



WELCOME

**Graham Middle School
Virtual Parent Open House
August 13, 2020**



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Expecting Excellence

At Graham Middle School, we will expect excellence everyday. Our students will be referred to as *scholars*; not only at school, but at home and in the community as well.

Graham Middle School will “cultivate a community of learners behaving in a kind, caring, honest, and compassionate manner in order to challenge and inspire each member of the school community to become more than they ever thought possible.”



Questions

If you have any questions, please put in the chat box/Facebook inbox. We will address all questions in a Question/Answer document on our webpage under the parent section by Monday, August 17th.



Ms. Hayes, Principal

Native of Alamance County

Graduate of Cummings High School

Taught for 8 years in Guilford County Schools (GCS)

Assistant Principal for 4 years in GCS

Principal of High School Ahead Academy Alternative School for 10 years in GCS

Principal of Graham Middle School for 2 years (November 2018)



Graham Middle School Administrative Team

**Thomas Kazimir- 8th Grade and half of 7th Grade
Administrator**

**Patrick Preudhomme- 6th Grade and half of 7th Grade
Administrator**

Melissa Mann-Bailey- Dean of Students



Introduction of Teachers and Staff

6th Grade

Ms. Brown- ELA

Haynes-Math/Science

Moore- Science

Frost- Social Studies

Ms. Cottie -ELA

Ms. Sigmon-Math

Ms. Buchanan- Science

Ms. Tate-EL

Ms. Stout-Stewart-Math

Mr. Hinton- Social Studies

Ms. Morpew- Speech Pathologist

Ms.

Ms.

Mr.

Ms. Thompson- Exceptional Children Teacher

Mr. Fuller- Exceptional Children Teacher

Mr. Swain-Exceptional Children Teacher



Introduction of Teachers and Staff

7th Grade

Ms. Stewart- ELA/SS

Ms. Allred-ELA

Ms. Houze- ELA

Ms. Daigle-Math

Ms. Valdez-Math

Mr. Scott- Math

Mr. M. Sneed- Science

Ms. Kuhns- Science

Ms. Perry- Science

Ms. Foster- Social Studies

Ms. Angelone- Social Studies

Ms. Smith- Exceptional Children Teacher Ms. Tate- EL



Introduction of Teachers and Staff

8th Grade

Ms. Mead- ELA/SS

Ms. Crider-ELA

Mr. Alston- ELA

Ms. Jeffries-Math

Mr. C. Sneed-Math

Mr. Scott- Math

Mr. M. Sneed- Science

Ms. Hill- Science

Ms. Tate- EL

Mr. Scales- Social Studies

Mr. Lechner- Social Studies

Mr. Fuller- Exceptional Children Teacher



Introduction of Teachers and Staff

ENCORE/Student Support

Ms. Estrada- Spanish

Ms. Davis-Chorus

Ms. Wiseman- Art

Ms. Bueno- EL

Mr. Castillo-Band

Ms. Locklear- CTE

Mr. Arrington- PE

Mr. Raddatz-PE

Ms. Bennett- PE

Ms. Hardy- PE



Introduction of Teachers and Staff

Specialty/Student Support

Mr. Cornatzer-Media Specialist

Ms. Wiggins-MTSS Coordinator

Mr.. Fleming-STEAM & Instructional Technology Facilitator

Ms. Alexander- Social Worker

Ms. N. Thompson-6th/7th Grade Counselor

Ms. Briggins- 8th /7th Grade Counselor

Officer Swink- SRO

Mr. Dark- In-School-Suspension



Introduction of Teachers and Staff

Front Office Staff & Teacher Assistants

Ms. Day- Financial Secretary

Ms. Pacheco- Data Manager

Ms. Aguilar- Lead Custodian

Ms. McCrary- Teacher Assistant

Ms. Solomon- Receptionist

Ms. Flood- Guidance Secretary

Ms. O'Neal- Teacher Assistant

Ms. Walker- Teacher Assistant



Our Guarantee to You

Our staff will work very hard to ensure your child has a smooth transition back to school and while in school. Authentic Success is what we strive for at GMS.

We are excited and conscientious about our “new normal.” Our teachers will give students assignments and activities that will keep them engaged and excited about learning.

