

Grand Junction High School



August 2016

Ari Goldberg, Principal | Carol Coburn, Assistant Principal | Meghan Roenicke, Assistant Principal
Alicia Timbreza, Assistant Principal | Tom LeFebre, Dean of Students | Carol Sams, Director of Athletics

Important Dates

New Student Registration

August 3, 4 and 9, 2016
7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
@ Counseling Office

Back to School Night

August 8, 2016
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Make Up Check In

August 8, 2016 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
@ Commons

Make Up Check In

August 9, 2016 8 to 11 a.m.
@ Cafeteria and Commons

First day of school

August 10, 2016
7:25 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

School Pictures

August 16, 2016
7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Educator Effectiveness-No School

September 2, 2016

Homecoming Football Game

September 2, 2016

A Message From Principal Ari Goldberg:

Greetings Tiger families!

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. I want to offer a warm welcome from the GJHS staff. For our veteran families, welcome back, for our new families, welcome to high school! This next school year will be an exciting one. Grand Junction High School has been providing a tradition of excellence since 1911. As always, we have some great opportunities for students and families this year. The teachers and staff at GJHS will work hard to ensure that all 1750 students that walk through the doors this year have a wonderful high school opportunity. As a comprehensive 21st century high school, students will have opportunities in all developmental areas such as learning and academics, social and emotional development, athletics, clubs, music, arts, and transitioning to becoming independent adults. High school is definitely a time in our student's lives that drives future decisions and pathways, and allows students to explore and develop who they are becoming. I will assure you that we hold very high standards and expectations and we will support and foster your student's development through these teenage years. In addition, we will try our best to communicate the wonderful things we are doing with your students.

As students gear up for the school year, it is a good idea to start those rituals and routines before the first day of school so that not everything is new all at once. This year is going to be an amazing year. We have so many great things we are doing with your students. For our incoming Freshmen families and parents, we are going to work very hard to help our incoming freshmen transition to the world of high school faster and with more support than they have had in the past. We have shifted our lunch schedule so that freshmen will have a separate lunch from the upper classmen and will remain on campus. We have added an access class, or a homeroom class. This class is where freshmen will be supported with a classroom teacher and upper class mentors to help provide the wonderful opportunities that GJHS offers.

This year we are also changing our late start Monday's to an early release Thursday. Our data suggests that we have the most students missing class time on Tuesdays and Thursdays due to afterschool activities and sports. So the shift is to reduce the amount of class time lost on Thursday afternoons. Students will be released at 2:15 on

Important Dates Continued

Homecoming Dance

September 3, 2016

Labor Day-No School

September 5, 2016

Parent/Teacher Conferences

September 8, 2016 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

School Picture ReTakes

September 20, 2016

7 to noon

Thursdays. The bus schedule will not change and will continue to transport students at 2:50 on Thursdays. Students who wait for rides or ride the bus are welcome to be on campus until being picked up like any other school day. Students who remain on campus will have the options of doing homework, socializing with friends and hanging out in a respectful manner. The early release time on Thursday's will be used mostly for professional development and meeting times for teachers. Some of the time may be used for clubs and activities. A schedule of the times and purpose will be sent out at a later date.

Please make sure to read the newsletter to find out information regarding check in dates, back to school night, and other important beginning of the year dates. I look forward to a great year with all of you!

Go Tigers,
Ari Goldberg

School Bus Information

Follow this link to find out bus information for your student.

<https://connect.d51schools.org/sites/shared/Pages/transportation.aspx>

District 51 is heading into its second year with SafeStop, an app that shows parents the location of their child's bus and offers updates on route changes and delays. Administrators can also set up accounts with SafeStop to track your school's buses and stayed informed about busing. If you are interested in SafeStop training or setting up an account, please contact Ellen Purtell at 843-998-1597 or epurtell@safestopapp.com.

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BOOSTER CLUB

The Grand Junction High School Booster Club is always looking for new members. In order for the Booster Club to function and provide continued support of our 40 plus Tiger activities, we need more parent members and parent involvement. Last school year the Booster Club was able to donate over \$51,000 to many of the Tiger programs and activities. Without this generous support of time and money, we would have to continue to cut back on programs and what our programs are able to offer and accomplish for your students.

If you have never attended a Booster Club meeting and are interested in doing so, please come and check it out. The typical agenda for a meet is: to first hear requests from school groups asking for money, then discussion and voting on approving the requests, followed with a monthly financial report, and finally a discussion of Bingo business. We like to keep the meetings to about an hour. Meetings are usually held the second Monday of the month during the school year at 6:00 pm in Room 115. There may be an exception to this if a Monday falls during a break or is a vacation day.

The August Booster Club meeting will be Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:00 PM in Room 115.

