

Groves Family Update- September 1, 2019

### **First Day of School- Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3, 2019. There will be a shuttle bus between the high schools. The schedule is as follows:

#### Half-Day Schedule

Hour	Class time	Shuttle Bus Departure
		7:15 am
1 <sup>st</sup> hour	7:30-8:08am	8:08 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> hour	8:13- 8:51am	8:51 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> hour	8:56-9:34am	9:34 am
4 <sup>th</sup> hour	9:39-10:17am	10:17 am
5 <sup>th</sup> hour	10:22-11:00am	10:55 am

### **Message from Oakland County Health Division**

As a reminder, Birmingham Public Schools adheres to guidelines set by the Oakland County Health Division and the State of Michigan regarding contagious disease outbreaks. If a health emergency or outbreak occurs in our area, we may share that with our families to better inform our community. If a student is identified with a contagious disease on school grounds, the Oakland County Health Division may require that we exclude students. Exclusion from school may take place for students that have not been vaccinated or are not up to date on their vaccinations. The exclusion period is set by the Center for Disease Control and is specific to the disease. Keeping children up to date on their vaccinations can prevent the required exclusion from school following an onsite outbreak. Follow this link to view the recommended immunization schedule:

<https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=1726&dataid=20350&FileName=0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

### **Senior Parent Night –Thursday, September 5, 7:00 p.m.**

On Thursday, September 5th, there will be a Senior Parent Night in the Groves Auditorium. A thorough explanation of the college application process will occur at this meeting. This significant event is for parents and students. Please make plans to attend. Counselors will help students with the application process after families have an opportunity to participate in this meeting.

### **Powder Puff Game Information**

The annual Powder Puff game will occur on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. Please help us get our 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 12th-grade students involved. Junior and Senior girls who are interested in playing received their forms during registration. However, it is not too late to participate. For more information, students should attend an informational session in the Little Theatre after school on Tuesday, September 3.

Students must turn in their registration forms, proof of physical, and player's fee (\$20) before they can practice. All physicals should be turned into Mrs. Righter in the athletic office, and the registration forms and money should be turned in to Mr. Stukey (juniors) or Mr. Wickersham (seniors).

The juniors' first practice is on Tuesday, Sept. 10, and the seniors' first practice is on Saturday, Sept. 14. Thanks in advance and we hope to see you at the game.

### **Groves Directory - Act Now To Be Included!**

We are excited to announce that we will be using Membership Toolkit for our Directory and Communications starting with the 2019-2020 school year.

We invite you to visit <https://groveshs.membershiptoolkit.com> to see everything your PTA/PTO has to offer this year. Once you create a Membership Toolkit Account, you will have access to the Directory.

Here is what you need to do:

Go to <https://groveshs.membershiptoolkit.com>. Click on the Register/Login button.

If you already have an account with another organization that uses Membership Toolkit, you can use the same email and password to log in. You can then proceed to the numbered steps below.

Select "Create Account" and fill in the name, email, and password information.

Click "verify my email" and then check your email for a link to complete the process. The link expires in 2 hours. If you do not receive the email, check your spam or junk folders.

Once you have verified your email address, log back in and finish the registration process.

Complete the Parent/Family and Student Information.

Complete the Directory/Publish Preferences.

Once the Primary Account is set up, the Primary User can "invite" other email addresses to access his/her account. This allows the Secondary User to have their own login information, but still have access to the family account.

Questions? - Please do not hesitate to contact us at [grovesptsadirectory@gmail.com](mailto:grovesptsadirectory@gmail.com).

### **Important Dates for Students**

1 <sup>st</sup> 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
Senior Parent Night	Thursday	September 5	7:00 pm
Curriculum Night	Thursday	September 12	6:30 pm

### **Oberweis Fundraiser**

Please support the Class of 2021 as we fundraise for this year's prom. Join us to welcome in the new school year at Oberweis (located at 32808 Woodward Avenue) for some delicious ice cream. Please come on Saturday, September 7 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm and mention Groves upon purchasing.

### **Advanced Placement Exams**

According to College Board, there are new changes for Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. Please see below for the following changes:

Parents and students should understand that: Exams are now ordered in the fall.

