

## GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Each and Every Child, Each and Every Day

# Parcells Newsletter

October 2016

<http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/gpparcells>

### Important dates in October:

**Every Monday through Thursday:**

3:20PM-4:50PM ACE

**Every Monday:**

Late Start

**Every Wednesday:**

3:20PM - 4:20PM Art Club Rm 215

**Every Thursday:**

7th Hour Testing

3:30PM-4:30PM Yearbook Club Meeting Rm 211

**Every Friday:**

3:25PM-5:15PM Detention

**10/3/2016**

4:00PM - 6:30PM 7/8 Volleyball Home vs. Jefferson

**10/4/2016**

Great American SpellCheck Fundraiser Starting

**10/5/2016**

Student Court Day

4:00PM - 6:30PM 7/8 Volleyball Away @ Brownell

6:30PM - 8:00PM NJHS Fall Induction Ceremony

7:00PM - 8:00PM A Mindfulness Approach to Parenting (Location: Christ Church)

**10/6/2016**

3:30PM - 4:00PM VB Team Pictures (3:45PM - athletes will have forms to bring in with \$5)

**10/7/2016**

4:00PM - 6:30PM 7/8 Volleyball @ Southlake

Grosse Pointe War Dance

**10/10/2016**

4:00PM - 6:30PM 7/8 Volleyball @ Kennedy

4:00PM - 5:30PM Curriculum Forum (Location: South High School Wicking Library)

**10/11/2016**

6:00PM - 9:00PM Navigating Grace - Family Center (Location: Grosse Pointe War Memorial)

**10/12/2016**

3:25PM - 4:00PM Parcells Photo Retake Day After School

4:00PM - 6:30PM 7/8 Volleyball Home vs. Pierce

**10/13/2016**

3:20PM - 4:20PM Student Council Fall Clean Up

**10/14/2016**

8:30AM - 9:30AM Donuts with Dan

SpellCheck Pledge Sheets due to Mr. Bens Rm 202

**10/17/2016**

4:00PM - 6:30PM 7/8 Volleyball @ Jefferson at 4 pm

7:00PM - 8:00PM PTO Meeting in the School Library

3:45PM 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Great American SpellCheck Test Rm 202

**10/18/2016**

4:00PM - 6:30PM 7/8 Volleyball Home vs. Brownell \*\*8th grade plays first!!

**10/19/2016**

3:45PM 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Great American SpellCheck Test Rm 202

**10/20/2016**

3:45PM 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Great American SpellCheck Test Rm 202

**10/21/2016**

4:30PM - 7:00PM 7/8 Volleyball Home vs. Southlake

**10/24/2016**

SpellCheck Graded Test and Pledge Forms Sent Home

**10/25/2016**

7:00PM - 8:00PM Multi-Program Night - Family Center (Location: Services for Older Citizens)

**10/26/2016**

3:30PM - 4:30PM Cheerleading Clinic

**10/28/2016**

3:30PM - 5:30PM Cheerleading Try Outs

UofM/MSU Spirit Day

**10/31/2016**

Happy Halloween



## From the Principal's Desk

Happy October Parcells –

We have had a fantastic start to the 2015-16 school year and it is my promise to you that the Parcells staff will work hard to overcome each challenge that arises and do whatever it takes to support our students. One of the highlights for me so far this year was our First Responders/September 11th assembly. A giant thanks to Ms. Moll for helping to coordinate the assembly, Mr. Brandon Roux for serving as our Master of Ceremonies, our students who read their first responders on stage, and, of course, our local public safety officers in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe Woods for the outstanding work they do to keep us safe. If you like to check out the highlights from the assembly, please check out the clip on our Parcells PTO Facebook page where WDIV's story is posted for viewing. The assembly will also be featured on CBS Detroit on an upcoming weekend. More details to follow. Thanks to everyone who helped shine a positive light on our wonderful school community.

Something that we are implementing again year is an informal opportunity for parents to connect with me about any thoughts, suggestions, or questions they have about what is going on at Parcells. We will not have a set agenda, but will instead meet to discuss anything that is on your mind for how we can work together to improve our school. Our first "Donuts with Dan" session will take place on Friday, October 14th, from 8:30-9:30am. Coffee and Donuts will be provided. Please check in at the office and we will direct you to the room location. I hope to see you there!

As an added security measure, Parcells has added additional cameras throughout our hallways, gym, and cafeteria. The cameras are not constantly monitored, but do record and can be accessed by both Mrs. Redlin and myself. We hope that the cameras will both deter any inappropriate hallway behavior as well as help with our investigation of issues that arise during the school day. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to give me a call or email.

The month of October also means that our fall testing sessions are taking place. This year, all students will take the NWEA test during their language arts and math classes. NWEA is used to track student growth and identify areas of strength or concern in both reading and math. Our 8th grade students will also be taking the PSAT. With the State of Michigan switching from ACT to SAT as the exam we administer to high school juniors, the PSAT will help us gather the necessary data to prepare our students for their college entrance exam.

Thanks to everyone for a successful start to the school year. Have a wonderful October!



Mr. Dan Hartley, Principal

## Greetings from the Vice Principal

It's official! Fall is here and even though the sun is still shining nicely the cooling temperatures have started to reveal the beautiful new season! My husband and I are excited to share our home with our newest family member, Akyra. We bought her as an 8 week old puppy and she is now a 6 month old Rottweiler. As we are settling into fall – our students have done a very nice job settling into a new school year eager for new beginnings and making exciting new memories!



**TARDIES:** We value and protect student learning time as much as possible. One of the biggest disruptions to student learning is tardiness. You may be surprised to hear that there are actually very few students that are tardy to classes throughout the day here at Parcels and for that we celebrate! The tardies that are actually disrupting our day and getting students off to a rougher start are stemming from late arrival to school each day. We have started an “automated robocall system” here to notify parents if their child is late to school one or more classes each day. Though the early-morning buzzer of an alarm clock (or a smartphone alarm app) can be one of the worst sounds in the world to a sleepy middle school student, repeatedly muffling it via “snooze” button is never a good idea. Showing up on time to school each day benefits students' academic performance and future professional habits. Students who arrive at school early have an advantage over classmates who stumble through the door after class has begun. Consistent unexcused tardiness can mean short-term penalties and lifelong consequences. In addition to the Robocall, a lunch detention is issued for students that are tardy to class.

