



Sparky the Robot Dog

Matthew Wilson from ECTC, introduced GCMS students to Sparky on Sept. 19 at a full assembly. They went on to visit several classrooms and even made their way to lunch!



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GRAYSON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL



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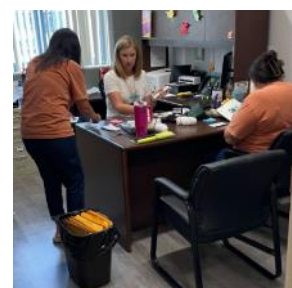
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Walkathon a Huge Boost for GCMS!

On Oct. 2, GCMS held its annual Walkathon. Partnering with the Grayson County Fitt Fiddle Committee (a collaboration of GC Health Department, Owensboro TL Hospital, and other community leaders), students were given pedometers and had a friendly step competition with thousands of steps walked (winners pictured below).



Through donations from our local community, students raised over \$19,000 for GCMS programs and materials! Students had a great time, as they strived to be "Fitt as a Fiddle"! Big thank you to our related arts department, front office staff, GCMS families and the Grayson Co. community for all your support!





#OneTeam

GCMS Football

Both 7th and 8th Grade Teams had great seasons, with the 7th grade finishing Runner-Up in the GRVC championship!



Did You Know?



Big Smiles Dentistry, sponsored by FRYSC, took care of the dental needs of 29 GCMS students!

Board Meeting Recognition

GCMS hosted the September GC Board meeting on Sept. 18, and presented several "One Team" awards to students and staff for upholding the values and vision of GCMS!



All-District Orchestra!

Congratulations to these students for being selected for Middle School All-District Orchestra. Auditions were September 29 in Bowling Green. (Not pictured: Eli Clark) This is a competitive process, and we're proud of the great representation from GCMS!

1st Violin Section

4th: Keegan Gregory
 5th: Brooklyn Walters
 6th: Emily Mann
 15th: Colton Cummings

Viola Section

1st: Alisha Hartmann
 2nd: Brooklyn Lampton
 3rd: Lilly Boguszewski
 5th: Trinity Clemons
 11th: Hayden Bratcher
 14th: Rylan Crawford

2nd Violin Section

1st: Kady Cook
 3rd: Brynn Bessette
 4th: Lily Hicks
 5th: Levi Salmon
 8th: Addy James
 14th: Jaxen Williams
 16th: Westley Stivers

Cello Section

2nd: Rio Mercado
 4th: Zoey Cummings
 9th: Shelby Cain
 2nd Alternate: Harper Lentini
 3rd Alternate: Cainen Ashbaugh

Bass Section

1st: Evan Templeman
 2nd: Collin Miller
 5th: Lila Dickerson
 8th: Eli Clark



1st Quarter Report Cards—Thu., Oct. 16

Picture Retakes—Fri, Oct. 24

#One Team



Cougar Zone
Mon-Thu. 3-5
& Tue-Fri Before
School!

Bass Fishing—3rd Place!
Brantlee Blanton and Hayden Bratcher took home a 3rd place trophy at Nolin in September!



24/7 Access to Grades
Need parent portal? Go to our website, and click the button that says “Need Parent Portal” It’s as easy as that!



8th Grade Manufacturing Day a Success!

8th Graders enjoyed a great day of learning on Sept. 23 as Mid-Park and ABC Technologies opened their doors to give students a look into a possible career in manufacturing! We appreciate the partnerships that provide this opportunity!



Chorus Students Participate in KMEA 4th District Choir!

GCMS is proud of these choir students who participated in the KMEA 4th District Honor Choir at Campbellsville University on September 16!



Orchestra Fall Concerts —Sun., Oct. 26

Band Fall Concerts—Tue., Oct. 28

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Softball Stars!

Both softball teams had great seasons, with 8th grade being recognized below for all their hard work!



SBDMC Parent Reps

Have suggestions to make GCMS an even better place? Please feel free to communicate with your parent representatives, Kyle Cannon and Elizabeth Stivers. Contact Info on web-site! Their terms run through June, 2026!



