

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

In order 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.
- Classes will begin at 7:20 a.m. and dismissal will be at 2:12 p.m.
- Our schedule is similar to our Middle School 8-day rotational schedule. Each period will meet for 58 minutes with a 5 minute passing time. Our schedule allows the opportunity for all students to take an additional class and allows for a 30 minute daily lunch period for all students. Please see the high school website for a more detailed time schedule.
- The first dismissal is 2:12 p.m. There is an additional academic period from 2:20 to 2:55 p.m. Only students staying with a teacher, serving detention and waiting for athletic practice/games are permitted in the building after 2:20 p.m.
- Please bookmark the Gates Chili website (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. The last period concludes at 2:12 p.m. and buses depart from the campus at 2:18 p.m.

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 and obtain a late bus pass from that teacher. Late buses are available and leave the high school promptly at 3:00 p.m. Only students with a late bus pass may ride the late buses.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Counselor Assignments for 2016-2017 are as follows:

Alynn Dasta:	Grade 9
Mark Denninger:	Grades 10-12 A-Dib
Michael Fici:	Grades 10-12 Dic-Lew
Tracy Vander:	Grades 10-12 Li-Robinson
Jim Miller:	Grades 10-12 Robu-Z

A T T E N D A N C E

Regular attendance is crucial to the academic success of our students. In order for your child(ren) 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 child(ren) 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 child's success. If it becomes necessary for your child to be absent from school, please call the High School Attendance Office. 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 processed in the Attendance Office prior to the beginning of first period.

D R E S S C O D E R E M I N D E R S

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.

Examples of unacceptable dress may include, but are not limited to:

- Extremely brief, revealing, or see-through garments;
- Clothing that allows bare midriffs to be exposed;
- Clothing that allows underwear to be exposed;
- Footwear that is a safety hazard (footwear is required at all times);
- Items of clothing that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability;
- Items of clothing that promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs;
- Items of clothing that promote or endorse the use or glorification of weapons and/or other illegal or violent activities;
- Hats, hoods, head coverings and winter jackets are also prohibited.

D R I V I N G

Student parking spaces are limited and available to approved seniors only. Applications for student parking spaces are available on line and at the security desk. 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

On the first day of school your child will receive an Emergency Information Sheet. It is very important that our pupil records are accurate. Please review the information carefully and make any additions and/or corrections in the space provided. Please sign and return to your child's Grade Level Office by Friday, September 9th.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS & PICTURES

On September 8th and 9th 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 14th.** More specific information regarding senior pictures can be found on our website.

LOCKERS

Students will be responsible for providing their own locks for their assigned lockers. This will assist with locker security throughout the school building. A locker has been assigned to each student. Your child's locker number is noted on their schedule. One student per locker. Locker sharing is not permitted. Ninth grade students will be permitted to place locks on their assigned lockers on September 1st during "Moving Up Day". Locks cannot be placed on lockers until September 7th for grades 10-12 and all students are expected to have a lock at that time. Any lock placed on a locker before these dates or on a locker not assigned to that student will have the lock cut. 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, 2016, February 3, 2017, April 21, 2017 and July 7, 2017. It should be pointed out 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 child's achievement with him or her. You are reminded to sign up for access to your child's class schedule, grades, assignments, attendance and discipline history through the Parent Portal. Sign-up is available in person daily in the Main Office. A valid NYS license or NYS identification card is required to register for access to the Parent Portal.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School Nutrition Services has announced that prices will be \$2.85 for a full priced lunch and \$1.35 for breakfast. **Students are not allowed to charge their lunch at the High School. Parents may pre-pay for meals with cash or check or by using the "MY PAYMENT PLUS" on-line service: www.mypaymentsplus.com or by calling 1-866-572-6087.** Free or Reduced Lunch Applications are available on line or at the District's School Nutrition Office. For more information contact Debbi Beauvais, RD, Supervisor of District School Nutrition Services at ext. 31403.

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

As always, school safety and security continue to be a priority in the Gates Chili Central School District. Gates Chili High School is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave the building without parent and administrative permission.

Backpacks, Rope Bags and Purses:

Students are not permitted to carry backpacks, duffel bags, rope bags or large purses during the school day. Upon entering the building students must place them in their lockers and leave them there until dismissal at 2:12 p.m.

Electronic Devices:

Electronic devices are prohibited during the school day unless deemed educationally appropriate by the teacher and in pre-determined designated areas.

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 implemented a visitor management system last year.

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 you will be required to wear for the duration of your visit.
- After your business in the school is concluded, you will return to the place of check-in in order to check out.

We believe you will find 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:

Mr. Pound	Grade 9	Ext. 21302	Ms. Kern	Grade 10	Ext. 21301
Mr. Whitmore	Grade 11	Ext. 21304	Mr. Hartman	Grade 12	Ext. 21303

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