We believe so strongly in protecting each moment of your child's instructional time and understand that the parking lot can often times become a nightmare when dropping off students – so we offer basketball before school on Tuesday – Friday at 7:45am. We also allow students to go to our fabulous Media Center at 7:55am Tuesday – Friday or to the cafeteria to wait for school to begin.

Our late start Monday's are the culprit for most of the beginning of the day tardies. Teachers notice a difference in students that are seated in class when the bell rings compared to the students running to get to class as the bell goes off. We appreciate your support in encouraging your student to arrive to school on time every day. Please feel free to contact our attendance office (Ms. Pawlak) at 313-432-4613 or myself if you have any questions!

**Assignments Completed Everytime (ACE):** Our ACE program is back up and running again this year! We are excited to offer yet another proactive program that encourages every student to get their assignments in every day. If your child is missing an assignment, and doesn't turn it in after the reminder, a teacher may “ACE” them. When this happens an automated call goes home letting parents know their child has been ACED. This provides opportunity for a conversation to happen at home and the assignment can be completed that evening and turned in to ACE the following morning (Room B-2, Ms. Rabidoux). If the child does this, and there are no other outstanding assignments missing, they will not need to stay for ACE.

For students that do stay, we are excited to have several National Honor Society students from North High School that come each day to help our students if they need extra help as well as several of our own staff here at Parcels. If your child is not missing any assignments but would like to come to the ACE room (B-2) for “Homework Help” they are free to do so as long as they sign in. ACE/Homework Help are available Monday – Thursday 3:18 – 4:15pm.

If your child gets the Robocall- remember- we look at this as an opportunity to get the work completed and the learning mastered- not as a punishment!

Please feel free to reach out to Ms. Rabidoux or myself with ACE questions!

Debbie Redlin, Assistant Principal

## **Panther Parent Pointers**

### **Introduction**

Welcome back to another productive school year! As part of our PBIS program a monthly article with helpful information and tips for parents will appear in the monthly Parcels Newsletter. This article will be titled 'Panther Parent Pointers' and focus on different topics of interest and ways parents and guardians can help their student have a positive school experience. Research, and our own day-to-day involvement with students, has shown us that when parents/guardians and schools work together, students flourish.

Throughout the year please feel free to speak with us about any concern you may have about your student. We do suggest whenever possible you first talk with your child's teacher to learn more about the classroom and your child's experiences there. We are available to help problem solve academic, social/emotional, behavioral and peer related concerns. We also wish to be supportive through family transitions and the ups and downs of parenting a middle school student.

For questions or more information contact the Parcels support services team at 432-4600:

Susan Fell, School Social Worker  
Dr. Heather Carroll, School Psychologist

Carla Palffy, Counselor  
Kim Radant, Counselor





## Greetings from the Science Department

6th graders are starting the year learning about meters, liters, and grams, and how to graph what they've measured. Later this month Ms. Kefgen and Mrs. Geerer will be working with researchers from Michigan Tech, trying out the newest Next Generation Science Standards skills and activities with a special MiSTAR pilot unit on the water cycle. What's MiSTAR? It's "a new integrated science curriculum for grades 6-8 that is aligned with state and national science standards and assessments, uses a problem-based approach to stimulate students' interest, and demonstrates how science and engineering are used to develop new knowledge and innovative solutions to contemporary problems." See more here: [mi-star.mtu.edu](http://mi-star.mtu.edu)

7th graders in Mrs. Gulyas' and Mrs. Maison's classes are also reviewing scientific method & measurement and getting back into the habit of thinking like scientists. Once we're back into 'scientist mode,' we'll be off to the world of physical science and the properties of matter.

8th grade students are reviewing the metric system and learning to create and analyze graphs using algebra skills, which will help them tremendously as they move into physics this fall. We love to remind our students that the reason we learn math is so we can do science!



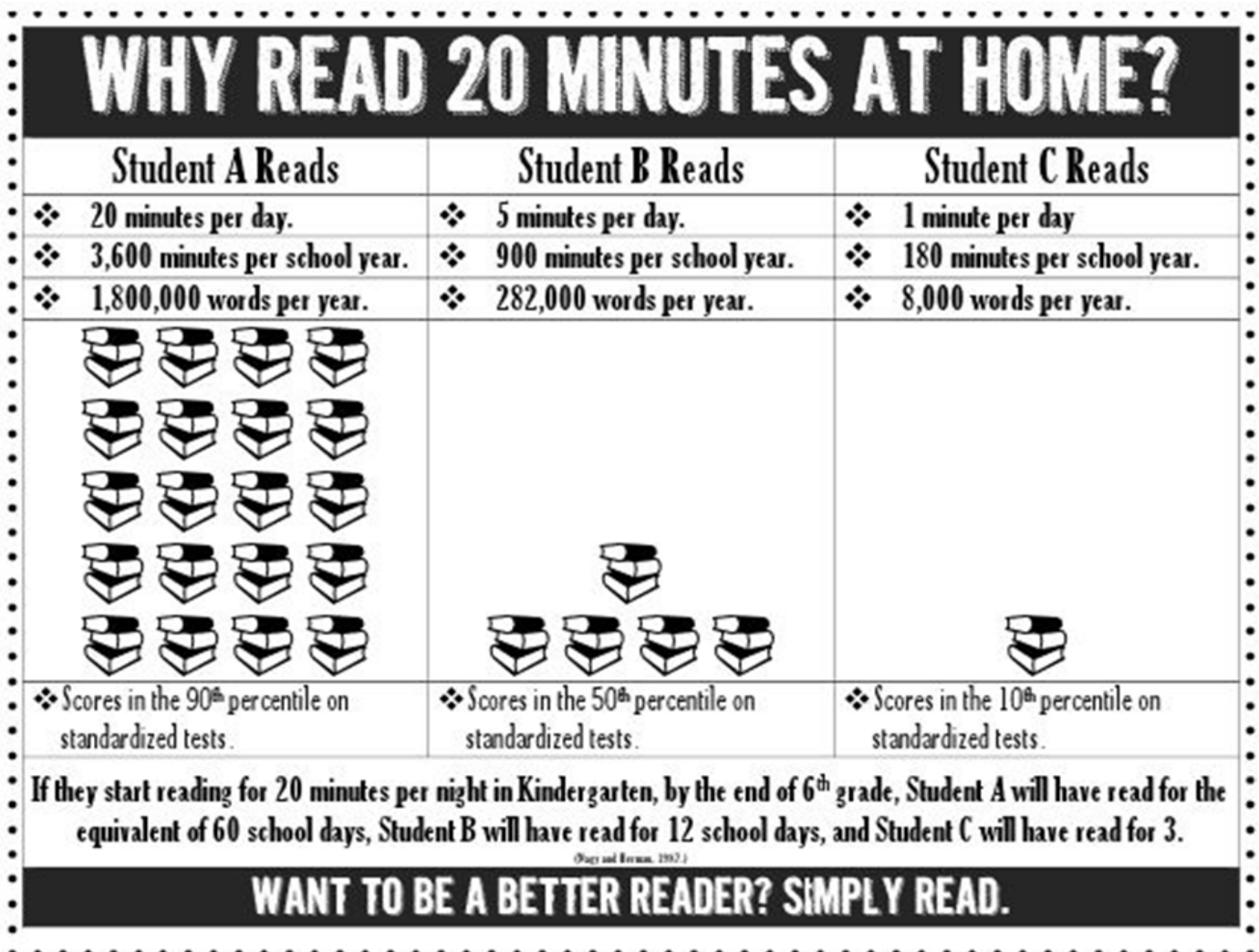
## Greetings from the English Department