Staff vs. Student Volleyball

As a 1st quarter PBIS reward, many students got the chance to play or watch this game!



Red Ribbon Week—Oct. 27-31

GCMS will encourage students to have some fun dressing up while promoting drug-free choices. Red Ribbon Week is promoted by our FRYSC and the National Family Partnership. Established as a non-profit, their mission is the lead and support families and communities in nurturing the full potential of healthy, drug free youth.

Red Ribbon Week - Oct. 27-31

Mon., Oct 27 Wear RED - "Red-y to Say No to Drugs"
Tue, Oct. 28 Mismatch - "Drugs are Whack!"
Wed., Oct. 29 Favorite Sports Team - "Team Up Against Drugs"
Thu., Oct. 30 Tye Dye or Neon - "Say Peace Out to Drugs"
Fri., Oct. 31 Halloween Costumes - "Say Boo to Drugs"

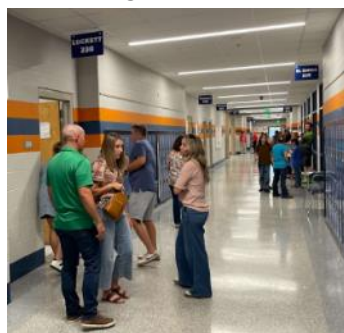
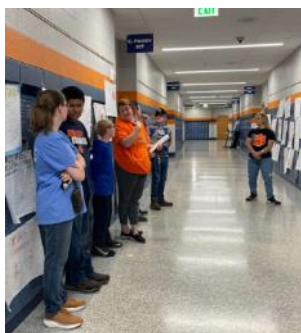
Veterans Day Ceremony To Be Held on Nov. 11

GCMS will be holding a Veterans Day ceremony on Mon., Nov. 11 at 7:50 a.m. in the GCMS gym. Any veteran or active-duty personnel who is a family member of a GCMS student or staff member is invited to participate. Please report to GCMS by 7:30 a.m. to sign in. If you plan to attend, please complete the Google Form that will be shared through text.



Parent-Teacher Conferences a Success!

GCMS held Parent-Teacher Conferences on Tue., Sept. 9. Several parents came out to check their child's progress and connect with teachers and staff.



Did You Know?

All Parent Newsletters, SBDM Minutes,
and the latest news about GCMS are
available on the GCMS Website!



Golf Standout!

Ellie Cox again finished Run-
ner-Up in the Region in High
School Golf Regionals!



Cross Country Success

September was a busy month
for XC, with notable finishes
from **Anna Keown, Bella**
Masden, Abigail Griffith, Ben
Bernard, and Ben Powell!



GCMS Has a Fantastic Spirit Week!

On Sept. 8-12, GCMS held Spirit Week, in conjunction with HS Spirit Week
and Homecoming. As usual, students and staff had a great time with the themed
dress-up days!



ONE Team at GCMS!



October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13 Mandatory PD/No School	14 MTSS Transition	15 SBDM Meeting 3:15	16 Q1- grades go home <i>Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m./Lawler</i> GCMS XC GCHS Leitchfield, KY	17 Principal's Advisory - Conf. Room - 7:30	18
19	20	21 MTSS Meeting 3:15 Girls Basketball vs. Owensboro Cath AWAY 6:00	22	23 Girls Basketball vs. Breck Co. (6/7/8) AWAY 5:30	24 2025 GCMS School Picture Retakes	25
26 <i>Orchestra Fall Concerts</i>	27	28 Band Fall Concert 6:00 pm - Auditorium Girls Basketball vs. Hancock (6/7/8) HOME 5:30	29 Girls Basketball vs. Whitesville (6/7/8) AWAY 5:30	30 Girls Basketball vs. McLean HOME 5:30	31	Nov 1

