

A close-up photograph of several white marshmallows. Two of the marshmallows are decorated with googly eyes and small orange beads to resemble snow globes. They are surrounded by other plain white marshmallows.

GMS Weekly Update

December 11-15

Principal Points

Don't think about the game! Don't think about the game! Don't think about the game! One other thing about coaches...we believe in superstitions. Lol. No coaching tip today, I'm just trying to do my part in helping the Indians advance to the State Championship game!

Do your students know that "what" you do matters? Do they know that "what" they do in your class matters? Is "what" we're doing in class, making a difference in their lives? Do they know "why" you chose to teach? If you answered no to any of these questions, then it doesn't mean that you don't love what you do. It's not that you don't care for the students that you serve. It may just be that your students haven't been introduced to your "purpose" for choosing teaching yet.

In our very first faculty meeting this year, I mentioned that our students should know "why" you chose teaching as a profession. Also, I encouraged you all to be willing to tell your story to your students. If a student knows that "what" they do in your class matters; or the reason of "why" you choose to teach, then you'll have that much greater of a chance to make a significant impact in their lives and education. It'll allow students to understand "why" you're frustrated with them for not giving their very best efforts. They'll understand "what" your expectations are of them more clearly. Students will believe that your care for them is genuine; furthermore, they'll know that their overall well-being is your sole "purpose" for doing what you love to do.

I'm sure that by now many of you may have seen this clip from Michael Jr before. If so, then no worries because the message never gets old! I often find myself watching, listening or reading many things over and over again due to the positive impact that they had on me at some point in my life. I hope that each of you are able to understand the true message in this clip as well.

"When you know your why, then your what has more impact because you're walking in or towards your purpose."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wfgBFdibhk>

"There is nothing better than being a Brave!"



This Week's Events

Monday, December 11th

- Lady Braves Basketball vs Lumberton

Tuesday, December 12th

- DEIC Meeting @ 3:45pm
- Choir/Theatre Winter Showcase @ 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 13th

Thursday, December 14th

- Braves Basketball @ Lumberton

Friday, December 15th

- January Flex Day Forms are due to Ms. Swindall by 12:00pm.
- Early Release TBD

Saturday, December 15th

- Braves basketball Tournament (Home) 8:00am - 4:00pm

Things To Remember

- January Flex Day Forms Due by December 15th.
- Lesson Plans due by 7:45 a.m. Monday morning.
- All classroom doors are to remain locked at all times.
- Grades need to be entered weekly.
- Remember to be at your assigned duty station.
- Tutorials begin everyday at 7:45 a.m.
- Promote Kindness, Acceptance & Respect to all at GMS!
- There is nothing better than being a Brave!

Faculty Shoutout

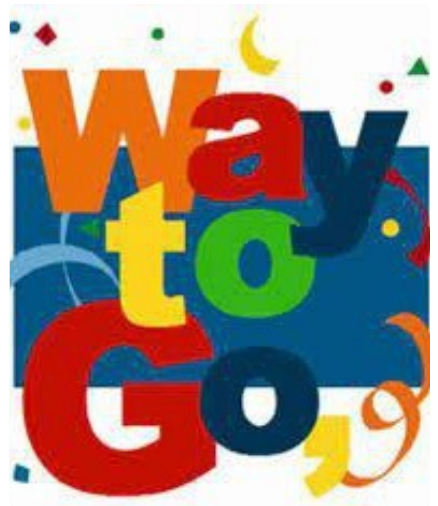
Austin Wolfe

Austin Wolfe continues to elevate our GMS Band program to the absolute highest levels! Although my time with Austin at GMS has been brief, I have witnessed his hard work and dedication to the band program for many years now going back to when I was a teacher at PNGHS. There's no doubt that our students' success begins with his direction, due to the long hours of many early mornings and late evenings. The fruit of his labor is paying off with full benefit, to say the least. Under Austin's direction, we recently set a school record by having 25 of our students make All-Region Choir. Such a tremendous achievement for our students and staff!

Austin, we are appreciative of your passion for the band program and concern that you have for each of your students' growth as a musician. You continuously seek out opportunities for students to not only grow in their music skills, but you have made it a priority to allow them an opportunity to grow into good human beings! Thank you for your willingness to go the extra mile for each student, and thank you for building positive relationships with not only the kids but their families as well.



Austin Wolfe



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Brett McPhatter

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