



August 23, 2020

Groves Families,

I hope you have had an enjoyable weekend, and that you are looking forward to your students beginning school on August 31. August 31 will be a half day for students from 8:15 - 11:15 a.m. This week, we will send out a schedule for classes that day. I know that the Groves staff is eager to begin making connections with our students. We will be working diligently this week to learn Schoology (our new Learning Management System) which is user-friendly, and will be an effective platform for rigorous instruction. Later this week, I will be sharing student and parent tutorials for Schoology, in order for you to be able to begin to learn the new system as well. We appreciate your patience as we begin the school year, as many of our staff members are new in their learning of this system.

Please read this email carefully, as it contains quite a bit of important information.

Course Materials Distribution

In order for students to have the materials (textbooks, workbooks, novels, lab equipment, etc.) that they will need for the first few weeks of school, we will host a drive-through contactless materials pick-up day on Friday, August 28. We are asking everyone to remain in your vehicles for this process, and a staff member will place your student's items in your trunk when you arrive. We will package materials using your student's course schedule for first trimester, and these items will be checked out to your student for tracking purposes.

To expedite this process, please place a sign in the window of your vehicle that states your student's first and last name and grade level.

9th Grade – Use the west porch entrance of the building (where you met for orientation last week).

10th Grade – Use the Pool Hall/Athletic entrance on the west side of the building.

11th Grade – Use the Band Loop entrance at the back of the building between the Gym and Auditorium.

12th Grade – Use the Auditorium/EAC entrance closest to Evergreen Road.

All grade levels will report to their respective entrances on Friday, August 28 during the times listed below to pick up their materials:

Students last names A-D – 8-9 a.m.

Students last names E – H – 9-10 a.m.

Students last names I – L – 10-11 a.m.

Student last names M-P – 12 – 1 p.m.

Student last names Q – T - 1 – 2 p.m.

Student last names U-Z – 2 – 3 p.m.

Friday will also be the last day to pick up remaining locker items (including pool, gym and music lockers) that were left in the building last spring.

***** If your student can not make it on 8/28, the make-up time will be on Wednesday, September 9 from 3 – 6 p.m. All grade levels will use the Pool Hall entrance for the make-up time.**

Technology Needs - Laptops and Wifi

If your student does not have a lap top that has video and audio capabilities, or is in need of a stronger wireless internet connection, please email me at ssmith4@birmingham.k12.mi.us, and we can assist you with obtaining these items. I want to make sure that all students have access to what they need to be successful as we begin the year virtually. We will arrange pick-up times with families.

ID Picture Make-up Day with Lifetouch

If your student was unable to attend registration last week, the make-up date for student ID pictures will be on September 17 from noon until 4 p.m. as that date is a half day of instruction for students in the morning only.

E-Funds

We believe that e-funds is now working properly, so you can take care of payments for your PTA membership dues, your Student Activities fund, and donate to the SOS/Falcon to Falcon program through this system. Here is the link: <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56264>
Yearbook

If you would like to order a 2021 yearbook, payments will be taken online through Walsworth - our yearbook company. Here is the link for ordering:
https://yearbookforever.com/schools/groves_high_school_buy_yearbook_303054/

Additionally, Dr. Acey, our PTA President, will be hosting a "Meet the Principal" webinar via Zoom. Please register to join us, as I very much look forward to meeting all of you!

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Aug 27, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Meet the new Groves Principal Dr. Susan Smith

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sEbzOgAGSseBosKt0ilvsw

I appreciate your patience, flexibility, and support as we begin this year in a very untraditional way. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Dr. Susan Smith

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