

Gate City Charter School

August News

Back to School Updates

Good morning Gate City Community and Families!

We hope everyone has been enjoying their summer thus far and continue to do so in the next few weeks. We want to keep you abreast of the work being done behind the scenes, decisions being made regarding first day of school and what to expect from Gate City in the next few weeks.

First and foremost, we are asking that you consistently check your email as this will be our main form of communicating to families. If you are not receiving updates from us, contact our Office Manager, Lynn Rae at rael@gccs-nh.org, to ensure we have the proper contact information.

Second, we have linked to this newsletter both supply lists and teacher welcome letters. Make sure you hover over the items that are underlined and click on them to follow the links that are attached. If your family is going through financial hardships at this time and cannot purchase items on the supply list, contact Astrid Alvarado at alvaradoa@gccs-nh.org, we will be more than willing to work with your family. In order to ensure that you receive supply items prior to start of school submit any requests on or before August 26th.

Lastly, there are a number of dates scheduled prior to the first day of school that are highlighted in the box to the right. One of the most important dates is September 3rd from 10am-12pm and 4pm-6pm which will be the day you are to pick up materials that teachers have put together for the first few weeks of school.



August 24th:

[Instrument Virtual Information Session](#) to join follow the link above. Grades 4-8 Specific

September 3rd:

Mandatory School Material Pick-up (10am-12pm & 4pm-6pm)

September 9th: First Day of School! Students required to sign on to Google Classroom

September 16th: Band starts with Mrs. Mason

September 21st: Enrichment Activities & Clubs to begin

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INTERESTED IN GRADES 4-8
INSTRUMENT RENTAL
INFORMATION?

[Learn more through
this link!](#)

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INTERESTED IN VIRTUAL VOICE,
PIANO, OR GUITAR LESSONS FOR
A SMALL ADDITIONAL FEE?
[READ MRS. MASON'S
NEWSLETTER HERE!](#)

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BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR
AN EMAIL FROM
SYCAMORE EDUCATION TO
UPDATE FAMILY
INFORMATION

Teacher Welcome Letters & Supply Lists

Lower Elementary

- Ms. Bibeau: [Kindergarten Letter](#) & [Supply List](#)
- Mr. McHugh: [1st Grade Letter](#) & [Supply List](#)
- Mrs. Waterman: [2nd Grade Letter](#) & [Supply List](#)
- Mrs. Riddell: [3rd Grade Letter](#) & [Supply List](#)

Upper Elementary

Mr. Giasullo, Long-term Substitute: [4th Grade Homeroom \(4/5 ELA & SS\)](#) & [ELA/SS Supply List](#)

Ms. Tanguay: [5th Grade Homeroom \(4/5 Math & Science\)](#) & [Math/Science Supply List](#)

Middle School

Mr. Wilson: [6th Grade Homeroom; 6-8 Math & Math Supply List](#)

Mrs. Wessels: [7th Grade Homeroom; 6-8 Humanities](#) & [Humanities Supply List](#)

In process of hiring Science Teacher: [Science Supply List](#)

Specialists

Mrs. Mason: [K-8 Music](#)

Mrs. Ashton: [K-8 Art](#) & [K-8 Art Supply List](#)

YMCA Educational Academy Program

To learn more information about the YMCA's remote learning program, [check out their brochure!](#) This program is being offered at Camp Sargent in Merrimack & Westwood Park in Nashua. The YMCA does offer financial assistance to those who qualify. [Register here if interested.](#)

Sample Daily Schedules

In order to give families a better idea of what to expect as a daily schedule we have mocked up a few sample schedules. Please keep in mind these are **subject to change** according to teacher preference.

Lower Elementary Sample

Sample Lower Elementary Student Schedule
Core Academic Instruction: 9am-1pm *Possible 8:30 Start time on Specialist Days

9:00-9:30 AM	Advisory/Morning Meeting/Choose Love
9:45-10:00 AM	Teacher-led Instructional Lesson
10:00-10:30 AM	Independent Practice/Small-Group Meeting
10:30-10:45 AM	Stretch and Snack
10:45-11:00 AM	Teacher-led Instructional Lesson
11:00-11:30 AM	Independent Practice/Small-Group Meeting
11:30-12:00 AM	Lunch/Movement/Lunch Group
12:00-12:15 PM	Teacher-Led Instructional Lesson
12:15-12:45 or 1:00 PM	Extended Independent work/Small-group instruction
12:45-1:00 PM	*Potential Closing Meeting
1:00-3:00 PM	Student Enrichment, Clubs, & Academic Support

Upper Elementary Sample

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
9:00-9:45	Homeroom Meeting	Homeroom Meeting	Homeroom Meeting	Homeroom Meeting	Homeroom Meeting
9:50-9:50	Live ELA Session	Live Math Session		Live Math Session	Live ELA Session
10:00-10:30	Independent Session for Social Studies	Independent Session for Science		Independent Session for Science	Independent Session for Social Studies
10:30-11:00	Live Science Session	Live Social Studies Session		Live Social Studies Session	Live Science Session
11:00-11:30	Independent Practice/Session for Math	Independent Practice/Session for ELA		Independent Practice/Session for ELA	Independent Practice/Session for Math
11:30-12:00	Lunch Break	Lunch Break		Lunch Break	Lunch Break
12:00-1:00	Potential for Small Group Instruction	Potential for Small Group Instruction		Potential for Small Group Instruction	Potential for Small Group Instruction
1:00-3:00	Office Hours / Enrichment / Tutoring	Office Hours / Enrichment / Tutoring	Office Hours / Enrichment / Tutoring	Office Hours / Enrichment / Tutoring	Office Hours / Enrichment / Tutoring

Middle School Sample

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
9:00-9:30	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
9:30-9:45	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
9:45-10:15	6 - Math 7 - Hu 8 - Sci	6 - Sci 7 - Math 8 - Hu		6 - Hu 7 - Sci 8 - Math	6 - Math 7 - Hu 8 - Sci
10:15-10:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:30-11:00	6 - Hu 7 - Sci 8 - Ma	6 - Math 7 - Hu 8 - Sci		6 - Sci 7 - Ma 8 - Hu	6 - Hu 7 - Sci 8 - Math
11:00-11:15	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:15-11:45	6 - Sci 7 - Math 8 - Hu	6 - Hu 7 - Sci 8 - Math		6 - Math 7 - Hu 8 - Sci	6 - Sci 7 - Math 8 - Hu
11:45-12:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
12:00-1 pm	Lunch?	Lunch?	Lunch?	Lunch?	Lunch?
1:00-3	Office Hours / Enrichment / Tutoring	Office Hours / Enrichment / Tutoring	Office Hours / Enrichment / Tutoring	Office Hours / Enrichment / Tutoring	Office Hours / Enrichment / Tutoring

Still in Progress

Several items are still in the process of being updated for electronic use. You will see these items coming from Gate City in the following week(s):

- Chromebook need & Sign-ups
- Technology Contracts for all students
- Student & Parent expectations for Remote Learning

A few policies and procedures are continued to be worked through with our Taskforce. Some of these include, official mask policy, building usage while remote, attendance policy, etc.

Looking to Volunteer & Get Involved?

Here is a list of ways in which you could get involved prior to the start of 2020-2021 School Year:

- Consider joining our Board of Trustees as the Parent Representative

Please contact our Board Chair, Danielle Charest at charestd@gccs-nh.org for more details.