

Grand Junction

High School

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Home of the Tigers

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Important Dates

Fall Athletic Season Starts
August 9

School Pictures
August 16—11th & 12th grade
August 17—9th & 10th grade
During English Classes

No School—
Labor Day
September 6

No School—
Educator Effectiveness Day
September 27

Last Day of Quarter 1
October 13

No School—
Teacher Work Day
October 14

No School—
Teacher In-Service
October 15

Letter from the Principal

Dear Tiger Families-

Welcome to 2021-22 Academic School Year!

The beginning of a new school year is always exciting for all of the educators at Grand Junction High School because creating a rich and inviting learning environment is why we all love this job. Now that students are walking our halls for the new year, the staff is energized and ready.

Last Spring we announced the addition of our Pathway in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) programs at GJHS starting this year. These programs allow students to graduate from high school with an associate's degree and industry certificate at no cost to the student. If you or your student are interested in learning more about these programs, please contact their counselor.

Our fall sports started on August 9th, and we would love to have all our students and parents out cheering on our Tiger teams on the fields and courts. Look for the sports schedules on our website and gjhs.d51schools.org. If your student missed the sign-up period, some of our athletic teams are able to add new athletes to their rosters, and participation in extra-curricular activities can be a critical motivating factor in success for students in high school.

Along with all of our wonderful sports teams, we have many clubs that span a wide variety of interests. If your student doesn't find a club that connects with their passions, have them talk to their teachers about starting a new club and finding like-minded kids.

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The Dean's Desk

Welcome back!

We are excited to see all of our student again this fall, and we look forward to another successful year. Please take some time to review the School Rules on page 6 of the newsletter. We truly want all students to find school a fulfilling environment where they can learn and pursue their passions, and we can do this best when all students are respectfully following the school rules so that everyone can make the most of their experience at GJHS.

Thank you,

Tom LeFebre, *Dean of Students*

Advertise your business in the GJHS Monthly Newsletter. Distribution to over 1500 households per month at reasonable rates.

Contact Steve Brown at steve.brown@d51schools.org

Principal's Letter *(continued)*

We assume that you are familiar with the district policies regarding vaccinations and masks, and if you have questions, please check out the district website at d51schools.org for complete information. Our goal is to create a safe place for all students to learn, so we will be adhering to the district's policies if things should change as the year progresses.

We are moving back to our pre-pandemic bell schedule which can also be found on the school website. On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, students will attend all 8 class periods, Wednesdays will feature blocks for periods 1, 3, 5, 7 and Thursdays' blocks will be periods 2, 4, 6, 8. Advisory and student time will happen during our block days between the first 2 blocks.

So many wonderful things are happening that we would ask you to pay attention to our information calls that go out through our auto-dialer in the evenings, and watch your email for other important information. If you are not receiving emails from the school, please check with our counseling secretary to make sure that your contact information is correct.

As always, thank you for everything you do to support your student and their education. We are tremendously proud of the community we serve and appreciate the partnership with our Tiger Families.

Go Tigers!

Sincerely,

Meghan Roenicke, Principal

Food Bank of the Rockies and GJHS Interact Club

The Interact Club and The Riverside Educational Center will be holding Fall Food Bank giveaways in conjunction with the Food Bank of the Rockies after school on August 10th & 21st. Distribution for students will begin at 3:15pm. It will open to the community from 3:30-5:15pm in the circle drive in the East Parking lot. If you or anyone you know has food insecurity issues, please come. Everyone is welcome as our students & staff love to serve their community.

Distributions are planned on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, though this may change during the holiday months. If you need more information, please contact Ms. Gentry at Grand Junction High School.



LOOKING FOR MILITARY MOMS!



Is your child considering military service as their next step?
Has your child enlisted but has not yet left for basic training?

Western Slope Blue Star Mothers welcomes and supports Military Mothers-to-be!

We are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or children who are veterans. We have monthly meetings, social gatherings, and opportunities for service!

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Western Slope Blue Star Mothers CO8

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★ Army ★ Navy ★ Air Force ★ Marines ★ Coast Guard ★

Tiger Boutique and Haberdashery

Hello Tiger Families! We are excited to start the 2021-22 school year. We know that you have a choice in schools, and we are so thankful that you chose GJHS! Our school has so much to offer, and one of those offerings is the Tiger Boutique and Haberdashery. The Boutique is stocked with a great selection of clothing, shoes, and toiletries, and everything is absolutely free. Watch for the announcements about our hours or email tigerboutique@d51schools.org to request an appointment time to shop for all your student's back to school necessities.

Unfortunately (and fortunately) we cannot accept any new donations of clothing at this time due to lack of space. If you have donations you would like to make, please email in September to see what our inventory looks like. Thank you.

ELF—The Musical! Auditions

Elf the Musical Auditions will be held on August 30-Sept 1st, with anticipated performance dates of Dec 10-12 and 17-19, 2021. All High School (and Middle School students) are invited to audition. Please contact Ms. Neumiller at audrey.neumiller@d51schools.org if you have questions or would like an audition packet. This will be a wildly fun and family friendly show!

