



September 17, 2020

Groves Families,

School pictures (those taken in August during registration) have arrived! If you ordered a picture packet for your student's school picture, you can pick them up any school day between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. OR on Wednesdays between 3 and 6 p.m. Thank you!

### Virtual Learning

It is hard to believe we are already entering our fourth week of the school year. Thank you to those of you who have reached out to continue encouraging our teachers and students as we learn the nuances of both Schoology and Zoom. If your student has not completed the process in Zoom to use his/her BPS-schools account for Zoom classes, please ask him/her to do so before Tuesday morning. Directions were emailed to students on Thursday afternoon. This is an added level of security for our virtual classrooms. Additionally, the best way to engage students during class time is for their video function to be on throughout the class period unless a teacher specifically requests students to turn off their cameras during an asynchronous learning task. Encourage your student to keep his/her video "on" during class, and if there is an extenuating circumstance why your student can not have the video on, please have your student communicate with his/her teachers. Our goal is for all students to be able to participate effectively in their own learning.

### From Groves Student Congress...

GSC is very excited to be up and running! We have planned some fun social distance friendly events for the beginning of our school year. To kick off the year and help students stay spirited, we have planned an Online Spirit Week. The week of September 21st was supposed to be our traditional Spirit Week, and while it won't be the same, this is a creative way to honor the week. We plan to have an in-person, traditional, Spirit Week in the Spring, but this event is a great way to stay spirited virtually. There will be a general theme for each day with a more specific theme for each grade.

The themes are as follows:

**Monday** (Sept. 21st) - Pajama Day

~ Wear your favorite pair of pajamas to your Zoom classes!

**Tuesday** (Sept. 22nd) - Quran-TV Shows

~ Remember watching insane amounts of Netflix during quarantine? Well, come to class dressed as your grade's assigned iconic quarantine TV show!

- Freshmen: Tiger King
- Sophomores: Outer Banks
- Juniors: All American
- Seniors: The Last Dance
- Staff: The Great British Baking Show

**Wednesday** (Sept. 23rd) - Wacky Wednesday

~ Wear a crazy hat, try a crazy hairstyle, or change your Zoom background for class!

**Thursday** (Sept. 24th) - Throwback Thursday

~ Come to class dressed like a blast from the past, based on your grade's assigned decade!

- Freshmen: 70's
- Sophomores: 80's
- Juniors: 90's
- Seniors: 2000's
- Staff: 60's

**Friday** (Sept. 25th) - Groves Spirit

To finish out the week, let's flood our Zoom classes with Falcon pride! Wear Groves colors or Groves apparel to classes!

## **Updates from Groves Athletics this week...**

**Please see the attachment for directions on how to view Groves athletic events virtually!**

### **Football**

Varsity football wins vs. Farmington 42-31 and JV Football loses to Farmington 6-16

### **Soccer -**

Boys JV A wins vs. Lamphere 8-0

Boys Varsity Soccer wins vs. Lamphere 8-0

Boys Varsity Soccer wins vs. Bloomfield Hills 1-0

Boys JV A Soccer wins vs. Bloomfield Hills 3-1

Boys JV B Soccer wins vs. Bloomfield Hills 2-0

### **Cross Country**

Girls Cross Country and Boys Cross Country defeated Oak Park in their first league meets!

### **Volleyball**

Varsity Volleyball lost to Troy Athens 3-0

### **Swimming**

Girls swimming lost a hard fought battle with Bloomfield Hills Marian on Thursday night by a score of 109-77.

Highlights from the meet.

First place finishers: Karen Austin-Junior- 200 IM and 500 Freestyle, Ellie Deighan- Junior- Diving, Madison Helmick Junior- 100 Backstroke

Second place finishers: Mayah Goel Soph- 50 freestyle, Gabby Saenz Soph- Diving, Madison Helmick Junior- 100 freestyle, Stella Grake Soph- 100 Breaststroke

The next meet is Tuesday Sept 22 at home against Lake Orion. Roll Tide!

### **Varsity Girls Golf**

It was a busy week for the Varsity Girls Golf Team. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the team competed in an 18 hole tournament at Katke Cousins Golf Club. Representing Groves was Monica Inda, Lily Warnica, Ella Blank, Clarice Kim and Rayna Mahadevan. The course was long but our team played well! On September 15<sup>th</sup> Groves lost a difficult match at Sanctuary Lake to Troy High School. Playing for Groves was Monica Inda, Lily Warnica, Leyton Brooks, Sara Carlton, Aarani Balendran and Rayna Mahadevan. The following day, Clarice Kim, Lily Warnica, Ella Blank, Leyton Brooks, and Sara Carlton won their match against Royal Oak High School at Lincoln Hills Golf Course. The team's busy week ended at the Fountains Golf Course on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Senior Monica Inda had the low round for both teams with a 42! Congratulations on the victory against Clarkston High School.

### **Junior Varsity Girls Golf**

The Junior Varsity Team played against Marian High School at Lincoln Hills Golf Course on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. It was a close match but unfortunately, Groves lost by 3 strokes. Playing for Groves was Hollis LePage, Lauren Stehney, Ellie Kroll, Bethany Miller, Morgan Kaplan and Kate Vanderweele. On September 16<sup>th</sup> Hollis LePage, Evann Oleshansky, Lauren Stehney, Morgan Kaplan, Grace Kaufman and Bethany Miller played at Crystal Lake against Notre Dame Prep. Congratulations on your victory! The Junior Varsity team of Hollis LePage, Lauren Stehney, Evann Oleshansky, Kate Vanderweele, Morgan Kaplan and Ellie Kroll beat Bloomfield Hills High School at home on September 17<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations Groves!

Thank you, and have a great week!

Dr. Smith

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