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## GMS Email Template

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To: Grafton Middle School Recipients <recipients@yorkcountyschools.parentlink.net>



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**September 24<sup>th</sup> – September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday 9/24**

"A" Day

Volleyball @New Kent, 4:30

**Tuesday 9/25**

"B" Day

Fundraiser Assembly

Football @Toano, 4:30

Clipper Homework Club

Newspaper Club

**Wednesday 9/26**

"A" Day

Field Hockey @Berkeley, 4:30

Volleyball vs. Toano, 4:30

**Thursday 9/27**

"B" Day

Team Pictures-All Fall Sports

French Club

Math Counts

Clipper Homework Club

## **Friday 9/28**

“A” Day

### ***Important Dates***

October 1: Field Hockey vs. Toano, 4:30

October 1: Volleyball @James Blair, 4:30

October 2: Football @Tabb, 4:30

October 3: Field Hockey @Tabb, 4:30

October 5: Early Dismissal 12:05

October 5: Field Hockey @James Blair, 4:30

October 8: PTSA Meeting, GMS, 5:00

October 8: Volleyball @Tabb, 4:30

October 9: Football @York, 4:30

October 10: Field Hockey vs. Peasley, 4:30

October 10: Volleyball vs. Berkeley, 4:30

October 11: Interims Issued

***News You Can Use GMS Fundraiser-New This Year!*** We are happy to announce this year's fundraiser. We are using a simple method to collect donations online. *No* products to sell; *no* deliveries to make! Just create your account online with the information that was sent home with your child. To get started visit: [www.gabigblast.com/GraftonMiddle/welcome](http://www.gabigblast.com/GraftonMiddle/welcome)

Send emails to 20 of your friends and family by Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to win prizes and have your students name in a drawing for a mini-fridge stuffed with cash! All profits will go to helping Grafton Middle School buy new technology for students to use. If your student raises \$50, they can participate in the Big Blast Bounce House Party. There will be an assembly on the 25<sup>th</sup> where your student will learn more. Thanks for your support and send those emails!!

***Science Fair Participants:*** You MUST turn in the topic sheet to your teacher by Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see your teacher if you have any questions.

***Student Drop-Off:*** GMS doors open at 7:50. Please do not drop off your student any earlier. There are no staff members available to supervise.

***Parent Pick-up for Bus Riders:*** If your child is a bus rider and you need to pick them up at the end of the school day please **call before 2:30** and we are happy to inform the student of the change. We discourage parents from texting students while they are on the bus. The bus driver cannot release a student without administrative approval and this can delay our departure.

**Get Involved:** Activities and Clubs will start this week. Students should listen to in school announcements regarding what clubs are meeting, and for any last minute changes. Clubs will be posted on the GMS Facebook page and included in this email. Please have a plan in place for your student in case their club is cancelled—there is not always time for them to call home if it is cancelled at the end of the day. Activity buses run on Tuesdays and Thursdays and depart GMS between 4:00-4:30.

**Activity Buses:** YCSD offer Activity Buses on Tuesdays and Thursdays for students who participate in after school activities & clubs. Students need to know which neighborhood they live in or near. Buses do not have set stops and may drop students off up to a mile from their home. Please visit the GMS website for [Activity Bus route information](#).

### **PTSA News**

**Your PTSA Needs You!** We organize many programs, activities & 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)

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**NEW PTSA Fundraiser-Dollars for Dough:** GMS PTSA has a new fundraiser through Papa John's and all you have to do is enter our online code when you order at [www.papajohns.com](http://www.papajohns.com). The school receives 10% of all net sales every month and a chance to earn up to \$10,000. Help support our school!!! Enter online code: **GRAFTONMS**

**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**

**Aspen Family Portal:** The York County School Division provides private student information online through the Aspen Family Portal. This secure web-based information management system is password-protected and will help to make communication among students, parents, teachers, and administrators more efficient. Families can use the Aspen Family Portal to view student schedules, assignments and grades, as well as daily attendance records and family contact information. For more information please visit the [YCSD Aspen webpage](#).

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**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. To long in you will need your student's id number and birthdate. <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>

\*School Board meetings and work sessions are open to the public. Citizens wishing to address the Board may do so at the regular monthly meetings. A sign-up sheet listing name, address and topic will be placed at the entrance to the boardroom. Persons who wish to address the Board are requested to sign up prior to the start of the Business portion of the meeting.

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

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

## **FYI**

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[Office 365: The Cloud for Students & Teachers](#)

[Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families](#)

[Khan Academy: Student Academic Help](#)

[Prongo: Educational Website](#)

[Fact Monster: homework, facts, games and quizzes](#)

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## **Stay Connected**

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Grafton Middle School PTSA: [Facebook](#)

PTSA website: <http://graftonmiddle.my-pta.org>

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>

YCSD: [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [twitter](#)

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