



The Graham School

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2019

News O'Graham

August

Important Dates

Aug. 22 8:00am-3:15pm	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 27	Oct. 7	Oct. 11	Oct. 17-18
First Day of School *New school day hours*	No School - PD Day	No School - Labor Day	12:30pm Early Release	Picture Day	End of Quarter 1	No School - PD Days

Dear Graham Students and Families,

As we celebrate The Graham School's 20th year, we welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! Our staff and students continuously strive to embody our Habits of Learning: Adventure & Risk, Perseverance, Self-Direction, Service & Stewardship, and Teamwork & Collaboration. At The Graham School we see these habits in action as both staff and students pursue challenges outside of their comfort zones, solve problems creatively without giving up, take initiative- striving for mastery and expertise in their craft, care for each other and our surroundings, and work together to meet goals. At Graham, We are Crew, not Passengers!

We would like to remind families that **our cell phone policy prohibits the use of electronics in the classroom unless being used for teacher-approved activities.** Please remember that if you need to contact your student during class time, the best way to do so is through our front desk associates at 614-262-1111. At The Graham School we believe that learning is a priority and time spent fully engaged in classes and community is essential. We so appreciate your cooperation.

As you know, communication is key to student success. Follow up with your student's crew leader or the front desk for the information you need to access your student's grades and follow their progress on PowerSchool. Also, make sure that you are signed up to receive Remind messages from our teachers so that you can stay up to date on what is going on in your student's classes. Please notify the front desk when your student is going to be absent, as well.

Finally, The Graham School considers the safety of all of its students and staff extremely important and a high priority of our work. In case of emergencies, families will be contacted via multiple methods: letters home, our texting communication service - Remind, mass e-mails, through website posts, and/or from an off-campus phone location at GEMS (614) 253-4000.

Follow us!

- on Twitter: @TGrahamSchool
- on Remind: text the message @grahamsch to 81010
- www.thegrahamschool.org
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/The-Graham-School-203552974632/>

Looking forward to a fantastic 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,

Amy Vickroy, Sarai Correa, & RJ Larry, Deans
Gheon Selemon, Positive Behavior Specialist

The Graham School 3950 Indianola Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43214 614-262-1111
www.TheGrahamSchool.org Front Office Hours - 7:45am-4:30pm



Staff News

Please help us welcome a few new faces to our TGS community! We are thrilled to have the following people join our team this year:

- **Brittany Buxton**, Front Desk
- **Shawn Dyer**, Social Studies Teacher & Freshman Crew
- **Bobbie Gier**, Geometry Teacher & Sophomore Crew
- **Bryan Kossmann**, Front Desk
- **Sufiy James**, Drama Teacher & Freshman Crew
- **Marty Judge**, Social Studies Teacher & Sophomore Crew
- **Katie Sasser**, Psychology Teacher & Junior Crew

Additionally, we have a few other staffing updates.

- **Myra Molnar**, Dean, has retired. We would like to thank Myra for her dedication and efforts to making The Graham School “this much better” and wish her the best!
- **RJ Larry**, former Geometry teacher, is now Associate Dean. RJ is a great addition to the administrative team and will be supporting students, families, and staff in a variety of ways.
- **Gheon Selemo**n is now in the role of Positive Behavior Specialist. Gheon will be leading the charge of PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) at The Graham School. He will work closely with students regarding behavioral expectations and supports. TGS is eager to see Gheon in action in this new role- it is a perfect fit for him!
- **Jeanne Weinberg** has moved into the position of Director of Culture for the The Graham Family of Schools. While we will see less of Jeanne this year at Graham we are excited for this new opportunity: and she promises to be at her “home school” often!

We are expanding the Parent & Guardian Group!

At The Graham School we know that involving students' families as much as we can is a great way to help kids grow, so we are hoping to expand our Parent & Guardian Group next year. If you are interested in learning more about participating in this group, please contact Mary Slaback at msslaback@thegrahamschool.org.

Attendance

Attention Parents/Guardians

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Attending school daily is critical to student success. Ohio's House Bill 410 law requires a preventative approach to excessive student absences. An Attendance Team has been established to work with our students and families to help improve daily attendance. Note * - Missing as few as 2 days per month is considered chronically absent!

We want to see your student in school every day!

TGS is a School-wide Title 1 program, enabling us to receive Federal Funds to ensure that our students receive the support they need to reach and exceed grade level goals in reading and math. We welcome parent involvement in planning, review and improvement of Title 1 programs including the family engagement policy and the schoolwide program plan. Please contact Debbie Addison at addison.2@thegrahamschool.org with any questions.

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School Supply Lists

[Freshman List](#)

[Sophomore List](#)

[Junior & Senior List](#)

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Office hours at The Graham School are from 7:30am to 4:00pm. Students need to be dropped off after 7:30am and picked up by 4:00pm. We can guarantee neither access to the building nor staff supervision outside of these hours. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thank you!

TGS Online Store

The TGS Store is open! You can now pay school fees (\$35) and lunch balance online at the Store.

[Click here to pay online at the Store.](#)

Help Graham Raise Money For Expeditions!

When you shop at Kroger, Giant Eagle, and/or Amazon you can help TGS raise money!

Kroger

Go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com or call 1-800-837-4483 to enroll in the program. **If you enrolled last year you must re-enroll each year to help Graham.** Add Graham to your card. You can search for Graham by name or use our (NEW Code) school code: IE209. Shop! Every time you shop and use your Kroger Rewards Card Graham gets rebates. Kroger totals those rebates and sends Graham a check.

Giant Eagle

Go to: <https://www.gianteagle.com/schools/apples-for-students> to sign up online or by call 1-800-474-4777. Add Graham to your card. Our school ID number is 5089. Shop! Every time you use your Giant Eagle Advantage Card Graham earns money.

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RESIDENCY VERIFICATION NOTIFICATION

Per House Bill 21 community schools are now required to perform a monthly review of student files and randomly select families for residency verification. **Please be sure to contact the school immediately in case of an address change.** Proof of residency will need to be submitted within two weeks of an address change. If evidence is not provided requests for additional documentation or a home visit may occur.

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**your day the right way
with School Breakfast!**



**School Breakfast
will give you **MORE** energy,
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and help improve your grades!**

School Name: The Graham School

Breakfast Times: 7:30 a.m.

Prices: FREE

Location Served: The Big Room



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