

December Newsletter

Learning Through Role Models



Mr. Greanias speaks to students, staff, and over 200 Veterans during Grimmer's annual Veterans Day Ceremony. All of Grimmer Middle School was honored to recognize the service of these brave men and women.

Grimmer Veterans Day Program



Grimmer was honored to welcome over 200 hundred Veterans to our annual Veterans Day Breakfast and Ceremony. This event was made possible through the Lake Central Food Services Staff, Grimmer National Junior Honors Society, Grimmer Band and Choir, and Grimmer's Custodial Team.

Important Upcoming Events

5th Grade CogAT Testing

- December 8-12. Click [here](#) for more information.

First Semester Rewards Trip:

- 5th & 6th Grade - December 11
- 7th & 8th Grade - December 12
- All invitations and permission slips have been sent home

Winter Vacation

- December 22 - January 5

The Reward Trip Criteria has been printed in every monthly newsletter since August

Grimmer First Semester Reward Field Trip

This year, Grimmer is sponsoring a reward field trip for students who meet the following criteria during the first semester:

- No Grade lower than a C- on their quarterly report cards
 - We will run a 2nd quarter grade check on December 8 at the end of the day
- No more than 6 absences (full day) for the first semester
- No disciplinary infractions greater than a detention
 - No more than 2 detentions for the semester

Our goal is to provide a fun incentive for students to work towards. We want to prepare students for real world working experiences, and many careers offer incentives. This trip is an extra incentive. There is no academic negative impact for not qualifying for this incentive.



Grimmer Choir & Band students performing during the Veterans Day Ceremony

Grimmer Cell Phone Policy

- **Cell Phones**
 - Are not to be visible in the classroom nor can they be a classroom disruption
 - Are not permitted at lunch and should not be visible in the cafeteria
 - Should not be visible in the hallways
 - We understand that students may check their phones while at their lockers.
- **Headphones and AirPods**
 - The only time a student should be wearing headphones is under the direct supervision of a teacher during class through a Chromebook activity.
 - Students are not permitted to wear headphones in the hallways during passing periods.



Mrs. Moore's Math students learning through a glow-up

Attention 7th Grade Families!

Do you want to be in NJHS during your 8th grade year?

NJHS Criteria:

- 2 School Activities (such as school sponsored sports or clubs)
- 2 Out of School Activities (such a club swimming and piano)
- 3.3 Cumulative Grade Point Average
 - Find all NJHS information on page 6 in your student agenda

***We want you to have this information now so you can plan accordingly**

Planning out the Year at Grimmer

Grimmer School Wide Events

- ~~Open Building - August 7 from 10:00 - 6:00 PM~~
- ~~First Day of School - August 13~~
- ~~Open House - August 13 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM~~
- Picture Day: August 15
- ~~Body Safety Presentations - October 2 for all grades~~
- ~~PTO Halloween Fest - October 10 from 6-8 PM~~
- ~~Picture Day Retake - October 17~~
- ~~Halloween Dance - October 17 from 6-8 PM~~
- ~~Veterans Day Ceremony - November 7: Breakfast at 8: Ceremony at 9~~
- First Semester Reward Trip - December 11 & 12 (Thursday 5th & 6th) (Friday 7th & 8th)
- Winter Dance - February 6 from 6-8 PM
- Penny Wars - February 2 - 6
- Straight A Breakfast - February 13 at 8:45 AM
- Book Fair - February 23-27
- 3 v 3 Basketball Tournament - March 9-20
- End of Year Celebration - May 21 (Thursday) Rain Date is May 22 (Friday)
- 8th Grade Ceremony - May 28: Ceremony begins at 10:30. Doors open at 10.
- 8th Grade Dance - May 28 from 6-8 PM

Early Release Days - Grimmer dismisses at 1:10 PM

- ~~September 9~~
- ~~October 14~~
- ~~November 11~~
- February 10
- March 10
- April 14
- May 12

LC Vacations & Holidays - No School

- ~~Labor Day: September 1~~
- ~~Fall Break: October 24-27~~
- ~~Thanksgiving: November 26-28~~
- Winter Break: December 22 - January 5
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 19
- President's Day: February 16
- Spring Break: March 23-27
- Easter Break: April 3-6
- Memorial Day: May 25

