

# GPS NEWS & NOTES

Week I

THE 2016-2017 EDITION

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#### Welcome Back!

## It is going to be a Great Year!

### Picture Day is Coming!

Tuesday, Sept 6th. (The day after Labor Day Holiday)

Everyone will have pictures taken, but senior guys: bring shirt, tie and Jackets and senior girls: Dressy clothes.

#### **Upcoming Events**

8/29 - JV, V Volleyball vs Hillsborough 5pm

9/1 - JV, V Volleyball @ Winter Haven 5pm

9/5 - Labor Day! No School!

9/6 - PICTURE DAY!

V Volleyball vs Legacy 5pm

9/9 JV, V Volleyball @ Oasis

9/23 - Grandparent's Day Breakfast

Be on the look-out! Club information will be coming soon!

We love our Grandparents!

Students will be working hard on their Grandparents' essay.

On Sept 23, grandparents and grandfriends are invited for breakfast here at GPS.

#### **GPS** Fundraiser!

Our fundraiser for the first quarter is a Lottery Tree! We will be selling raffle tickets to win a stash of scratch-off lottery tickets.

Raffle tickets cost \$10. We are only selling 100 tickets. The drawing will be held at the end of the quarter, Oct. 21, or sooner when 100 tickets are sold.



Skylor, Addison, Mia, & Michael

Jared, Mr. Mullins, Jaylynn, & Tyler

7th Grade Music class getting tuned up!



Addison, Mia, Michael & Jared



2016 - 2017 We are off to a great start!

# Welcome back Genesis Prep!

We are excited to welcome back our students and staff for this new school year, and so far, we are off to a great start! We just wanted to send out a few reminders to families to be aware of as our new school year kicks off.

As you know the school day begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. Please drop your student off at carloop, so that they may get to their locker and their homeroom class in a timely manner. Carloop is a very busy time for faculty and staff. Teachers need this time available for scheduled parent-teacher conferences, time to prepare their rooms for the day, and gather their materials to ensure that they are ready to give their attention to the students once class begins. So, if you need to speak with a teacher or staff member, please check-in at the office **beforehand** so that we can coordinate a meeting or schedule an appointment. In addition, we require that families always check in with the office once the school day officially begins for any reason pertaining to your child or family as a whole. By being able to be aware of everyone who is on campus at a given time, it helps to discourage distractions from our staff and students as well as ensures the utmost safety of everyone on campus, which is our primary concern.

We are also excited for our Panther Athletics season and after school Clubhouse to be underway! We love these extra-curricular activities and want to provide our students with the best opportunity to learn some of the invaluable lessons that sports and other clubs can offer, including how to build a sense of camaraderie and partnership as a team. As such, we want to remind parents of our policy on these activities. Families and friends are encouraged to attend all Genesis athletic games or formal events with other after school clubs, but we ask that parents refrain from attending any sports practices or other weekly club meetings. Again, this will allow coaches, teams, and clubs to better focus and prepare for their events without distraction.

Finally, we encourage all families to participate in parent group and volunteer in formal school related events. This helps to promote partnership between the school and families and greatly benefits our students. However, personal use of our school's facilities is not permitted. If you need to use any aspect of the school's property, please feel free to make arrangements with the front office beforehand, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Thank you all for helping to make our school the very best that it can be! We wish everyone a great 2016-2017 school year!