

Red Smith School Newsletter

August 29, 2023



Together WE... Appreciate Diversity, Dream Big, Value Learning, Inspire
Thinking, Celebrate Talent, and Embrace Challenges



Message from the Principals

Greeting Raptors Families!

Welcome Back to what is planned to be another great year of academic and social learning and growing future leaders here at Red Smith School, 'Where Raptors Roar'! This year celebrates the 25th Year at Red Smith School (1999-2024). Our hope is that Together WE... create and follow through on a positive experience we all want for our students and for each other. Throughout Spring and into Summer, many new staff members have joined our team. Relationships are built on trust, and outcomes are often measured by something other than a grade, but rather appreciation of progress and happiness of reaching goals. We respect each individual and their learning style, and make attempts to personalize learning. Positive community and culture are created through our students, families and staff and the words and actions we choose. Thank you, all for continuing to support our Red Smith School community today, and into the future! Please do not hesitate to reach out to staff or administration if you have questions or comments. Let's have an AWESOME school year!

#RaptorsStrong,
Willie Birkholz, Dave Monfils & Jenna Starry

Traffic Patterns (Vehicle & Foot)

- [Flyer](#) (aerial photo to be updated as soon as work is complete). The traffic flow expectations have not changed.
- Asphalt Updates to the North Lot this summer were necessary and have recently been completed. Landscape follow-up is currently in progress. Please continue to proceed in the lot with caution.
- Choose **safety over convenience**. ALL students are OUR students and EVERYONE is responsible for safety. If you have questions about traffic patterns please call our main office.
- Bus drop off and pick up is at the main entrance Door 1. Supervisors will direct students from there.
- 4K students will enter at Door 3 and be greeted by their teacher/paraprofessional at 7:45am for the morning session and 11:40am for the afternoon session.
- Elementary students will congregate on the playground before school prior to entry into Door 4 (Gr. KG,1,3,5) and Door 5 (Gr. 2,4) at 7:45am.
- Middle School students will enter at Door 14 and Door 15 beginning at 7:30am.

Important Dates



- **August 29th Open House 2:30-3:30 pm & 5:00-6:00 pm** ALL grade levels. 4K am at 2:30 pm and 4K pm at 5:00pm preferred, not required. Grades 6-8 will have their school picture taken in large gym. (September 12th is picture day for EC, 4K & K-5 and September 22 for 4K and EC)
- **September 5-** First day of school for students **4K-Grade 8**
- **September 6-** First day for Early Childhood
- **October 6th** - Early Release, 6-8 released at 12:45, K-5 released at 12:35
- **October 12** - Picture retake day for students who have not had their picture taken OR would like retakes.
- **October 27** - No School

Student Attendance

If your student is going to be absent from school, please let us know by calling 920-391-2425.

Important Attendance Information

- Per state rule, students have ten excused absences for the year, any subsequent absent school days will be marked as “unexcused absence.”
- If a student has already accrued ten absences and must stay home due to illness or other medical reason, a doctor’s note may be required for the absence to be excused.
- To excuse your student for a vacation, please notify the attendance office prior to missed school days, and a pre-excused form will then be provided to your student.

Red Smith Fall Musical



For audition information, view details [here!](#)

Red Smith MUSIC PERFORMANCE CALENDAR:

Friday, November 3, 2023 - 7:00 pm Oliver Musical

Saturday, November 4, 2023 - 4:00 pm Oliver Musical

Tuesday, December 5, 2020 - 7:00 pm Winter Band
Concert, Red Smith Gym

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - 7:00 pm Winter Orchestra
and Choir Concert, Red Smith Gym

Thursday, December 14, 2023

- K-2 1:00 pm Winter Concert,
- 3-5 - 1:45 pm Winter Concert

Thursday, March 21, 2024 - 7:00 pm Show Choir & Jazz
Band - Jazz Night, Red Smith Gym

Activities & Athletics

- Dave Monfils, Activities Director @ dlmonfils@gbaps.org
- Mark DeMuth, Assistant Activities Director @ mpdemuth@gbaps.org

Fall-Winter Sports Meeting

Any middle school student who plans to participate in a co-curricular activity during the 2023-2024 school year must attend a Code of Conduct meeting, accompanied by a parent or guardian, **prior to that activity's first practice**. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 30 at 5:00 PM in the Red Smith cafeteria. All students planning to participate in

Technology and Library

- Middle school students will be picking up their chromebook and charger at open house or the first day of school. Remind your students to charge their device at home each night so it is ready to use when needed during the day.
- Elementary students will be assigned a chromebook the first week of school. Chromebooks assigned to Elementary students will stay at school. Students may bring their chromebook home if the device is necessary to complete a school assigned project at home per teacher permission.

Device Care and Expectations Questions?

Email Amy Kline,
Library Media Specialist
arkline@gbaps.org

Middle School Schedule Update

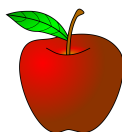
Students will have access to view their schedules in infinite campus starting on Monday, August 28th. Possible schedule changes could occur so please make sure to pick up a final printed schedule at Open House.

volleyball (7-8), soccer (6-8), cross country (6-8), boys basketball (7-8), girls basketball (7-8), or wrestling (6-8) should plan to attend. Students who plan to participate in a spring sport (6th Grade Basketball, Softball, Track and Field), are welcome, but also have the option of waiting to attend our second Code of Conduct meeting, which will be held sometime in late January. The meeting will last about 45 minutes, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Due to the balancing of classes there will be no schedule changes unless an error has been made.

Student Services Team

GBAPS Food Service



Administrative Team

Tony Tibaldo
Grades K-1, 5-6 School Counselor
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Click above for a complete access to all school meal pick-ups and times. Breakfast, lunch, dinner/snack will continue to be free to all students.

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Red Smith PTO

Click above to access the Red Smith PTO page. You can find newsletters, upcoming fundraisers, community involvement activities, along with meeting dates, and volunteer opportunities.

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Learn more about the Culturally Responsive Minds Curriculum! This curriculum is being delivered in 4K-5 Morning Meeting and 6-8 Advisory

Unit 1 - Self Awareness

[PK-5 Information](#)

[6-8 Information](#)

Unit 2 - Self Management

[PK-5 Information](#)

[6-8 Information](#)

Do you Have A Question?



We Want to Help!

Call the Main Office: 920-391-2425

Weekdays: 7:00am-3:30pm or

[CLICK HERE](#)

To view our staff directory.