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Welcome TO GMS!!

- 800+ GMS Students
- Back to School Tips
- Important Digital Parent Resources
- Helpful Staff

WELCOME TO

Gulf Middle



"I am very excited to welcome all of our students back to in-person learning this school year. We have a great school with highly successful students that continue to impress us all each and every day."

WES MORELAND,
PRINCIPAL, GMS

800+ students return to Gulf Middle School

As we open our school doors for the beginning of the 2021-22 school year, we will be welcoming back over 800 students.

As we start the new year, please review the many sections and items available in this newsletter and the monthly newsletters that will follow. These items will help your child have a great start of the school year.

We are very happy to have your student as part of our Gulf Middle School student body & we look forward to a great school year!!





Back-to-school Tips

- Get your child on a schedule. Research shows that successful students usually have set times for sleep, eating, homework time, exercise and activities.
- Set up your Parent FOCUS Portal and review grades and assignments with your child weekly.
- Check your contact information on FOCUS and School Messenger. Please update any information as needed.
- Review the Dress Code and Code of Conduct with your child. Being aware of the school expectations helps students have a good start to the school year. Both of these items are available on our school website.

Important Digital Parent Resources

- Focus Parent Portal provides parents/guardians a real-time view of your child's assignment grades, class grade, attendance, referrals, progress monitoring results, report cards, interim report cards, and beginning of the year forms such as Student Emergency and Health form and Directory form. Information about this and access is available through this [link](#).
- Parents / legal guardians, please read and review the Parent Guide & Code of Conduct for Students document with your child. Information about this and access is available through this [link](#).
- Wondering where your child's bus is? The district does use "WheresTheBus". This is an app you can download and use from your phone.
 - Where's the Bus App
 - Click on this [link](#).
 - Click on Setup Account
 - Select Lee County Schools (FL)
 - Click Continue
 - Add Student(s) (must have your student ID#)
- Communication, Emergency Alerts and Notifications
 - SchoolMessenger® Communicate is a program that enables administration from the District and schools to send families important messages, emergency broadcasts, attendance alerts and event reminders. Directions and information about this can be found using this [link](#).



- The School District of Lee County mobile app provides quick, easy access to valuable information and tools. It's your District available at your fingertips! Click on this [link](#) for information about it.



Helpful Staff

Our administrative and guidance teams support our students based upon an alpha listing. Please do not hesitate to contact either your child's guidance counselor or assistant principal if you need help.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Winfield



SCHOOL COUNSELOR
Mrs.
Hartmann-
Scott

The first half of the student body

Mrs. Winfield and Mrs. Hartmann-Scott work with students whose last names begin with A through L.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Mr. Toadvine



SCHOOL COUNSELOR
Mrs. Scibetta

The second half of the student body

Mr. Toadvine and Mrs. Scibetta work with students whose last names begin with A through L.

Attendance and Transportation Help

If you have questions about your child's attendance or transportation. Please contact Sandra Laborde in the front office.

Before and After Care Program

We have a before and aftercare program for our students. if you would like more information about the program please click on this [link](#).