Grand Junction

High School

Principal, Meghan Roenicke

August/September 2022



Asst. Principals

Heather O'Brien Jared Burek Josh Warinner

Home of the Tigers

Letter from the Principal

Steve Woytek Athletic Director

Tom LeFebre Dean of Students

Important Dates

Fall Sports Registration Deadline

August 1

First Day of Fall Sports August 8

Freshman Orientation August 9, 8am-1pm

Back to School Night August 11, 5pm-7pm

First Day of School August 12, 8am

School Picture Day August 15-16

No School—Labor Day September 5

No School -Teacher Workday October 13

No School -Teacher Inservice October 14

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Letter from the Principal

Dear Tiger Families,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer and time with your students. There have been many changes on campus as we have broken ground on the new Grand Junction High School. While this is all very exciting for many of us, it also means we will meet with some challenges over the next two years. The first difference you will notice is that drivers can enter the student parking lot as they always have, but travel around the perimeter is limited. Drivers attempting to enter at the commons doors will need to drive from Tiger Way, following the arrows to the back parking lot. The alley is one way alley traveling south.

We are excited to welcome the largest freshman classes in the past few years, while also welcoming several new teachers, paraprofessionals, a returning counselor, a new assistant principal, and new athletic director. With these changes come a great deal of excitement for our students and families to partner with us to make this the best year possible.

We will have our annual Back-to-School Night from 5:00-7:00 on August 11 th . This will be an open-house format with a brief presentation in the auditorium at 5:00. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Our first day of school will be August 12th, which will allow our staff to attend two days of training for Capturing Kids' Hearts. This training aligns with the D51 Strategic Plan and we hope it will help students feel a greater sense of belonging at GJHS.

We look forward to partnering with all of you as the year continues. We know you have options when it comes to the education of your students, and we truly appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your family to create the brightest future for your students.

Go Tigers!

Meghan Roenicke, Principal



Advertise your business in the GJHS Monthly Newsletter.
Contact Steve Brown at

Registration, Fees, & Counseling Information

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year, we are so excited to see you again! All registration is completed online this year. The link to complete registration can be found here:

https://www.d51schools.org/parents/enrollment and registration The purpose of registration is to update important information such as your family's contact information (such as address and phone numbers), emergency contact information, heath history, and other important data.

To update immunization records, please email a copy to Melissa. McConnell@d51schools.org If you've moved and are updating your address, please send a copy of a utility bill, lease, or mortgage statement to Radawna.Clarkbobbitt@d51schools.org

Paying for school fees, applying for Free and Reduced Lunch, or registering for athletics can all be completed online. Below are links to resources for completing those tasks:

To register for Athletics: https://gjhsd51-ar.rschooltoday.com/

To pay fees online: https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome

To sign up for free & reduced lunch program: https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict

Class Fees: Class fees will be uploaded to My Payments Plus (www.mypaymentsplus.com) on Aug 19th, 2022 to accommodate any schedule corrections. Please pay fees promptly. If you are approved for free/reduced lunches, these fees may be waived. Contact Lori Jacobsen 970-254-6900 x24106 with any questions.

Registration is NOT for changing schedules, getting your student ID, or buying a parking pass. Parking passes will be available in the main office starting August 12. Student IDs will be distributed after School Picture Day, and schedule changes need to be communicated to your counselor before school starts! If you need to modify your schedule, please email your counselor. Your counselor's contact information is below:

A- Cl	Dustin.Giesenhagen@d5lschools.org
Cm - Go	Stacey.Keever@d51schools.org
Gp-K	Alicia.Hampton@d51schools.org
L-N	Chris.Mack@d51schools.org
O-Sh	Lori.Plantiko@d51schools.org
Si-Z	Nicole.Chaffin@d51schools.org

Important dates to add to your calendar:

Monday, August 1 Fall Sports Registration Deadline- Mandatory Boy's Golf practice

First Day of Fall Sports—Mandatory Practice Monday, August 8

Thursday, August 11 Back to School Night 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Tuesday, August 9 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Freshman Orientation Friday, August 12 8:00 am - 3:15 pm FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday August 15th -

Tuesday August 16th Picture Day

Monday, September 5 No School—Labor Day

Special Program Start Dates

High School Scholars courses on the GJHS campus start on Friday, August 12th

WCCC courses start on Monday, August 15th

Early Scholars courses at CMU start on Monday, August 22nd

Student Parking, Pick-up & Drop-off

Student Parking and Drop-off/Pick Up

With construction of the new GJHS on the north side of the school, please be aware of the following Student Parking and Drop-Off/Pick Up locations and traffic flow for the 2022-23 school year.

