

# GATES CHILI HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION BOOKLET

We thank you for taking time to review the contents of this information with your teenager and we look forward to a productive and exciting year.

## SCHOOL SCHEDULE

To give you some insight into the High School's schedule, the following should be noted:

- Our doors open at 7:00 a.m. If you are dropping off your child, please do not arrive before 7:00 a.m. Student drop off is at door 8 in the west lot.
- Classes begin at 7:20 a.m. and dismissal is at 2:12 p.m. Buses depart the high school at 2:18 pm. The high school offers an additional period each day for instructional support. Ninth period is held from 2:20 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. for academic support only. Students who remain in the building after 2:12 p.m. are expected to be with a teacher.
- Our schedule is four-day rotational schedule- A-D. Each period will meet for 43 minutes with a four-minute passing time. Our schedule allows for a 30-minute daily lunch period for all students.

<b>HS Time Schedule 2022-2023</b>		
1	7:20 AM	8:04 AM
2	8:08 AM	8:51 AM
3	8:55 AM	9:38 AM
4	9:42 AM	10:25 AM
*5	10:29 AM	11:51 AM
6	11:55 AM	12:38 PM
7	12:42 PM	1:25 PM
8	1:29 PM	2:12 PM
9	2:16 PM	2:55 PM
* Includes a 30-minute lunch from 10:29 AM - 11:04 AM or 11:16 AM - 11:51 AM		

- Please bookmark the Gates Chili website ([www.gateschili.org](http://www.gateschili.org)) to keep up to date with Spartan news and daily announcements.

**SPECIAL NOTE** - All students are expected to remain in school for the entire length of the school day.

Teachers are not available for academic support after school on Tuesdays due to meetings and professional development. Special activities and detentions are the only reasons that students should stay after school on Tuesday.

## SCHOOL COUNSELORS

### Counseling Assignments for 2022-2023 are as follows:

#### **For graduating class 2026 (9 graders)**

<b>Last names beginning with:</b>	<b>School Counselor:</b>	<b>Phone Extension:</b>
A-Co	Anna Howard	21521
Cp-H	Mike Fici	21512
I-M	Janel Kieffer	21511
N-R	Tracy Vander	21531
S-Z	Jim Miller	21532

#### **For graduating classes 2024 & 2025 (10 & 11 graders)**

<b>Last names beginning with:</b>	<b>School Counselor:</b>	<b>Phone Extension:</b>
A-C	Anna Howard	21521
D-Jn	Mike Fici	21512
Jo-O	Janel Kieffer	21511
P-R	Tracy Vander	21531
S-Z	Jim Miller	21532

#### **For graduating class 2023 (12 graders)**

<b>Last names beginning with:</b>	<b>School Counselor:</b>	<b>Phone Extension:</b>
A-C	Anna Howard	21521
D-Hog	Mike Fici	21512
Hoh-Mi	Janel Kieffer	21511
Mj-R	Tracy Vander	21531
S-Z	Jim Miller	21532

## ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is crucial to the academic success of our students. For your student(s) to maximize their learning potential; they need to be in school, on time, and ready to learn. We monitor attendance on a daily basis and identify the students who are missing full days of school or individual classes throughout the day. If patterns of absenteeism develop, formal letters will be sent home to document the number of days missed and engage the family in rectifying the situation. Our hope is that all Gates Chili students will be present to take advantage of the direct instruction and support services we provide. We believe that through strong attendance, open communication between home and school and timely interventions we can continue providing your student(s) with a well-rounded educational experience that will help prepare them to compete in an ever-changing world.

Attendance to school and class is, by State law, mandatory and necessary for your students' success. If it becomes necessary for your child to be absent from school, please call the High School Attendance Office at (585) 247-5050 extension 21101 or 21102. Students are also required to bring a written excuse to school on the day they return to school. The High School does not allow students to leave the campus during the school day without express, written permission from their parent/guardian and school administrator. All written parental requests must be turned in and processed in the Attendance Office prior to the beginning of first period.

## DEVICES

All HS students will be given the opportunity to have a 1:1 device. Misuse of any electronic device may result in the loss of privileges and/ or additional consequences. Additional information will be posted on the HS website, clicking on the 'Parents' tab then selecting 'Student Laptop Information'.