We will contact you when your child is successful, and we will contact you if your child makes a decision in class that disrupts the learning environment.

When you receive an email from your child’s teacher requesting you join Remind.com by downloading the APP on your phone, please join immediately, so the teachers can keep you abreast of what is going on with your child and the school.



ABSS School Plans

As you know, there are 3 different plans that ABSS will follow.

Plan A- All students report to school (regular school schedule)

Plan B- A Day, B Day Schedule for students (50% capacity in the school)

Plan C- 100% Remote Learning for the students- Current Plan



Graham Middle School

Mission

Graham Middle School will challenge and inspire students to become lifelong learners committed to active citizenship, social development, and academic growth through virtual and in-classroom lessons with cross-curricular STEAM integrations.

Vision

The Graham Middle School family will build a community that values excellence and equity, in which all stakeholders can thrive through the use of technology, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking.




2020–2021 SCHOOL & DISTRICT GOALS

- ❖ All students are effectively taught and assessed aligned to the cognitive demand of the standard.
- ❖ All students learn in a nurturing environment.
- ❖ All schools have highly functioning leadership teams problem-solving around school improvement.

Plan C Daily Schedule

6th Grade	Sixth Grade	7th Grade	Seventh Grade	8th Grade	Eighth Grade
8:00 - 8:30	Office/parent contact	8:00 - 8:30	Office/parent contact	8:00 - 8:30	Office/parent contact
8:30 - 9:25	Block 1	8:30 - 9:25	Block 1	8:30 - 9:25	Block 1
9:30: - 10:25	Block 2	9:30 - 9:50	Elective 1/Core Planning	9:30: - 10:25	Block 2
10:30 - 11:25	Block 3	10:00 - 10:20	Elective 2/Core Planning	10:30 - 10:50	Elective 1/Core Planning
11:25 - 11:55	Lunch	10:30 - 11:25	Block 2	11:00 - 11:20	Elective 2/Core Planning
12:00 - 12:55	Block 4	11:25 - 11:55	Lunch	11:25 - 11:55	Lunch
1:00 - 1:20	Elective 1/Core Planning	12:00 - 12:55	Block 3	12:00 - 12:55	Block 3
1:30 - 1:50	Elective 2/Core Planning	1:00 - 1:55	Block 4	1:00 - 1:55	Block 4
2:00 - 2:45	Intervention/Small Group	2:00 - 2:45	Intervention/Small Group	2:00 - 2:45	Intervention/Small Group
2:45 - 3:30	Planning/PLC/Virtual Feedback to Students	2:45 - 3:30	Planning/PLC/Virtual Feedback to Students	2:45 - 3:30	Planning/PLC/Virtual Feedback to Students



Break Down of Plan C- 100% Remote Learning (Plan C looks different than students' schedules. Students will follow Plan C during 100% remote)

From 8:00am-8:30am, parents will have the opportunity to contact teachers/school via phone or email.

Students are expected to attend their classes based on their class schedule. For example: If a student is in 6th grade and has math during Block 2, he/she is expected to attend his/her assigned class. Teachers will take classroom attendance daily.

Students are expected to attend their assigned ENCORE according to their schedule as well. They cannot pick and choose.



Break Down of Plan C- 100% Remote Learning cont.

Students will log off of Zoom during their scheduled lunch time. For example: If a student is in the 7th grade, his/her lunch time will be from 11:25am-11:55am.

From 2:00pm-2:45pm, teachers will assign intervention time and small groups based off of students' need and level of standard based mastery. The intervention and small groups will adjust throughout the year.



Break Down of Plan C- 100% Remote Learning cont.

If students are assigned a “Virtual Feedback Session,” they will be notified by their teachers/counselor/administrator.

This schedule is being followed by all the middle schools in ABSS.

Teachers will be in Zoom classes everyday, and all classes will be recorded. Canvas and Zoom are the only platforms we will use for virtual learning and assignments. Canvas is linked to PowerSchools, so students will see grades as they are posted.



Remote Learning

For the 1st nine weeks of the 2020-2021 school year, students will be 100% remote. ABSS will follow the directives of Governor Cooper for the 2nd nine weeks. There is no information to share about 2nd 9 weeks at this time.

