

## Listserv

**Thursday, August 23, 2018**

Greetings Granger Families,

What a great start to the school year! Students are shaking off the summer break and are getting back into the swing of the school day. Thanks to our dedicated staff, I could not be more pleased with how this first week has gone. I appreciate you and your student's patience as we establish strong procedures, routines, and expectations that lay the foundation for a positive learning environment. This week students have been busy:

- Getting to know all of their teachers through conversations and activities.
- Reviewing the handbook and behavior expectations.
- Learning procedures for entering the building, changing for PE, getting to the cafeteria, and so much more.
- Receiving textbooks and a Chromebook, and preparing to have a year filled with learning and growing.

Finally, as the school year begins, you can again expect to receive a weekly email from me on Thursdays. This email will contain a list of upcoming events, information from various departments in the school and information from the PTSA. It is my hope that by receiving this weekly communication you will be well informed of all of the happenings at Granger Middle School. Should you have any questions or concerns at any point this school year, please do not hesitate to call (630-375-1010), email [laurie\\_fiorenza@ipsd.org](mailto:laurie_fiorenza@ipsd.org) or come in to see me. I am looking forward to another productive and fun school year!

Laurie Fiorenza

Principal

### **Important Dates**

- **September 3** – No School (Labor Day)
- **September 5** – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Curriculum Night (**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**)
- **September 13** – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Curriculum Night (**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**)

### **Morning Schedules**

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday students may enter the building at 7:40 am
- Students are considered tardy if not in their first-hour class by 8:00 am
- Wednesday students may enter the building at 7:55 due to the altered schedule for the day
- Students are considered tardy if not in their first-period class by 8:20 am

### **Cafeteria**

Students are currently sitting in assigned seats in the cafeteria. This procedure is due to the fact that we have a number of students new to Granger and the district, and a cafeteria filled with 300 kids they don't know can be intimidating and scary. For that reason, we assign students to seats so no one is left to sit alone or search for a spot to sit. Within just a couple of weeks (about 3) students will have made friends and be more comfortable selecting a seat to sit in. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we help ensure all students feel safe and secure in the cafeteria.

## **Granger Dress Code**

With the continued warmer weather we want to remind our Granger community of the dress code standards:

- Shirts must effectively cover the student's torso (stomach) The following shirts are deemed inappropriate at school, backless shirts, low cut neckline exposing cleavage, strapless or thin strapped shirts (straps must meet the three fingers wide rule),
- Shorts must be knuckle length when the student makes a fist
- No hoods, hats, or head coverings unless used for Religious purposes.

Students will be required to change if attire does not meet the standards listed above.

## **IPEF Kids Run**

Just a little over a week for your students to sign up for the **Team IPEF Kids Marathon**. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## **The Shirt**

Granger's THE Shirt is a tradition that was started 4 years ago. As a sign of unity and pride, we offer a new shirt for students, parents, and staff to order each year. If you are interested in ordering please go to [www.bsnteamssports.com](http://www.bsnteamssports.com). When you are there you will need to type in "THESHIRT" in the access code area. The online shop will close on September 17. Happy shopping!

## **Nurse**

All 6th-grade students must have a current physical on file. If you have not done so please make sure to drop off your student's physical to the main office.

### **File attachments:**

[Kids Marathon Flyer 2018.pdf](#)