If you are interest in becoming a Booster Club member or in volunteering, please contact: Booster Club President Trina Brillhart at trina.brillhart@gmail.com or GJHS Athletic/Activities Director Carol Sams at 254-6900 or carol.sams@d51schools.org



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Faculty &
families of
GJHS

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August 8,
5pm to
7pm

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the
cafeteria

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burgers
and chips
during
Open
House!!

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Important information about Check-In:

What it is...

Every family needs to complete the Check-In process for students at the beginning of each school year. This involves several required things including, but not limited to:

- Verifying your personal information
- Updating custody information (bring any new court documents)
- Updating health and immunization information (bring any new documentation)
- Completing the Media and Publicity Consent form
- Signing the internet use agreement (freshmen and students new to GJHS only)
- Completing the Military Opt Out form if desired (juniors only)

Families may also apply for:

- Free/Reduced Lunch Program
- Parking permit (eligible juniors and seniors only)
 - o There is no charge for the permit, but you will need to bring:
 - Student's Driver's license
 - Vehicle registration
 - Proof of insurance
 - Your parent

At Check-In your student will get:

- Class schedule
- Locker assignment
- Individualized list of fees*

*Fees are payable with credit card through My Payments Plus, check, or cash.

When and where it is...

Check-In is held in the Student Commons and Cafeteria area of the building with the starting point at the east door into the Student Commons.

If you did not make it to one of the Regular Check-In times...

If you need an alternate time to check in, please come at one of the scheduled times for Make-up Check-In, which will also be held in the Student Commons and Cafeteria area. Make-up Check-In is open to students of all grades.

Dates and Times for Make-up Check-In* are:

Monday, August 8, 4:30 – 7:30 pm (Same day as Back to School Night, which 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm)

Tuesday, August 9, 8:00 – 11:00 am

*Counselors will not be available on either of the Make-up Check-In times.

Back to School Night: Monday, August 8, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Back to School Night is the chance to come to school with your student to meet his or her teachers* and see the classrooms and school in general ahead of the first day of classes. (The first day of classes is Wednesday, August 10.) Back to School Night uses an open house format. You are free to come and go during the two hour period according to what is convenient for you.

2016 Fall Sports and Coach Contacts

CROSS COUNTRY - Mark Zajackowski Mark.zajackowski@d51schools.org	SOCCER (Boys) - Steve Latta Sl9futebol@hotmail.com
FOOTBALL - Mike Sirko msirko@comcast.net	TENNIS (Boys) - Carol Elliott Carol.elliott@d51schools.org
VOLLEYBALL - Jeff Wells Gjhsvball1@gmail.com	POMS - Season Gunderson Seazng25@icloud.com
CHEER - Malori Edris Medris91@gmail.com	SOFTBALL - Si Espinoza Si.espinoza@d51schools.org
GOLF (Boys) - Tom Lefebre Tom.lefebre@d51schools.org	

Grand Junction High School Fall Sports

Online registration is open.

GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION HOW TO REGISTER GUIDE

GJHS Athletics 2016-17

- Each Student Athlete must register Online with Family ID. New students to Grand Junction HS must sign up and create an account. Returning students log in to your account and update information.
- Each Student Athlete must turn into the ATHLETIC OFFICE a current physical (within the last 365 days). Physical forms can be printed off on the Family ID site under Links and/or a form picked up in the GJHS Athletic Office. Physical must be SIGNED and DATED BY THE DOCTOR, clearly stating:
Cleared for all sports without restriction
- Athletic Fee of \$140.00 per sport is DUE prior to first official practice.
- Online payment (starting June 4) through My Payments Plus on the Family ID site under Links.

Athletic Participation Online Sign-up (www.familyid.com)

<https://www.familyid.com/grand-junction-high-school>

Another option on the GJHS Website

- Go to the Grand Junction High School website (<http://gjhs.mesa.k12.co.us/>), click on Departments tab, then Athletics, and then go to Forms tab and click on Athletic Participation Registration. This will direct you to FamilyID where you can register for sports.

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STUDENT CLOTHING AT GJHS

Guidelines for Student Clothing at GJHS

At GJHS we strive to offer the best possible setting for learning for all our students. In support of this, we expect students at Grand Junction High School to dress in a manner that is appropriate for school, where the primary focus is to be on learning. This means wearing clothing that, while expressing personality, also is modest and respectful of others. With this in mind, we offer the following condensed dress code rules:

Look for clothing that...

