

GOMS eNEWS #1
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is the first Friday edition of the GOMS eNews for the 2018-2019 school year. This email is a bit longer than usual, but the information is important. I write to you today about: PowerSchool, staff changes, and the teacher team assignments.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

It is very important that parents have access to PowerSchool and that your demographics are correct (especially phone numbers and email addresses).

The parent portal is now open in PowerSchool. In PowerSchool you are able to view your child's schedule. We sometimes have to make adjustments to schedules should we encounter errors over the next week. By next Friday I anticipate schedules to be fixed for the start of the school year.

The PowerSchool parent login page is:

<https://oxfordpublicschools.powerschool.com/public/>

If, for any reason you do not have a parent account to access your child's schedule, my secretary Mrs. Swann can help you. Mrs. Swann will be in the office on Tuesday and you can reach her at the main office (203)-888-5418.

If you cannot access PowerSchool and would like to know your child's schedule before Tuesday you can call or email me. I am currently the only one in the office so email is best. I am willing to take a screen shot of your child's schedule and email it directly to you so you (and more importantly your child) do not have to wait until Tuesday for your account information.

NOTE: I have been informed by a few parents that the PowerSchool mobile app is not functioning for GOMS (but it is working for OHS schedules). You can access your child's schedule from a computer, but the mobile app is not working. We are looking into the cause of this issue for the mobile app.

GOMS Staff Changes

The following teachers and paras are no longer at GOMS. Some have left the district and others are working at other schools in the district. I wish them all the best.

Theresa Burns
Chris Cevetillo

Rosa DeSousa
Max Orner
Susan Silva-Patruno
Wayne Shuhi

The following are teachers new to GOMS or have new positions at GOMS:

Barbara Camp – 6th Grade Special Education. Ms. Camp taught at QFS last year.
Janet Graf – Speech and Language. Ms Graf
Chris Moruzzi – 6th Grade Social Studies. Mr. Moruzzi taught at OCS last year.
Grace Olbrys – Health. Mrs. Olbrys has taught at GOMS for several years.
Jennifer Rich – Paraprofessional. Ms. Rich worked at QFS last year.
Lisa Reilly – Paraprofessional. Ms. Reilly worked at OHS last year.
Javier Rodriguez – Spanish. Mr. Rodriguez is new to the Oxford Schools this year.
Amanda Sepulveda – 7th Grade Special Education. Ms. Sepulveda taught at OCS last year.
Karen Zigmont – Paraprofessional. Ms. Zigmont worked at OCS last year.

Two of our teachers have new last names:

Ms. Bigley is now Mrs. Mattern.
Ms. Ryan is now Mrs. Barone.

I do have a recommendation to hire a replacement for Mr. Shuhi (Computers). Once that person is approved by the superintendent, I will inform all parents. I expect that position to be filled prior to the start of the school year.

GOMS Team Assignments

6th Grade Yellow Team

English: Deb Massimin
Math: Karen Batza
Science: Stephanie Ott
Social Studies: Kirsten Stone

6th Grade Green Team

English: Kerri Stolle
Math: Heather Malash
Science: Mike Guidone
Social Studies: Chris Moruzzi

7th Grade Green Team

English: Pam Merole
Math: Liz Mattern
Science: Karla Minichiello
Social Studies: Karen Grappone

7th Grade Yellow Team

English: Joelee Cedella
Math: Owen Connolly
Science: Peter Bavone
Social Studies: Kara Barone

8th Grade Green Team

English: Jamie Bayha
Math: Megan Blake
Science: Lori Pearson
Social Studies: Maria Blackwell

8th Grade Yellow Team

English: Audra Washay
Math: Nancy Goslee
Science: Susan Gibbons
Social Studies: James Gleason

Special Education

6th Grade: Barbara Camp
7th Grade: Amanda Sepulveda
8th Grade: Carolyn McKay
Various Grades: Maegan Plavnicky

Unified Arts

Art: Karen Giannamore
Band: Greg Bell
Computers: TBD
Health: Grace Olbrys
Library: Cara McConnellG
PE: Steve Tszprazis
Spanish: Javier Rodriguez
Spanish: Joyce Soares
Tech Ed: Susan McCandless

Have a wonderful weekend.

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