

FRONTRUNNER

GROVEPORT MADISON SCHOOLS NEWS & UPDATES

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Welcome

Welcome to *FRONTRUNNER*, Groveport Madison Schools' monthly community e-Newsletter. Our goal is to provide parents and community members with news, accomplishments and updates associated with our students, schools, staff and school district.

Looking Back on a Year Filled with Many Accomplishments

As the school year comes to an end, I have had the opportunity to sit back and reflect on all of the incredible things that have happened in our District this year.

Two of our most significant academic successes were having been nominated as an Ohio Leadership Advisory Council "2018 Outstanding School District," and receiving the "Momentum Award" from the Ohio Department of Education. These commendations further affirm to me that we are on the right path to improving student achievement across the District, and that by being intentional in our approach, we should continue to see steady, incremental improvement year-after-year.



Garilee Ogden

Another accomplishment in which we are very proud is the extremely successful first year in the new high school. The new building has created an incredibly positive learning and working environment for students and staff alike, and has allowed us to expand academic opportunities for our high school students. We are now able to provide a wide array of career and college pathways from which students can choose. In addition, thanks to an \$800,000 grant (to be received over the next three years) we will be able to further expand our career pathways and Advanced Placement (AP) programs.

Creating a safe and positive culture and climate in all of our schools is extremely important to us. In addition to the work that we've done in this area, our elementary schools were recently awarded a combined grant of \$35,000 to use to increase social-emotional support for our students and to continue our work in Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS). We also are expanding our counseling services to all elementary schools and increasing the level of social service support available to all students. To further our school safety initiatives and improve customer service efforts, we have reassigned one of our administrators to serve as the Director of Safety and Customer Relations. Through this role, we will be able to focus more attention on school, student, and staff safety, and to enhance our efforts to improve school culture and climate.

Over the past year, we have worked hard to strengthen relationships with all of our stakeholders. This effort is ongoing, and we will continue to engage students, parents, staff, and community members wherever and whenever possible.

Lastly, containing costs and improving organizational efficiency and effectiveness also are among our highest priorities. We have been very strategic in our fiscal planning, while at the same time, looking for ways to expand programs to better serve our students. Just from realigning some responsibilities and leaving some positions unfilled, we have been able to save more than \$700,000 in operational costs.

We are committed to making sure Groveport Madison Local Schools is providing all of the services our students deserve and helping create lifetime memories and successful students who are ready to move on to college, career, or any future path they choose.

It has been an honor to serve as the superintendent of such a great school district. I look forward to many more years of working with our students, parents, staff, and community members to continue the forward momentum we have seen over these past twelve months.

Garilee Ogden
Superintendent

GMHS Graduation Details

More than 360 Groveport Madison High School and Cruiser Academy graduates will walk across the stage on Saturday, June 8, earning applause and praise for their hard work over the past 13 years. Graduation will take place in Cruiser Stadium, beginning at 10 a.m. Graduates and staff will be seated on the field, with parents and other guests being seated in the

bleachers (no tickets are needed for the outdoor graduation activities). The District will again be using the digital scoreboard display to showcase students as they accept their diploma.

Parking is available on the high school's property, as well as at Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools' lot, and the parking lots at the District Service Center (4400 Marketing Place). Handicap permit parking is located to the immediate north of the football stadium.



New this year, the District will be live streaming the graduation ceremony. The video feed can be found at the following locations:

- * YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/?gl=US&tab=r1>
- * Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/gocruisers/>
- * Go Cruisers Website - <http://www.gocruisers.org/Live.aspx>

We wish all of our graduates the very best of luck in their future endeavors, and we look forward to seeing their many accomplishments in the years to come.

Congratulations, Class of 2019!

Students Can Eat Free Through Ohio Summer Food Services Program



Making sure your child gets a good tasting, nutritional lunch during the summer months is easier than you might think. The Ohio Department of Education once again is sponsoring the Summer Food Service Program, providing children with free, healthy meals during the school break.

Lunches are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, Monday, June 17 through Friday, August 9 (not including on July 4th). Locations include:

Madison Township locations include:

- Asbury Elementary School, 5127 Harbor Blvd., Columbus
- Madison Elementary School, 4600 Madison School Dr., Columbus
- Middle School North, 5474 Sedalia Dr., Columbus

Groveport locations include:

- Middle School Central, 751 Main St., Groveport
- Degenhart Park, 300 Lambert St., Groveport

The Summer Food Service Program ensures children ages 18 and under continue to receive nutritious meals during the summer when they do not have access to school breakfasts or lunches. Children with disabilities and approved individualized education programs may participate through age 21. Participation is simple, and no sign up is required. Funding for the program is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Summer Programs Available Through Concord Counseling

Registration is open for Concord Counseling Summer Groups. A wide variety of summer group programs are available at no cost to Groveport Madison students (K-12). Transportation and lunch are provided. Some of the programs include:

- Worry Warriors (grades 2-5) - Teaches students to identify the effects of worry on their body and strategies for managing anxiety
- Zones of Regulation (grades 6-8) - Teaches students how to identify emotional triggers to feelings
- No Pressure (grades 9-12) - Develop healthy communication techniques and peer pressure refusal skills



For details and to sign up, visit [Concord Summer Sessions Sign-up](#).
[View Concord's Summer Session flyer here.](#)

Enrolling for the 2019-2020 School Year



If you're new to the area and need to enroll your child for the 2019-2020 school year, don't wait! Our Enrollment Center will have expanded hours during the summer to accommodate the large number of students that are expected to enroll for the coming school year.

To make enrolling as easy as possible, use our "SpeedyStart" online registration system. Most of the process can be completed from the comfort of your own computer. Once finished with the online process, you will set up a convenient

appointment to come into our Enrollment Center to complete the process. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

To enroll a child or get additional information, visit our Enrollment Center website at www.gocruisers.org/enrollment.aspx or call 614-491-8288.

Keep Your Kid's Brain Sharp Through the Summer Reading Challenge

Studies show that children who read during the summer maintain reading and other literacy skills that are critical to future school success. Under the requirements of the Ohio Third Grade Reading Guarantee, many central Ohio third-graders could be required to repeat the grade if they don't pass the state's reading proficiency test. This makes summer reading even more important, which is why, in addition to the Summer Reading Challenge, Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) locations will continue to offer Reading Buddies practice sessions throughout the summer months.



Students can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and record their progress toward their reading goals from home or any CML location and earn prizes for reading and completing literacy activities. The nine-week program runs through Saturday, Aug. 3. All participants will need a CML library card to sign up.

Visit columbuslibrary.org/summerreading for more information.

School Starts on Thur., Aug. 22 - Check out the 2019-2020 School Calendar

The Groveport Madison Schools 2019-2020 school calendar is available on the District's homepage under the Quick Links section.

[Click to download the 2019-2020 calendar](#)

Share Good News About Groveport Madison Schools!

We know that great news occurs every day. We invite you to share positive news items with us via our social media outlets as well. News and information can be shared via personal messaging on Facebook (Groveport Madison Schools). You can also email us at gm.communications@gocruisers.org, or call us at 614-492-2520.

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