



ÉCOLE GLENROSA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade 6 2021-2022

Welcome to our learning community,

We hope this update finds you well and encourage you to enjoy the remaining two weeks of summer break. Be safe and have fun!

Much of the information in this welcome newsletter was shared in June. We hope that it is a helpful reminder as we approach the new school year.

Please note that the Grade 6 WEB Orientation groups and times have changed (page 2).

École Glenrosa Middle School (GMS) is a growing school and a thriving school community. We are 'stronger together' and looking forward to a reconnecting in a spirit of belonging and community.

We love where we learn and acknowledge, with gratitude, that we work and learn on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Syilx people.

We are Jaguars. We are a collaborative learning community where everyone belongs and has purpose. We invite community engagement, engage parents as partners, and value student voice.

Together, we expect inclusion, value equity, promote leadership, and strive to meet the needs of our diverse learners. We welcome the boundless energy and unique attributes of early adolescents.

Take good care. We will see you soon!

GMS Admin. Team

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Getting Ready for Middle School



UPDATED

SUMMER GRADE 6 'WEB' ORIENTATION

Where Everyone Belongs!

Wednesday September 1st

Group 1

A – F (last name)

9:00am-10:00am

Group 2

G – M (last name)

10:15am-11:15pm

Group 3

N – Z (last name)

11:30am-12:30pm

- *Attendance is by first letter of the student's last name.
- *Students gather at front entrance and enter the front doors when called in.
- *Parents say goodbye outside 😊
- *Students will be dismissed through the exterior gym exit. Pick up at outside stairs.

WEB Orientation is an opportunity for our newest learners to visit the school as a group of GMS Grade 6s. There will be an Orientation Assembly, student led tours, and activities.

Students will practice first day procedures at the WEB Orientation on September 1st. There is no need for parents to come into the building on the first day of school. Class lists will not be posted outside. Families will receive an email the week of August 30th to confirm WEB DAY and Back to School plans. Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer. Go Jaguars!

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

- *First Day: Tuesday September 7th (9:00-12:15)
- *Bussing begins September 7th

FIRST DAY PROCEDURES

- *School doors open at 8:45
- *All Grade 6 students use the main entrance

English Track Students walk upstairs 😊

Class lists will be posted on Classroom Doors (312,313,321,322,323). Leadership students and Grade 6 teachers will there to help

*Early + Late French Immersion go to the MPR

Class lists will be posted. Leadership students and French Immersion teachers will there to help

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

Want to learn a second language? The Late French Immersion Program is open to any interested Grade 6 students who have little to no experience with French.

The program is very similar to the one taught in the English stream classes with the same content areas in language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, physical education, music, and art, except that all subjects are taught in French in Grade 6. Language Arts in English is re-introduced in Grade 7. Students will remain in the late immersion program for grade 6 and 7, at which time they will join French Immersion classes in grade 8 and graduate together with a Dogwood Diploma in English and in French. If you are interested, please contact the office at gms@sd23.bc.ca

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

July 5 – 8 August 25 – September 3
9:30am-2:00pm 9:00am – 2:00pm

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GETTING TO KNOW GMS

GO JAGUARS

Daily Schedule	
8:55	Welcome Bell
9:00-10:20	Classes
10:20-10:30	Break
10:30-11:50	Classes
11:50-12:30 (12:27 Reminder Bell)	Lunch Time
12:30-1:50	Classes
1:50-2:00	Break
2:00-3:17	Classes
Day 1 Blocks	
Day 2 Blocks	
1	5
2	6
3	7
4	8

GRADE 6 EXPLORATORY PROGRAM
10 WEEK ROTATIONS
Music Art Home Economics Technology Education

FUN FACTS
*650 STUDENTS
*70 STAFF MEMBERS
*DUAL TRACK SCHOOL (English + French Immersion)
*HOCKEY ACADEMY

GRADE 6 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST		
*Pencil Case	*Scissors	*Loose Leaf Lined Paper
*Pencils + Erasers	*Pens	*Water Bottle
*Small Basic Calculator	*Pencil Crayons + Markers	
*Ruler	*Two 1" Binders	
*Protractor	*Dividers	

If you have questions, please reach out. We're happy to help!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do I need to know about lockers?

All GMS learners have access to a locker. School staff will help students practice with their combination lock during the first week of school. Lockers are not big and tall. There is just enough room for a back pack and small personal items like a lunch kit, cell phone, or gym shoes. Students will be asked to do their best to keep their locker clean. Please don't leave food in your locker overnight ☺ All students will be asked to clean out their locker three times a year, taking all of their belongings home for extended breaks.

What if I forget my locker combination?

Don't worry, we can help! GMS learners can ask their teacher to go the Library Learning Commons and ask for their locker combination at any time. We ask that students don't trade lockers or locks.

What about personal technology?

GMS learners are not required to have a personal learning device. We have an abundance of devices to support student learning. If students choose to bring devices like cell phones to school, we ask that they follow the guidelines outlined in the school **Code of Conduct**. Students are asked not to use their personal devices during instructional time.

What if I need to contact my child or they need to contact me?

The best way to connect with your child at school is to contact the school office. Office staff will happily relay messages or have your child phone you if needed. Students will not have access to their devices during instructional time, which is the majority of the school day. Students who need to phone home for any reason will have access to school phones.

What can I wear at GMS?

For more information about our Dress Code, please see the Code of Conduct. All GMS learners, students and staff, are asked to dress in a way that communicates respect, promotes positive school culture, and is reflective of the activities they will participate in while at school. It is expected that all those present at GMS avoid dress styles that promote, imitate, or celebrate violence, intimidation, racism, sexism, hatred towards others, gang association, sex and alcohol/drug use.

What is a Closed Campus?

All middle schools in Central Okanagan Public Schools are **closed campuses**. This means that once students arrive they must stay on site. In order to leave GMS grounds, students need to be checked out by a parent or guardian at the office.

École Glenrosa Middle School Code of Conduct

[http://www.gms.sd23.bc.ca/About/CodeConduct/Pages/default.aspx#/=](http://www.gms.sd23.bc.ca/About/CodeConduct/Pages/default.aspx#/)

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