With the first month under our belts, fall NWEA testing complete, and the summer to school transition time over, we are digging deep into curriculum. Students have been busy writing in journals and in essay format. It might be a good idea to take some time to check PINNACLE for grade updates and set up automatic notices. Also, check out the HOMEWORK CALENDAR for each teacher for weekly updates.

The English teachers in all three grades are working on an all school field trip to North High School to see the school play, Peter Pan. It promises to be an exciting performance! We can't wait to see our current students on stage with former students now attending North.

The 6th grade English department is also in the process of planning our grade level field trip to see A Christmas Carol at Meadowbrook University. Permission slips have gone home and should be returned promptly. Our goal is for everyone to attend this performance to kick start our Christmas Carol unit in English.

Independent reading is still one of the best ways to increase standardized test scores. Please take a minute to digest the information in the chart below:



## FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:

### Great American SpellCheck Fund-Raising

This year Parcels students will again have the opportunity to participate in the Great American SpellCheck, a Scripps National Spelling Bee fund-raiser that makes sure 100% of the money raised benefits Parcels. It is rooted in academics, so it ought to be a good way for students to raise some money for our school.

**Here's how it works: your child studies 50 spelling words and collects pledges from family and friends for every word that he or she spells correctly on the Great American SpellCheck 50-word test. Your child improves his or her spelling skills, and our school enjoys the financial benefits!** Our goal is to raise \$1000 for English Department needs and wants, such as field trip and activities funds.

#### **Here is the Great American SpellCheck fund-raising timeline:**

✚ **Starting Tuesday, October 4:** Students **study words** appearing on their Great American SpellCheck Study Words sheet, which their English teacher will provide. Also, students begin to **collect pledges** from family and friends.

✚ **Friday, October 14:** deadline for returning pledge sheets to Mr. Bens in room 202

✚ **Monday, October 17 (6<sup>th</sup> grade); Wednesday, October 19 (7<sup>th</sup> grade); and Thursday, October 20 (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** Great American SpellCheck test at 3:25 in room 202

✚ **Monday, October 24:** Teachers send home with each participating student the student's graded test and pledge form.

✚ **Friday, November 4:** deadline for students to return their pledged funds to Mr. Bens in room 202

✚ **Friday, November 11:** after-school party for participants, including honoring and rewarding the top spellers and fund-raisers for each grade

Here are some ways you can help:

- Help your child learn to spell correctly the 50 Great American SpellCheck study words.
- Indicate your level of support on the Great American SpellCheck Pledge Form (attached). Also, ask family and friends to make pledges.
- Ensure that your child returns the pledge form and pledges to Mr. Bens by Friday, November 4.

