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Note from the Principal

Connections. That word has come up a lot in our discussions this year as we prepared for and started school. Connections with others are one of the most important aspects of our daily lives. We long for connections when we are lonely, and connecting with others can bring a smile to our faces. And yet in a world where we are connected 24/7 through our electronic devices, true connection seems more elusive than ever before.

Helping students truly connect with other students and with their teachers is important to us here at GMS. We want to do our part to create times and spaces for that to take place. That looks a little different for the different-aged students. For our younger grades it means playtime where students are monitored but allowed time to play freely. Studies show that free play is vital to young children learning how to cope and get along in the world. For a little older student, it might mean working in groups and encouraging them to help each other and learn together. For the older students, group work is also important and we have found it important to put them in groups with students that they wouldn't necessarily choose to work with on their own. Close friendships are hugely important but learning to work with anyone is also important.



I think we would all agree that cell phones are one of the enemies of connecting with others. This is true for students and for adults. Putting the phone down and chatting directly and without distraction is a challenge we need to meet head on. We often want to tell our kids to "put the

phone away and look at me". We may need to look in the mirror and say the same to ourselves - I'm talking to myself here as well.

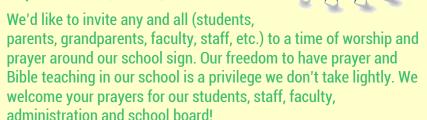
Study after study has shown that less screen time leads to happier and more settled kids. (If you are considering a smartphone for your middle schooler, wait, we need to talk.) I challenge each of us adults to model what it looks like to put down our devices and connect with those in front of us. It is a battle worth fighting.

Mr. Miller



See You At The Sign

September 25, 2024 | 7:30am



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GREENWOOD MENNONITE SCHOOL CALENDAR



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 9	10	11	12	13	14
4pm Vars VB @ Seaside 4pm MS Soccer @ Epworth 4pm MS VB @ Epworth		3:15 pm 🔊 Instructional Volleyball	8:30 Elem (2nd—4th) Chapel: Ms. Geiser 4pm • Vars Soc @ Fairwinds 4pm • Vars VB @ Fairwinds	Grandparents' Day (8:20—9:30) 4pm ❖ MS Soccer @ Delmarva Chr. 4pm ☜ MS VB @ Delmarva Christian	
Pork BBQ Sandwiches (chips/coleslaw)	Chicken-etti	Pizza	Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches	Chili & Rice	
4pm ❖ Vars Soccer @ Holly Grove 4pm ॐ Vars VB @ Holly Grove 4pm ❖ MS Soccer vs. Holly Grove 4pm ॐ MS VB vs. Holly Grove	4pm Vars Soccer vs. Faith Baptist 4pm MS VB vs. Faith Baptist 5:15 Vars VB @ Faith Baptist	18 3:15 pm Instructional Volleyball	19 8:30 Elem (PreK-1st) Chapel	8:30 HS Chapel: Connection Groups 9:30 MS Chapel: Ms. Geiser 4pm Vars Soccer vs Concord 4pm MS Volleyball vs Concord 5:15 Vars VB vs Concord	21 Solution Varsity Volleyball— Tome Tournament
Cheesy Ham & Potatoes	Mexican Shepherd's Pie	Pizza	Chicken Tender Wraps	Sloppy Joes	
23	24	25	26	27	28
Mid-Term 1	9am NED Show Assembly	7:30 am See You at the Sign 3:15 pm Instructional Volleyball	8:30 Elem (2nd—4th) Chapel 4pm MS VB @ Calvary 4:15 Varsity Soccer @ Calvary 5:15 Varsity VB @ Calvary	PreK—1st Grade Library Visits 8:30 HS Chapel 9:30 MS Chapel	
Meatball Subs	Chicken Nuggets and Rice	Pizza	Taco Salad	Pizza Bites	
30 4pm Vars VB vs Seaside 4pm MS Soccer Worcester Pr 4pm MS VB Worcester Prep	October 1 4pm Vars Soccer vs Holly Grove 4pm Vars VB vs Holly Grove	2 3:15 pm Instructional Volleyball	3 8:30 Elem (PreK-1st) Chapel: Mr. Miller 4pm Vars Soccer vs Chestertown 4pm Vars VB vs Chestertown	4 8:30 HS Chapel 9:30 MS Chapel 4pm MS Soccer @ Salisbury Chr. 4pm MS VB @ Salisbury Chr.	5
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