Welcome to JR Gerritts Middle School!

At J.R. Gerritts, our vision is Learning, Leadership and Laughter. Your son or daughter is a big part of what makes JRG one of the best middle schools in the state. We can't wait to get the 2017-18 school year started and look forward to seeing all of our students and their families soon. Please read on for important information that will get your school year off to a great start. As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Eric Brinkmann	Rob DeLain	Matt Bumgardner
Principal	Assistant Principal	Dean of Students

2017-2018 Picture and Paperwork Days

Our Picture and Paperwork days will be held on **Tuesday, August 15 from 10:00 - 2:00, and Thursday, August 17 from 2:30 - 6:30.** Please park in the south lot near the stadium and enter through the gym doors. A school map is included in this letter showing the locations you will want to visit. Parents and students may attend on either date at any time. Student photos will also be taken in the large gym during this time.

The key things to do while you are here are:

- **Drop off required forms in the Large Gym**
- **Have your child's picture taken in the Large Gym**
- **Pick up your child's Chromebook in the LMC**
- **For 8th graders: Sign up for your 8th grade conference in Student Services**
- **Tour the school (on your own) and locate your classes and locker if you choose**

In this letter, you will find important information concerning fees, online payments, Chromebook distribution, required forms, and much more for the upcoming school year. All forms and documents necessary for Picture and Paperwork days are available on our website (http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/jr-gerritts-middle) for you to download and complete. Please click on the link entitled "Picture and Paperwork Information 2017-18" located under "Forms and Documents, School Information 2017-18" on the left hand side of the JRG school page. Paper copies of all forms will also be available in our Main Office if you would like to pick them up, and will also be available during Picture and Paperwork days.

School Fees:
We encourage families to pay their fees online through Infinite Campus. You may also pay fees in person during Picture and Paperwork days. Please make checks out to **JRG**. If your family financial situation inhibits your ability to pay required fees, please complete a School Fee Waiver Form which is available on our website or in our main office.

General School Fees	$30.00
Physical Education Shirt (All students are required to have a JRG PE shirt. Shirts may be reused from the previous school year or siblings who were previous JRG students)	$6.00
Band Fee: Instrumental (required unless students own their instrument)	$120.00
Band Fee: Percussion (covers cost of maintaining percussion instruments)	$40.00
Optional: Student Agenda (students may use online tools such as Google Calendar and Google Classroom or purchase their own planner). Learn more about Google Classroom at https://goo.gl/lpAUwT and Google Calendar at https://goo.gl/AiXNPO	$3.00
Optional: Yearbook	$15.00
7th Grade Only: Camp Nan-A-Bo-Sho (two days, one night, includes meals and	$70.00

transportation) Students attend with their team in late September or early October	
Chromebook Insurance, if not purchased in a previous grade. See “Chromebook Insurance” below.	Cost varies.

Schedules:
Student Schedules will be available to view and print in Infinite Campus **beginning on** August 14. The school will contact you if there are any changes to your child’s schedule after that date. Please note that student schedule changes can only be made in exceptional circumstances. A printed copy of the schedule will also be mailed on August 14.

Lockers:
The mailed schedule will include your child’s locker information including locker number and combination. Supplies can be dropped off and put into lockers during the Open House on Wednesday, August 30 from 6:00-7:00 pm. If you are unable to attend the open house, students may also drop off supplies during normal office hours on August 23-25 from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm. Due to meetings, students will not be able to access their lockers from August 29-31. Locker sizes are: Lockers 1-876 are 12” wide / 11” deep. Lockers 2651-2954 are 14 ¾” wide / 11” deep.

Chromebooks:
All students at JRG have a district-assigned Chromebook. Chromebooks will be distributed to students in the LMC during Picture and Paperwork days. All fees must be paid prior to students receiving their Chromebook. If you pay your fees online, **please be prepared to present proof of payment either with a printed receipt, or your Infinite Campus Fees page on your smartphone or other device**. Should you choose to pay your fees in person, a receipt will be provided at that time.