- Covers undergarments. This includes bra straps and boxers.
- Covers traditionally private parts of the body. This includes upper legs and torso (stomach, buttocks, back, chest, and breasts). Short shorts are not school appropriate.
- Is long enough to maintain modesty when viewed from the back, as well as the front. This applies most to skirts and dresses, which need adequate length. Remember that you may need to walk up the stairs, bend over, or sit on the floor at some point during the day. Make sure you can do this and stay covered.
- Stays up, rather than sagging. (Baggy pants and low necklines tend to keep moving down.)

Avoid clothing that...

- Is strapless, asymmetrical (one shouldered), open-backed (halter tops), or spaghetti strapped. These tops might be great layering pieces but should be covered at all times.
- Exposes torso skin, undergarments, or otherwise inappropriate areas of skin (e.g., muscle shirts, see-through tops, low cut tops, short shorts, jeans with "fashion holes").
- Has images or messages that degrade any race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
- Has images or messages that are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous.
- Has images or messages that promote are suggestive of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sexual activity, or weapons.
- Has images or messages that denote or suggest membership in a gang. (This includes bandanas of any color other than orange or black, which are only allowed on spirit days.)

(For a complete explanation of our Dress Code, please see Section III - C on pages 32 - 34 of the Student Handbook.)

Please keep these guidelines in mind as you shop for school clothing for your student and also as you monitor how they dress for school each day this year. Parental support of these guidelines is so important and helpful. Thank you for your support in this aspect of your student's participation at Grand Junction High School.

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GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Block Periods

Traditional Periods

1st Block 7:25-9:00	1 7:25-8:10
	2 8:15-9:00
3rd Block 9:05-10:45	3 (Announcements) 9:05-9:55
	4 10:00-10:45
5A 9th Grade - 10:50-11:35 10th-12th Grade - LUNCH	
5B 10th-12th Grade - 11:35-12:20 9th Grade - LUNCH	
5th Block (10th-12th only) 11:35-1:10	
	6 12:25-1:10
7th Block 1:15-2:50	7 1:15-2:00
	8 2:05-2:50

GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL THURSDAY / ADVISORY BELL SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Block Periods	Traditional Periods
1st Block 7:25-8:44	1 7:25-8:02
	2 8:07-8:44
3rd Block 8:49-9:28 & 10:08-10:45	3 8:49-9:28 (announcements)
	Advisory 9:33-10:03
	4 10:08-10:45
5A 9 th Grade - 10:50-11:27 10 th -12 th - Lunch	
5B 10 th -12 th Grade - 11:32-12:09 9 th Grade - Lunch	
5th Block (10 th -12 th Only) 11:32-12:51	
	6 12:14-12:51
7th Block 12:56-2:15	7 12:56-1:33
	8 1:38-2:15
EARLY RELEASE - 2:20-3:05 Teacher PLT & Meeting Time	

School District 51

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2016-2017 School Year GJHS Calendar

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School Not In Session
Teacher In-service
 August 5 & 8, 2016

Teacher Work Days
 August 4 & 9, 2016
 October 17, 2016
 January 3, 2017
 March 10, 2017
 May 25, 2017

Educ. Effectiveness Planning Day
 September 2, 2016

HS In-Service
 October 27 - 28, 2016

HS Non-contact
 May 4 & 5, 2017

School In Session Parent/Teacher Conferences
 September 8, 2016
 November 10, 2016
 February 2, 2016
 April 13, 2016
 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Schools Not In Session

- September 5..... Labor Day
- October 3 - 7..... Fall Break
- November 21 - 25..... Thanksgiving Break
- December 19 - January 2..... Winter Break
- January 16..... Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 20..... Presidents' Day
- March 20 - 24..... Spring Break

T	Teacher In-service - No School
C	Parent Teacher Conferences-School In Session
N	Non-Contact Day-No School
G	Graduation-No School
W	Teacher Work Day - No School
EE	Teacher Educator Effectiveness- No School
•	Last Day of Quarter-School In Session
	No School

Statistical Record Data

Total number of contact days elementary -	165
Total number of contact days middle -	166
Total number of contact days high -	169

Classes Begin..... August 10, 2016
 1st Quarter Ends..... October 14, 2016 (40 ES/MS - 41 HS)
 2nd Quarter Ends..... December 16, 2016 (36 ES/MS - 37 HS)
 3rd Quarter Ends..... March 9, 2017 (43 ES - 44 MS - 45 HS)
 4th Quarter Ends..... May 24, 2017 (46 ES/MS - 46 HS)

General Staff Information

High School Principals' First Day July 6, 2016
 Middle School Principals' First Day July 21, 2016
 Elementary School Principals' First Day July 21, 2016
 Teachers' First Day August 4, 2016
 Teachers' Last Day May 25, 2017
 Elementary School Principals' Last Day June 8, 2017
 Middle School Principals' Last Day June 8, 2017
 High School Principals' Last Day June 21, 2017

Adopted March 1, 2016