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Dear Greco Middle Magnet Families:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Greco Middle Magnet. We are excited to start a new year and look forward to each of you being a very important part of our school. **Students return Tuesday, August 10, 2021 with school hours 9:25- 4:20.**

OPEN HOUSE: You and your child are invited to attend our annual **Open House on Thursday, August 5, 2021 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** You will have an opportunity to meet your teachers and visit classrooms. Report to homeroom where you will receive your child's schedule and a map. **On the mailing label, the first 4 numbers are the homeroom section. The second 4 numbers are the room number. For example if your label says 0601- 0301, your student is in homeroom 601 and your will report to Room 301 for their schedule. Please keep the flyer for open house.** Once you have your child's schedule you may visit the classrooms on your own.

Transportation information can be found at <https://hillsboroughschools.org/greco> on or around August 2. Find My Bus Stop: **WebQuery** will have up-to-date busing information for the current school year. If eligible for Transportation please update your address at our school ASAP to get your busing information. The bus routes may run late coming and going the first few days of school until runs can be adjusted. Any questions or concerns regarding buses, please contact Transportation. The Transportation Call Center can be reached at 813-982-5500 between the hours of 6:00AM - 6:00PM on Mondays and 6:00AM - 7:00PM Tuesday through Friday. If you have an emergency beyond our scheduled hours of operation you can reach our School Security at 813-623-3996.

Please take time to read through the important information that comes home with your child during the 1st week of school. We will make every effort to keep you informed throughout the year through parent phone calls, text messages, and the school website at <https://hillsboroughschools.org/greco>. **It is important to make sure that we have current address information and working phone numbers.** Any changes in addresses or phone numbers should be reported to Ronald Emerson, ext. 232, Data Processing Clerk.

I cannot stress enough the importance of your child being at school every day. Your child cannot learn if he/she is not in attendance each day. Likewise, we expect our students to behave appropriately at all times. Our staff will not tolerate inappropriate or disruptive behavior. Students will review school and district policies the first week of school. All students have the right to learn and teachers the right to teach every day

If you are interested in serving on the School Advisory Committee or PTSA, please contact the school or Jennifer.Butler@hcps.net **We need our parents to serve on SAC and PTSA!**

Please don't hesitate to call me or any member of the Greco Middle Magnet staff if you have any questions or concerns. **In regards to your child's grade or behavior in a particular class, I ask that you contact the teacher first.** As the Principal of Greco Middle Magnet School, I am very excited as we begin the upcoming year together. Greco Middle Magnet School is an excellent school where high expectations are stressed. Our students consistently do well on standardized tests and excel academically. We are hopeful that this year will be your child's best school year ever, for together we can achieve great things!

Sincerely,

Wendy Rauld, Principal

Our Mission Statement

Greco Middle Magnet will provide an education that meets the academic and social emotional needs of all students

Our Vision Statement

Our vision is to educate the whole child to become a global citizen.

CIVILITY STATEMENT

In order to provide a safe, caring and orderly environment, the School district of Hillsborough County expects Civility from all who engage in school activities. Mutual respect, professionalism and common courtesy are essential qualities that all need to demonstrate in promoting an educational environment free from disruptions, harassment, bullying and aggressive actions.

ADMINISTRATORS

Mrs. Wendy Rauld, Principal

Mr. Charles Morris, Assistant Principal—6th Grade & 7th A-K

Mr. Robert Chisholm, Assistant Principal—7th Grade L-Z & 8th Grade

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

School Hours are from 9:25am to 4:20pm. Every Monday is Early Release with a 3:20pm dismissal. **Students are permitted on campus at 9:00 am and should be off campus no later than 4:25pm.. No supervision is provided before and after school.** Student safety is always a priority to the faculty and staff at Greco Middle Magnet School. Because of our commitment to safety, we ask you to follow our arrival and dismissal procedures. **Car riders must be dropped off and picked up in the car rider line along Gillete Avenue not in the front of the school.** Parents are not to drop off students prior to 9:00 am unless the student is in the Boys and Girls Club.