The District provides cases for our 7th & 8th Graders to help protect the Chromebook. We encourage students not to remove the Chromebooks from these cases, including when charging the device. To charge the Chromebook, open the case so you are able to see the screen and plug it in. When you are done charging the Chromebook you should put the charger in the front pouch so you have it with you at all times.

As a reminder, district owned Chromebooks are subject to the same Internet filtering and tracking at home as they are at school. Any site that is accessed on a District owned Chromebook will be subject to filtering and tracking.

Chromebook Insurance:
The Kimberly Areas School District offers an option Chromebook Protection Plan for families who participate in our 1:1 Chromebook program in grades 5-8. This program is designed to protect students and their families financially in the event that the district-assigned Chromebook is accidentally damaged. If you have already purchased the Chromebook Protection Plan in a previous school year, you do not need to take any action.

Effective September 1, 2017, families will only be able to purchase a Chromebook Protection Plan when their student is first issued a district Chromebook, either in grade 5 or when a student newly enrolls in the district after grade 5. The insurance provider will no longer be providing families the ability to “opt in” to the plan after the device is initially issued to the student.

If you have not purchased the protection plan, the district is offering a final opportunity to purchase it for students in grades 7 and 8 at a prorated cost. We highly recommend that all families purchase the protection plan. To do so, please complete the protection plan form and pay the prorated fee via Infinite Campus Parent Portal prior to October 31, 2017.

Not sure if you have already purchased the Chromebook Protection Plan? Follow these steps to check:

1. Login to your Parent Portal account.
2. Select “Fees” on the left menu
3. Make sure that “Filter by: All Years” is selected on the top right
4. Look through the listed fees for “Optional Chrmbk Ins”

School Pictures by Network Photography:
Our school photographer, Network Photography, will be at JRG during Picture and Paperwork Days. We ask that all students have their photo taken for the yearbook on either August 15 or August 17. Families are not required to purchase photos. If you wish to order pictures, you may prepay online or complete the order form (links also available on our website). **Make a separate check out to Network Photography**. Student ID cards will not be provided as they are not required for any JRG functions.

Infinite Campus:
Please take a moment to log into your Infinite Campus account and verify your mailing address and your email address. We use this information to contact families, distribute newsletters and provide notices about event changes and cancellations. If your information is not up to date, you may miss out on important information. You can update your student and parent information at any time through your Infinite Campus account by clicking on the "update" button and completing the required fields If you do not have access to the internet, or need assistance with your Infinite Campus account, please contact the KASD Helpdesk at 423-4107 and they will be happy to assist you.

Important Upcoming Dates

Picture and Paperwork Days		Other Events	
Tuesday, August 15	10:00 am - 2:00pm	Wednesday, August 30	ROCKS Kickoff (large gym) 5:15– 6:00
Thursday, August 17	2:30 pm - 6:30pm	Wednesday, August 30	Open House 6:00-7:00
		Tuesday, September 5	First Day of School
		Wednesday, September 13	Run for ROCKS

We would like to wish you a happy, healthy, and relaxing remainder of your summer break. We look forward to seeing all of our returning students again and meeting our incoming 7th grade students during Picture and Paperwork days in August, at our ROCKS kickoff and Open House, and on September 5 for the start of another great year at JRG! As always, please contact our office at 788-7905 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Principal

Required Forms

These forms are required for all students and can be found on our website through the Picture and Paperwork 2017-18 link http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/jr-gerritts-middle/back-to-school. Please review, sign and return each form during Picture and Paperwork days. **Parent and student signatures are needed on each form.**

- **Chromebook Loan Agreement**
- **Internet/Local Network Agreement**
- **JRG Co-Curricular Code**

Optional Forms

ROCKS Membership Pledge

ROCKS is a group for students who are committed to staying drug and alcohol free. By signing and returning this form, students are making a healthy commitment, and will be able to participate in events such as a Badger Sports Park lock-in, a Green Bay Gambler hockey game, Run for ROCKS, and other exciting activities throughout the school year.

