

A message from WYLIE E. GROVES HIGH SCHOOL



Groves Families,

THANK YOU for your patience and support as we complete our first "normal" week of school since March, 2020! It is great to have students back in the building, as they are the reason we love to be educators!

I do want to let you know that we were alerted that there are two individuals who have been on campus who have tested positive for COVID, and we are working with OCHD to identify close contacts, and to quarantine those exposed if identified. Please continue to monitor your student for symptoms, and do not allow your students to attend school or any extracurricular activity if they are symptomatic or have been exposed.

Please know that school will not be in session tomorrow, September 3 or Monday, September 6. Classes resume Tuesday, September 7.

Rosh Hashanah is celebrated Monday, September 6 through Wednesday, September 8. Shanah Tovah!

Congratulations to the following students on being named College Board National African American Recognition

Program Scholars: Alexander Warren, Dana Wesley, Iara Jones, Jacob Gray, Kamber Williams, Lauren

Morris, Lauren Sample, Neely Allen, Noah Drake, Nyla Willis, Paris Allen, and Rachel Akaba! What exciting news!

SOS (Schools Offer Support) Event

Schools Offer Support is a district-wide, nonprofit organization that provides volunteer services and financial support to families throughout the Birmingham Public Schools community. During the pandemic, SOS was able to assist families in our community with **more than \$40,000** in grocery gift cards, monthly food boxes, laptops for graduating seniors, and financial assistance for childcare, medical, and utility bills.

Our second annual Strides for **SOS 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk** will take place this **September 26, 2021**. It's our largest fundraiser of the year and we are hoping to have even more participants than our first year. This year we are offering an outdoor event as well as a virtual option. Sign up here! [Strides for SOS 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk \(runsignup.com\)](https://runsignup.com)

Seaholm has challenged Groves to see who can sign up the most participants! Please consider participating to help others in our community.

Groves Athletics Update

Congratulations to the JV Football team on their big win last week over Port Huron Northern 38-12!

Groves Girls Swimming Meet Summaries

8/20 – Green and White Meet

The Green and White meet was a chance for the swimmers, divers, parents and volunteers to get a feel for how meets are run. The girls were able to practice their cheers and get a pre-season taste of competition.

8/21 – Mercy Relay Meet

The girls always look forward to this fun relay meet with the Mercy Marlins and other teams from the area. Groves had a strong season debut, placing 4th overall, narrowly missing 3rd place by 18 points. The 850 free crescendo relay team (Mayah Goel, Bella Ruggirello, Madison Helmick, and Karen Austin) placed 1st with a come-from-behind win to beat Seaholm. The 4x100 free relay (Mayah Goel, Madison Helmick, Ally O'Brien, and Karen Austin) and 4x50 breast relay (Stella Grake, Aiden Lockwood, Lauren Kamp, and Alex Mann) took 3rd. The 200 medley relay (Alexis Auten, Stella Grake, Lauren Kamp, and Mayah Goel) and 400 medley relay (Madison Helmick, Stella Grake, Ally O'Brien, and Karen Austin) also placed 3rd.

8/26 – Home Meet vs. Marian

The Emerald Tide was victorious over the Marian Mustangs in the first dual meet of the 2021 season. It all came down to the final event, and the 400 Free Relay team pulled out a huge win!

The girls earned several state cuts:

- 200 Medley Relay – Madison Helmick, Stella Grake, Kalli Gaggos, and Mayah Goel
- 200 IM – Karen Austin
- 100 Free – Madison Helmick
- 500 Free – Karen Austin
- 200 Free Relay – Ally O'Brien, Marie Morris, Mayah Goel, and Karen Austin
- 100 Back – Madison Helmick
- 100 Breast – Stella Grake
- 400 Free Relay – Ally O'Brien, Marie Morris, Madison Helmick, and Karen Austin

The divers came through big-time by securing four of the top five places:

1st – Ellie Deighan

2nd – Gaby Saenz

3rd – Lauren Deighan

5th – Natalie Wooldridge

Junior Varsity Girls Golf

On August 30th, the Junior Varsity Girls Golf season had a very exciting start! Lauren Stehney had a HOLE IN ONE during the first match held at the Links of Crystal Lake against Notre Dame Prep. Way to go Lauren! Representing Groves was Morgan Kaplan, Addie Jacob, Lauren Stehney, Shir Dvir and Lindsey DeGrendel. Congratulation on a fun and impressive start to your season!

The following day, the Junior Varsity team of Morgan Kaplan, Lindsey DeGrendel, Lauren Stehney, Shir Dvir, Addie Jacob and Saysha Mahadevan captured their first victory against Farmington High School in a match at Lincoln Hills Golf Course.

Varsity Girls Golf

The Girls Varsity Golf Team played a match against Farmington Hills High School at Farmington Hills Golf Course on August 31st. Evann Oleshansky, Clarice Kim and Leyton Brooks all tied with low score for the Falcons. Following right behind were players Kate Vanderweele, Rayna Mahadevan and Sara Carlton.

Thank you, and have a safe and restful holiday weekend,

Dr. Smith