

# GCS Middle School News

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## All Hot Lunches Ordered Online

**By Adam Rasmussen,  
Principal**

This year *all* hot lunches, regardless of vendor, will be **purchased online**. That's right, no more tickets!

### So, what's for lunch?

Here is the school week: Chick-Fil-A (Tuesdays), Rubios (Thursdays), and Simply Delicious Catering (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays). Yum! Simply Delicious Catering is a company owned and operated by a GCS family. Last year the kids loved their high quality food so much we expanded their offering this year to prepare a greater variety of healthy and tasty food such as BBQ chicken tenders, cheese ravioli, chicken teriyaki with rice, mac



and cheese, and much more.

**How do I start?** It's easy. Starting August 1<sup>st</sup> the site is live. Sign up at this link:

<http://gilbertchristianschools.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>

**How many hot lunches can I purchase at a time?** The web site is set up for you to order as many lunches as you desire at a time. There is a clear system to keep track of your account and each of your students.

**What is the deadline to order a hot lunch?** You must order a lunch online

by 8:00 am the day of.

**Can I change or cancel an order once it is made?** Yes. As long as you meet the online deadline of 8:00am the day of the lunch. Again, the GCS office will not process hot lunches this year. It is all going to be done through the online system.

**What do students eat who do not purchase a lunch?** Like always students may bring a lunch from home. Volunteers will be happy to warm up items. Students who forget a lunch will be given a jelly sandwich.

## GCS Families to Serve the Needy

**By Adam Rasmussen,  
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On October 12-15 several GCS families will be serving the people of Juarez, Mexico. In this whirlwind trip we will build two houses, consult with the head of the local school, host a food outreach, and service

those who have medical needs.

I went with the Anderson family on this trip last March and was very impressed. **We need your help this October.** Please get involved through prayer and support.

Find out more through [www.eightythreehundred.org](http://www.eightythreehundred.org). The Lord has provided a matching gift of \$4000 through a GCS family so every dollar you give to this trip is like giving two! We will also be bringing down diapers and formula. There may be space available for your family to make the trip. Let us know!

## Student Handbook

It is expected that all middle school students and parents familiarize themselves with the student handbook before the school year begins. The GCS K-8 handbook is online. You can find it on our website. Navigate

middle school/handbook. From there you can save the pdf file to your computer or print off a copy. Please refer to the handbook throughout the year.

Go Knights!



### **The Mission of GCS Middle School**

*"To transform students into effective communicators, critical thinkers, and servant leaders who will impact the world for the glory of Jesus Christ."*

## Dress Code

Page 14 of the student handbook spells out the dress code for middle school students. Here are some key points:

*Students may wear cotton or cotton-blend chino or twill, **black, navy, or khaki** solid-colored pants, shorts, cargo shorts, or Capris.*

*On **Fridays**, Middle School students may wear blue or stone-washed denim jeans or shorts, but the jeans must be modest in cut, style, and fit. Embellishments that add color dimension or sparkle to the jeans are not allowed. Colored denim (other than traditional blue) is not allowed.*

*Students **may** wear sport shoes, flip flops, and sandals in good repair.*

*Socks must be **one color** (white, black, or navy) and no higher than mid-calf.*

Thank you for reviewing the entire dress code and following the GCS standards!

## Planners

Student life gets to be a bit more complex in middle school. Kids have long-term assignments, multiple teachers, and after school activities that fill their calendars with meaningful activity. Parents who help their children stay organized do a great service towards their education. In order to insure that your child gets the most out of this year and is successful in

their endeavors **we highly recommend you purchase a student planner before school starts.**

A good student planner has these elements:

- daily, weekly, and monthly calendars
- adequate space to write

You do not need to spend a lot of money. Target,

Kmart, Office Max, Staples, etc. carry a wide sampling from which you can make a selection.



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## Pie and Praise

**Monday, August 8** *Pie and Praise* for all PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families. Bring a dessert and join us in the field house. We will start at 7:00pm together. At 7:30 elementary families will be dismissed for dessert and a tour of the rooms. At 8:00 middle school families will do the same.



## Parent Meetings

Excellent communication is central to our educational philosophy. We want parents to be informed of the direction and details of school life. We have parent meetings once a quarter to share valuable information. Please mark your calendar for these important gatherings.

**August 8** 7:00pm  
Pie and Praise  
*-Servant Leaders*

**September 12** 7:00pm  
*-Critical Thinkers*

**November 7** 7:00pm  
*- Effective Communicators*

**February 13** 7:00pm  
*-Science!*

**April 16** 7:00pm  
*- Sneak Peeks into Next Year*

## The First Day of School

**Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
School is almost here.  
Are you ready?

Every day, students should arrive at school no later than 7:50am. This insures that they have adequate to time prepare for their first period class. Let's start the year off right by putting this good habit in place on day one.

Remember, **hot lunches must be ordered online.** No tickets will be sold at school.

At 8:00 am, after the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, the teacher will read through the weekly announcements.

At 8:15 we will gather in the gym for an assembly to begin the school year together. At this point we will cover any loose ends or questions.

School will dismiss at 3:25.

