

GMS Principal's Corner

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GMS Update: May 18, 2020

Hello!

This week marks week 10 of our time at home. How are you all doing? How are your children? I hope everyone is well and I want you to know that if you or they aren't, we're here to help. We've been so impressed by the students' work and the support you are providing. As the weather gets nicer, we know it may be harder to keep your children to their schedule and doing their school work. In addition, we are also hearing that some folks - adults and children alike - are hitting a quarantine wall. If that's happening in your home, I've shared a graphic below that may be useful. Also, please keep reminding your child(ren) that the learning they are doing now is important and will set them up for success next year. If we can help support this continued effort please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher(s) or guidance counselor or to Mr. Spillane, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Muldoon or myself.

Stay well,
Sarah



GMS Virtual Book Clubs

Ms. Stockwell-Alpert, our GMS Librarian, will be holding Book Club Zooms for all interested students at the following times:

Monday 2:00

Wednesday 2:00

Thursday 2:00

During these times, students will meet and discuss books they've read and want to read. The sessions are open to all students. If the group is too large, more sections will be added based on interest and schedules. If your child wants to attend a Book Club Zoom please write to Ms. S-A at stockwellalpertn@cantonma.org. Once she receives the email, she will respond with the Zoom link and password for the meeting. If these dates/times don't work for your child, please let Ms. S-A know and she will try to find a time that works.

Memorial Day - No School

As a reminder, Monday, May 25 is Memorial Day and is a day of No School. Teachers will not be assigning work or hosting online sessions. Thank you.

Lockers and more!

I know that many of you are wondering about student belongings - the ones in lockers that need to come home and the ones in your home that need to be returned to school. We are working to create a system to make all of that happen in June. Once we have a date and procedure in place, we will let you know.

GMS Team Resources: One Stop Shopping

In an effort to streamline information for families, each team has created a one-stop shopping type of resource for you. Clicking on your team name will take you directly to their Google Site: [Galaxy](#), [Meteorites](#), [Supernova](#), [Grizzlies](#), [Macaw](#), [Sharks](#), [Green](#), [Silver](#).

Spread the Word: 2-1-1

The state of Massachusetts would like to remind people that they can call 2-1-1 for help in a number of areas, particularly now when many people are feeling stressed, anxious or depressed. Please, if you need help right now, reach out. There are people ready to help you.

Parents Guide to Google Classroom in 2020





GMS Library Without Walls

Ms. Milstein's Computer Corner

GMS & CHS Norms and Expectations for Online Learning

The Galvin Middle School and Canton High School hold four, shared core values:

- Academic Excellence and Rigor
- Inclusive Community
- Respectful and Responsible Relationships
- Continuous Improvement

These core values guide how we work and act as a community, whether in person or online.

It is important for all students to remember that on-line learning is still a classroom, and certain behaviors are expected when communicating with teachers and classmates as outlined in our Core Values, the [GMS](#) and [CHS](#) student/family handbooks and the [Canton Public Schools Responsible Use Policy](#). Students should conduct themselves according to the following norms during video conferences:

- ***Don't audio record, video record, or take pictures/screenshots while in a videoconference; MA law requires consent from all parties before doing any of these things.***
- Find a quiet place to join and stay there. Don't walk around.
- School rules apply: Be respectful. Dress appropriately. Be kind.
- Be focused on learning. Don't play games, watch videos or surf the web.
- Mute your microphone unless you are speaking.
- Follow your teacher's instructions for speaking, asking questions, and turning your camera and microphone on or off.

Thank you for your cooperation in following these expectations.

FREE Internet Access: Comcast's Internet Essential Program

If you need internet access: Please use the following links for information regarding Comcast's Internet Essential Program for any families in need of internet access.

<https://www.internetessentials.com/>

<https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>

