



5th and 6th Grade General Information

Middle School students attend **chapel** once a week.

The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. for middle school students. Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. The school day ends at 3:25 p.m. for middle school students on Monday through Thursday and 1:00 on Friday. Fifth and sixth graders should be picked up at the Grace U building. Unless attending a scheduled school activity, students should be picked up no later than 3:55 p.m. (1:25 p.m. on Fridays). After this time, **a late fee of \$10.00 will be due.**

During the school day, students will be released only to parents or others listed on the **Emergency Procedure Card** or with written permission. Siblings who drive must be listed on the Emergency Procedure Card in order to be able to pick up their sibling(s) during the school day.

Even though we understand that it is less convenient, middle school students may not go to the high school to be picked up with or by a **high school sibling**. This policy exists for the protection of your student and for consideration of the high school faculty. It is difficult to monitor, so we need your cooperation. We appeal to you to abide by it and to support your student in doing what we have asked you to do.

If you anticipate an **absence of more than one day**, the student needs to get a form from the office for teachers to fill out.

Be sure to check **myGCS for homework**. New families will receive login directions soon via email.

Hot lunches may be ordered online once every six weeks. However, your student may choose to bring lunches from home. You are also welcome to bring a lunch to the office for your child to pick up. Please label it with their first and last name.

Be familiar with the **dress code** in the handbook.

Cell phones may be turned off and stored in the locker during the day. If phones are out and on during the school day, they will be taken to the office where they may be redeemed at the end of the day for \$15.00. There is a phone in the office for students to use if the school changes an event or practice which necessitates a change in carpool arrangements.

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