

# SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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The beginning is the most important part of the work.

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*The beginning of the school year is the perfect place to make a fresh start and begin the important work of learning. I have had the chance to start the new school year in a new position and feel privileged that South Middle School has chosen me as principal. In the last 22 years I've had a variety of professional experiences. I spent 1990-2000 in Richmond Indiana as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, 2000-2007 at Tri County North in Lewisburg, OH as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and the last five years as the assistant principal at Dennis Middle School in Richmond, IN. I am looking forward to assisting the children and families of South Middle School. Your child's education is my number one priority. Don't hesitate to come to me with concerns or questions you may have.*

*I would like to reinforce that "freedom is the right to choose from acceptable choices". We will work with students at South Middle School in learning to make those acceptable choices in their daily lives. It is also important that students attend school regularly. Students that are at school have greater success now and in the future.*

*Once again, I would like to express how excited I am to be at South. Our children and staff have worked hard the last few years and our state Report Card reflects their efforts. Please take time to congratulate the South family on being rated as an excellent school!! I know we can do great things together to make sure that South continues as a student-focused place of learning.*

*Rhonda Schaar, Principal  
South Middle School*

Please visit the school website at [www.greenville.k12.oh.us](http://www.greenville.k12.oh.us) for more information on dates, times, forms, etc.

## OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held Thursday, August 23, 2012, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Students will receive their schedule that evening from their homeroom teacher. Homeroom lists will be posted on the outside doors on Wayne Avenue on Friday, August 24, 2012.

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2012

Students may enter the building at 7:25 a.m. with the tardy bell ringing at 7:35 a.m. and report to their homeroom where they will receive important information to take home to parents to fill out and return.

### **STUDENT PICK UP/DROP OFF**

For the safety of all, please drop off and pick up students on Wayne Avenue. The busses load and unload on Sater Street and Washington Avenue and cars stopping to drop off students could cause traffic jams and accidents. Please help keep our kids safe!

### **SCHOOL FEES**

School fees for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade is **\$46.00 per student**. Please make checks payable to Greenville City Schools.

### **TRANSPORTATION/BUS INFORMATION**

For information regarding bus routes, pick up/drop off times, and location of stops, please call the Transportation Department at 548-4464.

Alternate transportation forms must be turned in each year if your child needs transported to or from anywhere other than the home address of file. Forms can be obtained from any school building or the Transportation Department located at 511 Markwith Avenue, or on the Greenville City Schools webpage: [Greenville.k12.oh.us](http://Greenville.k12.oh.us).

### **MEDICATION**

Medications – If your child will need to take any medication at school, you will need to have a medication permission form completed. Over-the-counter medications will need to be completed by the parent. Prescription medications will need to be completed by your physician. **NO MEDICATIONS OF ANY KIND ARE TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE SCHOOL BY THE STUDENT.**

Sick Guidelines – If your child is sick (temperature, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) less than 24 hours to the start of school day, keep your child at home until all symptoms are gone for at least 24 hours without the aid of any medications. (Examples: student vomited at 7pm Sunday evening – DO NOT SEND TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY. Student's temperature was >100 degrees at 5 pm Tuesday afternoon, DO NOT SEND TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY. Student cannot return until temperature as been gone for 24 hours without needing Tylenol or Ibuprofen to keep it below 100 degrees. Any questions, please contact the School nurse, Beth Shellhaas at 548-2187.

### **SCHOOL LUNCH/BREAKFAST**

School lunches and breakfast will be available the first day of school. The cost of school lunch will be \$2.40. Breakfast is \$1.85. If your child is packing, milk can be purchased for 45 cents. Checks should be made payable to Greenville City Schools Cafeteria. Free and reduce applications must be filled out each year and be completed by September 10, 2012. Free and reduce applications is available on the Greenville City Schools website or in the school offices.

**Outside food or pop is not allowed to be brought in to students. Packed lunches only.**

### **PTA**

We believe we are partners in your child's education and we are always looking for parental support as we progress through the year. PTA meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The first PTA meeting will be held on September 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at South School.

