

October 27, 2009

Dear GHS Parents and Staff:

We look forward to the healthy return of students and staff tomorrow, Wednesday, October 28. The past four days provided time for those who became ill from flu symptoms to recover and also gave our school population a needed separation from each other to deter the transmission of the virus to more students and staff.

It is important that, while we look forward to seeing our students back tomorrow, if your child is ill with flu symptoms including a sore throat, cough, fever, or vomiting please keep your child home from school until symptoms are gone for 24 hours.

As students and staff prepare to return on Wednesday, the following information will be helpful:

- Wednesday is a scheduled early dismissal day for students only. Dismissal will be at 12:10 p.m.

- Wednesday will be a "B" day. Periods 5 and 6 will be dropped. All classes will be 43 minutes in length and no lunch will be served. The bell schedule will be as follows:

Period 1: 7:25 - 8:08

Period 2: 8:13 - 8:56

Period 3: 9:02 - 9:45

Period 4: 9:51 - 10:34

Period 7: 10:39 - 11:22

Period 8: 11:27 - 12:10

- Quarter 1 will close on Wednesday. Students will have until Tuesday, November 10, 2009, to complete assignments missed due to illness related absences. Students will need to speak to their teachers to make these arrangements.

- All illness-related absences from Tuesday, October 20 through Friday, October 23 will be automatically excused due to the difficulty of obtaining notes from physicians. Those absences due to cutting class, suspensions or family vacations (not previously approved) will not be excused.

- The Salem field trip scheduled for Thursday, October 29 has been cancelled.

All changes have been made to the athletic schedules and are posted on the GHS Athletics website available at www.guilford.k12.ct.us/~ghs/athletics. Games scheduled for Wednesday will be played unless there are unforeseen circumstances. Further updates will be made during the school day tomorrow if necessary. Teams without games will have normal practices as scheduled.

Fall parent/teacher conferences will be held on November 4 and 5. Parents may sign up for conferences in the GHS library from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 28 through Friday, October 30.

Frequent cleaning by staff of surfaces including doorknobs, desks, and computer keyboards will continue during the school day. The bus drivers will continue to wipe down seats and hand railings between bus runs. Students and staff are encouraged to use the Purell sanitizer dispensers available throughout the school and to wash their hands often.

Thank you to all of our students, staff and parents for your cooperation.

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