

welcome

to

Groves Middle

School!

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WHAT DOES GOING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL MEAN?

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- More freedom
- New privileges
- The beginnings of more independence
- Increased responsibilities

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WHAT CLASSES DOES A SIXTH GRADER TAKE?



Middle school schedules have 9 class periods:

- Language Arts/Reading (often called ELAR)
This class is “double-blocked,” which means you will have this class for two back-to-back periods per day.
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- P. E.
- Lunch - All 6th grade eats together
- Study Hall - 25 minute class for working on homework
- Elective Class - Students are able to choose this class.

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STUDENT SCHEDULES

Each instructional class period is approximately 50 minutes long with a 4 minute transition time. This is when you will go between classes and use the restroom/get water. The following is what a sixth grade schedule looks like:

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1st Period | 8:15 - 9:05 (50 min) |
| 2nd Period | 9:09 - 10:01 (52 min) |
| 3rd Period | 10:05 - 10:55 (50 min) |
| 4th Period | 10:59 - 11:49 (50 min) |
| 5th Period | 11:53 - 12:43 (50 min) |
| 6th Period (LUNCH) | 12:43 - 1:13 (30 min) |
| 7th Period | 1:17 - 2:07 (50 min) |
| 8th Period (STUDY HALL) | 2:11 - 2:36 (25 min) |
| 9th Period | 2:40 - 3:30 (50 min) |



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ELECTIVE OPTIONS

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6th Graders are able to choose one elective class to take during the year. Elective classes cannot be changed throughout the year, so pick something *you* enjoy!



Band

Choir



Theatre Arts

Art



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BEGINNER BAND

During the first year of band instruction, students will learn how to play an instrument. They will learn about rhythm, composers, and how to sight read music.

Students will perform in the Christmas and Spring Concerts. Instruments include flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, or percussion. Students interested in band must meet with our band director, Mr. Wolfe to select an instrument prior to being enrolled in band. **Instrument Selection Night will be held on April 11 between 5 - 7 p.m. in the Groves Middle School band hall (enter through cafeteria doors.)**

**Next
Choir**



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CHOIR

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Beginning choir is designed to develop good singing habits and to direct the students toward a positive choir experience. Students are taught the basics of music, including simple music theory, solfege and sight-reading and vocal technique. Students will learn to sing a variety of styles- ranging from traditional choral music to popular music to vocal solos. 6th grade choir students will have several performance opportunities.

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Th. Arts**



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THEATRE ARTS

Students will explore various facets of Theatre Arts, with emphasis on performance and audience etiquette. Pantomime, voice, and storytelling will be studied and practiced. Acting and stage skills will be experienced through improvisation.

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Art**



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ART

Students will learn how to draw using pencil, colored pencils, and pastels. Projects areas include drawing, painting, Papier-mâché, and clay. Projects are designed to accommodate all levels of artistic ability. An art fee of \$10 will cover all materials and supplies and is to be paid within the first month of school.

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MORE ABOUT P.E.

All students will take P.E. and will be able to meet their coaches and ask questions during their visit to GMS in May.



Students will have lockers in the gym dressing room for their gym clothes and tennis shoes. Combination locks are used for these lockers (they are attached to the locker itself)- start learning how to use one now! [Click Here to Practice a Combination Lock!](#)

Students will not dress out in their uniforms for the first few days.

Participation in before and after school practices for specific sports starts in seventh grade.

GIRLS P.E.

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Girls are required to purchase their uniforms. A form with specific uniform information will be given to the girls in May when they visit GMS and another will be mailed to you in August.

Girls will bring their uniforms to school on Monday mornings, leave the uniform at school for the week, and take their uniform home on Fridays to be washed.

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BOYS P.E.

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Gym clothes are provided and laundered by the school. Boys are required to pay a \$20 fee for this service. Boys provide their own shoes and socks.

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A TYPICAL DAY AT GMS

Before School Procedures

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| 7:00 a.m. | Doors open for student drop off (cafeteria) |
| 7:45 a.m. | Breakfast & Tutorials begin; 6th grade moves into auditorium **All class tutorials are available every day, with the exception of individual teacher duty days.** |
| 8:00 a.m. | Students stay where they are; No one allowed into hallways |
| 8:10 a.m. | Students are released to report to 1st period |
| 8:15 a.m. | Tardy bell rings; Class begins |

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A TYPICAL DAY AT GMS

After School Procedures

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School releases at 3:30 p.m.

Bus riders: Report to the cafeteria and sit at assigned tables to wait for buses.

Car riders & Walkers: Exit through the main doors in the foyer by the front office to wait for car or begin walk home.

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Groves Middle School 2023-2024

6th Grade Registration

| REQUIRED CLASS | COURSE NUMBER |
|------------------------------|--|
| LANG. ARTS/ READING (ELAR) | 6111/6151 |
| MATH | 6121 |
| SOCIAL STUDIES | 6131 |
| SCIENCE | 6141 |
| LUNCH | 6100 |
| STUDY HALL | 6101 |
| P.E. BOYS 6161 GIRLS 6162 | WRITE APPROPRIATE COURSE NUMBER IN THIS BOX: |
| ELECTIVE | LEAVE BLANK |

GO
BACKChoose
either
option- but
not both!

Sixth graders will choose one full year elective to complete their schedule. Please see the back of this paper for more information. There are two options. Please only select one of the options- not both. Write a check mark beside your choice.

_____ **OPTION 1: Beginner Band**

Students interested in beginner band must meet with Mr. Wolfe to select an instrument. The instrument selection night is Tuesday, April 11 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Groves Middle School in the band hall (cafeteria entrance.) Please refer to the back of this paper for more information.

_____ **OPTION 2: Art, Choir, Theatre Arts**

Please put the following options in preference order from 1st to 3rd. We will try to fill your first request, but you may be placed in one of your other choices due to scheduling conflicts.

_____ Art

_____ Choir

_____ Theatre Arts

← **Number these in
order ONLY if you
choose "Option 2."**

*****THE LAST DAY TO CHANGE YOUR ELECTIVE IS FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023!*****

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

important dates

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, April 11 | Band Instrument Selection Night at GMS Band Hall: 5 - 7 p.m. |
| Friday, April 14 | Pre-Registration Papers are due to your homeroom teacher |
| Friday, May 12 | Last day to change elective with Mrs. Broussard *Call (409) 962-0225 or email wbroussard@pngisd.org |
| Monday, May 22 | 5th Grade visits Groves Middle School |
| Beginning of August | GMS will be mailing each student a packet with registration forms and a list of school supplies. A note will be in the packet explaining when 6th grade students will be able to pick up their schedules. Meet the Teacher night will be soon to follow for students who have completed all necessary registration with the district. On this night, students will be able to find their new classrooms and meet their new teachers. |