

Welcome to:
6th Grade Orientation for the GCS
Graduating Class of 2033!



August 27th, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Groton CSD ~ 2026-2027

Tonight's Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. NYS Portrait of a Graduate
3. Meet the Staff
4. Expectations
5. Resources
6. Cell Phone Policy
7. Supply List
8. Rooms Central
9. Meet your Teachers
10. Locker Practice



Administration



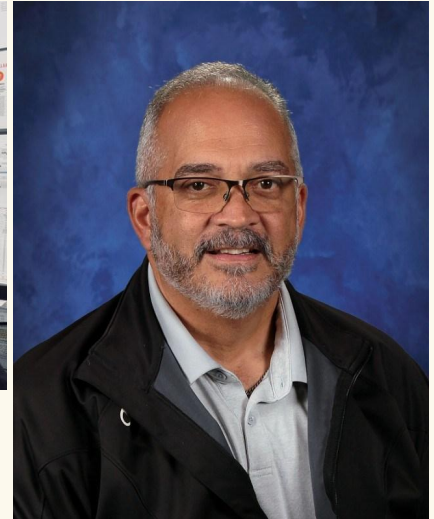
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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

6th Grade Homeroom Teachers



MR. REITMEIER



MRS. HOUCK



MRS. MARSHALL

Student Services



MS. SCHMID
COUNSELOR, GRADES 10-12



MRS. HIGGINS
COUNSELOR, GRADES 6-9



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SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST



MR. COLEMAN
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Office Support Staff



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(MAIN OFFICE SECRETARY)



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(MAIN OFFICE SECRETARY)



MRS. PERREULT
(ATTENDANCE OFFICE)

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PE & HEALTH
TEACHER



MRS. SALZLER
CHORUS & GENERAL
MUSIC TEACHER



MS. NOVAK
ART TEACHER



MS. UKSTINS
BAND & GENERAL
MUSIC TEACHER



MRS. HOLZEN-MASON
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MS. WHEATON
PE TEACHER

Other Important People!



MR. HERMAN
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MR. SKINNER
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TESTING ROOM
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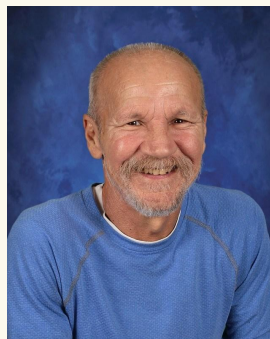
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SCHOOL NURSE



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Mrs. Marshall: 6th Grade Teacher

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Mr. Reitmeier: 6th Grade Homeroom Teacher

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School Expectations

The 4 B's for Students:

1. Be Prepared
2. Be Polite
3. Be On Time
4. Behave



How Can I Support My Student?

- Set Clear Behavioral and Academic Expectations
- Organizational Skills
- Check SchoolTool
(URL: <https://cnyric09.schooltool.com/groton>)
- Communication

1. With student

3. Email for urgent matters

2. With teacher

4. Rooms for non-urgent matters



Academic Study Hall

- Academic Support is offered on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:45-4:15 PM.**(Beginning on 10/13)
- Transportation is provided by the Late Bus.
- To attend an Academic Study Hall, students must get permission in advance from their respective teacher(s).



6th Grade Clubs



Art



Gaming



Yearbook



Weightlifting



Drama Club



Jazz Band



FFA (Future Farmers of America)



Student Council



Late bus transportation is provided after school Monday through Thursday at 4:15pm.

Cell Phone Policy

Expectation & Rules

To maintain a focused learning environment, the school enforces a distraction-free policy.

- **Stowed Away:** Phones must remain stowed in assigned Yondr pouches.
- **All-Day Policy:** Pouches must be locked throughout the entire academic day.
- **Applicability:** Applies to all cell phones with internet access.



