



# Griswold Public Schools

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November 19th, 2020

Dear GPS:

Please scroll down. Thank you!!!!



## TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 11/20

### GES

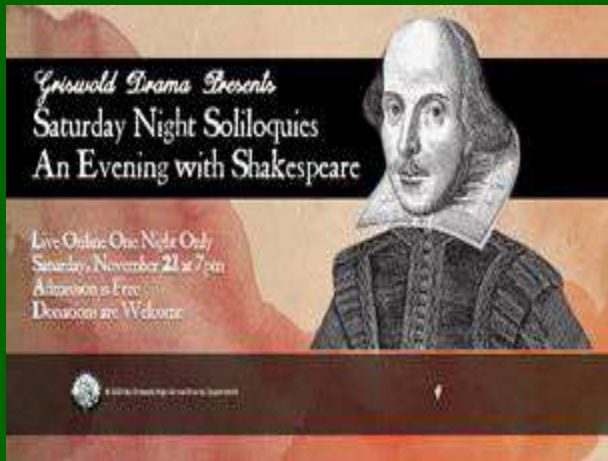
- PK - AM: 9:00 am-11:30 am
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### GMS

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### GHS

We look forward to seeing our 11th and 12th graders in-person tomorrow, and our 9th and 10th grade virtually.



**Griswold Drama is presenting *Saturday Night Soliloquies: An Evening with Shakespeare* this Saturday at 7:00 p.m.**

The show is live online, free, and lasts about 30 minutes. It can be seen on the Griswold Drama site, the district's site, and the school's FaceBook page.

Seven students will be presenting a total of ten soliloquies from their home stages.

TO LEARN MORE--CLICK  
HERE:

[https://www.griswolddr  
ama.com/](https://www.griswolddr<br/>ama.com/)

**AN UPDATE ON  
OUR DAILY  
UPDATES**

**STARTING NEXT WEEK  
AND THEREAFTER, WE  
WILL SEND OUT A  
“WEEKLY UPDATE,”  
INSTEAD OF DAILY  
UPDATES, TO  
STREAMLINE OUR  
COMMUNICATION  
APPROACH.  
WE HOPE YOU FIND  
THIS HELPFUL**

**AS ALWAYS, FEEL  
FREE TO CONTACT US  
DIRECTLY SHOULD  
YOU NEED  
INFORMATION.**

**WELCOME BACK TO  
THE HYBRID  
MODEL!!!!!!**

**LET'S ALL FOLLOW  
THESE BASIC  
GUIDELINES TO KEEP  
ONE ANOTHER SAFE AT  
SCHOOL!**

**LET'S WORK TOGETHER, GPS!!!!**



If sick for whatever reason, stay home. Contact a medical professional. If you have COVID symptoms or have been around a positive case, get tested. Contact us directly to report any illnesses!!



Wear a mask in public and when around others--at all times!!!



Wash your hands/sanitize your hands, for at least 20 seconds, and throughout the day.

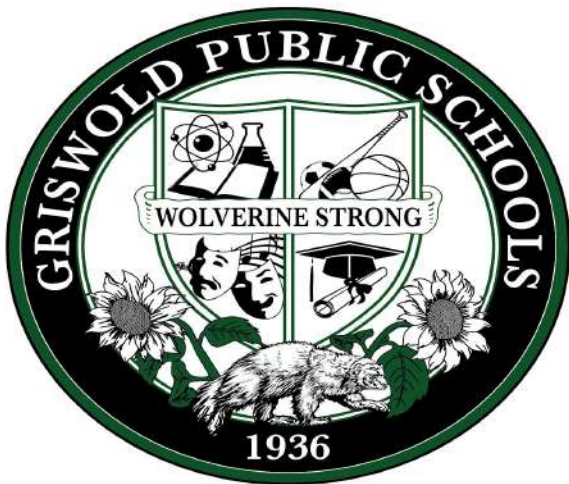


Avoid close contact!!! Watch your distance--keep at least a 6 feet distance between people.

**UPDATE ON  
GPS  
WINTER SPORTS**



**THE CIAC (THE  
CONNECTICUT  
INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETIC  
CONFERENCE),  
WHICH GOVERNS  
PUBLIC SCHOOL  
SPORTS, HAS  
POSTPONED THE  
START OF WINTER  
SPORTS UNTIL  
JANUARY 19TH,  
2021--[READ MORE  
HERE.](#)**



**PLEASE JOIN US IN  
RECOGNIZING OUR  
EMPLOYEE OF THE  
QUARTER, GMS'S  
SARAH DOLAN-ADAMEC!**

**CONGRATULATIONS,  
SARAH!!! WE APPRECIATE  
ALL THAT YOU DO.**

**[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE.](#)**

## **School Contact Information**

**Parents and students should contact their school directly or their school nurse with any questions or reporting regarding COVID-19 testing and/or exposure. We are here to help. Thank you.**



Please contact our *schools ahead of time*, if you need to visit our main offices.