Early Release Day Schedule (No Advisory)		
5th Grade	8:47AM - 9:50AM	ELA or Math Block 1
	9:55AM - 10:56AM	ELA or Math Block 2
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Period 6
	11:34AM - 12:02PM	Lunch
	12:07PM - 12:35PM	Period 7
	12:40PM - 1:10PM	Period 8
6/7/8th Grade		
	8:47AM - 9:17AM	Period 2
	9:22AM - 9:50AM	Period 3
Grade 6	9:55AM - 10:23AM	Lunch 6A
	10:28AM - 10:56AM	Period 4
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Period 5
Grade 7	9:55AM - 10:23AM	Period 4
	10:28AM - 10:56AM	Lunch 7B
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Period 5
Grade 8	9:55AM - 10:23AM	Period 4
	10:28AM - 10:56AM	Period 5
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Lunch 8C
	11:34AM - 12:02PM	Period 6
	12:07PM - 12:35PM	Period 7
	12:40PM - 1:10PM	Period 8
Early Release Dates:		
September 9th	February 10th	May 12th
October 14th	March 10th	<i>No Early Release Days in</i>
November 11th	April 14th	<i>August, December or January</i>

Role Models

It was a privilege and an honor to have over 200 Veterans attend the annual Grimmer Veteran's Day Breakfast & Ceremony. 200 hundred role models of courage, sacrifice, and servant leadership. We have nearly 800 students at Grimmer. I'm always grateful the students get to experience this event because I know it leaves a lasting impression.

I look forward to this day every year. Mario and I regularly deal with student issues that can be frustrating, stressful, and sometimes just silly. But on this day, students are well behaved. On Veterans Day, Grimmer students do a great job of showing respect. It's not because of me, or the rules of the school. It is out of respect for the 200 role models seated in front of them.

A lot of folks are behind the scenes making the Veterans Day program a success. Our food service staff does a tremendous job. The Grimmer Band (led by Mr. Lewis) along with the Grimmer Choir (led by Mrs. Marsh) prepare months in advance. Grimmer's NJHS (led by Mrs. Bickell) plays an important role. Our custodial team sets up everything. All the teachers and paras pitch in to ensure a successful event. Finally, my right hand guy, Mr. Castaneda diligently supervises to ensure the program moves along without interruptions. Role Models all around.

Veterans Day signals a shift in the school year. The time changes. The weather changes. Falling leaves become falling snow. November and December are months that move quickly in a school year. They can be busy. They can be really stressful. However, there is joy involved as well. The holiday season moves with more intensity than other seasons. Winter vacation is approaching quickly. But, we've still got a couple more weeks of school.

I want to thank our students, staff, and families for a strong first semester. I appreciate everyone who took advantage of tutoring each Tuesday and Thursday morning. We still have a couple more weeks until the semester ends. Let's finish the race strong before we head into the holiday break.

Winter Vacation runs from December 22 - January 5. Students return to school on Tuesday, January 6. All of us at Grimmer, sincerely hope you have a wonderful and restful break. This is a time to rest, relax, and refresh alongside your family. We hope you all are able to find that time. Thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,

W. Ryan Bounds

GMS NJHS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

SPREADING JOY, ONE TOY AT A TIME!



DECEMBER 1-8

📍 Grimmer Middle School

How You Can Help

Donate a new
UNWRAPPED toy to
bring a smile to a
child's face this
Christmas!

Toy Suggestions:

- Board games
- Dolls and action figures
- Building blocks
- Art supplies

Drop off:

Box in the GMS Main
Office. All toys will be
donated to Toys for
Tots • Schererville
Police Department
Collection Site.

Drop Off & Make a Difference!



For more info contact mbickell@lcsmail.com

GMS PTO



SILENT AUCTION

Help us raise funds to support all
the GMS PTO does for the school!
Several items will make wonderful
gifts or family outings to enjoy
together over the Holiday break!

Every donation makes a
difference!



Auction is LIVE 12/3/25-12/14/25

Pick up of items will be 12/17 at GMS

Special thank you to all our corporate sponsors.



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