

Welcome to G.W. Carver Middle School

**New Student Orientation
2021-2022**

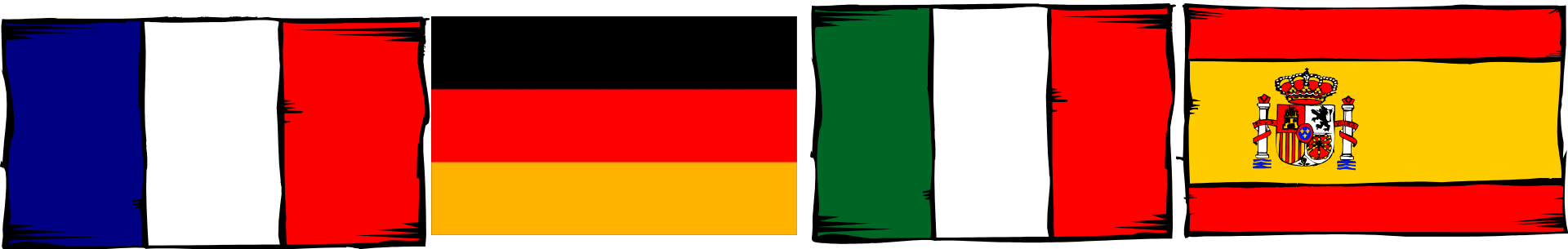




**The number one
traditional middle
school in the State
of Florida!**

100% Magnet School

- Magnet is International Education
 - French, German, Italian, and Spanish
 - Two different language programs
 - International Studies (IS)
 - International Education (IE)



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- This PowerPoint will be available on our website so you do not need to worry about missing any important information.

Advanced Academic School

- All courses are at the advanced or honors level – honors courses are for high school credit and are on **child's permanent academic record**.



International Studies (IS)

- Student is proficient in French, German, Italian, or Spanish.
- In the **French and Spanish** IS Program, students study **language** as well as **humanities** and **math** in the foreign language.
- In the **German and Italian** IS Program, students study **language** and **humanities** in the foreign language.
- Entry level is 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.





International Education (IE)

- Student wants to learn or become better in French, German, or Spanish.
- The language component consists of two courses annually; one course emphasizes grammar and vocabulary, the other focuses on communication.
- Entry level is 6th grade only.



School Hours/Drop off and Pick up

- School Hours are 9:05 am – 3:50 pm.
- School is responsible for students ½ hour before school begins and ½ hour after school ends.
- No student will be released within the final 30 minutes of the school day.
- Free breakfast for all students at 8:30 am.
- Pick-up and drop-off areas. **Please pull up to front of line:**
 - Lincoln Drive
 - Loquat
 - Jefferson is for busses **ONLY**
 - No public park dismissal
- School visitors enter through Lincoln Drive only.



Lunches

- We have been told that all students will receive free lunch for the upcoming school year.
- Students may bring their own lunch from home.
- If a lunch is forgotten it cannot be brought in by the parent. Your child will be provided with a lunch from the cafeteria.



Contacting Teachers

- Early contact with teachers regarding concerns is the best way to alleviate any problems.
- Carver teachers want to help!
- Best way is to leave a phone message at the office.
- Teachers have 48 hours to respond to any message.



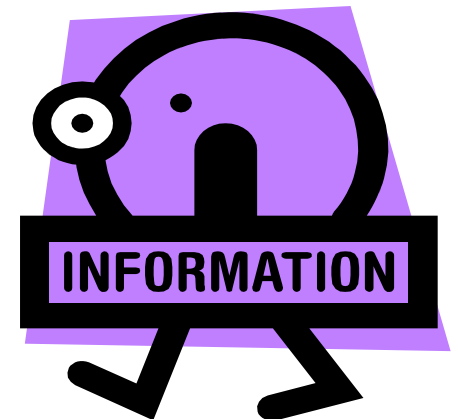
Miscellaneous

- The school will not be accepting any materials left by the students at home. This includes homework, books, etc.
- The school will be communicating with parents via School Messenger. Make sure the office has your correct email address.