### **Griswold Elementary School**

**Phone: 860-376-7610**

**Joe Bordeau, Principal:**

**[jbordeau@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:jbordeau@griswoldpublicschools.org)**

**Jackie Love, Assistant Principal:**

**[jlove@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:jlove@griswoldpublicschools.org)**

**Tonia Soper, School Nurse**

**[tsoper@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:tsoper@griswoldpublicschools.org)**

### **Griswold Middle School**

**Phone: 860-376-7630**

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**Renee Normandie, School Nurse**

**[rnormandie@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:rnormandie@griswoldpublicschools.org)**

### **Griswold High School**

**Phone 860-376-7640**

**Erin Palonen, Principal**

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**Marceline Dillon, Assistant Principal**

**[mdillon@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:mdillon@griswoldpublicschools.org)**

**Denise Tedeschi, School Nurse**

**[dtedeschi@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:dtedeschi@griswoldpublicschools.org)**

### **District & Reporting Liaison**

**Stephen Cravinho, Director Athletics & Campus**

**Wide Activities**

**[scravinho@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:scravinho@griswoldpublicschools.org)**

**860-376-7640**



**We have added a section  
about local testing to our  
[School Reopening  
Website.](#)**

**TESTING  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM GRISWOLD  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
--[PLEASE CLICK  
HERE.](#)**

**FREE DRIVE-THRU  
TESTING OFFERED  
BY UCFS  
--[PLEASE CLICK  
HERE.](#)**



# Connecticut COVID-19 Response



Get answers.

Get help.

Get involved.

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## Travel Advisory for Visitors to Connecticut

## **TRAVELING DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON?**

**PLEASE REVIEW [THIS  
NOVEMBER 3rd, 2020,  
TRAVEL ADVISORY  
LETTER.](#)**

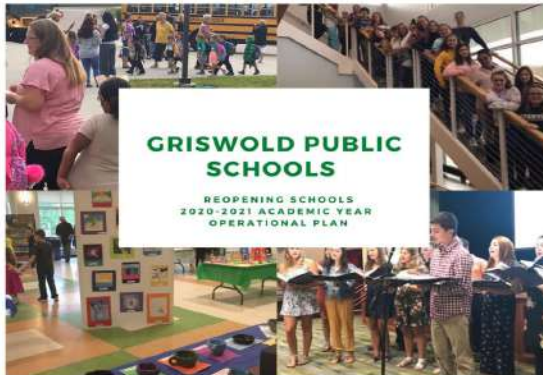
**THE GUIDANCE IS  
HELPFUL TO TRAVEL  
SAFELY TO AND FROM  
CONNECTICUT.**

**THANK YOU.**

# SUPPORT



**THE GPS TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT IS HERE TO HELP. WE WILL BE OFFERING SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES. TO LEARN MORE, [CLICK HERE](#).**



**VERSION 4.0**

**THE REOPENING PLAN**

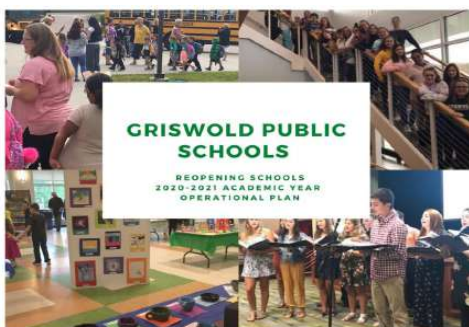
**TO STAY CURRENT WITH THE DIFFERENT UPDATES FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, WE MADE CHANGES TO OUR REOPENING PLAN. THE CHANGES WILL NOT IMPACT OUR CURRENT PROGRAMMING UNDER THE HYBRID MODEL. WE HAVE OUTLINED THE CHANGES ON PAGE 5 OF VERSION 4.0 FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. [YOU CAN REVIEW THOSE CHANGES AND THE NEW PLAN BY CLICKING HERE](#).**



**A REMINDER: ALL SCHOOL MEALS WILL BE FREE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**GRAB & GO WILL BE AVAILABLE MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS FROM 7:45 am - 12 noon. PLEASE REVIEW THIS LETTER FROM TOM O'CONNOR, DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES--[CLICK HERE.](#)**

## **SCHOOL REOPENING WEBSITE**

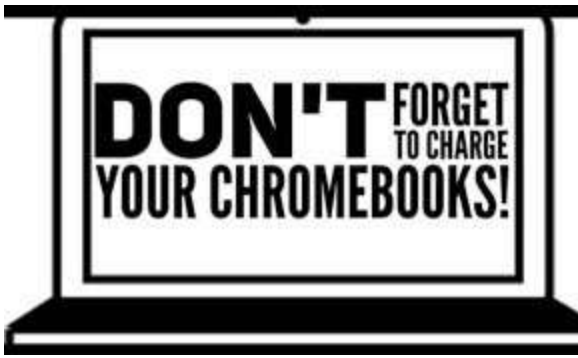


**OUR SCHOOL REOPENING WEBSITE HAS LOTS OF INFORMATION, AND WE UPDATE THE PAGE REGULARLY. TO ACCESS THE SITE, [PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)**



**ALL STUDENTS WHO OPT TO PARTICIPATE IN FULL DISTANCE LEARNING MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A FORM TO THEIR SCHOOL. [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE DISTANCE LEARNING FORM.](#)**

**NOTE: IF A STUDENT WHO ORIGINALLY REGISTERED FOR DISTANCE LEARNING HAS DECIDED TO ATTEND SCHOOL UNDER THE HYBRID MODEL, THEN THAT STUDENT AND FAMILY MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL AND ALLOW FOR PROCESSING TIME TO MAKE THE SWITCH.**



**SUPER IMPORTANT:  
WE NEED YOUR HELP GPS  
STUDENTS!!!  
BE SURE TO CHARGE YOUR  
CHROMEBOOKS EVERY NIGHT!!!!**

**We hope that you are all safe and well.**

**Sincerely yours,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean P. McKenna". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Sean P. McKenna,  
Superintendent of Schools**