Volunteer Sign-up Form

Complete and return if you are interested in volunteering at school this year.

Administration of Medicine Policy

Complete and return this form if your child will be taking prescription medication or parent-provided, over the counter medication at school. Should your student need liquid or chewable forms, cough drops, or other medications, we require this form to be filled out. You are welcome to bring in medicine that your child may need (daily, emergency, and as needed) during our Picture and Paperwork Days or before school starts. Please be aware that **all medications must be in their original containers.**

Stock Medication Permission Form

This form is required if you would like your student to have access to the stock medications that are available in the health room. JRG is able to provide ibuprofen, acetaminophen (regular and extra strength), and Benadryl. These medications are only available in pill form. Please use the form to indicate which medications and the dosage (1 or 2 pills) you would like us to be able to provide.

JRG Athletic Form

If your student is interested in participating in any school sponsored sports this year, they will need to have a signed athletic form on file before they will be able to participate. A parent and physician signature is required with the date of your student's last physical for all 7th grade students. If your 8th grade student has had a physical in the last 2 years and the form is on file here, only a parent signature is needed.

Student Health Form

Please return the completed form only if there have been any changes to your students' medical health in the last year.

Directory Data Opt-Out Form

Please return this completed form only if you do not wish to have your child's directory data released.

Photo, Video and Academic Work Opt-Out Form

Please return this completed form only if you do not wish to have your child's photo, video, or academic work used. This form needs to be filled out each school year to remain valid. By opting out, your student's image will not appear in the yearbook, TLC pictures that are displayed in the hallway near the large gym, or in any other form. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns.

Chartwells Information

The A La Carte release form must be signed and returned to school if you do not want your child purchasing a la carte items with their prepaid lunch money. Representatives from Chartwells will be available in the large gym to answer any questions and to collect lunch account payments during Picture and Paperwork days. Please make checks out to **KASD** for school lunches.

Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals

Please complete this form if you qualify for free and reduced meals. This form needs to be completed each year to remain valid.

Student Insurance

Smiles For Life (Dental program for families who may not otherwise have access to a dentist due to financial need)

J. R. Gerritts Middle School

First Floor 2016/17

Tour the school while you get registered! Follow the red arrows to visit each station. The red highlighted rooms are the places you will need to stop to complete the registration process.
Use the checklist on the back of the map to help you complete your registration journey.

Home of the Gators!

J.R. Gerritts Middle School
545 S. John St. - Kimberly, WI 54136
920-788-7905

GR – Girls Restroom
BR – Boys Restroom

#1. Large Gym: Registration & Payments, Network Photography, 8th Grade Conference Sign Up, Volunteer Sign Up Chartwells, Gator Galore 403

#2. LMC: Chromebook Pick Up 150

#3. Office: Health Forms, Schedule Questions 100

The Commons Are currently closed due to construction.

ENTER HERE

South (Stadium) Parking Lot

Tech Ed 447 · Tech Ed 448 · 449 · PACE 446 · Tech Ed 439 · Art 436 · Custodian 442 · 402A · STORAGE · Dundee Drive · Locker Room Doors · Fitness Center · GYMNASIUM · Smiles for Life · Athletics · Crocodile Ct · Fundraising · ROCKS · Athletic Dir 401 · Crocodile Walk · CONCESSIONS · CONTROL ROOM · Resource 322 · Resource 320-319 · Resource 309A · Auditorium 309 · Stage · Band 352 · Broadway · Comp Lab 154 · 155 · Math 8 129 · LA 8 130 · SS 8 131 · LA 8 132 · Math 8 133 · Lily Pad Lane · Alligator Alley · LA 8 127 · Math/Sci 8 126 · 125 · Science 8 124 · 114 · Resource 120 · Piranha Path · Jungle Junction · KROOM · SS/LA 8 108 · Science 7/8 109 · 110 · Computer 111 · 112 · STUDENT SERVICES · DRY STOR · 324 · Choir 325 · 223 · PERIODICALS · Gator Way · Reading Retreat 153 · Math 8 105 · Math 8 104 · LA 8 103 · Resource 102 · Training Room 101

