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Thank you Easthill Church!

A huge thank you goes to all of the people who came to Gresham High School for the Community Care Day on August 24th. Your help with our landscaping and other maintenance tasks goes a very long way toward helping us prepare for the start of the year. Thank you for everything you do for us.

School Start Up

We promise that the staff has been working very hard to make sure school is up and running on September 9. In the end, we have accomplished a great deal including our conversion to the new data management system Synergy. Overall the conversion went well but we do anticipate some trouble with students' schedules and information access for staff and parents. These glitches will smooth out over time. Please be patient while we work through these natural but sometimes frustrating hurdles.

Schedule Change Needed? Counseling Office Procedures

Parents, please keep in mind that the counselors typically enroll 250+ new students each fall. Their time must be focused on creating schedules for these new arrivals therefore other tasks have to be tabled for a short time at the beginning of the year. Current GHS Students & Parents are reminded of the following regarding schedule change requests:

- Current students whose schedule have a "hole" or have a "see counselor" notation will be able to see a counselor on **Tuesday, September 10th and Wednesday, September 11th**. Students should come to the counseling office during the period that has the issue.
- Schedule changes will be made only to meet specific academic needs and/or to fulfill graduation requirements.
- Some courses may not be available due to enrollment limitations and/or conflicts with other courses.
- Scheduling of core subjects has priority over electives.
- Changes to schedules will not be made simply to obtain a different teacher, rearrange class periods, create an early dismissal/late arrival, or switch elective choices.

\$6,000 DOLLARS IS A LOT OF MONEY: Gopher Spirit Club: Drive for Your School September 21, 2013

On September 21, 2013 between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm the Gopher Spirit Club is co-sponsoring the Drive 4 Your School and Eat 4 A Cure Fundraiser at Gresham Ford on East Powell.

*All you have to do to support these worthy causes is test drive a car and the **Ford Corporation will donate \$20.00 per household** for Gresham High School Activities and Athletics. Half of that money can be dedicated to the sport or activity of your choice.*

There is no limit on funds earned this year. The Ford Corporation will pay up to \$6,000 and Gresham Ford will pay for any over that amount.

The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society will be there selling food and beverages provided by Origins Coffee & Teahouse and Best Burger to raise money for their cause. They also will sell raffle tickets (\$10 each) for a chance to win a Ford Vespa!

Also—**don't forget to become a Spirit Club member/supporter**. We need you! It is a fun, easy group to be part of, so join the club and show your support for our students. Just go to the Gopher store and pay the annual fee. Half of that fee can be dedicated to the sport or activity of your choice. There is no obligation after joining but you will receive email information and are welcome to volunteer at any time! Below is the link and the on-line form is very easy to complete.

<http://www.gopherspiritclub.com/>

Wall of Supporters! Thank you to the Spirit Club for their work to solicit all of the area businesses listed below to join our "Wall of Support" in the gym.

4th Street Brewing
 All About Automotive
 Bumpers Bar & Grill
 C.P. Trips
 Cascade Athletic Club
 Eastside United FC
 Flying Pie Pizzeria
 Frenzi Frozen Yogurt
 General Sheet Metal Works, Inc.
 Gresham Alumni Women's Soccer
 Gresham Ford

Les Schwab
 Linette Landis CPA PC
 Maid Brigaid
 McCord Construction, LLC
 MBan
 Medford & Myers, Inc.
 Mt. Hood Aquatics (Mt. Hood Swim Team)
 Pacific Continental Bank
 Resolutions
 Senior All Night Party Class 2010, 2011, and 2012
 Small World Learning Center

Gresham Sanitary Services, Inc.	Sports	Management
Independent Welding Supply	Worldwide	
J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co.	Springwater Jewlers	
Jazzy Bagels	Stevens IS Printing	

Picture Days: *School Pictures are on September 9th and the 16th.* School pictures and ID card pictures for all Freshmen will be taken during school on Monday, September 9th. On Monday, September 16 all Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will have theirs done. Pictures are taken during your student's English class. All students, even seniors, are required to have an identification photo taken. The purchase of a photography package is an individual family decision. Cost information was included in the August school registration mailing. Lifetouch has a website where parents and students can order pictures online. You can access this from our website. On September 16 students who attend CAL or ACE will be permitted to walk in and have their pictures taken as their schedule allows.

Graduation Requirement Information:
Career Related Learning Opportunities (CRLE) and Portfolio Pieces

The completion of two CRLEs and a comprehensive academic portfolio of student work completed in a variety of subject areas are State of Oregon and GBSD graduation requirements. Experiences that count as CRLEs can happen both in and out of school. Portfolio pieces are assigned throughout a student's high school career.

All that is required to complete a CRLE is to schedule the experience, write it up on a simple form, and turn it in to the College and Career Center. Many students wait until the last semester of their senior year to complete the CRLEs and even a few portfolio pieces.

Procrastination of this kind causes a huge burden for the school staff and jeopardizes graduation. To minimize this unnecessary burden and alleviate the possibility for last minute mistakes, senior students that have not completed at least one CRLE on or before November 22, 2013 will not be permitted to attend the annual Snoball Dance in December. **Senior students that do not have their second CRLE completed by the end of the first semester will have lunch detention until this graduation requirement is completed.** Of course, students will have access to the needed paperwork while serving this detention!

All seniors must have all required portfolio pieces turned in the week prior to the GHS Prom. Those without complete portfolios will not be eligible to attend the prom. Lunch detentions will also be assigned until the required work is completed.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Dates have changed from an earlier email!

The CAC is a building level group of parents that meet monthly with the principal. The group focuses on the event, activities, and building programs in a discussion like

format. The intent is to create a comfortable dialog between parents and the administration to gather input and disseminate information for feedback both. We are a relaxed group that covers a broad range of topics each month. There is no formal membership structure and we welcome any parent, guardian, or community member that wishes to attend. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm and usually last a little over an hour. Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

September 17	February 18
October 15	March 18
November 19	April 15
December 17	May 20
January 21	

PSAT is October 16

October 16 is a Wednesday but none of the high schools will operate on our normal Wednesday late arrival schedule. Instead, all sophomore students will take the PSAT that day at no cost. The test will be administered in the morning and a regular class schedule, minus the morning periods, will happen in the afternoon. Freshmen, Juniors, and Seniors will attend three morning sessions that will cover various topics: including graduation planning, college and career counseling, and other activities designed to help students meet graduation requirements as well as set them up for success post-high school. More details will follow at a later date. Juniors that wish to take the test must pay \$14 to the bookkeeper, Danna Nelson. We encourage as many juniors as possible to do so.