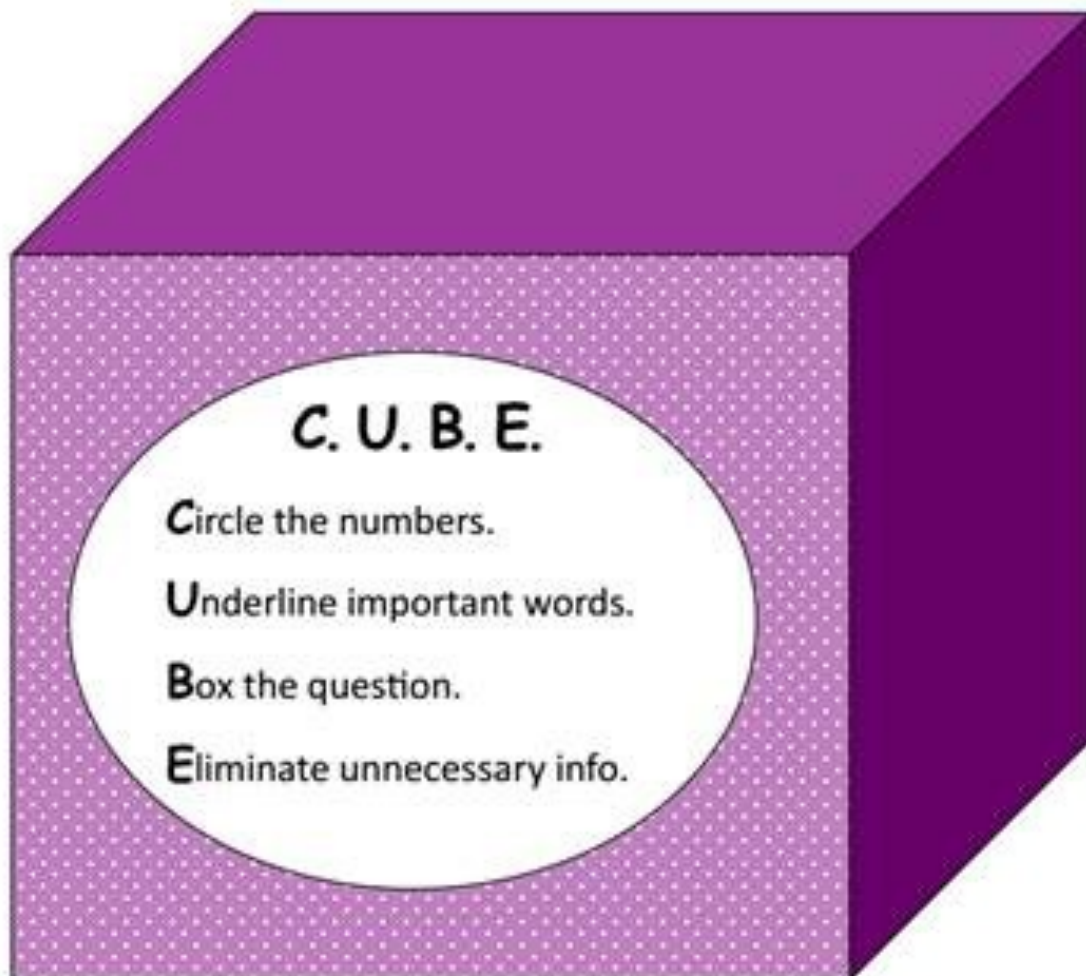
We hope that you share our excitement about your child's participation in the Great American SpellCheck. Together we can encourage strong spelling skills and help Parcels meet its fund-raising needs. T-H-A-N-K Y-O-U!

## Greetings from the Mathematics Department

The first month of school is over and we have successfully transitioned to a school schedule from the more relaxing summer schedule. All math classes have completed the fall NWEA testing and are now focusing on mathematics curriculum.

Many classes have already had homework assignments and a quiz or test grade. It is a good time to check Pinnacle to monitor your child's grades. Keep in mind that end of the card marking is November 4. Also, it is possible to set up automatic notifications in Pinnacle so you will be notified when grades are entered. Finally, all math teachers maintain a homework calendar where parents and students can locate the current homework assignment and be advised of any upcoming quizzes or tests.

With the math curriculum in full swing, many students benefit with a routine when solving word problems. The math teachers at Parcels teach the CUBE method and encourage students to utilize this strategy. See the graphic below. After students take the time to follow the process, the solution to the problem usually becomes clear.





## Greetings from the Social Studies Department

Can you believe it's already October?! Neither can we! The Social Studies Department had a great September getting to know everyone, teaching about 9/11, and celebrating the Constitution on Constitution Day. We are loving the creativity and enthusiasm we are seeing from the students of Parcels. The 6th grade is working on their culture projects; students are researching part of their culture, writing a paper, and creating a presentation. Mr. Cooper's 7th grade students are about to test their geography knowledge by completing a test where they have to draw the whole world... from memory and with great detail! Mr. Golich's 7th graders are finishing up their geography unit and using tiered testing to assess knowledge. Our 8th grade U.S. History students are finishing up their Native American and exploration units - next up is colonial America. Students in 8th grade U.S. History worked on activities that allowed them to discover the differences in Native American tribes by region and are working on learning more about the lasting impacts of European exploration of the New World.

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## Greetings from NJHS

Fall induction ceremony is on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

First quarter community service hours (2 in-school hours and 2 outside-school hours) are due by Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Some in-school opportunities include helping hang posters, cleaning up in the art room, alphabetizing forms for Ms. Butler, and cleaning desks for teachers. Outside-school opportunities include doing yard work for a neighbor (not a family member), volunteering at Gleaners, and playing a musical instrument or singing at a nursing home. Ask teachers what help they need and check the community service board in the basement by Ms. Butler's room for updated opportunities. Let us know if you have an opportunity to share! Also, please check the NJHS calendar online for updates.

Email Ms. Butler at [rachel.butler@gpschools.com](mailto:rachel.butler@gpschools.com) with questions.

National  
Junior  
Honor  
Society



## Greetings from the Choir Room!

All choirs are off to a great start in room #127! We had a successful performance of "One Call Away" at our all-school First Responders Assembly on Tuesday, September 27, followed by a TCBY fundraiser that same night. Special thanks to 8<sup>th</sup> grader Stephen Barstys for his phenomenal drumming that accompanied the choir's performance.

Order forms for our first major fundraiser of the year, Century Resources, were turned in at the beginning of October, with product delivery expected to be the week of October 24. If your son or daughter participated in this fundraiser, please look for an email soon with the confirmed product delivery date. It is important that some items get refrigerated ASAP on the delivery date. All money will need to be collected within 3-4 days of product delivery and returned to school. As always, checks should be made payable to Parcels Middle School.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are currently preparing for their fall concert. This second annual concert begins promptly at 7pm on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> in the Parcels Auditorium with performances by 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands, choirs, and orchestra. 6<sup>th</sup> graders are working on their bass clef unit, 7<sup>th</sup> graders on their rhythms unit, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade on their "time signatures with 8 on the bottom" unit (ask them what it means...they should be able to explain it very well by now!)

Enjoy October!

~Mrs. Leslie Saroli



## GYM SHORTS #2

### Athletic News and Information

Our Volleyball teams are in full swing and working hard. Their season's last match is October 21, 2016 at 4:30 and 5:30. Encourage your students to attend a match and support our athletes.

Boys Basketball will begin the week of Nov 1, 2016. I would like to personally introduce our 7th grade coach Charles Kaiser who will be joining our staff. He has many years of athletics and is an assistant coach at GPN in both football and baseball. Welcome Charles!

