

UPCOMING EVENTS

District Enrollment

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 11:00am - 6:00pm
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 7:00am - 2:00pm
GMS gymnasium

Meet the Teacher Night at RVH

Tuesday, Aug. 13 from 6:00 to 7:00pm

First Day of Classes

Wednesday, August 14

RVH Back to School Bash

Friday, August 16 from 5:00 to 7:00pm

No School - Labor Day

Monday, September 2

No School - Staff Development

Monday, September 16



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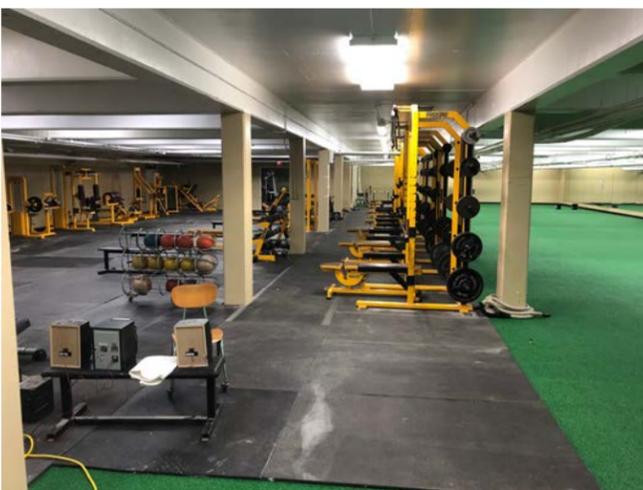
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The Girard Middle/High School weight room received an impressive makeover this summer.

Summer Construction, Facilities Updates Continued

present in the new layout, but has been given a bit of a “touch up”.

Many other general maintenance projects in the district are underway as well during the summer months so that school campuses are ready when students return in August. Troy Combs, the U.S.D. #248 maintenance director, and his staff are to be commended for their efforts.



District Facilities Ready for New School Year

While students and most staff enjoy a bit of a reprieve from Girard schools during the summer months, the USD 248 Maintenance Staff works hard to clean, maintain and update the temporarily vacated district facilities during the intermission. This summer is no exception.

In addition to regular maintenance, the school district also has several outsourced construction/facility updates in progress. These projects were identified in the district’s current strategic plan after conducting efficiency audits and gathering input from stakeholders who served on the strategic plan facility committee.

One such project addressed aging HVAC systems throughout the district. Currently at the Girard High School/Middle School facility, the district is in year two of a five-year plan to update

the current mechanical heating and air conditioning system. The goal was to change over the aging boiler heating system to a more modern and efficient system. Phase 1 was completed in the summer of 2018 and included the current Agricultural Science, technology and cafeteria wing. Phase 2 is currently in progress and includes several classrooms, the band room, as well as locker rooms and hallways on the west end of the facility. CDL Electric is doing the current work and all projects are on schedule. These changes are necessary to address the original and aging boiler heating/piping system.

In addition to the Mechanical Heating and Air Updates, the district has also started the Phase 1 project to address the roof systems at GMS/GHS. This summer, a Conklin roofing

system was applied on the current GMS gym. The work was performed by Bruce Blair with B-Squared Roofing and Construction. Additional roofing systems on the district facilities will be addressed in the next 2 to 3 years as well.

Another facility update that was identified in the current strategic plan was better utilizing warehouse space in the USD 248 Bus Barn/Activity Center facility. In order to make unused space available for student use, the district proposed renovating current storage space to create a practice facility for the newly added wrestling program at Girard High School and Girard Middle School. In addition, there will be space for a possible cardio fitness area that would be available for community use as well. This project was put to bid and

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Facilities Updates *(Cont'd from Page 1)*

Arck Construction out of Pittsburg was awarded the contract. The cost for this project is mostly being funded by a generous donation from the Goppert Foundation and Farmers Bank. This strategic plan goal may have not been achieved without this donation. USD 248 is most appreciative. Completion is expected in October of 2019.

Lastly, the current weight room was remodeled and re-arranged to better utilize this space for students. In addition to a good painting, the cage walls were removed and a carpet astroturf was applied to the floor. This makes for improved functionality. Many people worked hard to bring this improvement project to fruition.

“The upgrades to the weight room will be a very noticeable difference,” said GHS Head Football Coach Neil Philpot. “The work Troy (Combs) and his staff have done to give a fresh coat of paint everywhere and add additional

lighting has made a huge impact.”

Philpot went on to say that the layout of the weight room will allow all programs to utilize a much larger

footprint of functional space in all aspects of strength and conditioning. Much of the old weight room remains
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The Girard Middle School roof gets an application of Conklin roofing sealant.

Enrollment Information for USD 248 Students

USD 248 enrollment will take place Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 11:00am to 6:00pm and Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 7:00am to 2:00pm. All students will enroll in the GMS gymnasium. Each building will have a table set up for collecting forms and fees. A mandatory enrollment fee of \$30 per student will be collected at this time. Credit cards will be accepted for an additional 3.61% fee. Enrollment packets were sent to students grades 6 and up. Parents can expedite the enrollment process by having forms completed, and by bringing immunization records.