## DRESS CODE

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Individuality in dress is a matter of personal choice, but it will not be permitted to interfere with, disrupt, or distract from the activities of school. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. A student's dress, grooming, and appearance shall be safe, appropriate, and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process or infringe on the rights of others.

## DRIVING

Student parking spaces are limited and available to approved seniors only. Applications for student parking spaces are available online under the parent and student tab of the high school website. Students driving to school must park in the designated area and follow all parking policy rules and regulations. Students who do not have a Gates Chili High School parking permit may not park on school property. Failure to follow expectations may result in disciplinary action and/or revocation of parking privileges. If you have any questions, please contact security.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

It is very important that our pupil records are accurate. Please review the information in Parent Portal closely and update phone numbers and contacts as necessary. For more information, please visit <https://www.gateschili.org/Page/165>. If you need to set up a Parent Portal account, please email [support@gateschili.org](mailto:support@gateschili.org).

## IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND SCHOOL PICTURES

On September 8 and 9, 2022, all students will have their school pictures taken during their Physical Education class. These pictures will be used to issue student photo identification cards and for the yearbook; therefore, everyone must have a picture taken even if you are not ordering pictures. **All seniors are reminded that the deadline to submit senior pictures is Friday, October 21st.** More specific information regarding senior pictures can be found on our website.

## LOCKERS

A locker has been assigned to each student that is noted on their schedule with that locker's combination. One student per locker. Locker sharing is not permitted. Ninth grade students will be permitted to access their assigned lockers on August 31, during Freshmen Orientation. If students encounter any problems with their assigned locker, those problems should be immediately reported to their grade level office.

## REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be mailed on or about November 18, 2022, February 3, 2023, April 21, 2023, and July 5, 2023. Please note that these are the mailing dates for report cards and that the marking periods will end approximately one week earlier than distribution. Please take this opportunity to discuss your student's achievement with him or her. You are reminded to sign up for access to your student's class schedule, grades, assignments, attendance and discipline history through the Parent Portal. Sign-up is available by emailing your request to [supprt@gateschili.org](mailto:supprt@gateschili.org). Please include your name as well as your child's name and grade level.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

The lunch price for the 2022-2023 school year is \$3.20 and \$2.00 for breakfast. **Parents/guardians may pre-pay for meals using credit cards by using the “MY SCHOOL BUCKS” on-line service:** [gateschili.org/MySchoolBucks](http://gateschili.org/MySchoolBucks). Applications for free and reduced lunches will be mailed in August and are also available online at [gateschili.org/FreeReducedApp](http://gateschili.org/FreeReducedApp) or at the District’s School Nutrition Office. For more information contact Janice Phillips, Director of School Nutrition, ext. 31403.

## VISITORS

The Gates Chili Central School District is committed to the safety and security of all students, staff and visitors to our schools. That is why, as part of our greater plan to improve school safety, we have implemented a visitor management system.

This Visitor Management System will help us accomplish the following:

- Electronically log/track visitors upon check-in
- Print visitor identification badges
- Screen all visitors against a national sex offender database
- Provide real-time sex offender alerts

### Visitor Procedure:

Here’s what to expect when you visit any school building during regular school hours:

- For first-time access your **driver’s license or other form of valid government issued photo ID** will need to be scanned. You may be required to show your ID on subsequent visits, but it will not need to be scanned again.
- After approval, an ID badge will be printed, which must be worn for the duration of your visit.
- After your business in the school is concluded, you will return to Security to check out.

We believe this process improves the safety of those in our buildings. As invested members of our school community, thank you for participating in these efforts to make our district a safer, more welcoming environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. The High School welcomes the opportunity to provide a quality education for your child. If you or your child have any questions, please feel free to contact the appropriate Assistant Principal at 247-5050:

<b>Mr. Kevin Whitmore</b>	<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>Extension 21304</b>
<b>Mr. Thomas Hammel</b>	<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Extension 21303</b>
<b>Mr. Richard Pound</b>	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Extension 21302</b>
<b>Ms. Jennifer Kern</b>	<b>Grade 12</b>	<b>Extension 21301</b>

We look forward to working with you throughout the upcoming school year.