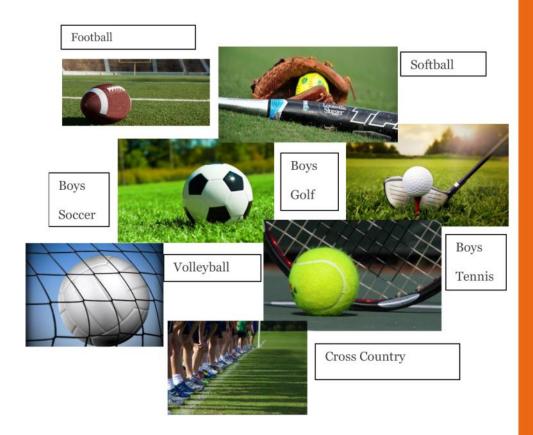
- 1. Student parking is still in the NORTH parking lot. Please observe the one-way arrows to avoid accidents and to create a positive flow of traffic.
- 2. There is no longer access to the back of the building through the North Parking lot. Drop-off/Pick up is still available in the NORTH parking lot along the gym wall, however, please be mindful to follow the one-way arrows when leaving the parking lot.
- 3. Students may also be dropped off at the crosswalks on 5th and Elm as well as 5th and Glenwood (Tiger Way) if driving south on 5th street. (indicated on the attached map)
- 4. Students who park on school property must have a valid parking permit. Parking permits will be available when school begins in the main office. Students will need a driver's license, proof of insurance, and registration as well as license plate number.

If you have any questions, please reach out to school administration. Thank you for your support as we navigate this new school year!!



North Student Parking Lot

Tiger Avenue (Bus Drop-off—Closed to through Traffic



AUGUST 8, 2022 1ST DAY FALL SPORTS

Athletes need to be registered and cleared in the athletics office by Monday, August 1, 2022



Rschooltoday link.html



Click Link

Scan me

All athletes need to be registered and cleared in the athletics office by August 1, 2022 in order to participate in any camps or practices the week prior to mandatory practices beginning on August 8, 2022. If your student athlete registers on August 8, 2022 or later, they will not be eligible to practice or tryout until the following day.

No additional days will be added for tryouts.

You can pay the athletic fee in your students My Payments Plus account beginning on July 1, 2022.



Rschooltoday is open and ready for Fall Sport Registrations How to get cleared for fall sports

Register online through Rschooltoday

Need a current physical uploaded

Pay athletic fee \$140.00

After you have all three of the above items, come to the athletics office for clearance to practice (Pink Sheet)

GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

1400 North Fifth Street Grand Junction, CO 81501 970-254-6900 Ext 24101

The Dean's Desk

I want to warmly welcome everyone back for what we expect to be an outstanding year of learning and fun at GJHS. As students return to school and buy clothes for the new year, please remember that all clothing should be appropriate for the school environment and not promoting activities that are illegal and/or inappropriate for our students. The student handbook provides more details.

As students return, we hope that they are ready to focus on learning, establishing fun and lasting relationships with friends, and developing new skills that will help them find success in their future. Please feel free to drop by and introduce yourself if you have any questions about student expectations.

Thank you,

Tom LeFebre, Dean of Students

New Assistant Principal Introduction

I am Heather O'Brien, the newest Assistant Principal at GJHS. This feels like a homecoming to me because both my husband and I are GJHS graduates, and my first year of teaching was also spent in the Tiger Den. When I'm not in a school, I'm usually found on a bicycle, on a mountain top, or in a desert canyon. I enjoy writing and reading poetry, and engaging in civil discourse.

I am thrilled to be able to serve students, staff, and families of GJHS! I will be serving students with the last name starting with "Go - N." I believe schools and families work in tandem to help students thrive, and I look forward to working in partnership with you in the coming years.

