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## GMS Email Template

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**September 10<sup>th</sup> – September 14<sup>th</sup>**

Welcome back Clipper Families! We hope you all enjoyed your summer vacation and are ready for another great year. The PTSA is already in full swing planning & preparing for a new year of service to our students & amazing faculty. We'd love for you to join us!

**Monday 9/10**

"A" Day

**Tuesday 9/11**

"B" Day

**Wednesday 9/12**

"A" Day

Field Hockey scrimmage vs. Peasley, 4:30

**Thursday 9/13**

"B" Day

**Friday 9/14**

"A" Day

GMS Team Pictures, 3:00

### ***Important Dates***

September 17: Student Fall Pictures

September 18: Student Fall Pictures

September 18: Field Hockey scrimmage @Tabb, 4:30

September 18: Football vs. Hornsby @Bailey Field, 4:30

September 19: Volleyball vs. Queens Lake, 4:30

September 20: GMS Back to School Night (grades 6-8), 6:00-8:00

September 22: GMS Chess Tournament, 8:00-5:00

September 24: Volleyball @New Kent, 4:30

September 25: Football @Toano, 4:30

September 26: Volleyball vs. Toano, 4:30

### ***News You Can Use***

**Student Fees:** If you were not able to pay your fees at Open House please send them with your student.

**Get Involved:** Visit the GMS *Activities & Clubs* page to find out about all the wonderful activities and clubs GMS has to offer: <https://ycsd.yorkcountyschools.org/Page/2378>. Activity buses run on Tuesdays and Thursdays and depart GMS at 4:00.

**School Safety Drills Notice:** Over the course of the school year, the school will hold several drills to help ensure that students and staff know what steps to take in the event of an emergency. These drills include, but are not limited to, fire, tornado and lockdown. Sometimes these drills will be planned, while other times spontaneous drills are held to assess everyone's ability to respond quickly to emergencies. Many drills are held in conjunction with the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office and the Department of Fire and Life Safety. Please note that if you arrive at school during a drill, you will be asked to remain outside until the drill concludes. We appreciate your cooperation and apologize in advance for any inconvenience. To reduce confusion in the event of a true emergency, we will not call or email families when we hold a drill at our school unless there are unusual circumstances. If you have any questions about our efforts to keep our school safe for students and staff, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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### ***PTSA News***

**Back To School Night Info:** We hope you are enjoying your child returning to school and that your child is settling into the daily routine of school. This is a friendly reminder that the Grafton Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) will be accepting **memberships** during Back-to-School night on

Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost for joining the PTSA is \$5.00 per member. Additionally, your PTSA will be selling **Lockerworks** organizers at the open-house, the cost is \$20 for non-PTSA members or \$18 for members of the PTSA. If you are a PTSA member and didn't purchase a Lockerworks during open-house just show your PTSA membership card to get the Lockerworks organizer for \$18.00

Here is to a great school year...

Your PTSA...GO BIG RED!!!!!!

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**Your PTSA Needs You!** We organize many programs, activates & fundraisers throughout the year to benefit our school and the education of our children: Variety Show, Reflections, school Dances, Read Across America, Teacher Appreciation luncheons, Career Day, Read Across America, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration, Beautification, Helping Hands & more. We could use your help! Whatever amount of time you can give would be appreciated. Join the PTSA today! Visit our website to find out more: <http://graftonmiddle.my-pta.org/index.asp?PageID=0>

**2018-2019 Reflections:** PTA Reflections is celebrating its 50th year of encouraging students to share their creativity. The PTA Reflections theme for the 2018-2019 school year is "*Heroes Around Me*". Students can create one original artwork in as many of the following categories as they like: Visual Arts, Photography, Literature,

Film Production, Dance Choreography and Musical Composition.

Deadline is **October 16, 2018**. Please put your artwork in a protective plastic covering (page protector or wrap in clear cellophane) and attach a signed and completed entry form in an envelope to the back of each submission. Check the submission requirements and rules for your chosen category as some of them have changed. Submit your work to the school office. Rules, submission requirements and entry forms can be found at [www.vapta.org/arts-and-education/reflections](http://www.vapta.org/arts-and-education/reflections)

Another way to participate is in the Theme Search. Think of a theme for the 2020-2021 Reflections competition and submit your entry to the front office. The entry form can be found on the same website as listed above.

If you have any questions contact the Reflections Chair, Stephanie Schmuck at [butterflyvisions4art@gmail.com](mailto:butterflyvisions4art@gmail.com)

**Please Clip & Save!** We want to remind families that we still collect Box Tops & Tyson Labels as a fundraiser. This is one of the few fundraisers we do and the amount we have received has declined over the years. We have a mailbox collection container for your students located near the entrance hall/elevator.

**Kroger Community Rewards Program:** Shop & earn cash for GMS! Register your Kroger Plus card online: [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com), GMS School Code: **89016**.

Remember, you must re-register your card each school year.

## **YCSD**

**New Website:** All York County School Division school websites have been recently redesigned to provide site visitors a more user-friendly experience. Please visit the new & improved GMS website: <https://ycsd.yorkcountyschools.org/Page/2122>

**Mobile App:** YCSD has implemented a new communication tool to provide parents and students access to information. [http://yorkcountyschools.org/docs/YCSD\\_AppFlier.pdf](http://yorkcountyschools.org/docs/YCSD_AppFlier.pdf)

**Bus Information:** the "My Stop" application which enables notifications as well as tracking services for parents of school bus riders. This program will allow you to check the estimated time of arrival of your student's bus. You will have the ability to view the actual bus route and see where the school bus is located. <https://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/transportation/myStop.aspx>

### **2018-2019 YCSD Back To School Guide:**

<https://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/studentInfo/backtoSchool/default.html>

### **2018-2019 YCSD Student Calendar:**

<https://yorkcountyschools.org/docs/studentCalendar.pdf>

## **Stay Informed**

York County School Board: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/aboutUs/schoolBoard/default.aspx>

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York County Board of Supervisors: <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/101/Board-of-Supervisors>

Local & State Contacts: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/aboutUs/budget/contacts.aspx>

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GMS website: <https://ycsd.yorkcountyschools.org/Page/2122>

GMS twitter: @graftonms <https://twitter.com/graftonms>

Aspen Family Portal: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/Aspen/default.aspx>

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