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Second Floor 2016/17

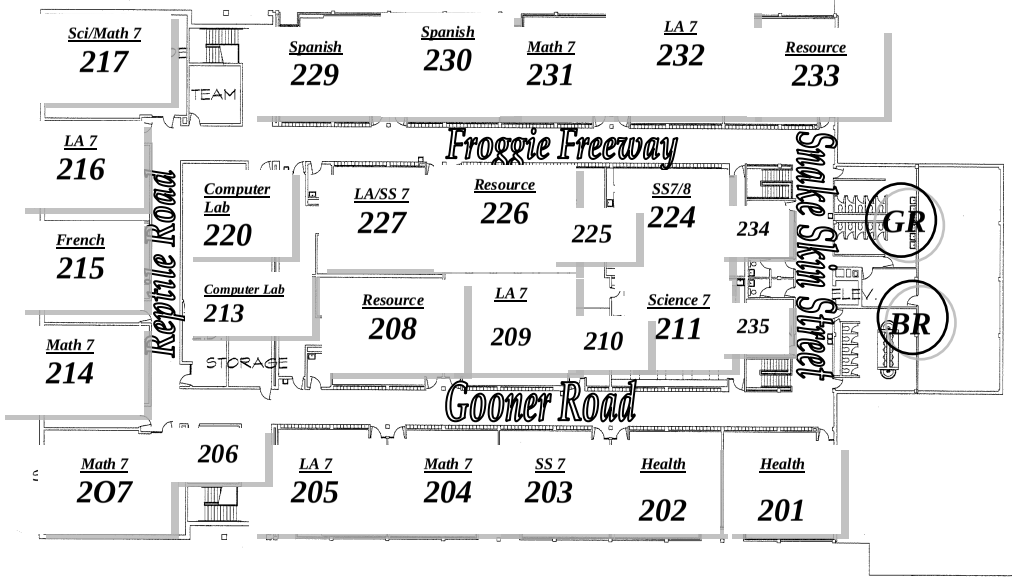
Picture & Paperwork Day Checklist:

- ☐ *#1. Large Gym – Registration Payments, optional forms. Network Photography for school photo, 8th grade conference sign up, Volunteer sign up, Gator Galore school store table & Chartwells table for lunch account payments*
- ☐ *#2. LMC – Chromebook Pick Up, optional Chromebook Insurance payment*
- ☐ *#3. Office – Health forms, Schedule questions, lock issues*

Thank you for coming!

GR – Girls Restroom

BR – Boys Restroom



J.R. Gerritts Supply List 17/18

JRG will have agendas available for an optional fee.
We encourage students to use the technology tools available to them to track their assignments.
This is not a required purchase.

Grade 7

General Supplies Needed *(all 7th graders)*
Ear buds
Sturdy pencil case
#2 Pencils – 2 boxes and erasers
Hand-held pencil sharpener
Pens
Colored pencils (also used for art)
Ruler (standard & metric)
Compass
Protractor
2 Highlighters
1 – 5 subject notebook
10 pocket folders or accordion type organizer

TLC 7 Students *(all 7th graders)*
3 boxes of facial tissue
Disinfectant Wipes
3-5 Expo Dry –Erase Markers

7th Grade Math
Scientific Calculator
Chromebooks and phones are not allowed on assessments
1 small book cover or paper bag
1 per semester - Graph ruled or quad ruled notebook

Spanish 7
3-ring binder (1 ½")
2 Wide Tipped Dry Erase Markers (Any Color)
French 7 Students
Loose leaf paper for binder
3-ring binder (1 ½")

Band 7 Students
"Essential Elements 2000 Book 2"
BLACK 3-ring binder (1/2")
Pencil

Choir 7 Students

Looking for more information about JRG?
Check out our Student/Parent Handbook at:
https://goo.gl/lKKMtL
or scan the QR Code