Yondr Pouch Use

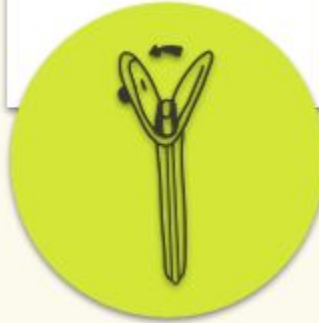
POUCH

Turn off phone.
Place inside under
staff supervision.



LOCK

Push the lock
button and take
the phone to class.

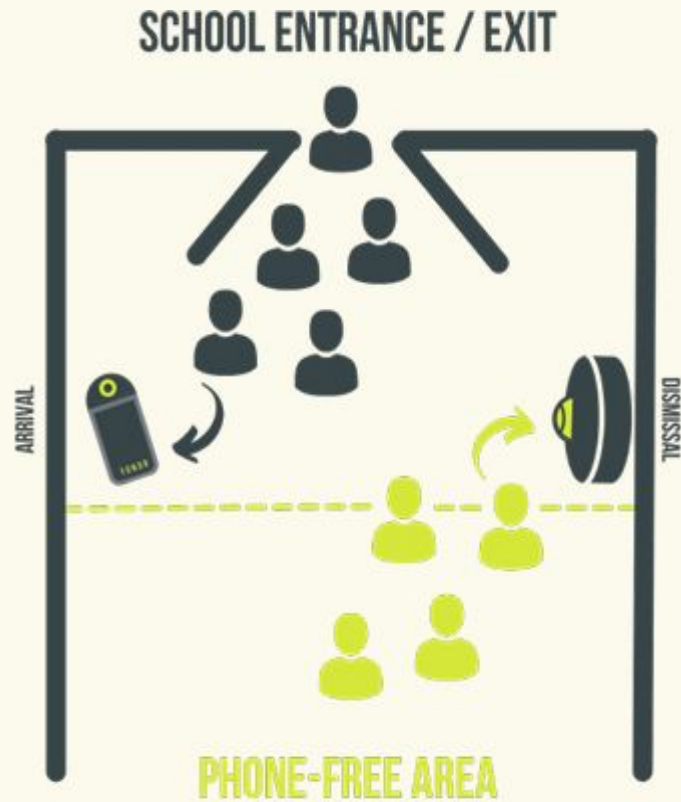


UNLOCK

Tap green ring to
magnet and press
button to unlock.



Daily Process



Arrival Demonstration

- Turn phone off or on airplane mode
- Slide phone into pouch
- Close the top of the pouch
- Press the green push-pin button to secure



Dismissal Demonstration

- Tap the side with the green circular ring to the unlocking base
- As you tap the pouch on the base, push the button to release the lock
- Retrieve your phone and close the pouch back up
- Keep your pouch with you for the following school day



Supply List

Required Supplies:

-  2 packs of #2 pencils
-  1 pack of colored pencils
-  1 pack of highlighters
-  1 pack of loose leaf paper
-  4 pocket folders
-  Headphones



Communication App - Thrillshare

"Rooms"

1. GCSD App

Your District Hub

- Stay up-to-date with district news & events
- Quickly find school calendars
- Access daily dining menus

2. Rooms

Class & Teacher Chat

- Message teachers directly
- View student classes & coursework
- Engage with your child's education

