

GRETCHKO NEWS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2021



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!

CURRICULUM NIGHT-TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

This year's Curriculum Night/Open House will take place virtually across the district. At the elementary level, classroom teachers will be hosting parents via live Zooms to officially introduce themselves and to cover their classroom procedures, an overview of key content, and other key elements that parents will need to know in order to help their children be

successful. We are very happy to be able to invite parents to a live, interactive zoom meeting with their classroom teacher. Please save the times below on **Tuesday, September 14th**. The classroom teacher will email parents the directions to join the zoom!

We are looking forward to sharing with you during the following times.

Kindergarten - 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

First Grade - 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Second Grade - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

NO SCHOOL - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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 on **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.**

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 need to quarantine. They should self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and isolate if symptoms do develop. They should also follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.

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DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

We are requesting that **all adults drop and pick up students from their vehicles**. We ask adults to follow our drop off and pick up procedures for the safety of all. Please do not park in our lot or other locations to circumvent the car line. The car line will get better!!

Review the drop off and pick up traffic pattern on the map below.

Car loop parents please plan to drop your child between 9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. Students will need to be in class and ready to learn at 9:15 a.m. Dismissal begins at 4:07 p.m. We provided large name tags in your "Meet and Greet" packet. Please use the name tag in your windshield when picking up students. Please put the name of the teacher on the sign to help us during dismissal.

For the good of all students, parents and staff members please review and follow this partial list of general safety procedures in place at Gretchko.

- All doors to the school will be locked throughout the school day.
- Drop off and pick up will circle toward the **west side of the building**.
- **Please do not drop off children in the front loop.**
- Late students, parents **must park in the parking lot call the office (248-865-6570) for directions.**
- Please do not park in **VIP** designated spots, they have been purchased by parents
- At the time of this printing, adults and **students are required to wear a face covering in the building.**
- Adults picking up students during the school day, must park, **call the office for directions.** Teachers will be dismissing students from their classroom door.
- Parents, please **notify in advance and in writing any changes to their student's school transportation** pattern. Call the office for emergency pick up.
- Students will be dismissed from the classroom door after the teacher is notified.
- Adult staff will supervise the students going to the busses.
- Please follow directions of our adult staff at the car loop during designated drop-off and pick-up times.
- Students **living in walking distance and have-arranged to walk** will be checked out with the classroom teacher.

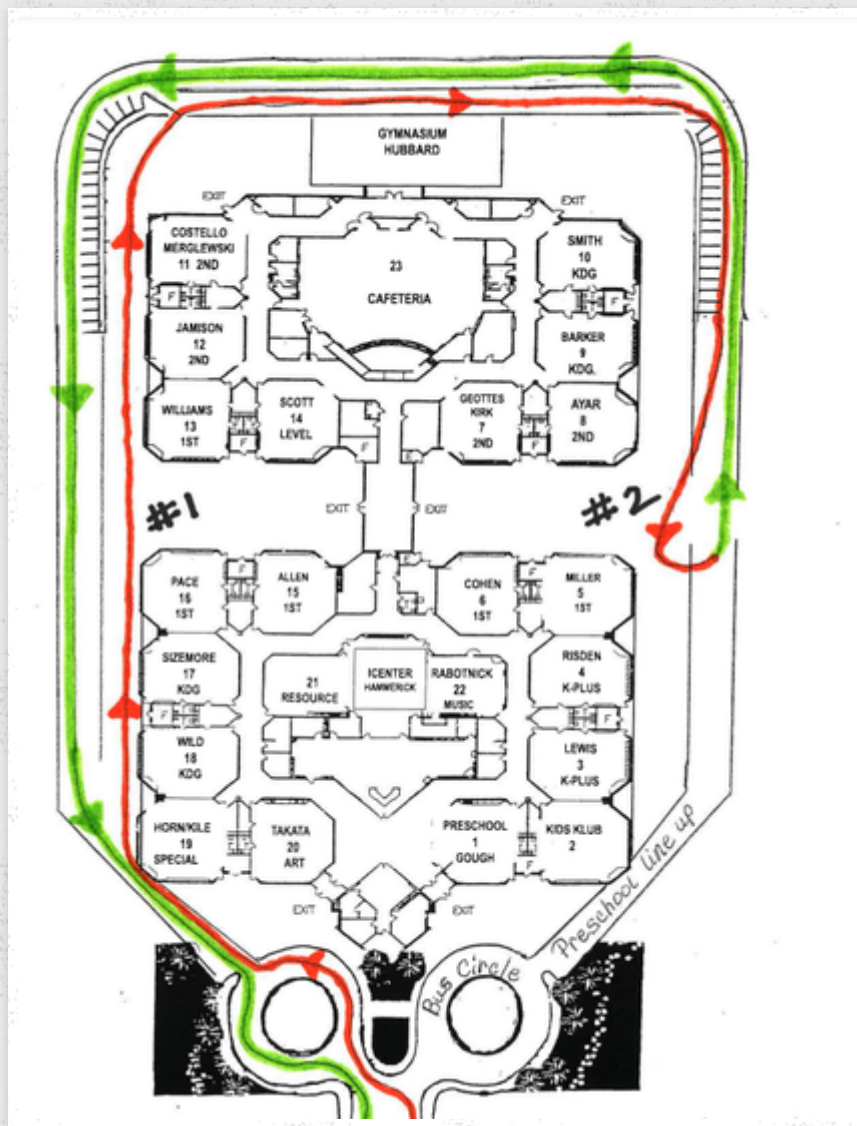
Our school **OFFICE is (248) 865-6570, SAFELINE to report absences is 248 (865-6572) FAX (248) 865-6571.**

Sincerely, Sally Drummond, Principal

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.