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Mandatory PD/No School Girls Basketball vs. Butler AWAY 5:30 Boys Basketball Night of the Future Stars 6:00	4 Boys Basketball vs Ohio AWAY 5:30	5 <i>Debbie Childress-AM Guest Speaker</i> Girls Basketball vs. Owensboro 7/8 AWAY 5:30	6 Boys Basketball vs Butler 6-8 HOME 5:00	7	8
9	10 MTSS Transition Girls Basketball vs. Ohio Co. HOME 5:30 Boys Basketball vs McLean AWAY 5:30	11 Veteran's Day Program - Gym - 7:45 a.m. Girls Basketball vs. Bowling Green AWAY 5:30 Boys Basketball vs Breck HOME 5:30	12	13 Principal's Advisory - Conf. Room - 7:30 Girls Basketball vs. Edmonson AWAY 5:30 Boys Basketball vs Edmonson 6-8 HOME 5:00	14 Progress Grades Go Home Lunch & Learn Thanksgiving Meal	15
16	17 Community Involvement Mtg 3:15-4:15 (Cheer) Boys Basketball vs Trinity 6-8 HOME 5:00	18 MTSS Meeting 3:15 Girls Basketball vs. Muhlenberg HOME 5:30 Boys Basketball vs Barren 6-8 AWAY 5:30	19 SBDM Meeting 3:15 Girls Basketball vs. Whitesville 6/7/8 HOME 5:30	20 <i>Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m./Caneyville</i> Girls Basketball vs. Breck 6/7/8 HOME 5:30 Boys Basketball vs Hancock 6-8 AWAY 5:30	21	22



GRAYSON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL 5-YEAR PLAN

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1

INSTRUCTION/LEARNING

- Top 20% of KY Middle Schools on state testing
- Aligned learning targets at appropriate rigor, referenced during class
- All students cognitively engaged through use of Thoughtful Classroom tools and concepts
- Implementation of effective co-teaching models



2

COMMUNITY

- Build networks to increase community/school communication
- Students volunteering/active in the community
- Re-establish mentoring program
- Programs coming into the school
- Create a "Day of Service" or similar event/s



3

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

- Career exploration
- Technical skills/classes offered
- Bringing more opportunities (grants, transcend boundaries, field trips, etc.)
- Increase recognition



4

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY/COMMITMENT

- Rebuild soft skills like being on time, etiquette
- Focus on attendance
- Emphasize persistence
- Help students find meaningful impact



5

TEACHER FOCUS

- Show consistency
- Choose to be a team (collective efficacy)
- Teach social skills (SEL)
- Implement PBIS (behavior system) with fidelity



6

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- Offer events for parents beyond P/T conferences
- Incentivize parent visits
- Encourage parent volunteers





Parents & Students, information is at your fingertips.

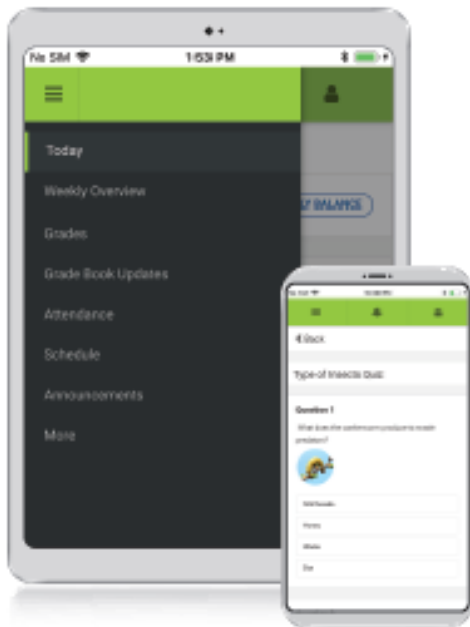


Access on the Web Campus Student and Campus Parent

Campus Student and Campus Parent are designed to provide real-time access to student information. The easy-to-use design displays what is currently happening in the classroom so you can understand, monitor, and participate in the educational process.

- » Announcements
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AND



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Announcements

Quickly see district announcements as they are posted.

Assignments

Browse assignments by specific class or due date.

Attendance

Review attendance events in summary and detail form.

Grades

Immediate access to grades as they are posted.

Schedule

Review schedule from anywhere, at any time.



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Go to the GCMS website, and click the “Need Parent Portal Access” button!