

Groves Family Update- August 12, 2019

Welcome to an exciting new school year! We hope that your summer has been relaxing and enjoyable. Although we have a month left before school begins, we would like to extend a warm welcome to every new and returning family of the Groves community.

Summer has been a busy time for the Groves' staff. In addition to using this time to relax and rejuvenate, many of our staff members have attended workshops, read educational books, and aided in the planning of the upcoming year. Our teachers are excited about the 2019-20 school year, and we hope you are too!

We would like to thank the families who have completed their registration forms online. The window opened on Thursday, August 1 and **must be completed before in-person Student Registration in late August.**

Registration Process

There are two steps to the registration process. The first step is to participate in the Online Registration Process. The second step is to have your student attend the in-school Student Registration process on the designated dates (see schedule under in-school Student Registration)

Online Registration Process

All families must register online before attending the in-person Student Registration. The online registration process opened on August 1. Please see the attached instructions titled "Returning Student Registration Process."

In-School Student Registration Process

The final step of the registration process is in-person Student Registration in the Groves High School cafeteria. In-person Student Registration is scheduled as follows:

Freshman Registration	August 22, 2019	8:00-10:00 a.m.
Sophomore Registration	August 22, 2019	12:00-2:00 p.m.
Seniors Registration	August 23, 2019	8:00-10:00 a.m.
Juniors Registration	August 23, 2019	12:00-2:00 p.m.

Students will take a picture for their student ID, and receive their locker assignment, textbooks, and parking pass (eligible junior and senior students).

A hardcopy of all forms that require a parent signature should be brought to the in-school Student Registration. These forms include, but are not limited to: Permission to Administer Medication, Athletic Pass, Open Lunch form (Juniors and Seniors only), Parking Pass (Juniors and Seniors only)

Students will not be able to complete their in-person school registration at Groves if their parent has not completed the online portion. Students will show that they have completed their online registration by also bringing a hardcopy or an electronic copy of their confirmation email. Due to a technical error, confirmation emails were not generated until August 6. If you have completed the form and did not receive an email, please log in and print a copy of the forms to show at in-person registration so that we can verify the completion of the forms.

Fines and Book Returns

All fines and book returns need to be cleared in order to participate in the in-person registration. Please check your email for fines and book notifications.

e-Funds

In order to pay any fees, you may use the link for **e-Funds for Schools**. This program offers various options for parents/guardians who choose to make payments online or from their mobile devices. Users will have the ability to have various school fees/payments electronically withdrawn from a checking account or charged to a credit card. You have the flexibility to make a payment at any time through the school's website, and you will receive an email confirmation for every payment that is processed.

How does e-Funds for Schools work?

This is a separate program from the online registration system and will require a separate login and password. You will need your student(s) Student ID Number(s) to link your Student's name and fee options.

To create an account or to log in to an existing account

visit: <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56264>. Once on the e-Funds for Schools homepage, the links to

“Create an Account” or “Log In” are on the left. Please print your e-Funds receipt and have your student bring it to in-person registration scheduled for August 22 and 23.

Will there be any fees associated with using e-Funds?

For the convenience of paying online there is a small convenience fee associated with each payment: \$1.00 for using your checking/savings account information (direct ACH), and \$2.65 (per \$100) for using your credit/debit card.

The following are just some of the items may be purchased online using e-Funds: Athletic Pass/Family Athletic Pass, Yearbook/School Newspaper, Spirit Week Dues, Fines

You may still pay for any items with a personal check or cash at the school when you attend your scheduled registration date/time.

Freshman Families

Freshmen students are expected to participate in the Freshman Orientation (Big Brother / Big Sister Program) on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 9:00– 1:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. This program has proven to be invaluable for our freshmen students.

