October 5, 2026

Dear Middle School Parents,

NEW MS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oct. 16, Grandparents' Day – Grandparents are welcome to join classes with their grandchildren (K-12) 8:30-10am, and then end with coffee and donuts from 10-10:30am. You can find all of the information and sign-up here: https://sgs.org/grandparents-day-is-friday-oct-16th/

- **MS Theme Day Field Trips on Monday, Oct. 12**
  - 6th graders need to bring their bikes and helmets next week (**Oct. 5 or 6**) to prepare (see parent email sent 9/25)
  - 6th grade – Bike trip along the Centennial Trail; Theme: River Connections
  - 7th grade – Gather citizen science water quality data with Environmental Science professor at North Idaho College and Lands Council at Riverside State Park; Theme: Ecology and Sustainability
  - 8th grade – Visit to UGM and 2nd Harvest Food Bank to help sort food; Theme – Empathy and Connections – Unhoused and food insecure

- Make sure to sign up for your Parent/Student/Teacher conferences on October 22-23. We will only be offering in-person conferences. See Michelle's email on September 24th for more information.

- Join MS Info and News Edsby group - https://sgs.edsby.com/p/Place/155918115

Reminders and Resources

- School pictures are ready for students to pick up in MS office. Retakes will be Oct. 14th. For retakes, return the picture packet, but keep the class photo (if you ordered one).

- Check out Season 2 - Episode 1 of *Chloe and Ella's Weekly Breakdown*, the MS News podcast created by two 7th graders for their Genius Hour project. https://sgs.org/chloe-and-ellas-weekly-breakdown-episode-1-cloned-33821/
  - New posts are added every other week to the MS News Page.
- MS Sports are well underway! The coaches send out weekly updates to the families of the players, and everyone can see updated schedules at https://www.sgsdragonathletics.com/ and/or download the Mascot Media app.
- **Volunteers Needed: Booster Club Concessions**
  - Our concession stand runs on volunteer power - and we need more hands on deck! Working a shift in the concession stand is wonderful way to boost school spirit and to fundraise for our athletic programs. Shifts are just a few hours and no experience necessary - we will show you

the ropes. Sign up today - even one shift makes a big difference! SGS Booster Club: Concession Stand Volunteers

- **Win at Social** - This is an interactive program for digital citizenship. Sixth and seventh-grade students will have one lesson per month with Sara Smith, the secondary librarian. All SGS K-12 parents may create their own account and check out all the resources, visit https://thesocialinstitute.com/social-toolkit/ , select "Activate Account", and our school code is 16571C3E0E310D.
- **Bus information** - https://sgs.org/home/parent-portal/bus-information/
  - Bus Intro Letter and Expectations - https://sgs.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/John-Bus-Service-Information-Letter-Rules.pdf
  - Bus Routes - https://sgs.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Latest-Route-Times-and-Late-Take-2026-27.pdf
  - Please note that the school driveway is crowded in the morning. If you are chauffeuring your child to school, please plan to arrive before 8:15am, drive cautiously on campus, and yield to the buses when they arrive. You may also choose to use the shuttle stop at the Fairwood Shopping Center. At the end of the day, there will be a line that runs up the driveway, please be patient, it clears by about 3:15. Please just keep pulling forward as far as you can along the curb, the busses don't use there reserved space in the afternoon, just for drop-off in the morning.
  - Late bus reminders –
    - The Late/Activity Bus is open to all K-12 students, regardless of ridership status. When a student gets on the bus, they need to be able to tell the driver which of the Late/Activity stops they are using).
    - There will not be a late bus on Fridays, please plan ahead.

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, Oct. 6 –** 8 period day
  - 6th grade Bike lesson in PE (brink bikes and helmets to school on Oct. 5 any time before 5:30 or by 11:00 on Oct. 6, see parent letter sent 9/25)
  - H block- Win at Social (Ms. Potter and Ji Laoshi's tutorial)
- **Wednesday, Oct. 7** –
  - Morning (parent letter sent 9/29)
    - PSAT Testing for 8-11th grades
    - 6th grade community service on campus and woods above campus
    - 7th grade Quest for Water activity in woods above campus
  - Lunch – Oktoberfest – Potluck lunch for grades 6-12
  - Afternoon – 3rd Annual Dragon Games

- **Thursday, Oct. 8 -** 8 period day
  - 6th grade Bike lesson in PE
  - Literary Magazine meeting during lunch in Taylor's room (open to 7/8th grade)
  - H block – Math Club in Mr. Kangas' room
- **Friday, Oct. 9** – No School, Teacher in-service

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES (through December)

See "THIS WEEK" section above for items in the current week.

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- ~~October 14 - Sound System Benefit Concert and Senior Night 7pm~~ moved to Jan. 21
- October 14 – Picture Retakes (return packet, minus class photo)
- October 16 –
  - Grandparents' Day https://sgs.org/grandparents-day-is-friday-oct-16th/
  - Last day of Quarter 1
- October 19 – MS Girls Basketball practices begin after school (grades 6-*0
- October 22-23 – K-12 Conferences (no classes)
- October 28 – 7/8th grade Spooky Literary Salon during English class in the Davenport House
  - 7th grade- B (11:35-12:30) or C (1:15-2:10)
  - 8th grade- A (10:35-11:30) or D (2:15-3-10)
- October 30 - 7/8th grade Movie Social, 3:20-5:20, Dragon Room
- November 3 – Outdoor Club to the Bloc Yard after school, students sign up on Outdoor Club board in MS courtyard
- November 4 & 5 - US Production of "Treasure Island ", Founder's Theater, 7pm
- November 10 – 3rd Annual Ski Movie Night, Fundraiser for the Outdoor Club, 5:30pm
- November 11 – No School – Veteran's Day
- November 12 & 16 – 7/8th grade all-day rehearsal for "Wrinkle in Time"
- November 19
  - Blood Drive
  - 7/8th grade production of "Wrinkle in Time", Founder's Theater, 7pm
- November 20 - 7/8th grade matinee of "Wrinkle in Time", Founder's Theater, 1:45pm
- November 25-27 – Thanksgiving Break
- December 9 – MS/US Holiday Concert, Founder's Theater, 7pm
- December 18 –
  - Last day of S1
  - Grade-level activities
  - Half-day – dismissal at 12:10pm
- December 21-January 1 – Winter Break
- January 4 – School resumes, S2 begins

Go Dragons!

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