



Dear Griffin Middle School Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! Here are some important informational items for the beginning of the school year:

1. **New Staff at Griffin** - Please welcome our new staff members: Griz Kelly (7th Grade Math), Stephanie Newkirk (8th Grade Math), Michelle Polland (8th Grade Science), Kyle Nixon (Tech Coordinator), and Shawnee Chanley (Middle School Secretary)
2. **Middle School Counselor** - Our amazing counselor, Carrie Pipkin, will now be working full time in the middle school. This is exciting news! She can be reached at: cpipkin@griffinschool.us.
3. **Schedules** - Will be available on Skyward later this week (an email will be sent out), and will also be available to pick up at the Tuesday evening "Meet and Greet" (flyer attached).
4. **Griffin Weekly Newsletter** - We will continue to send a weekly newsletter each Friday afternoon. This newsletter will contain PTO information, Elementary, Middle School, and District-Wide activities/updates for the upcoming weeks
5. **New family orientation** - will be on Friday, September 2 from 10-11 am in the Library.
6. **Weekly Bulletin** - A Middle school weekly bulletin will be sent out to provide information weekly for families, Each teacher/grade level team will have a space to list assignments, instruction topics, and general activities/events going on in the middle school.
7. **Drop Off and Pick Up**- Parents can drop off students beginning at 8:35. Please use the drop-off lane. You are welcome to walk your student(s) to the front door as we are continuing to limit the number of parents inside the building. If students arrive before the 8:40 bell, they will need to wait outside until the bell rings. If you need to meet with a staff member, please reach out to schedule a time to meet.
8. **Breakfast/Lunch**- Unfortunately, the USDA did not approve free meals for this school year. Breakfast is \$2.00 & Lunch is \$3.15. If you need meal assistance, please fill out the following [Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#).
9. **Volunteers/Parents in the Building**- We were able to bring volunteers back into the building in the Spring and are excited to continue with that this Fall. Interested volunteers will need to complete a background check and provide proof of vaccination. Background check forms are available in the front office.
10. **Lockers** - The plan for lockers this year is in progress, however, lockers will not be available the first day of school. More to come on this.
11. **Griffin PTO**- Griffin's PTO is looking for new members and would love for parents to be a part of the team. Click here for more information about the PTO. <https://griffinpto.membershiptoolkit.com/>.
12. **Griffin Facebook Page**- To keep in the loop of upcoming events and activities, follow us on our Griffin Facebook Page.

I am very excited to be your Middle School Principal this year. I know it's going to be a great school year! Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions at all, I am here for you. You can reach me at: ehagen@griffinschool.us

Sincerely,



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