Tryout times are to be determined as to how the Varsity football team is doing in football playoffs. Both of our coaches, coach at GPN. If their team is still in the playoffs, we will choose to have tryouts in the morning before school. Please watch the athletic calendar for updates. Their first game is December 1, 2016.

Cheerleading clinic and tryouts are Oct 27 and 28, 2016. Please have your athletes talk to Mrs. Nan Sabella for more details. The cheerleaders cheer at all home Boys' Basketball games.

Please make sure your athlete has a physical on the BLUE physical form or they will not be able to try out. These forms will be handed out at a players meeting, in the main office and on the Athletic Coordinators door. Please make sure to have all lines signed and filled out.

As always, please contact Mrs. Gulick [beth.gulick@gpschools.org](mailto:beth.gulick@gpschools.org) with any questions.



# Parcells Middle School Varsity Cheerleading Information 2016/2017

## **IF YOU ARE SELECTED:**

- We will cheer for all 8th grade home games.
- You will be required to pay the once per year \$50 club/activity fee online.
- You will need, at your own cost, **SOLID white ankle socks**, **SOLID white cheer turtle neck that snaps below**, and **all white athletic shoes**.
- At the end of the season, you will be responsible for cleaning the uniform and returning it to me .
- You must attend all practices and games unless excused. Any combination of 2 unexcused tardies, absences, or missing uniform items will result in removal from squad.
- **You will need a completed physical BEFORE you can participate in clinics or try-outs! Make your appt. now in anticipation! This is district policy and cannot be waived.** *\*The official MHSAA form must be used. It can be downloaded from the Parcells Athletic Webpage or picked up from the office.*

Pre-season practices will be held: 3:30-4:30  
Wednesday, Nov. 2nd  
Wednesday, Nov. 9th  
Wednesday, Nov. 16th

GPPSS Open House: Sunday, Nov. 13th—1:00—2:30  
(many chants learned during this time)

Game dates: **Thursday, Dec. 1st**  
**Thursday, Dec. 8th**  
**Thursday, Jan. 12th**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 17th—NO PRACTICE or CHEERING—may sit in stands only—I'm at a meeting**  
**Thursday, Jan. 19th**  
**ONE MORE that has not been scheduled yet—stay tuned**  
\*pre-game practices start at 3:45 on game days

Cheer party and uniform return: Wednesday, Jan. 25th at 3:25

*Total commitments: 20 items = 1 clinic, 1 tryout, 3 practices, 1 open house, 5 practice/ game combos, 1 pep assembly (TBD), and 1 pizza party*

**TRY- OUTS: Wednesday, October 26th ~ 3:30-4:30 teaching/evaluation clinic**

**You must bring completed eligibility sheet, medical treatment form, and this signed sheet to participate—NO EXCEPTIONS**

## **3:30 judged try-outs Friday, Oct. 28th**

**Judged on the following:**

**Participation/attitude during evaluation clinic**  
**Precise movement**  
**Jumps**  
**Spirit**  
**Overall group cheer and chant**  
**Volume and clarity**

PRINT Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle Grade: 7th 8th

PRINT Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Mrs. Sabella if you have any questions! [nan.sabella@gpschools.org](mailto:nan.sabella@gpschools.org)



## Parcells Athletic and Cheer Eligibility Sheet

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team: **Varsity Basketball Cheerleading**

Students who do not meet one of the following criteria are not eligible to play for the two week period between this grade check and the next grade check. More severe consequences may be set forth by the main office.

Coaches retain these sheets for the duration of your season.

1<sup>st</sup> Check (must be completed to participate in try outs)

### **Academic Grades**

Class	Current Grade		Conduct	Teacher Signature
1 <sup>st</sup> Hour:				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour:				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:				
4 <sup>th</sup> Hour:				
5 <sup>th</sup> Hour:				
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:				
			Total:	

Students must be passing 4 of six classes and receive a conduct total of 15 points or better (meaning LESS) in order to be eligible to participate in cheerleading.

## Greetings from:

### Life Skills News-

Students recently started our Mindfulness training with parent volunteer Katie Scarsella. During this training, students will learn how to focus on their breathing in order to manage stress and maintain a healthy overall outlook. In the past, feedback from students has been very positive and I'm excited to offer this training to students again this year. Please discuss with your child, and encourage kids to remember their training as needed at home.

For more information on mindfulness in schools, please visit the following link from the Family Center:

<http://www.familycenterweb.org/index.php/ask-the-experts/42-all/594-mindfulness-in-schools-the-missing-piece-of-a-modern-education>

If you'd like to contact Mrs. Scarsella, please email me.

It's almost TURKEY TIME! If your family is interested in donating a whole frozen turkey to be cooked in class during the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>, please plan to send one in anytime from now until Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>.



Last year, Parcels Life Skills students cooked and carved 56 turkey's which helped feed a Thanksgiving feast to over 1,000 hungry people in Metro Detroit. Turkey's will be cooked, carved and donated to Crossroads of Detroit. Crossroads is also looking for canned goods (vegetables, potatoes, gravy, etc.) for their meal. For more information, please feel free to email me- [andrea.gruenwald@gpschools.org](mailto:andrea.gruenwald@gpschools.org)

### Student Council-



A special thank you to all students who participated in our spirit week! We had a fun week at Parcels and we look forward to our second spirit week this winter with a "Mix It Up" theme.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 13. Weather permitting, we will be outside raking leaves and picking up trash to beautify our school.

## Greetings from the Art Department

The first project in all of my art classes was graffiti names. We made our names in bubble letters, colored it in and used Sharpies for the outlines. I will be sending these names to a company called Art to Remember. Art to Remember is a fundraising program that can put your child's art onto various items that you can buy. Some of the options are phone cases, t-shirts, night lights, key chains, magnets, water bottles and even stickers. The list is long. A portion of the money will return to the art program so that we can continue to buy new and exciting materials for art classes. Please consider supporting the art program when the order forms go home.