Students grades 6 and up will be issued an iPad upon enrollment. Parents will have the option of paying an additional \$50 technology fee which allows their child 24/7 access to the iPad checked out to them. Please note that this technology fee is an annual usage fee only, which helps offset the cost/depreciation of the iPads. It is not an insurance policy, does not purchase the iPad, and will not be applied toward any necessary repairs to the device. Damage to the device will be charged to the parents. If the iPad user policy has been signed by both the

student and the parent, and all enrollment and technology fees have been paid by the first day of school, the student will be allowed 24/7 access to the device. If not, the student will check in the iPad at the end of each school day. Students who pay the 24/7 access fee will be issued an Apple Certified 12W USB Power Adapter and an Apple 1m Lightning to USB Charging Cable at enrollment. These items will be kept by the student for the duration of the iPad cycle or until the student leaves the district. The Apple Certified 12W USB Power Adapter and Apple 1m Lightning to USB Charging Cable must be replaced if lost or damaged. Students will be expected to purchase a replacement from USD 248 or Apple if either item becomes inoperable for any reason. Students grades Kindergarten through 5 will not have the 24/7 access option.

Food services director, Corey Kimrey, will be available with information and forms. Parents wishing to apply for free/reduced school meals for their child(ren) should come prepared with their income information in order to avoid late charges when school begins. Parents

can download the application online from the district website if they wish to fill out the form in advance and bring it with them. Mr. Kimrey will also be accepting payments toward student meal accounts.

Transportation department director Rick Neil, will be on hand to answer busing questions.

The school district nurse will address immunization, food allergies, and medical issues. Parents are asked to see her if their student will be taking any prescription medication at school.

The Dental Clinic from Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas will have representatives present to address any questions or concerns about the services they provide at school.

Girard Medical Center staff will be on hand Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 11:00am to 6:00pm, offering free physicals. Staff from Community Health Center of SEK will be available from 8:00am to 2:00pm on Wednesday, Aug. 7, to provide free physicals as well as immunizations for students that are still in need of these. We hope that you will join us in telling them “Thank You!” for these free services.

RVH News

RVH SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School was offered to all students who completed Kindergarten through 5th grade this school year. A total of 63 students enrolled in the program, which lasted throughout the month of June. Missy Sisney, Molli Harris, Laura Lowman, Amy Doubrava, Joni Benso, and Tina Daniel led all of the fun activities. Each day started with an academic hour where students could work on math and reading skills. Next, students were given a snack and allowed time to play with their friends before shifting to their fun club. Fun club topics included sports, arts and crafts, and outdoor fun. Students also went to the public library once a week, watched a Juggling Act, and participated in 4 field trips. Field trips included trips the Amazeum in Bentonville, Arkansas; Deanna Rose Farm in Overland Park, KS; the Springfield (MO) Zoo, and a trip to the movies to see Toy Story 4. On the final day, students participated in a water day with slip’n slides, water balloons, and sprinklers. Staff and students had a great time!



GMS News

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Middle school students have been working hard in the weight room this summer. MS boys have been meeting Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-10am. This summer, we added a second session specifically for MS girls. Coach Hadyn Gustafson has been leading this session on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10-11:00am.

GMS FALL ATHLETICS

All 7th and 8th grade students interested in playing football or volleyball are encouraged to participate. Practices will begin the first day of school.

ENROLLMENT INFO

Enrollment will take place on Tuesday Aug. 6th from 11am-6pm and Aug. 7th from 7am-2pm. Students will receive their schedule as well as locker assignments and combinations. Students can practice opening their locker and combinations at this time.

WELCOME, NEW STAFF!

The middle school is excited to be adding two new teachers. Mr. Hundley will be taking over the band program. Mrs. Reid will be implementing the new choir program. 7th and 8th grade students will have the opportunity to take choir. 6th grade students will be offered music appreciation taught by Mr. Hundley. We are excited to see the music program grow and continue its tradition of excellence.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

During the transitional middle school years, good communication between the school and home is essential for student success. Please help us keep that communication open by contacting us if you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year. Parents can call the school office at 724-4114, or email Principal B.J. Pruitt at bpruitt@girard248.org or Counselor Karen Kelso at kkelso@girard248.org.

GHS News

ACT INFORMATION

Students who plan to attend a 4-year college right after high school graduation should start planning to take the ACT Test their junior and/or senior year. Below is a table of when the ACT Test will be given this school year. The cost of the ACT Test is \$50.50 for the basic test. If the student wants to take the optional writing portion, the cost is \$67. Students on free or reduced lunches may get up to two fee waivers from Mrs. Hey. Community Colleges do not require the ACT Test, but the student may still take it. Talk to Mrs. Hey to determine if you should take the ACT Test.

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline
Sept. 14, 2019	Aug. 16, 2019
Oct. 26, 2019	Sept. 27, 2019
Dec. 14, 2019	Nov. 8, 2019
Feb. 8, 2020	Jan. 10, 2020
Apr. 4, 2020	Feb. 28, 2020
Jun. 13, 2020	May 8, 2020
Jul. 18, 2020	Jun. 19, 2020

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT CLASSES

The following concurrent enrollment college classes will be offered to GHS juniors and seniors this year during the fall semester through Pittsburg State University and Fort Scott Community College, as noted: English 101 (PSU), American Government (FSCC), General Literature (PSU), Performance Appreciation (PSU), and American History (PSU). All classes are offered for three college credits, and the cost for each semester class will be \$315 (\$105 per credit). Students must apply for admission and pay an application fee.

If students or parents have questions about the concurrent college classes, they should see Mrs. Hey at enrollment in August.