When ABSS transitions to a plan where students are allowed on campus, all students and staff must wear a mask at all times, and temperature checks will be done for everyone entering the building. No one will be allowed in the building without a mask.



Graham Middle School Expectation

Teachers' web pages will be updated weekly with standards and activities. Once you log onto Graham Middle School's webpage, you will need to click on "Teacher Webpages," and click on specific teacher. Dated lessons and activities will be posted for parents and students.

Teacher Assessments- State testing has not been determined at this time, but teachers will have daily and weekly assessments formally and informally to ensure students are growing academically.



Graham Middle School Expectation

As stated earlier, students must report to class during their scheduled time. Daily classroom attendance will be taken during each core block.

There will not be anymore PC or WC grades. All grades will count using the ABSS adopted 10-point grading scale for the 2020-2021 school year remotely or face-to-face. It is extremely important students complete all work assigned.

Please check PowerSchool often to check your child's grades.



Graham Middle School Expectation with Schedules

Schedules will not be changed during the year unless it is justified and approved by the principal.

7th & 8th Graders were given the opportunity to select their ENCORE classes, and they were given one of their top 3 choices. Classes were balanced to accommodate for those requests.

6th Graders are on the wheel, which are 9 week rotations in different ENCORE classes. The only year-long classes are band, SPLASH, and EL.



Graham Middle School Expectation with EC Students

Our Exceptional Children Teacher, EC, will reach out to parents if your child has an IEP. We will work diligently to ensure your child's goals are being followed and met.

If there are concerns, your case manager will be in touch.



Graham Middle School Expectations with Laptops

Students/parents are responsible for their laptops. Prior to deploying, the school will document any scratches or minor damages on the laptops.

If there is evidence of intentional damage once they leave Graham Middle School, parents are responsible for the cost of the damages. It is extremely important students take care of their laptops.

The laptop students receive will be theirs to use the entire school



How to Find Your Virtual Classroom

- Go to Graham Middle School Website
- Go to Students tab
- Got to Clever Portal
- Scroll down and look for Canvas link
- Log into NCed Cloud
- (use your username and password on long white strip given to you)
- You will see all your classes in Canvas
- Click on each class to view assignments
- (Classes will not be posted until August 17)

How to find your Teachers' webpages:

- Go to Graham Middle School Website
- Go to Teachers Webpage
- Find your teacher's name
- Check your teacher's webpage for announcements and resources



Graham Middle School Expectations with Laptops

Students must abide by the Student Acceptable Use of Technology per ABSS policy.

[Student Acceptable Use of Technology](#)



LOGGING INTO THE CHROMEBOOK

In order for students to log into their Chromebooks, they must use the district (ABSS) issued Google email address, and they will use the same password from the previous year.

If our students forget their passwords, their parent needs to request their password from their homeroom teacher via the parent email address.

NEW TO ABSS LOGGING INTO THE CHROMEBOOK

It takes 24 hours from enrollment for new enrollees to have a district issued student email address created.

You will be contacted by our Guidance Counselor secretary with your scheduling information via email after your online enrollment is completed.

From there, parents will need to request their child's district issued email address and Goggle password from their homeroom teacher via the parent's email address.



Graham Middle School Expectations with Behavior

Students are expected to abide by the rules set forth in their teachers' classroom whether they're virtual or face-to-face. Respecting your teachers and your peers is extremely important. Building strong teacher:student relationships are essential to effective classroom management.

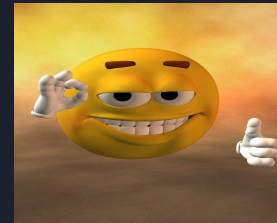
Parents, it is very important that your child understands your expectations for his/her academic performance if you're working during instructional time.

Graham Middle School Expectations with Behavior

During Plan C, teachers will give Virtual Classroom Reward using our PBIS model. Those rewards for positive behavior will be discussed during their class time. We want to celebrate students for making good choices and being a model student.

On the contrary, there will be consequences for students who are non-compliant with their teacher's expectations and disrupt the learning environment.

Our ultimate goal is student success!





Student Lunch

Students will continue to utilize the lunch from the Grab and Go at the bus stops until further notice.