In the fall, students must decide if they will take an AP Exam. The early decision is necessary as the AP coordinator must submit the school's exam order by the preferred (October 4, 2019) or final (November 15, 2019, 11:59 p.m. ET) deadlines. Exams ordered after the final deadline will be charged an additional \$40 fee.

If a student chooses to cancel an exam after November 15 or does not take an exam that was ordered for them, the school will be charged \$40 for the exam.

Students will have access to more AP practice and feedback resources.  
For more information, please contact your student's counselor.

### **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

Check the College and Career Center calendar for updates.

<https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Page/1749#calendar2258/20190822/month>

There are many resources online for all students and Seniors completing college applications.

*Oberlin College Multicultural overnight visit*-Apply to visit and experience Oberlin College in Ohio overnight. For more information and application criteria visit their website here:

<https://www.oberlin.edu/admissions-and-aid/campus-visits/visit-programs/mvp>

*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 October 10-12, 2019. Visit: [Cultural Overnight Recruitment Experience](#) for more details and application.

#### Jobs for Teens

A neighbor of Groves is looking for a couple of students to do some general yard work. Contact Mrs. Kondak for more details.

### **Dress Code Reminder**

Groves High School expects that all students will dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day or for any school-sponsored event. Student dress choices should respect the Birmingham Public Schools' intent to sustain a community that is inclusive of a diverse range of identities. The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s). The school district is responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student, and that dress code enforcement does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size. Any restrictions to the way a student dresses must be necessary to support the overall educational goals of the school and must be explained within this dress code.

1. Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times. Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, navel, and breasts are fully covered with opaque fabric. All items listed in the "must wear" and "may wear" categories below must meet this basic principle.

2. Students Must Wear\* while following the basic principle of Section 1 above:

- A Shirt that meets the waistband of the pants/jeans or equivalent (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms), AND

- Pants/jeans or the equivalent (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress or shorts), AND
- Shoes.

\*Courses that include attire as part of the curriculum (for example, professionalism, public speaking, and job readiness) may include assignment-specific dress, but should not focus on covering bodies in a particular way or promoting culturally-specific attire. Activity-specific shoes requirements are permitted (for example, athletic shoes for PE).

3. Students May Wear, as long as these items do not violate Section 1 above:

- Hats facing straight forward or straight backward. Hats must allow the face to be visible to staff, and not interfere with the line of sight of any student or staff.
- Religious headwear
- Hoodie sweatshirts (wearing the hood overhead is allowed, but the face and ears must be visible to school staff).
- Fitted pants, including opaque leggings, yoga pants and “skinny jeans”
- Pajamas
- Ripped jeans, as long as underwear and buttocks are not exposed.
- Tank tops, including spaghetti straps; halter tops, off the shoulder tops
- Athletic attire
- Visible waistbands on undergarments or visible straps on undergarments worn under other clothing (as long as this is done in a way that does not violate Section 1 above).

4. Students Cannot Wear: ● Tube tops ● Violent language or images. ● Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity). ● Hate speech, profanity, pornography. ● Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups. ● Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments (visible waistbands and visible straps are allowed) ● Swimsuits (except as required in class or athletic practice). ● Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon. ● Any item that obscures the face or ears (except as a religious observance).

## Community Events

### *Volunteer at Your Local Elementary*

Give back, earn community service hours, and spend time with friends on Thursday, September 25. Spend a few hours with elementary students at various BPS elementary schools. We will make a simple craft, play with the children, and have fun! Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> is a half-day, and school ends at 11:00 am. Volunteer from 12:30-2:30pm at various elementary schools. Please stop by Mrs. Molloy's office to choose the elementary school and get contact information.

### NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION:

*The Board of Education is committed to maintaining a learning/working environment in which all individuals are treated with dignity and respect, free from discrimination and harassment. There will be no tolerance for discrimination or harassment based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, genetic information, disability, or age. The District prohibits harassment and other forms of discrimination whether occurring at school, on District property, in a District vehicle, or at any District related activity or event. The Superintendent will designate compliance officers and develop and implement regulations for the reporting, investigation, and resolution of complaints of discrimination or harassment. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Students - Inquiries related to discrimination based on disability should be directed to Executive Director of Special Education, 31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025, 248.203.3000. Direct all other inquiries related to discrimination to Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025, 248.203.3000.*

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