### **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance may be the most important factor in helping students to achieve success at school and later on at the workplace. Because of recent changes in state regulations, attendance at school will be closely monitored. As a parent or legal guardian, you are responsible for making sure that your child regularly attends school and does not accumulate unexcused absences. Student may take up to 10 days of vacation. A vacation form has to be on file prior to the day of your departure so that the absences can be approved and excused. Forms are available in the school office and on the Greenville City Schools website.

### **CHICAGO TRIP/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

We are in the process of scheduling the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Chicago trip. We will have scheduled payment plans as in the past. More information will be going home very soon concerning the cost and dates of the trip.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

August 23	Open House from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
August 27	1 <sup>st</sup> day of school for students
August 31	Fall pictures
September 3	NO SCHOOL – labor day
September 18	Fundraiser Handouts

## SUPPLY LIST

### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

2-one inch 3-ring binders for LA and Math  
3-folders with pockets and prongs for SC, SS and LA  
2-packs of loose leaf paper  
2-spiral 70 page notebooks for SC and SS  
Pencils (large amount)  
Red pens  
Highlighters  
Erasers  
Pencil bag  
1 box colored pencils, set of 8, preferably Crayola  
1 small box crayons  
1 box markers, set of 8, preferably Crayola  
1 bottle Elmers glue or glue sticks (no colored or glitter ones)  
Scissors  
2 large box of tissues  
2 container of antibacterial wipes (no baby wipes)  
1 pack of dry erase markers (Expo brand)  
Multiplication and division flashcards, 1-12 (optional)  
gym appropriate shoes for phys. ed

Red grading pens or pencils  
Ruler with inches and centimeters  
Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS calculator (optional)  
Binder for holding folders, paper and other supplies No oversized zipper trappers  
4 folders with pockets and at least 2 prongs No large pocket folders with pictures  
Loose leaf paper  
Pencils (large amount)  
2 pens- blue or black  
Erasers  
8 colored pencils  
1 bottle of Elmers glue or glue sticks (no colored or glitter ones)  
Scissors  
3x5 index cards (50)  
1 ½ inch 3 ring binder for math  
Pencil box or bag to hold materials  
3 boxes of tissues  
3 containers of antibacterial wipes (no baby wipes)  
Gym appropriate shoes for phys. ed

### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Please put student name of all supplies and keep in mind that supplies will need to be replenished throughout the year

### Welcome Back 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Members!

I hope you all have had a great summer and are excited about the upcoming school year. I am eager and ready to meet all the sixth grade band members.

As the summer vacation comes to an end, each band member should collect the necessary supplies to make sure we all have a great start to the school year. Please review the check list for appropriate supplies. **All 6<sup>th</sup> graders will need to purchase a new band book as listed below.** All supplies are available at Back to Rock Music (Downtown Greenville) or Hauer Music (Dayton).

All students are required to have an instrument in proper working condition. An instrument in need of repair will negatively affect performance assessments and cause student frustration. Instruments in need of repair should be taken to a qualified instrument repair shop before school begins. **Students should not bring instruments the first day of school.**

**Make Sure Students Have These Supplies/Materials: (Most were purchased in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.)**

#### All Students:

- **Measure of Success: Book 1 (This is our book for the year.)**
- **Band folders will be provided.**
- **Pencil with eraser.**
- **A spiral notebook (to be kept in band folders).**
- **A metronome/tuner or a subscription to Smartmusic if possible.**
- **A working band instrument.**
- **All instruments should be identified with a name tag.**
- **A music stand for home practice. (A wire folding stand can be purchased for approximately \$10)**

#### Brass Players:

- **Valve oil/slide oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, soft cloth (for cleaning).**

#### Flutists:

- **Soft (thin) handkerchief to use with tuning rod to swab moisture from instrument after playing.**

#### Clarinetists and Saxophonists:

- **Reeds: Tone production is determined greatly by reed condition.**
  - **All students should have 3 reeds in their case at all times.**
  - **All students should leave some spare reeds at home.**
  - **A reed that is taken care of and kept in rotation with the three in the case should last for weeks (not days!).**
- **A proper swab to remove moisture from the instrument after playing.**
  - **Swabs should be the type with the string not the "duster" type that comes with many saxophones.**
- **A mouthpiece brush.**

#### Percussionists:

- **6<sup>th</sup> graders will begin on bells and I will let the percussionists know when they will need drums.**
- **Teacher Contact Information:**

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