTRAIT of a GRADUATE

Waiting all summer for Young Rembrandts? We're back with all new DRAWING LESSONS! If your kids are new to art or seasoned pros—they will love this class. Don't miss out, enroll today!

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Classes

TUESDAYS

4:07– 5:17 p.m.

09/28/21 - 11/16/21



Tuition

\$120.00

(8 Week Session)



Enrollment

ENROLL ONLINE at

<https://wbsdec.ce.elevo.com/>

Use Code: 100-F21B



Young Rembrandts -

Oakland/Lapeer

West Bloomfield MI 48322

Ph: (248) 943-7966



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**Class Information**  
School Name: Gretchko Elementary School  
Dates: 10/01, 10/08, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/05, 11/12, 12/03, 12/10, 12/17  
No Class on: 11/19, 11/26  
Class Day and Time: Friday 4:07 to 5:07 PM  
Total # of Classes: 10 classes  
Price: \$150 Location: Gretchko ES

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Use Code: 400-F21A

## BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to invite you to enroll your child/ren in the **Blessings in a Backpack** program for the the 2021-22 school year. This program sends six non-perishable meals home each Friday of the school year. Its goal is to make sure that no child goes hungry on the weekend. Run by volunteers, there is **NO cost** to you.

To enroll in this program, please reply to [katherinesheiko@hotmail.com](mailto:katherinesheiko@hotmail.com) as follows:

- If your child is in preschool or elementary school, respond with your child's name, school, and teacher.
- If your child is in middle or high school, respond with your child's name and school.
- If your child is enrolled in Lakers Online, respond with your child's name and indicate s/he is in Lakers Online.
- In all cases include your email address.
- Indicate if there are any allergies.

If your child is going to school Face to Face, s/he will get his/her bag of food at his/her local school. If your child is enrolled in Lakers Online, we will contact you on food pickup arrangements.

The first backpack of food will be distributed the first week of October.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Sheiko at [katherinesheiko@hotmail.com](mailto:katherinesheiko@hotmail.com) or at 248-521-0074. For more information on Blessings in a Backpack go to [blessingsinabackpackmi.org](http://blessingsinabackpackmi.org).

Sincerely,  
Katherine Sheiko  
Chairperson  
Blessings in a Backpack—West Bloomfield/Keego Harbor

## FOOD SERVICE AT GRETCHKO

Monthly menus for breakfast and lunch are available online. This year at Gretchko **all breakfasts and lunches are free for all students no funds will be collected**. WBSD food service department has asked us to encourage our parents to submit a free and/or reduced lunch form at [Westbloomfield.familyportal.cloud](https://Westbloomfield.familyportal.cloud) -- This form is to be used for district funding purposes only. If you have further questions please contact, Food Service Director at 248-865-6732 or e-mail Anne Stevens at [anne.stevens@wbsd.org](mailto:anne.stevens@wbsd.org)

## CALENDAR THIS MONTH

### DATES TO REMEMBER -

September 24 Gretchko Spirit Wear Day

September 24 - "Gretchko" Meet the Families - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Gretchko

September 29 - Marco's Pizza Fundraiser night

September 29 - Early Release - Dismissal 2:07 p.m. (2 hours early)

October 1 - Gretchko's FUND RUN during the school day

October 3 - Picture Retake Day - 9-11:30 a.m.

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## GRETCHKO STARS

 5300 Greer Road, West Bloomfield Township, MI, U...

 (248)865-6570

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