Thank you,  
Amber Mades

# ART CLUB!

Oct. 5th-Dec. 14th 2016

Wednesdays 3:20-4:20pm



# YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST!

SIZE: 8 1/2 by 11 inches

DUE DATE:  
Tuesday November 22nd  
Give to Mrs. Makes

Images only, NO WORDS!

Winner will get a FREE yearbook!



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## **PTO Corner**

**PTO Membership at Registration:** Please be sure to sign up for PTO Membership when you register your child online for the new school year. This will make the school directory available to you and your membership will also go toward numerous programs at the school that benefit our children. Please also consider volunteering for the various events held by the PTO. Your help is always appreciated!

**PTO Meetings:** PTO Meetings are open to all parents and are a great way to get involved in your child's school. They are generally held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00, but some meetings are different due to holiday schedules or conflicts. Please check the school calendar for dates, or send an email to [ekin.jeanette@gmail.com](mailto:ekin.jeanette@gmail.com) for a schedule of meetings.

**Kroger Cards:** Please register your Kroger Card to benefit the Parcels PTO. (see instructions) Even if you signed up last year, the enrollment period ended in April and it is necessary to re-register. This is an easy source of income for the PTO and it doesn't cost you anything!

**School Clinic:** The Clinic is in need of volunteers. Even if it's only for a few hours, every bit helps. If you are interested, please contact Sheri Favenyesi at [sfavenyesi@wowway.com](mailto:sfavenyesi@wowway.com).

## **Kroger Plus Card Support Parcels – Enroll or Renew** **www.kroger.com school id # 91050**



**Parcels is an Evergreen School**



## **KROGER PLUS CARD FUNDRAISER – Enroll Now!**

### **2016 – 2017 Parcels Middle School (#91050) Kroger Plus Card Enrollment and Re-Enrollment Instructions**

You can support Parcels Middle School by shopping at Kroger and using a registered Kroger Plus Card. Every time you use your Plus Card (or telephone number) at check-out, Kroger donates a percentage back to Parcels Middle School. Your participation makes a difference in our school community!

**You can enroll your card any time during the year.**

**\*\*\*All participants must re-enroll each year between April 1 and April 30\*\*\***

To get started, please follow the steps for NEW ENROLLMENT (next) or RE-ENROLLMENT (below).

#### **NEW ENROLLMENT**

Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and click on “No Account? Register” located at the top right corner of the page.

*If you are enrolling your card for the first time, please be aware that it is a two-part process. You have to complete both parts to link your Kroger Plus Card to Parcels Middle School.*

#### **Part One – Create a Kroger Account**

- Provide your email address and create a password.
- Your password must be 6-12 characters long, and include at least one letter and one number.
- Select your preferred store. (Please note that Parcels Middle School will receive benefits wherever you shop.)
- Click the orange “Create Account” button.

If you experience a problem during this process, please contact Kroger for assistance at 877.576.7587.

**Keep going....you have not linked your Plus Card to Parcels Middle School yet!**

#### **Part Two – Select Parcels Middle School as Your Community Rewards Partner**

Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and click on “Sign In” at the top right corner of page. Using the email address and password from Part One, sign in to your Kroger Account.

- Click on **your first name** at the top right corner of the page.
- You will be on the “Account Summary” page.

- First, add your Plus Card number or 10-digit phone number and your last name. If you experience a problem at this stage, please contact Kroger at 877.576.7587.
  - Second, add your Personal Information. You do not need to input your birth date.
  - Third, choose Parcels Middle School as your Community Rewards Partner. Begin by clicking the orange “**Enroll**” button. Then complete these three steps:
1. Find your Organization. Type “**Parcels Middle School**” and click “**Search.**”
  2. Select your Organization. Select **Parcels Middle School (#91050)**.
  3. Click the orange “**Enroll**” button to complete your enrollment.

Now you have selected Parcels Middle School as your Community Rewards partner. Within one – two weeks, you should see a statement at the bottom of your receipts which says, “At your request, Kroger is donating to Parcels Middle School.”

### \*\*\*\*\*RE-ENROLLMENT\*\*\*\*\*

Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and click on “Sign In” at the top right corner of the page.

Sign in to your Kroger Account, using your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it. Don’t give up...it just takes a moment to reset your password. Your password must be 6-12 characters long and include at least one letter and one number.

Click on **your first name** at top right corner of the page.

- You will be on the “Account Summary” page.
- Scroll down to “**Community Rewards**” at bottom of the page.
- Click the orange “**Re-enroll**” button.

You must complete the following three steps:

1. Find your Organization. Type “**Parcels Middle School**” and click “**Search.**”
2. Select your Organization. Select **Parcels Middle School (# 91050)**.
3. Click the orange “**Enroll**” button to complete your enrollment.

Now you are re-enrolled for another year! You should continue to see the statement, “At your request, Kroger is donating to Parcels Middle School,” at the bottom of your receipts.

**Thank you for taking the time to select Parcels Middle School as your Kroger Community Rewards partner. We are grateful for your support.**

If you encounter problems, please contact Kroger at 877.576.7587.

You can also contact Jennifer Michalski at [jjmichal2@gmail.com](mailto:jjmichal2@gmail.com) or 313-310-0914

# Your Grosse Pointe Public Library

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is grateful for its many community partnerships. To ensure we remain good neighbors with our partners in the Grosse Pointe Library System, we would like to take this opportunity to remind patrons of rules that will help us all utilize this community resource to its fullest potential.

Just as in school, there are guidelines for behavior and supervision at our local libraries. The library has a document entitled "Guidelines on Behavior" that will be enforced. It is available for review at the Youth Desk, but here are a few highlights we would appreciate your help in maintaining:

## Visiting the Library

- We encourage all patrons to work together in order to ensure a safe, positive learning environment.
- Loitering outside the library, or excessive entrance and exit, is disruptive to this environment which is designed to support study, reading and other quiet activities.
- Please remember the Woods branch parking lot off Mack Avenue is locked during drop-off (7:30-8:30 a.m.) and pick-up time (2:45-3:30 p.m.) for the safety of our children.
- Our libraries, particularly the Woods branch, are busiest from 3:15-5:30 p.m., so it may be helpful for other patrons to visit at non peak hours.
- Children under the age of 9 cannot be left unattended. Guardians or caregivers must be age 13 or above themselves to watch younger students in the library. The library staff is not responsible for supervision of your children. Childcare is available for a fee through the GPPSS Kids Club and details can be found at [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org) or by calling 313-432-3067.