Grade 8

General Supplies Needed *(all 8th graders)*
Ear buds
Sturdy pencil case
#2 Pencils – 2 boxes and erasers
Pens – Blue or Black & Red
Colored pencils
1 pack of markers
Ruler (standard & metric)
2 Highlighters
1 – 3 Subject notebook
1 package loose leaf paper
7 pocket folders or 1 accordion file folder
1 Jumbo book cover (or 1 paper grocery bag)

TLC 8 Students *(All 8th graders)*
3 boxes of facial tissue
Disinfectant Wipes
3-5 Expo Dry –Erase Markers

8th Grade Math
Scientific Calculator
Chromebooks and phones are not allowed on assessments
1 small book cover or paper bag
1 per semester - Graph ruled or quad ruled notebook

Science 8 and ACE
1 Folder
1 notebook

Spanish 8
3-ring binder (1 ½")
2 Wide Tipped Dry Erase Markers (Any Color)
French 8 Students
Loose leaf paper for binder
3-ring binder (1 ½")

Band 8 Students
BLACK 3-ring binder (1/2")
Pencil

Choir 8 Students
3-ring binder (1")

Note: Please feel free to recycle/reuse materials from year to year!

J. R. Gerritts Middle School * Kimberly, Wisconsin * 920-788-7905

Dear JRG Families:

We have an exciting opportunity for you to get involved with our Academic and Career Planning (ACP) initiative at JR Gerritts! ACP helps students better understand the world of work and begin to think about where their strengths and interests align to future education and career options. Middle school students typically know about a limited number of jobs (usually just what members of their family do, and a few others). You may think that what you do would not interest middles school students, but it does! What you have to share may have a lifelong impact on one of our students.

We are seeking parent volunteers to talk about their work to help our students gain a greater awareness of local occupations. On January 19 and April 20, parents or other guest speakers will briefly present their occupation to 8 different groups of students (about 30 students per class, with a JRG teacher present). Speakers will remain in one classroom and students will rotate to the different guest speakers. Within each 15 minute rotation, we would like speakers to:

- Discuss your job description and responsibilities – what you do on a typical day or in a typical week
- Talk about what makes your job interesting, challenging and fulfilling, and what skills and interests are important in your job.
- Present props/visuals related to your job (optional)
- Answer student questions

Our ACP plan uses the concept of career clusters, which bundles jobs into 16 different categories. This year, we will be focusing on eight of those career clusters. Listed below are the eight career clusters, jobs that might be found in each cluster, and the date in which we will be seeking parent/guest speakers in that cluster:

JANUARY 19

Hospitality and Tourism	Human Services	Government and Public Administration	Manufacturing
• Food Industry	• Child Care	• Postal Service	• Machine Operator
• Travel	• Therapists	• Tax Preparers	• Natural Resources
• Amusement	• Real Estate	• Transportation	• Home Repair
• Recreation	• Textile	• Building Inspectors	• Interior Design
• Gaming	• Customer Service	• Criminal Investigator	• Installation

APRIL 20

Agriculture, Food, Natural Resources	Marketing, Sales, and Service	Transportation, Distribution, Logistics	Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
• Farming	• Advertising	• Airlines	• Engineer
• Food Preparation	• Sales	• Automotive Repair	• Researcher
• Machine Operators	• Real Estate	• Truck Operators	• Mapping
• Park Service	• Travel Agent	• Transit	• Doctor
• Veterinary	• Sales Representative	• Delivery	• Statistician

If you would like to help and do not see a category that fits with your occupation, we will be presenting the other eight career clusters during the 2018-2019 school year.

If you are interested in helping, please return this form to the JR Gerritts front office along with the career cluster and job that you wish to share. Please contact Bradley Demmin at bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us or (920) 788-7905 ext. 4103 with questions or for more information. We'll get in touch with you closer to the date of the presentation to confirm and finalize details.

Name: _____

Email/Phone: _____

Career Cluster: _____

Occupation: _____