Travel to France

There are spots open to travel to France, Monaco, and Italy on the May 2022 trip. Please contact Mrs. Cronk if you are interested. jodee.cronk@d51schools.org

Interested in Travel to Ecuador?



Join us June 2022 in traveling to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands! This is an amazing opportunity for students to experience another country, practice speaking Spanish, and earn high school or college credit while they're doing it

Contact Señora Henao at sarah.henao@d51schools.org for information or go to the website at www.explorica.com/Henao-1425.

Keeping the Campus Clean

Two new trash cans have been added to the Parking Lot East of the Math Building to help keep our Campus free of litter. Please make sure you are getting your trash disposed of properly and that your fellow classmates are respecting the community and our grounds keeping staff by keeping litter off the ground around our campus. In addition, our Freshman Seminar student and Athletic teams will be spending time to make sure that our campus is trash free.

Health Office Notices

Hello and welcome back to school!

I want to take a moment to introduce myself. I am Mel McConnell, your school Registered Nurse. We have 2 Health Assistants, Radawna Clark-Bobbitt and Melinda Garcia.

While completing the online registration for your student, you had the chance to review their health information. If your students' historical health information needs updated or changed please email me at Melissa.McConnell@d51schools.org. I will get back to you as soon as possible to get any issues resolved quickly.

Also, our health assistants will be in the health office. This would be a very good time to bring in any doctor's orders, immunization records (including COVID vaccine cards) and medications to avoid longer wait times at the health office on the first day of school.

Hope you have a great start of school!

Mel McConnell— RN, BSN

Radawna Clark-Bobbitt—Health Assistant

Melinda Garcia—Health Assistant

970-254-6900 x24191

German Student Travel Exchange

GJHS partnered with Gymnasium Markt Indersdorf since 2021 Grand Junction has a partner school in southeastern Germany in the Munich area. We are hoping that we can restart our exchange this coming Spring with a group from our partner school coming to Grand Junction. We will host these students and then they will host us in the beginning of the summer of 2022.

Our exchange is unique in that the student whom you host will in turn host your child. It's a window into culture and language as well as a bond between two students, which will last a lifetime. Our exchange is twenty years old and several of our students have gone on to study in Germany as well as expand their language capabilities into other foreign languages. The length of each leg of the exchange is three weeks.

As soon as we have a better idea of what the exchange details will be, we will have an informational meeting. If you would like to talk to me about our exchange, please contact me at the following number: Ralph Wahlers—970-201-3477

Tiger Football Fundraiser

The GJHS Football Team will be selling their "Tiger Cards" between August 11-23. Cards are \$25 and have a wide variety of discounts and deals to be used at merchants and restaurants in the Grand Junction area. The team would greatly appreciate your support by purchasing one of these cards!

Tiger Pride Marching Band Yard Sale!

The Tiger Pride will be holding a yard sale in front of the high school on August 14th starting at 7am. The band will accept any donations except clothing and mattresses on August 13th between 6 & 7 pm on the west side of the school. All money goes straight to supporting our great marching Tigers!

REC offers Afterschool Tutoring In-person

The Riverside, REC, afterschool program will continue to offer homework support, and tutoring Mondays through Thursdays 3:30 until 5:30. If you are interested in learning more about REC, please email Ms. Gentry at cheyanne.gentry@d51schools.org.

Orange and Black Online

Tigers, don't forget that the student newspaper, The Orange & Black, works to keep up with all the important school news, events, and issues. Follow our website, oandbnews.com, or follow us on social media (Instagram and Twitter: [gjhs_oandb](https://www.instagram.com/gjhs_oandb)) for news, unique campus stories and student perspectives on today's most important topics. To see our past issues, visit https://issuu.com/gjhs_oandb

Library News!

Welcome back to school, and back to the GJHS Library!

If you're new here, the library is the place to:

- Find reading material...or get help finding a great book for class or for pleasure
- Chill out during down time
- Find company if you're lonely or don't know what to do with yourself
- Join Book Club!
- Sit & color or draw (it's a good way to de-stress! We have coloring sheets & markers to check out)
- Find school supplies if you need some
- Get username and password information
- Use a computer for school work or to print off one's schedule
- Ask random questions (We've been around here a while and can usually figure things out!)

If you stop by, say hi to me (Mrs. Middlemas) or Ms. Lori, our amazing Library Secretary!

D51 Foundation Grants





At Grand Junction



WE ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME.



**WE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN LEARNING AND
COMPLETE WORK WITH INTEGRITY.**



**WE LISTEN TO, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND RESPOND
TO ONE ANOTHER.**



**WE USE TECHNOLOGY (I.E., CELL PHONES)
POLITELY AND RESPONSIBLY.**



**WE USE APPROPRIATE AND PROFESSIONAL VERBAL
AND PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES.**



WE MAKE SAFE, HEALTHY, LEGAL CHOICES.