3. Get Started

Quick & Easy Setup

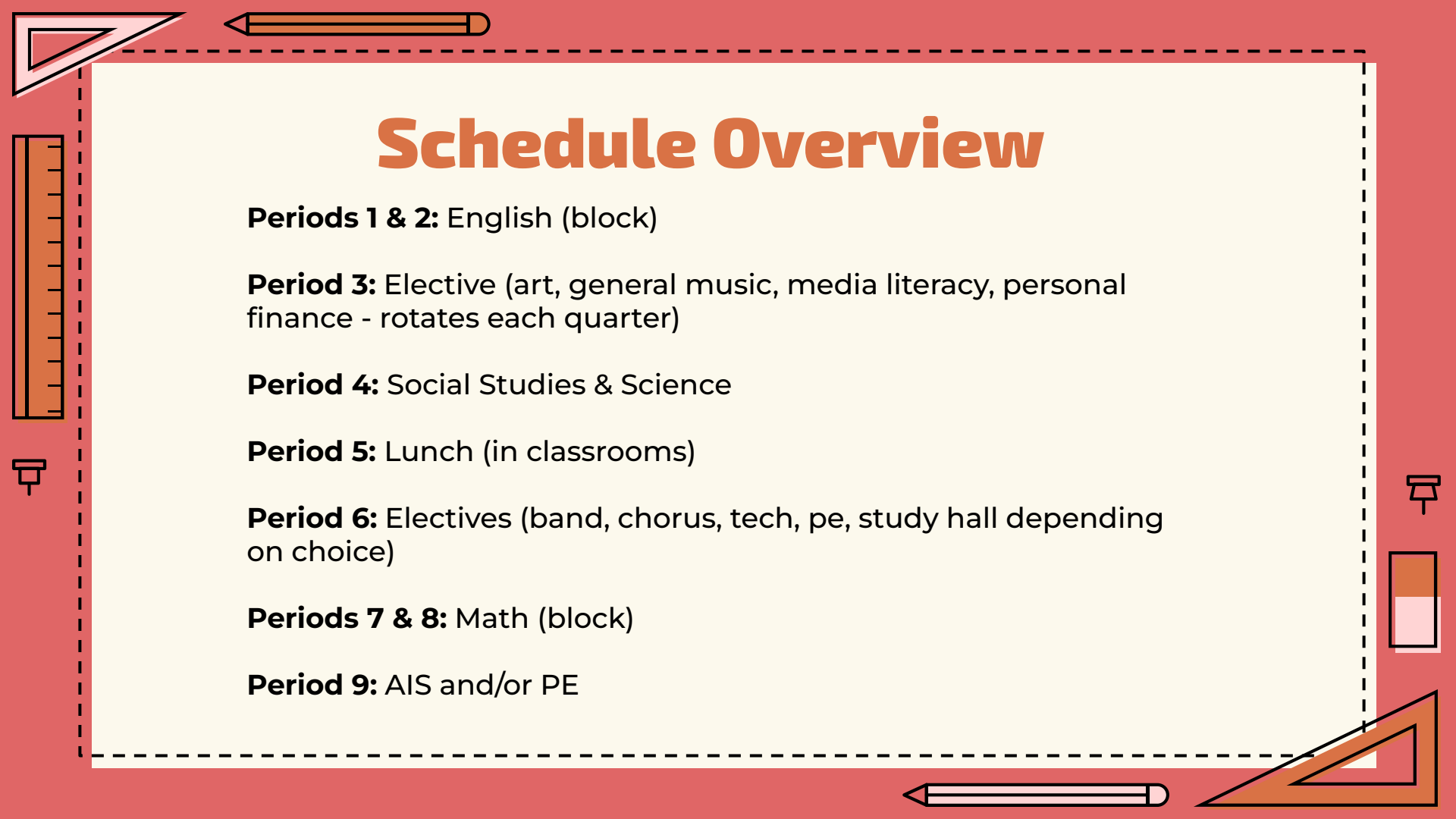
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Schedule Overview

Periods 1 & 2: English (block)

Period 3: Elective (art, general music, media literacy, personal finance - rotates each quarter)

Period 4: Social Studies & Science

Period 5: Lunch (in classrooms)

Period 6: Electives (band, chorus, tech, pe, study hall depending on choice)

Periods 7 & 8: Math (block)

Period 9: AIS and/or PE

- Please visit your classrooms:
 - Mrs. Houck - room 201
 - Mrs. Marshall - room 204
 - Mr. Reitmeier - room 202
- Practice opening your locker.
- Tour the building - please respect any area where there are "do not enter" signs.
- 6th Grade Orientation ends at 7:00 PM as we are respecting the time of our faculty/staff.

Meet & Greet