[Grab and Go Bus Stops](#)



SCHOOL SAFETY

School Safety is top priority at Graham Middle School.

Everyone in the building must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

All exterior doors will be secured and everyone must enter through the front door for a temperature check and receive a wristband.

A camera system has been installed at GMS



SCHOOL SAFETY CONT.

Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated at GMS. Please report any school bullying to your grade level counselor. 6th Grade is N. Thompson; 7th Grade is N. Thompson & T. Briggins, and 8th Grade is T. Briggins.

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm.



SCHOOL SAFETY CONT.

At times, a single incident can be perceived as bullying. To help everyone understand what bullying is not, it is listed below:

- Single episodes of social rejection or dislike
- Single episode acts of nastiness or spite
- Random acts of aggression or intimidation
- Mutual arguments, disagreements or fights.
- Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.



School Resource Officer

(SRO)-Your Expectations Upon The
Return of Your Students

2020-2021 Graham Middle School

Introduction

- ❑ I'm Officer Swink, the Graham Police Department's School Resource Officer (SRO) for Graham Middle School. Last year (2019-2020) was my first year as an SRO in the eight years I've been a Police Officer. I joined the Graham Middle School personnel as an employee of the City of Graham, but quickly became a part of the Alamance Burlington School System's and Graham Middle School's family.
- ❑ During this weird new experience of schooling online and the possibility of returning to school only on certain days, it's important for you to be aware of my role and accessibility to you and your children. Being a father of a middle schooler, I'd feel better knowing when and where my kid(s) can expect to see police presence and to what extent.



Online Learning

- As the school year begins, students will be pretty busy with setting up online relations with their teachers and staff.
- Although I may sneak in and assist some teachers with their lessons, my presence at the school will not be as critical. My presence on patrol is required to manage the added 911 calls you'd expect we see when so many people are stuck at home due to COVID-19.
- However, I encourage you to reach out to me at any time. I am fully aware that bullying does not just happen in the school building. It can happen anywhere. Sometimes your student(s) need someone to talk to or you'd like have a point of contact for legal matters. Please reach out when you do.
- You can call me at the school (336-438-4000 ext 35011) or at Graham PD (336-570-6711) or e-mail me at Christopher_Swink@ABSS.k12.nc.us



The Nine Week Return: What you can expect

- You can count on my presence at the school by the time students return to the building. I'm very much looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones.
- My main role as an SRO is to provide safety and security for everyone who belongs on school property. I take this role very seriously and allow nothing to become more important. I'm counting on using a variety of tools to help the school administration and school system ensure your child's safety, as well as give you peace of mind that they are in good hands.
- Although security concerns may seem like they come from the outside in. Please speak with your student(s) on the importance of walking away from dangers from inside the school including fighting, potential contraband, or simply not following school rules or the law. I cannot predict the future and may only be able to react to such things.



My Purpose

- Although my main role is to keep the peace and maintain safety and security at school, it is not my main purpose as an SRO.
- All SRO's are placed at schools around the country to bridge a gap in kids' understanding and perception of Police Officers. Recent events have created a major challenge for Officers in their struggle to renew trust and peace of mind in many communities. I hope you'll find that Graham Police Department and I have you and your entire family's welfare in mind; especially the children of our community.
- I am a teacher. I educate students on many aspects of life, growing, and becoming the potential we see in all of them. I listen, counsel, and help students learn the importance of the law and criminal justice.
- Finally, I enforce the law. Sadly, crime sometimes happens at school. When it does, you can count on my fair, but firm delivery of enforcement just like you can count on the same from our esteemed administration when students forget the school rules.



Conclusion

- Communities and Police Agencies within them and across the nation need a great deal of communication and understanding. Most importantly, they need healing. I am eager to represent Graham PD and Graham Middle School as a Police Officer and member of the School and Community in rebuilding a positive partnership with all of you.
- Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. If the answer is not readily available, you have my word that I'll find it or the way to get it.
- Please tell your kids I am excited to be a part of their school and their growth.
- Welcome back to school!



Thank you for all you do!

We hope we were able to answer your questions.

If you have further questions, please put them in the chat box and we will create a Question and Answer Section on our website.



**Thank
You!**