Parent Resource Fair

- **Virtual or non/Virtual Tuesday, August 17, 2021 (tentative)**
- **Between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm**
- An **informal fair** for students and parents. During the fair, you will be able to
 - Walk the campus and see where your **first class** will be on the first day. Our campus is landlocked, and parking is very limited. We encourage you to locate your child's room on this day so that on the first day you can simply drop off your child and he/she will know where to report.
 - Meet the **counselors**
 - Buy **required reading books** for the school year
 - Buy **uniform patches**
 - Join the various **parent organizations**
 - Learn about the **sport teams**
 - Learn about the various **clubs**
 - Sign up for **"Space Available" Bus**
 - Become a **school volunteer**



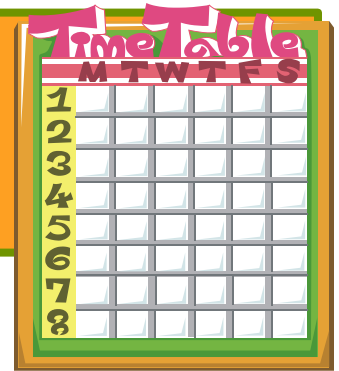


First Day of School 8/23/21

- Students will need to check their Student Portal to know which room to report to on the first day.
- Students eligible for transportation will receive a postcard in the mail. It will tell them where the bus stop is and at what time they will be picked up and dropped off.
- Students should already be familiar with the location of the room they are to report to and should walk directly to that room. Parking on the first day is challenging – so please plan to drop your child off at one of our drop-off locations.
- Rolling backpacks are permitted but not encouraged due to stairs and small corridors.



Bell Schedule



- School hours 9:05 am – 3:50 pm.
- Students will have 8 classes on schedule.
- Only go to 4 classes daily.
- Rotating Block Schedule.
- Even/Odd days.
- Homeroom meets for 10 minutes daily.
- First Period meets daily for 45 minutes.
- All other classes meet for 1 ½ hours every other day.

Bell Schedule (Continued)

Time	Activity	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
9:00	First Bell						
9:10 – 9:20	Homeroom	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR
9:20 – 9:25	Passing						
9:25 – 10:10	Block 1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10:10 – 10:20	Passing						
10:20 – 11:50	Block 2	2	3	4	5	6	7
11:50 – 12:00	Passing						
12:00 – 2:10	Block 3 & LUNCH	4	5	6	7	2	3
2:10 – 2:20	Passing						
2:20 – 3:50	Block 4	6	7	2	3	4	5

Required Reading – 6th Grade

- 2021 Summer Reading for 6th Graders
 - Deep Water by Watt Key
 - From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

ESOL Students Level 1 or 2 select one book

ESOL Students Level 3 or higher – read both books

Will be tested on these books when school begins!

- First Book of Fall 2021-2022
 - The Giver by Lois Lowery



Required Reading – 7th Grade

- 2021 Summer Reading for 7th Graders
- Choose **two** from the following:
 - The Misfits by James Howe
 - Peak by Roland Smith
 - Moon Over Manifest by Claire Vanderpool
 - Princess Bride by William Goldman

ESOL Students Level 1 or 2 select one book

ESOL Students Level 3 or higher – read two books

Will be tested on these books when school begins!

- First Book of Fall 2021-2022
Maybe He Just Likes You by Barbara Dee



Required Reading – 8th Grade

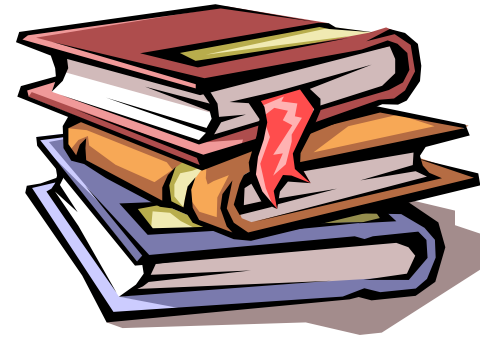
- 2021 Summer Reading for 8th Graders
- Choose **two** from the following:
 - The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
 - Turtles all the Way Down by John Green
 - Scythe by Neal Schusterman