## Computer Use

- Students need a valid library card or knowledge of their card number to use computers.
- Livetutor.com is available free of charge from 3-10 p.m. every day of the week.
- Computer use is limited to 30 minutes to ensure equitable access.
- Only one student is allowed to sit at a computer.
- No food or drinks are allowed at the computer.
- Students may bring their own earphones to use with computers; the library does not provide these.
- Printing is available from youth computers for a small fee (10¢ per black and white page, \$1 for color).

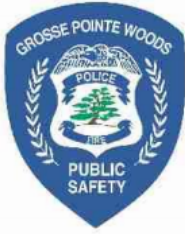
## Working Together

- An expired library card or excessive fees may prevent patrons from using the computers or borrowing materials.
- Any patron, including students, with a pattern of disruptive behavior will be banned from the library.
- To keep track of library usage in those busy times, student patrons will be asked to sign in for programming or quiet study using their library card.

Please remember, this is our community library. Working together, parents, students, community members, and library and school personnel will maintain a positive library environment and experience for all.







## **CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **GRANT AWARDED**

**On Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning awarded several law enforcement agencies in Wayne County a traffic safety grant. The grant, for \$259,000, will allow 10 local police departments to schedule special patrols to focus on impaired driving, occupant protection, red-light running, distracted driving and speed enforcement.

The Grosse Ile Police Department is the lead agency and is joined by the following police departments; Gibraltar, Southgate, Taylor, Wyandotte, Rockwood, Allen Park, Riverview, **Grosse Pointe Woods** and Huron Township.

The collection of police departments has designated October as the month to focus on speed enforcement around schools. The goal is to reduce traffic crashes along the main roads that lead to a school and combat the significant number of complaints police receive by those living in the neighborhoods that are home to a school. In addition to patrols, officers will be making contact with school districts to help educate motorists about safe driving.

Other enforcement mobilizations will include stepped up patrols around St. Patrick's Day (Impaired Driving) and Labor Day & Memorial Day (belt enforcement) amongst others.

For additional information contact your local coordinator Detective Ryan Schroerlucke at the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety at (313) 343-2400 or email [rschroerlucke@gpwmi.us](mailto:rschroerlucke@gpwmi.us), or the lead agency, Sgt. Kenneth Pelland at (734) 676-7100.

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### **City of Grosse Pointe Woods Car Seat Inspection Program**

Did you know that four out of every five car seats are improperly installed? Is yours one of them? Is your child riding safely? **WE CAN HELP!** The City of Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety now has two nationally certified "Child Passenger Safety Inspectors" ready to serve you! The city now offers free car seat inspections at our department by appointment only.

Want to know if your child qualifies and what seat is best suitable for your child? You can follow these simple guidelines below:

#### ***STAGE 1: Birth – Approximately 2 years***

Children younger than 2 years old are best protected riding in a rear-facing car seat. Most convertible seats accommodate rear-facing up to 35 pounds.

- Seat type: infant seat (carrier with or without base) or rear-facing convertible
- In vehicle: rear-facing in the back seat, ***never*** in front of an active air bag
- Harness straps: at or below shoulder level
- Harness clip: always at armpit level
- Straps: snug with no slack, "pinch test"
- Angle: 45 degree recline (may use pool noodles or a tightly rolled towel to achieve this angle if need be)
- Installation: less than one inch of movement when tested at the seat belt path

#### **When using a rear-facing convertible seat, be sure to:**

1. Use the rear-facing seat belt path.
2. Make sure the seat is in the reclined position.

#### **When to turn your child to forward-facing?**

Keep your child rear-facing up to the maximum limits of the infant car seat. Children who reach these limits before 2 years old should transition to a rear-facing convertible seat. Always follow the directions from the manufacturer.

#### ***STAGE 2: Approximately 2-4 Years***

Most car seat harnesses can be used until a child reaches 40 pounds, but some seat harnesses have higher weight limits. Check the label on the seat.

- Seat type: forward-facing convertible or forward-facing only combination

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- In vehicle: forward-facing in the back seat
- Harness straps: at or above shoulder level
- Harness clip: always at arm pit level
- Straps: snug with no slack, "pinch test"
- Angle: check car seat owner's manual for specific requirements
- Installation: less than one inch of movement when tested at the seat belt path

**When using a forward-facing convertible seat, be sure to:**

1. Use the forward-facing seat belt path
2. Switch the recline adjuster to the upright position

**STAGE 3: Minimum 40 lbs – 4'9"**

Booster seat help protect children by lifting them so the lap and shoulder seat belt connects with their strong bones. Children should remain in a booster seat until the seat belt fits correctly without it.

- Seat type: high-back booster, no-back booster or forward-facing only combination with harness strap removed
- In vehicle: in the back seat
- Seat belt: always use a lap and shoulder belt with a booster

Use the shoulder belt adjuster if the belt touches the child's neck. It should cross the collar bone and not touch the neck or be off the shoulder.

**STAGE 4: Minimum 4'9"**

Your child is ready for the lap and shoulder seat belt if you can answer "yes" to each of the following questions.