WEST BLOOMFIELD STRONG!

10th Annual

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SALUTING OUR U.S. MILITARY, & FRONTLINE HEROES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

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Family, Football and FUN!

2020 MHSAA State Champions
West Bloomfield HS
vs.
Stoney Creek HS
Tailgate at 5:00 PM
Game at 7:00 PM

5:00 - FREE Fun Activities in WBHS north parking lot
6:30 - Entry to Game (activities end)
6:45 - Tribute Ceremony
7:00 - WBHS Football Game
Concessions Open Rain or Shine!
All school buildings and community organizations provide the FREE Activities move indoors if inclement weather


WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTRAIT of a GRADUATE

Family Fun! FREE ACTIVITIES!

- Police, Fire & Military Vehicles
- Magician
- Airbrush Tattoos
- Flip Books
- Demonstrations
- Obstacle Courses
- Video Games
- Dunk Tank
- Literary Garden Tours
- Giveaways

MUSIC by CHANNEL 955

New for 2021!
WBFD vs. WBPD
Charity Softball Game
3:30 PM



Adult & HS Football Tickets \$5⁰⁰
WBSD Elementary & Middle School Students
Wear School Spirit - Enter Football Game FREE!

Military, Police, Fire & Frontline I.D. enter FREE Giveaways & Half-Time Show!

LAKER ATHLETICS

This is a WBSD event supporting our Greater West Bloomfield community. Please refrain from bringing any disruptive materials or paraphernalia.

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** -- 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



Nutrition services would like to take this opportunity to welcome your student(s) to the 2021-22 school year! With day-to-day life beginning to return to normal, we wanted to share some great news that will affect all students: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service extended the program that will provide for **free meals for all students, regardless of income, for the 2021-22 school year.** We are thrilled to safely serve students delicious, fresh and nutritious meals at no charge, and we are equally excited to re-introduce our favorite programs to deliver fun, exciting and tasty experiences to students throughout the coming year.

Some important information regarding meal service this school year:

- **Breakfast and lunch meals will be no cost to all students.**
- Please continue to apply for free or reduced priced meal benefits at Lunchapp.com. This information is critical in determining the amount of money our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs.
- All in person meals are served in the cafeteria with required sanitation and physical distancing protocols in place.
- Since we expect more children in the lunch line this year, we will offer two choices daily. The second choice will be the consecutive second choice for the week.
- With the ongoing supply chain challenges, menus are subject to change.

Please call the Nutrition Services Office at 248.865.6733 if you have questions.



PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS

The PTO is looking for parent volunteers to help provide activities and events for next year. If you are interested in seeing what may be potentially planned and would like to volunteer, please click the link below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eqrZaPpHKVkJEdol9eYU3ZaCP9jxe4R_p/view If you have any questions, please contact Jen Amato, PTO President amato.jen@gmail.com

CALENDAR THIS MONTH

DATES TO REMEMBER -

September 16 - NO SCHOOL

September 17 - WBSD Family Night at WB High School football field

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

September 22 - Gretchko PTO General Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Zoom

September 24 Gretchko Spirit Wear Day

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

September 27 - 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

UPDATING POWERSCHOOL

Please review and update the powerschool access information for your child and prepare to use the Powerschool program to locate your student's educational progress. If you are new to Gretchko and West Bloomfield School District, please sign up for a Powerschool Access account.

Our district has discovered that when parents set up their Parent Portal accounts, after receiving their Access ID and passwords, that the "verification of email" is not working properly right now. The technology department is working on correcting this problem. Thank you for your patience.

Student Name
Grade Level
Student Number:

PowerSchool Parent / Student Portal will be turned on, Monday August 26, 2019

The PowerSchool Parent Portal allows parents/guardians to access all of your children at one time with a single login and password.

If you do not have a PowerSchool Parent Account yet, you must create your personal account and add your child to the account using the Access ID and Password below. If you have more than one student you will need the Access ID and Access Password for each child to add them to your PowerSchool Parent Account. Directions to help you create your parent account are attached

If you have already created a parent account and you want to add a child to your parent account, use the Parent Access ID and Parent Access Password below.

In the parent portal, click on Account Preferences

Click the Students tab

Click Add

Type in the students name, Access ID, Access Password (both found below) and your relationship to the child
Click OK

Your Parent Access ID is: ..

Your Parent Access Password is: ..

When typing in the Parent Access ID and Parent Access Password, be sure and use CAPITAL LETTERS. It is case sensitive.

A reminder, the parent portal will not be available until Monday August 26, 2019

Sincerely,
West Bloomfield Schools

GRETCHKO SPIRIT WEAR

Gretchko Spirit Wear

To order, please:

1. [Click this link](https://forms.gle/wVZBt3dBQksKxDCh6), Scan the QR code, OR go to <https://forms.gle/wVZBt3dBQksKxDCh6>
2. Once we receive your order, we will send you an INVOICE to your email address.

3. You will pay the invoice.
4. We will get the items to your child's teacher to send home.

**** ONLY SELECT ITEMS PICTURED BELOW, MORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE ON FORM****

GRETCHKO STARS

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