Breakfast is served at 9:00am and free to all students. Students are not allowed to roam the campus. Students who ride their bikes are reminded that bikes must be walked once on campus and secured in the bike rack area. Students are expected to leave campus immediately after school unless they are participating in a supervised after school function. Plan ahead for rainy days and make sure your child knows what to do at dismissal if it is raining. In the case of severe weather, students may be held until conditions improve.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

In an effort to ensure that our students are not picked up late and left unsupervised after school sponsored events, we would ask that you make arrangements to be on time to pick up your child. If a student is not picked up on time they will not be allowed to attend any extra-curricular activity held at or in conjunction with our school unless you personally plan to stay with your child for the entire event. If you plan to participate in any of the extramural sports such as soccer, track, basketball, flag football or volleyball, **to be eligible to participate, all of the requirements must be fulfilled prior to the sport starting.** This includes a sports physical, purchasing district insurance and reviewing 3 FHAA safety videos. Parents and students **MUST** create an account at www.planeths.com and complete all paperwork online.

BULLYING (HCPS Policy 5517.01)

It is the policy of HCPS that all students and school employees have an educational workplace setting that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. The district will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any type. Conduct that constitutes bullying or harassment, as defined herein, is prohibited. "Bullying" means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees. It is defined as any unwanted and repeated written, verbal, physical behavior.

CANVAS

Tip for helping your child at home, at the beginning of each week, take time to go over your child's grades with them. Grades, assignments and messages from teachers can be found for each class in Canvas. This creates an opportunity to help your child get organized for the week. Don't have a parent log in for Canvas? Go to <https://sdhc.instructure.com/courses/36524> for detailed instructions on how. Access the complete Canvas Family Guide at <https://bit.ly/canvasfamilyguide>

DRESS AND GROOMING POLICY

The dress and grooming of students shall be that which contributes to the health and safety of the individual, promotes a positive educational environment and good school spirit, and which is non-disruptive of the educational activities and processes of the school.

Greco Middle Magnet believes that our uniform policy for all students promotes a positive learning environment and contributes to school pride, spirit and safety. The student uniform shall consist of the following:

Tops: All Grade Levels: Only solid White, Navy Blue & Black collared polo shirts shall be worn.

School spirit wear t-shirts may be worn on Fridays only.

(Wearing an oversized outer garment or long-sleeved shirt over the school uniform is not acceptable unless the garment has the school logo on it)

Bottoms(Shorts/Pants): Only Khaki/Beige, Navy Blue, and Black pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, and jumpers may be worn. Hemlines shall be no shorter than fingertip length. **No jeans are allowed on any day.** All "bottoms" must be worn fastened at the waist line, **solid color, and without logos or prints of any kind.** Short skirts, mini-skirts, yoga style stretch pants/leggings, sweat pants or corduroy pants are not acceptable.

Shoes: Closed-toe shoes shall be worn at all times. Skate tennis shoes and bedroom slippers are unacceptable and not allowed.

EMERGENCY CARDS

This important card will be sent home with all students the first day of school. Please carefully check information listed and make sure all information is complete and accurate. The card should be signed and returned the next day to the homeroom teacher by the student. **It is imperative that you update this information as needed during the school year.** In case of a medical emergency, it is our only way of getting assistance for your child. If an adult is not listed on the card, he/she may not sign out your child.

Boys and Girls Club (before and after school care)

Students may sign up for the Boys and Girls Club if before/after school care is needed. Boys and Girls club students may arrive at 7:30am. Contact Ashley Weatherspoon at 813-943-3434 or Tamiko Council at 813-987-6926 ext 228 for more information. Register online at parent.portal.bcgtempa.org

IB EDUCATION

"The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better more peaceful world. In the Middle Years Programme (MYP), students explore six global contexts: identities & relationships, personal & cultural expression, orientation in space & time, scientific & technical innovation, fairness & development, and globalization & sustainability." –IBO For more information visit: <https://www.ibo.org/about-the-ib/>

IB LEARNER PROFILE

The following 10 attributes are recognized and valued by IB World Schools. Greco Middle Magnet fully strives to instill these attributes across our campus and in our classrooms to ensure our students become responsible members of our local, national and global communities.

- *Inquirers*
- *Knowledgeable*
- *Thinkers*
- *Communicators*
- *Balanced*
- *Principled*
- *Caring*
- *Risk-Takers*
- *Open-Minded*
- *Reflective*

IB ELECTIVES:

For IB authorization, all students not in an Intensive Reading class must take a foreign language. The language we offer at Greco is Spanish. IB also requires that students not in Band or Chorus take one semester of Fine Arts and one semester of Design. Student elective requests have been adjusted to meet this requirement. If you have any questions, please reach out to our school counselors Nina.Bellamy@hcps.net or Sterling.Gibson@hcps.net.