1. Is your child 4'9" tall?
  2. Does the lap belt sit low across the upper thighs?
  3. Does the shoulder belt lie across the collar bone, not touching the neck and not off the shoulder?
  4. When the child's bottom is scooted all the way back against the seat, do his or her knees bend at the edge of the seat?
  5. Can the child stay seated that way the entire trip?
- Restraint type: lap and shoulder seat belt
  - In vehicle: children younger than 13 years old always ride in the back seat

**Remember Michigan law states that all children under the age of 8 OR shorter than 4'9" must be properly restrained in a child safety seat or booster seat.**

**All children under the age of 4 must be properly restrained in a rear seating position, if one is available.**

**For questions and/or appointments please contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety at (313) 343-2410 or email Detective Ryan Schroerlucke at [rschroerlucke@gpwmi.us](mailto:rschroerlucke@gpwmi.us) or Officer Scott Nota at [snota@gpwmi.us](mailto:snota@gpwmi.us)**



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## Play Central

Wednesday and Thursday Mornings, 9am - 11am, October 5 - June 1 in the Barnes Early Childhood Center Gym, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, \$5 per family visit

A place for parents, grandparents and all caregivers to play with their children while socializing with other families in an indoor play setting. Play Central follows the Grosse Pointe Public School District calendar so holidays and snow days will be observed as the buildings will be closed. Get a **Free Visit** coupon at [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).

## When Parenting Styles Clash: And, What to Do About It!

September 21, 7pm, in Miller Hall at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE**  
Ask the Experts Talk with Marla Ruhana, LMSW, CSW

This session is designed to help parenting couples learn how to become aware of differences in their parenting styles. Understanding the impact of our family of origin on our unique parenting styles can alleviate stress. Marla Ruhana will present a follow-up Talk on October 5 on Mindful Parenting, see below. Pre-register for complimentary dinner at 6pm and childcare.

## SCREEN-AGERS Today's Adolescent: Why Kindness is Missing

September 28, 7pm, in Miller Hall at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE**  
Ask the Experts Talk with Nicole Runyon, LMSW, Adolescent Psychotherapist

There is an increase in depression, anxiety and severe anger in the generation of adolescents who have been raised with screens. Learn how to listen and talk about our ever-changing, tech heavy culture. We will explore the reasons why kindness is missing, how technology affects social and emotional development, how this lack of empathy and disconnect affects adolescents who have been bullied, and the extreme ways in which adolescents now feel isolated, dehumanized, and alienated. Pre-register for complimentary dinner at 6pm and childcare.

## Meet & Greet for Professionals

October 5, 9:30-Noon, at SOC (Services for Older Citizens), 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE**  
Connect, exchange business cards and brochures with other community professionals working with youth, adults and families (educators, therapists, physicians, attorneys, dentists, clergy, etc.) Hosted by The Family Center in partnership with SOC (Services for Older Citizens), The Rivers of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe News. Special offer for attendees: 50% off for new Grosse Pointe News advertisers through November 5.

## A Mindfulness Approach to Parenting

October 5, 7pm, in Miller Hall at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE**  
Ask the Experts Talk with Marla Ruhana, LMSW, CSW

Evidence based research now proves the benefits of mindfulness practice. Parenting couples will have fun learning mindfulness techniques through experiential learning that increases awareness, expands perceptions and provides physiological benefits. Parents can use their skills to help children reduce their stress. Pre-register for complimentary dinner at 6pm and childcare.

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*This flier has been approved for distribution within the Grosse Pointe Public School District and Harper Woods School District.*



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## Navigating Grace: A Solo Voyage of Survival and Redemption

October 11, 6-7pm Meet the Author, 7-8:30pm Talk, 8:30-9pm Book Signing, a This Americana Series event in the Alger House at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** Ask the Experts Talk with Author Jeff Jay

Acclaimed author Jeff Jay will present *Navigating Grace*, his book about forgiveness and faith, disaster and deliverance, and the pivotal moments that reshape a life. Jeff's prose is quick and vivid, and his story will make you believe in miracles again. Book signing before and after the talk.

## A Healthy Brain for the Ages

October 25, 7pm, at SOC (Services for Older Citizens), 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** Ask the Experts Talk with Dr. Christine Chellandurai, DO and Jennifer LaCasse RN, BSW

Learn preventative strategies to promote mental, emotional, and cognitive well being. We will take a look at memory, how to recognize signs of cognitive impairment, depression, anxiety, and dementia. We will provide tips to promote brain health, and help sustain and improve quality of life as we age.

## Turning Teen: A Presentation for Mothers and Daughters (Ages 8-14)

October 25, 7pm, at SOC (Services for Older Citizens), 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** presentation in partnership with Beaumont Health, featuring Carrie Leff, DO and Lisa Klein, MD

Worried about surviving puberty for the SECOND time? Do you want to help your daughter learn about her body so she can feel good about herself? Learn from experts (doctor moms!) the best way to talk about these sensitive subjects.

## Making Modern Divorced Families Work: During and After the Divorce

October 25, 7pm, at SOC (Services for Older Citizens), 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** Ask the Experts Talk with attorney Sean Cleland and Sonya Thompson, CARE public information specialist

Learn about alternative services to the divorce process that help lead to fewer post-divorce disputes and better communication between co-parents. Gain tips on parenting effectively and appropriately after divorce.

## Tips for Getting Ready for Kindergarten

November 2, 7pm, in Miller Hall at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** featuring Grosse Pointe Public School System presenters Dorothy Heitjan, Kristen DeVoght and Kim Maddalena

Hear "How to Foster a Journey of Life-Long Learning." This special presentation will help to clarify what children need academically, socially & emotionally in order to be prepared for Kindergarten. Pre-register for complimentary dinner at 6pm and childcare.

## Tool or Toy: Educating Middle Level Learners on the Power of Cell Phones

November 10, 7pm, in the Library at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte Avenue, Grosse Pointe, **FREE** featuring Rodger W. Hunwick, Principal of Brownell Middle School

The productivity and versatility of cell phones and internet devices increases every day. Keeping up with rapid changes in gaming and social media trends is a daunting task. We will discuss ways to guide teenagers toward safer, more respectful and responsible use of their digital devices.

## The College Selection Process: Keeping it Real and Making it Yours

November 10, 7pm, in the Auditorium at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte Ave, Grosse Pointe, **FREE** featuring Grosse Pointe Public School System presenters Beth Walsh-Sahutske, MA, LPC, and Milissa Pierce, MA, LPC

Learn how to successfully navigate and manage the stressors of finding the right fit in the college selection process. Be proactive; plan early and set realistic goals!

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