ESOL Students Level 1 or 2 will read one book

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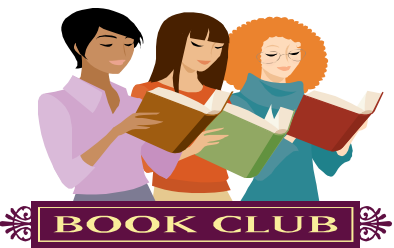
- First Book of Fall 2021-2022
 - Our Town by Thornton Wilder



Carver Clubs

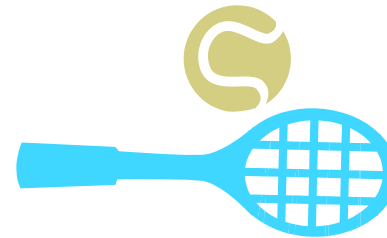
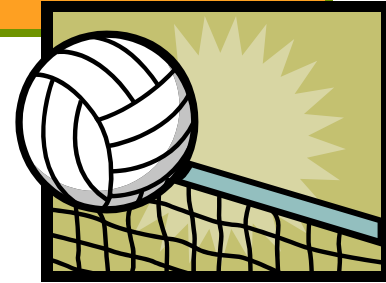
Clubs meet on Wednesdays before school

African American Awareness Club	Cheerleaders Club
G.W. Carver Book Club	Environmental Club
Future Educators of America (FEA)	French Drama
Geography Bee	German Club
History Bee Club	Italian International Club
Math Club	Mindfulness Club
Musical Theatre Club	National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
Sketching/Drawing	Spanish Society
Student Council	Tech Club
The Art of Public Speaking	



Carver Sports - Teams

- Must try out for teams
- Sports are seasonal
- NOT an afterschool program
 - Cross Country (Boys and Girls)
 - Volleyball (Boys and Girls)
 - Soccer (Boys and Girls)
 - Basketball (Boys and Girls)
 - Tennis (Boys and Girls)
 - Track and Field (Boys and Girls)
 - Bowling (Co-ed)
 - Golf (Co-ed)
 - Flag Football (Girls)





Parent Organizations

We encourage all parents to join our parent organizations and get involved!

Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

French International Parent Association (FIPA)

German International Parent Association (GIPA)

Italian International Parent Association (IIPA)

Spanish International Parent Association (SIPA)

Dade Partners

Friends of Carver

Services - Clinic

- School Nurse
- Borinquen
 - Mild Medical Issues
 - Administering Medication (with doctor prescription and waiver)

Must sign consent forms to be seen at the clinic.

Medication can only be dispensed in the clinic.



Services – Social Worker

- Mr. Brown – Social Worker
- Connect Families with Resources
- Attendance Issues
- Home Visits
- Community Liaison



Services (Continued)

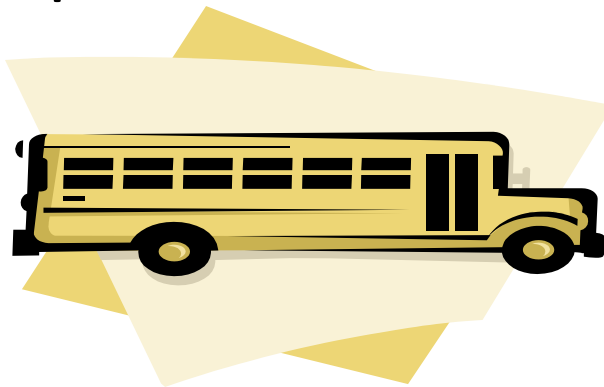
Counselor - Ms. Castillo & Ms. Valdes – Room 7

- Study Skills
- Middle School Transitions
- Academic Issues
- Personal Issues



Transportation

School Board Rule 6GX13-6A-1.46 governs the transportation policy at G.W. Carver Middle School. Accordingly, public transportation will only be provided for students who live in excess of two miles from G.W. Carver Middle School and within the boundaries of the identified transportation service zones.