MEDIA RELEASE

We have many opportunities for our students to be interviewed and photographed by newspapers and television as well as videotaped. It is important that parents sign a permission slip allowing your child to participate should this opportunity become available. The permission to be interviewed, photographed and videotaped will be sent home the first week of school. Please sign and return to your child's homeroom teacher ASAP

MEDICATION GUIDELINES

In compliance with Florida State Law, **only prescription medication** will be administered at school. Over-the-counter or sample medications must be accompanied by written orders from the physician. Whenever possible, medication schedules should be arranged so medication is given at home. If it becomes necessary for your child to take medication at school, please call for further information from our health assistant, in the school clinic, at 813-987-6926, extension 233.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Florida State Law requires physical education for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. An up-to-date statement from a doctor requesting curtailment or elimination of physical education must be on file at the school if your child is to refrain from any or all physical activities. **Sneakers are required, slides/flip flops can not be worn to PE as this is a safety issue.**

PROGRESS REPORTS/CONFERENCE NIGHTS(tentative)

September 14/September 16 February 15/February 17
November 16/November 18 April 19 /April 21

PTSA MEMBERSHIP

The Parent Teacher Student Association is attuned to the changing lifestyles and needs of our families and teachers. The P.T.S.A. is a powerful vehicle through which ideas regarding students are made. Our membership drive will begin during Open House.

READING IS IMPORTANT

We would ask our parents to support us by encouraging your children to READ daily at home. It is essential that students have age appropriate reading materials with them at school as well as at home. **All students should read every day for at least 30 minutes.** This is part of their homework assignment each day.

REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE ONLINE

October 28, 2021 January 20, 2022 April 7, 2022 June 9, 2022

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

If you are interested in working on this important committee, please call the school or email Jennifer.Butler@hcps.net. We encourage your participation.

SIGN IN/SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

All students who arrive after the 9:25am. tardy bell, must report to the Main Office to sign in. A parent/guardian should accompany the student to excuse the tardy. ALL students who must leave campus during school hours must have parent permission and administrative approval before they will be allowed to sign out. **Picture I.D. is required when a parent or guardian is signing out a student. We will not release students to anyone who has not been designated on the emergency card.** Students will not be called out of class until the parent/guardian is in the office signing him/her out. The student sign out log is located in the Main Office. The last sign out time for students is 3:50 (2:50 on Mondays).

STUDENT ABSENCES

In order for a routine absence to be excused, it shall be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian to explain the absence to the office. An attendance line is provided for this purpose. **Phone 813-987-6926 and press 1.** Call as early in the morning as possible. A preplanned absence for a personal reason that is acceptable to the Principal shall be considered excused. Permission for such absences must be requested and approved at least three (3) school days prior to the absence. A student who has an excused absence is permitted to make up class work missed provided the student makes arrangements with the teachers within three (3) school days of the student's return to school.

STUDENT HANDBOOKS

All student handbooks are available online at <http://hillsboroughschools.org/>. Policies will be reviewed and explained during the first week of school. Please read the handbook so that you are familiar with school/district policies.

SUPPLIES

The first day of school students should have a pencil or pen and paper. At Open House and during the first week of school, teachers will inform students about supplies needed for their classes.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Go to our school's website <https://hillsboroughschools.org/greco> to review a copy of the Annual Financial Report.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Florida Law requires the following additional immunizations **for students entering the seventh (7th) grade:**

1. **TDAP**
2. **Second Measles immunization (preferably MMR)**
3. **Hepatitis B series (three shots given over a 6 month period)**

If your child has NOT started these immunizations, you need to contact your physician or the Hillsborough County Health Department *The state law provides for the exclusion from school without proper immunization records. Your child will be excluded from school if the records are not complete prior to the first day your child will be attending seventh (7) grade.*

If you have any questions, please call the office of School Health Services, 813-273-7020.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HEALTH DEPT CLINICS

Main Health Department

1105 E Kennedy Blvd, Tampa 813-307-8000

Kelton Clinic

4420 Montgomery Ave., Tampa 813-307-8055

Sulphur Springs Clinic

8605 N. Mitchell Ave., Tampa 813-307-8054

West Tampa Clinic

2103 N. Rome Ave., Tampa 813-307-8058

USE OF CELL PHONES

Parents and students are reminded that cell phone use during class is prohibited. Students may use their cell phone three times during the day, before school (prior to 9:25), during lunch, and after school at 4:20 (3:20 on Mondays). All other times the cell phone must be turned off and out of sight. **Taking pictures or videotaping is NOT permitted.** Students who use their cell phones during school hours will have their phones held until communication with a parent has been made. Further consequences will result for repeat offenses

Greco Middle School Map 2021-22