Freshmen parents and students are invited to Freshmen Activity and Parent Orientation at 7:00 PM in the Commons (students) and Little Theater (parents) on Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

Important Dates for Students

Freshman Orientation Kick-Off Day	Wednesday	August 21	9:00 - 1:00 pm
Freshman Parents Meeting / Student Activities Fair	Wednesday	August 21	7:00 pm
Freshman Registration/Parents Welcome Reception	Thursday	August 22	8:00 - 10:00 am
Sophomore Registration	Thursday	August 22	12:00 - 2:00 pm
Freshman Canoe Trip	Friday	August 23	8:00 – 1:00 pm
Senior Registration	Friday	August 23	8:00 - 10:00 am
Junior Registration	Friday	August 23	12:00 - 2:00 pm
Late Registration all grades (Cafeteria)	Thursday	August 29	12:00 - 2:00 pm
Transfer Students Welcome Lunch and Tour	Thursday	August 29	12:00 - 2:00 pm
1 st Day of School – Half Day Morning	Tuesday	September 3	7:30 – 11:00 am
Limited Late Registration (Little Theater)	Tuesday	September 3	8:30 - 9:30 am
Curriculum Night	Thursday	September 12	6:30 pm

PSAT/SAT

Students will receive their PSAT or SAT scores during the in-person Student Registration.

Parent Volunteers

We are in need of parent volunteers to help in the library during in-person Student Registration. Please consider volunteering for 2 hours on Thursday, August 22nd or Friday, August 23rd. Your help will be much appreciated. Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4CA5AC29A6F85-library>

Birmingham Bloomfield Coalition (BBC) News

Join the BBC for Breakfast with the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Superintendents on August 14th from 8 – 9:00 a.m.

Counseling, College & Career Center News

[The Groves College and Career Center](#) for more information on these events and many other resources.

Scholarships

Visit the [Scholarships](#) page for details.

College Visits/Exploration

Many universities are still accepting applications for late summer programs. Posters and information are outside the College & Career Center and online, under “Summer Programs” on the [College and Career Center Webpage](#)

Oakland Community College has published its summer tour schedule. Find out more about this great, money-saving pathway to a degree. Schedule a tour at this link:

<https://oaklandcc.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Events/List?ID=7>

Summer College Exploration at Wayne State - <https://c2pipeline.wayne.edu/ipe> Limited space.

Colleges That Change Lives, College Fair, August 19, 2019. Full details: [CTCL Troy Fair](#)

The Hispanic Heritage Foundation's (HHF) 2019 Youth Awards educational grants program is now accepting applications! Our 21st Annual Youth Awards will award students who are in the graduating Class of 2020 with up to \$3,500 in educational grants to fund their higher education or to fund a community-based project.

Recipients will be selected for their accomplishments in the classroom, community, and excellence in various educational categories. Recipients will also be celebrated at ten regional ceremonies across the country: Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Northern CA, Phoenix, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C. (eligible students should apply in the region nearest to their area of residence).

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, October 15th. Students can apply at www.HispanicHeritage.org

ACT/SAT Testing

ACT/SAT testing dates for 2019-2020 can be found here: [Testing date schedule](#).

West Point "LEADS" Workshop-Registration for West Point "LEADS" Workshop opened on May 1, 2019. This event is limited to 10 students from Groves and happens on Friday, Sept 6, 2019. Students do not need to be considering applying to W. Point or serving in the military to attend. More information and registration details can be found under "Announcements" at the College and Career Center.

Emory University's CORE program- If you are a rising Senior in the fall of 2019, apply to Emory University's Cultural Overnight Recruitment Experience (CORE) fall visit program is designed to support talented, high-achieving high school seniors who are from first-generation or underrepresented cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. This year's overnight program is being held on October 10-12, 2019. Visit: [Cultural Overnight Recruitment Experience](#) for more details and application.

Jobs

Visit the [CCC Job Postings](#) for a complete list of available jobs for students.

Fall Athletic Information

High School Sports start the week of August 12, 2019. For more information, check out Groves' athletic website www.grovesfalcons.com. Summer conditioning information is also available on the website.

In order for your child to participate in Fall Athletics at Groves High School, they must and obtain their blue slip.

1. Turn in an athletic physical dated after April 15, 2019, to the athletic office
2. Have their fall pay to play fee, and complete their online registration. In order to register and pay for a fall sport, click on the link below. Complete the form, submit payment, and print a copy of the receipt for your records.

<https://secure.infosnap.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=19031&culture=en>

3. Have an emergency contact card filled out

Your child will not be allowed to participate in tryouts without a blue slip. If you have any questions, please email the Athletic Director Tom Flynn tflynn@birmingham.k12.mi.us and the Athletic Secretary Diedra Righter drighter@birmingham.k12.mi.us

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[Groves Infosnap Registration Instructions.pdf](#)

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