Transportation (continued)

Eligibility for transportation is determined by the location of the student's residence and not necessarily by the elementary school the child attended. The student must live within the boundaries of the identified transportation service zones to be eligible for transportation.



Transportation (continued)

- Provisions for transportation services are reviewed annually and may be eliminated at any time due to budgetary constraints. Therefore, please be advised that in the event that magnet transportation cannot be provided, parents will need to plan accordingly their acceptance to a particular magnet program and/or their ability to provide transportation.



Transportation Service Zone

- Students living in the following area are eligible for transportation:

Between The 836 (Dolphin Expressway) to SW
104th Street

and

The 826 (Palmetto Expressway) to Key
Biscayne



Transportation (continued)

- Space Available Bus
 - If you see a bus route that is convenient to you, you may sign up for “space available” . Sign up takes place on August 17, 2021, at the Parent Resource Fair. “Space available” riding will be granted **ONLY** if there is space available on the bus you have selected. **IT IS NOT GUARANTEED AND IT WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL AFTER THE 2ND WEEK OF SCHOOL.**
 - We will notify you when and if you will be given a pass for space available riding.
 - Students cycling to school may lock their bikes on the bike rack by the new building.



Dress Code

We will enforce a strict dress code at Carver. In addition to always meeting MDCPS dress code, additional rules apply:



Tops:

- Uniform-standard 3-button loose polo shirt
- G.W. Carver Middle logo on the upper left-hand side (embroidered or sewn-on patch)
- Orange, hunter, or white

Dress Code (continued)

Bottoms:

- Standard uniform pants (chino)
- Standard uniform shorts (chino)
- Skorts
- Skirts
- Khaki or navy in color
- Shorts, skorts, and skirts must be no more than two inches above the knee in length.



Shoes: Closed shoes only.



Dress Code (continued)

Cold Weather Wear:

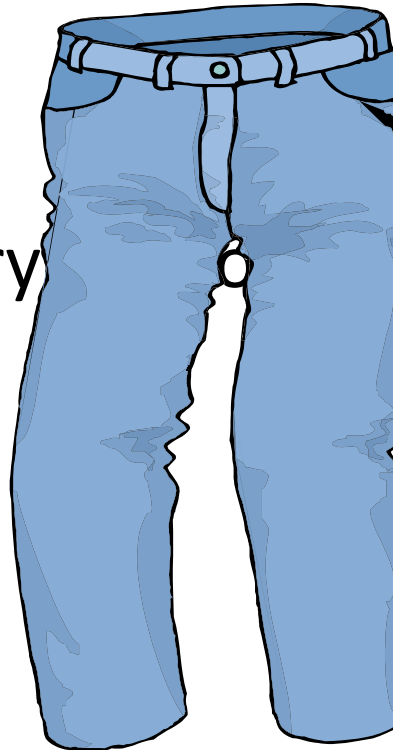
Jacket or sweater may be worn but they must have **buttons or a zipper down the front** and they must conform to Miami-Dade County Public School's student dress code. No pullover sweaters or sweatshirts are permitted unless it is an official Carver top.



Dress Code (continued)

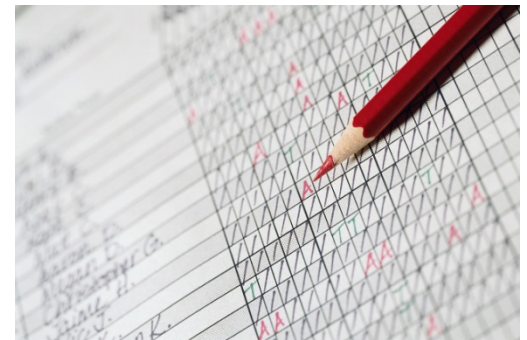
The last Friday of every month will be “Jean Day”. Students may wear **standard-fit blue** jean bottoms with school uniform tops or club shirts.

Student ID’s must be worn during the school day. Bring your ID from Elementary or make your own with a picture of yourself, your name, and student ID#.



