

# GMS Weekly Update

December 22nd - January 12th



## Principal Points

The Port Neches - Groves Indians are the 2023 Division II-5A State Champions! As many of you have already seen in social media post: **Two towns. One team. One dream - achieved.** I'm so happy for the communities of Port Neches & Groves.

GMS Faculty,

We've finally made it to Christmas Break!!! I know how much of a big deal that this is for you all. I can see the weary in your eyes. I

have seen the two separate countdowns on your white boards: Days until Christmas & Days Until the last day of school. I can see that many of us are just struggling to hold our heads above water.

**I also see you engaged with your students. I see you modeling relationships and teaching with love and forgiveness. I see you playing the roles of mentor, counselor, teacher, coach, mother and father. I see you fighting for our students behalf in regards to resources that will allow them the best educational experiences. I see your concern for our students emotional and physical wellbeing. I see you offering kindness, acceptance and respect to all of those at GMS.**

As you leave for the holidays, I want you to know that it's okay to close the door to your classroom...literally and figuratively. Now rest and take time for yourself during the break. Spend some quality time with your family, friends and loved ones.

"Thank You" doesn't seem quite adequate for the job that each of you do! Please know that you're always in my thoughts and prayers daily. Have a very Merry Christmas & Happy New year!

P.S. If I had any say at all, then know that I would definitely sign off on this clip below. ; )

[https://youtu.be/aYQg8EON29Y?si=-BjVE9Op1\\_2hMGpk](https://youtu.be/aYQg8EON29Y?si=-BjVE9Op1_2hMGpk)

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## **This Week's Events**

**Friday, December 22nd - January 7th**

- **Christmas Break!!!**
- **Groves Christmas Party @ Avenue Axe will be on Jan. 7, 2024. (6:30 pm- 9:30 pm)**

**Monday, January 8, 2024**

- Teacher Workday

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

- Grades must be posted by 8:00 a.m.

**Thursday, January 11, 2024**

- Braves @ West Orange (Basketball)
- Lady Braves vs. West Orange (Basketball)

**Friday, January 12, 2024**

- Report Cards Go Home
- All Region Concert

## **Things To Remember**

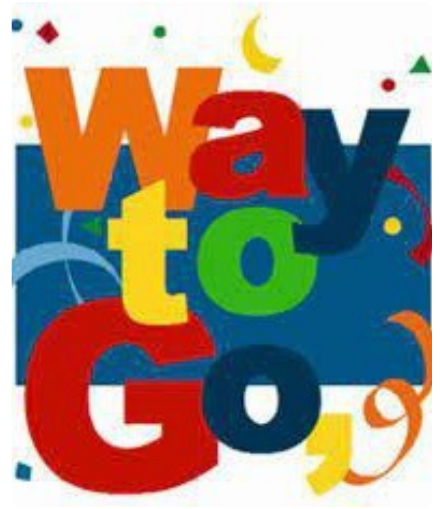
- **Grades must be posted by Tuesday, January 9th @ 8:00 a.m.!**
- Promote Kindness, Acceptance & Respect to all at GMS!
- There is nothing better than being a Brave!

## **Faculty Shoutout**

### ***Erin Boudreaux***

Erin does such a great job in many roles here at GMS! I have really enjoyed getting to know her and seeing her interact with our students. However, someone could've warned me of who she becomes once a mic is put into her hands! I mean...WOW! Our first pep rally truly set the tone for me! I knew right then and there that she is a Groves Brave to the very core.

Erin, we're so thankful to have you as a leader on our campus. You teach with compassion and ensure that you're building relationships in the most positive way with students. We love that you're able to find good in your students, even on days when they're not at their best. I know that I'm speaking on behalf of our staff, but I know how appreciative your peers are of you as well. There's never a moment in the day when you wouldn't stop what you're doing and help a colleague out. You're so much fun and we want you to know that you have 100% of your students and colleagues trust. Thank you for simply being You!



12/30 - Laura Pontiff  
1/7 - Rosa Cegielski



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