The Tiger Boutique Offers Free Clothes & School Supplies

Grand Junction High School houses a free shop to meet the needs of our students. It is called the Tiger Boutique and Haberdashery and has recently been expanded and relocated to room 114 in the main school building! The Boutique stocks clothing, shoes, coats, toiletries, and school supplies, and everything is absolutely free. During the school year, students can shop during Tiger Time on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the Boutique will be open for families to shop on Tuesday, August 9th after Freshmen Orientation from 1:00-6:00 pm. Come get everything that you need for the start of school for FREE. Email tigerboutique@d51schools.org for more information.

FBLA National Competition Success

Congratulations to Dean Withers and Tayin Knoblich who placed 5th in the Nation for their Web Design at the FBLA National Conference in Chicago this past June. If your or your student is interested in joining FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) please see Ms. Dunlap in room 102 FBLA is looking for 2022/2023 sponsors to help send students to state and nationals this upcoming year.

If interested please contact Ms. Dunlap at sdunlap@d51schools.org

Orange and Black Online

Tigers, don't forget that the student newspaper, The Orange & Black, works to keep up with all the important school news, events, and issues. Follow our website, <u>oandbnews.com</u>, or follow us on social media (Instagram and Twitter: gjhsoandb) for news, unique campus stories and student perspectives on today's most important topics. To see our past issues, visit https://issuu.com/gjhsoandb

Agents of Change

Agents of Change is a service-learning advisory program that is unique to Grand Junction High School. The students meet during the regular advisory time and continue together as a cohort group throughout their four years in high school. They research issues in our community and world, choose an area of focus, and develop a sustainable project to improve the issue. This program helps students develop important life skills including collaboration, communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership. Agents of Change is currently accepting applications from motivated freshmen and sophomores who want to make the world a better place. Contact Mrs. Cronk at jodee.cronk@d51schools.org for more information and application materials.

Travel to England, France, & Spain

Mrs. Gutierrez and Mrs. Cronk will be taking a group of students to England, France, and Spain in the summer of 2025. In order to get the most out of the trip, students must be studying Spanish or French. We will visit Buckingham Palace, Covent Garden, Big Ben, Leicester Square, Windsor Castle, etc. in London. Then we will travel to France via the Eurostar Chunnel (under the English Channel!) and visit the Arc de Triumph, the Louvre Museum, the Eiffel Tower, the Opera House, and so much more in Paris before heading to Versailles Palace, Avignon, and Carcassonne. Some of the highlights in Barcelona include the Sagrada Familia, las Ramblas, and the Parc Güell. The tour will finish in Madrid with tours of the Royal Palace and Toledo Cathedral. Don't miss out on this amazing experience. Talk to Mrs. Gutierrez (yaneth.gutierrez@d51schools.org) or Mrs. Cronk (jodee.cronk@d51schools.org) for more information on the tour, and talk to your school counselor about signing up for a French or Spanish class if you aren't yet registered for one.

Travel to Portugal & Spain





Portugal and Spain

March 2023

<u>Highlights of the trip:</u> Cascais, Evora Chapel of Bones, Seville Cathedral, Gibraltar, the Alhambra palace, La Sagrada Familia, Park Guell



12 day tour

College credit available

Great language learning and practice opportunity

Spring break 2023

Trip Website: www.eftours.com/2382595sf

For questions please email sarah.henao@d51schools.org





WE ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME.



WE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN LEARNING AND COMPLETE WORK WITH INTEGRITY.



WE LISTEN TO, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND RESPOND TO ONE ANOTHER.



WE USE TECHNOLOGY (I.E., CELL PHONES)
POLITELY AND RESPONSIBLY.



WE USE APPROPRIATE AND PROFESSIONAL VERBAL AND PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES.



WE MAKE SAFE, HEALTHY, LEGAL CHOICES.

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GJHS

Adopted: February 1, 2022

Classes Begin August 12

All Schools Classes Not in Session

Teacher Workdays (W)	Teacher In-Service (T)
August 4, 9	August 5, 8, 10, 11
October 13	October 14
January 6	January 17
March 17	March 16
May 24	Teacher Ed Effectiveness
	September 26

Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 -7:30 pm (C)
September 15

November 10 January 19 April 20

ools Not in Session

September 5 Labor Day	
November 21-25 Thanksgiving Break	
December 22-Jan 5 Winter Break	
January 16 Martin Luther King Jr Day	
February 20 President's Day	
March 20-24 Spring Break	

Classes Begin	August 12
1st Quarter Ends	October 12
2nd Quarter Ends	December 21
3rd Quarter Ends	March 15
4th Quarter Ends	May 23