



October 19, 2026

Dear Middle School Parents,

NEW MS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MS Fall sports wrapped up last week. Congratulations to our MS cross-country teams for an excellent year! In the League Championships on Saturday, every single runner achieved a personal best time for 1.5 miles! That is amazing! KB was our top girl runner and got 9th. Jack was our top boy runner and got 13th. Congrats to our MS Volleyball team for a hard-fought season, it was wonderful to watch and root for all of the teams!
- Check out Season 2 - ***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-season-2-episode-2/>. New episode dropping on Tuesday!
- Upper School students Isabella Sohn and Jasmin Tohmeh are starting a **Model United Nations club** that is open to grade 8-11. It will meet during lunch on Mondays, in US 200, this year with the goal of competing next year. Dedicated students will be invited to shadow Gonzaga University's Model United team on Tuesday evenings. Today is the introductory meeting for students. For more information reach out to isabella.sohn@sgsdragon.net.
- The **"Scare Away Hunger" Food drive** for 2nd Harvest Food Bank kicks off today and runs through Nov. 6th. This is an annual drive and classes compete for who brings in the most food per class (calculated by weight/per student).
- MS students can help with LS Climbing Club after school on Thursdays (not this week, since there are no classes). Students sign up on the Outdoor Club board in the MS Courtyard.
- Next Friday, Oct. 30 – day before Halloween!
 - Students may wear costumes to school (no weapons, and nothing too gory/scary)
 - **7/8th grade Movie** - after school, 3:15-5:15pm, in the Dragon Room, students may ride the late bus (special Friday offering). Students nominate and then vote on the movie.
 - Admission - \$2 or 2 cans of food (to be donated to the Scare Away Hunger Food Drive for 2nd Harvest)
- **Santa Express** volunteer opportunity – Interested students in grades 8+SGS can sign-up on the Outdoor Club board to serve as elves to help kids do their holiday shopping. This is a fundraiser for Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery. Melanie and Sara will meet students at the Spokane Valley Mall, Sunday, November 29, 1-5:30pm.

Reminders and Resources

- November 4, 5:30-6:30pm - Join the SGS Book Club for ***What Are You Reading?*** Bring a favorite book, swap recommendations, and discover new reads at this relaxed gathering for book lovers.

- *You're welcome to bring something tasty to share, but it's not required.*
 - *Please RSVP Here: [All SGS Parents/Staff/Alumni: SGS Book Club RSVP - What are you reading?](#)*
 - *Childcare for potty-trained children will be available during the event, provided by Upper School CAS students.*
 - *US/MS Library*
- Join **MS Info and News Edsby** group - <https://sgs.edsby.com/p/Place/155918115>
 - **MS Sports** - 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.
 - If your child is interested in being part of the **MS Cheer Team** (US Cheer Team also open to 8th graders) AND hasn't signed up yet on Final Forms, please do so ASAP. If you have any questions please contact Ryan.Peplinski@sgs.org.
 - **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>
 - 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

- **Monday, Oct. 19** - MS Girls Basketball practices begin after school (grades 6-8)
 - Model UN club during lunch, US 200
- **Tuesday, Oct. 20** – 8 period day
 - Soccer Tailgate Party hosted by the SGS booster club, starts at 3:30pm, SGS vs. UCA at 4pm, free hot cocoa and snacks, face painting, and SGS Merch!
- **Wednesday, Oct. 21** – 8 period day

- **Thursday & Friday, Oct. 22-23** – Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences (no classes K-12)
 - Michelle will send confirmations of the conference time you signed up for. We will only be offering in-person conferences.
 - MS students are expected to attend their conference to be part of the conversation of what is going well, what they want/need to do differently, and to set goals for the next term.

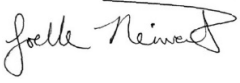
IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES (through December)

See **“THIS WEEK”** section above for items in the current week.

- 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 –
 - Students may wear costumes to school (no weapons, and nothing too gory/scary)
 - 7/8th grade Movie Social, 3:20-5:20, Dragon Room (there will be a late bus!)
- October 31 – FTC Robotics Meet #1, Ridgeline HS
- November 3 – Outdoor Club to the Bloc Yard after school, open to grades 6+, students sign up on Outdoor Club board in MS courtyard.
 - Parents must complete waiver before the outing: [Bloc Yard Bouldering Gym – Bloc Yard Bouldering Gym](#).
 - Transportation provided to the Bloc Yard but students must be picked up by 6pm from Wild Walls.
- November 4 – Parent Book Group, [All SGS Parents/Staff/Alumni: SGS Book Club RSVP - What are you reading?](#), 5:30p, US/MS Library
- 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
- November 29 – Santa Express Volunteer opportunity, open to grades 8+, students sign up on Outdoor Club board in MS courtyard.
- December 3 - Outdoor Club to the Wild Walls after school, open to grades 6+, students sign up on Outdoor Club board in MS courtyard.
 - Parents must complete waiver before the outing: [Waiver - Wild Walls Climbing Gym](#).
 - Transportation provided to Wild Walls but students must be picked up by 6pm from Wild Walls.
- 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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