Attendance Policy

G.W. Carver Middle has an attendance monitoring process that determines whether a student's absence is deemed excused or unexcused. Upon return from absence(s) students must bring a note from their parent and take it to the attendance office in the morning. Notes must be turned in within 3 days of returning to school.



Attendance Policy (continued)

The following are the Miami-Dade County School Board reasons for an excused absence:

- ❖ Student illness
- ❖ Death in the family
- ❖ Observance of approved religious holiday



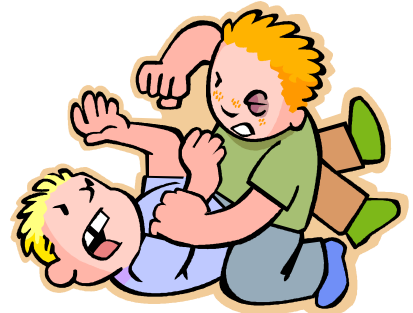
All other absences are unexcused.

Attendance Policy (continued)

- Most secondary schools look at attendance trends and use this data as part of their admission requirements. This includes private schools. Therefore, excellent attendance does not just impact the present educational experience in a highly positive manner, but lack of good attendance also may impact future educational opportunities. Don't put your child at a disadvantage.
- Of course, if your child is ill, the student should stay home. Be mindful that if your child is always ill, this is something you should address with your pediatrician.

Code of Student Conduct

The Code of Student Conduct (COSC) defines violations which are representative of those acts that frequently cause disruption of the orderly educational process. This list is not all-inclusive and committing an act of misconduct not listed will be subject to the discretionary authority of an administrator. The COSC can be accessed at <http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/90/index/htm>. Parents, please review the COSC with your child.



Withdrawal Policy

When a child is withdrawn from G.W. Carver Middle School, he/she will not be re-enrolled. A child can re-apply during the application period for the following school year to the International Studies (IS) Program if he/she is eligible. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**



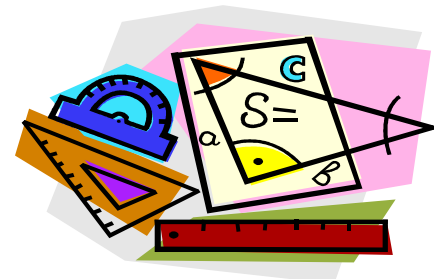
Curriculum

- Advanced Classes
 - All students, after completing the 8th grade at Carver have their 9th grade Algebra class and their 9th grade Physical Science class completed – which makes them eligible to apply to an IB high school.
 - The high school level courses taken here at Carver (Foreign Languages, Algebra, Geometry, Physical Science, & Biology) **will be on the students' permanent transcript.**
 - An average student will leave Carver with 5 high school credits, some may even earn 7 high school credits.
- Gifted Classes (6, 7, and 8th Grade)
 - Language Arts
 - Social Studies
 - Gifted Resource - elective



Curriculum (continued)

- Foreign Languages
 - All students, after completing the 8th grade at Carver have three high school credits for foreign language. Students in the IS Program will take an Advanced Placement Test in 8th grade. AP passing scores of a 3 or higher may receive college credit depending on the university's requirements.
- Math iPrep
 - This is the course for students taking sixth grade math in English. It is a blended curriculum comprised of teacher instruction and technology. Students will work at their own pace utilizing the Carnegie Curriculum. All students in 6th grade will complete the Math 1 Advanced Course at minimum.



Curriculum (continued)



- Electives
 - Art (full year)
 - Band (full year)
 - Orchestra (full year)
 - Musical Theater I (full year)
 - Gifted (Full year – Must have met gifted eligibility)
 - Phys. Ed (half the year) & Art (half the year)
 - Phys. Ed (half the year) & Technology (half the year)
 - Phys. Ed (half the year) & Band (half the year)
 - Technology (full year)

Dates to Remember

- August 17, 2021 – Parent Resource Fair
- August 23, 2021 – First Day of School



Bienvenido

Bienvenue

**Thank you and once again
Welcome to G.W. Carver
Middle School**

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