

# George McGovern Middle School

6221 W. Maple St., Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Where attitude is everything, and the attitude is one of respect.

August 2017

Principal  
Assistant Principal  
Intern Asst. Principal

Ms. Lynn Gillette  
Mr. Richie Hutchinson  
Ms. Beckie VanDrongelen



## Important Phone Numbers

Main Office	367-4440
Office Hours	7:45-5:00
Attendance and Health	367-4438 24 hr voicemail
Counseling and Registration	367-4435
Kitchen Manager	367-4492
Fax	367-4434
IEP Facilitator	367-4481

## Important Dates

- Aug. 30: Eagles Launch Day
- Sept. 5: "SCHOOL BEGINS"
- Oct 20: No School
- Oct. 23: No School
- Oct. 12, 17 and 19: Conferences
- Nov. 3: End of 1st Quarter

## Principal's News

Greetings,

By the time your child arrives for the start of what we are striving to make the **BEST SCHOOL YEAR YET**, our entire staff at George McGovern Middle School has put in months of work to create a beautiful, clean, engaging, and welcoming learning environment for our students.

We are **PROUD** of the school we have created and are even prouder of **WHO** we have created it for this year. Our students are not only the **WHO** of our lives at George McGovern; they are the **WHY**. Your children are why we strive to perform our best, challenge ourselves in our own learning and professional growth, and build relationships with students, families, and colleagues.

The students of George McGovern Middle School deserve nothing but the best education to help them grow academically and develop as upstanding citizens.

As your principal, I commit to each and everyone of you that I will follow the two expectations I have set for all:

**WORK HARD AND BE KIND**

I am looking forward to this year and the amazing accomplishments of our staff, students, and families.

kindest regards,

Lynn Gillette



Lynn Gillette  
Principal  
George McGovern Middle School  
Telephone: (605) 367-4440  
Fax: (605) 367-4434



# Project: SOS

## "Supply Our Students"

**FOR ALL STUDENTS**  
Free school supplies for families  
with limited resources.



**Distribution Day: Bring Child & Identification for Child\***

**Saturday, August 19, 2017**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Whittier Middle School**

**930 E. 6th Street (East Gym Door)**

*Please do not arrive before 7:00 am.*

**This is the only date supplies will be distributed  
until school begins September 5th!**

**\*REQUIREMENTS:**

- ✓ CHILD MUST BE PRESENT
- ✓ CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
- ✓ CHILD MUST HAVE ONE (1) FORM OF IDENTIFICATION

Approved forms of identification displaying the child's name:

- Social Security Card
- Medicaid Card
- Birth Certificate
- Passport
- Library card

**IF YOU HAVE A BACKPACK  
BRING IT AND WE WILL  
FILL IT WITH SUPPLIES!**



# EAGLE LAUNCH DAY

George McGovern Middle School - 6221 W. Maple Street

**AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

[Student Schedules](#)   [Bus Information](#)   [School Pictures](#)   [Spirit Wear](#)   [Lunch Account Information](#)   [PTA](#)

**AVOID the long lines and save yourself time (AND BE INCLUDED ON PRIZE DRAWINGS) by REGISTERING ON-LINE as follows:**

*(Please use only desktop computers as registration will not work on phones or other devices.)*

**If your child is ALREADY a student in the Sioux Falls School District:**

- [www.sf.k12.sd.us](http://www.sf.k12.sd.us)
- At the top of the screen, you will see **Parents** – Click on this
- Click on **Infinite Campus**
- Enter your username and password to log on  
*If you need assistance with your Infinite Campus username and password, please click on the appropriate links for assistance. You may also call George McGovern Middle School at 367-4440 or Information Services at 367-8432.*
- On the left hand side of the screen, near the bottom, you will find **Annual Information Update** – Click on this
- Complete all parts of the on-line registration  
*(Families with multiple students will only need to complete one registration within Infinite Campus.)*

**If your child is NEW to the Sioux Falls School District:**

- [www.sf.k12.sd.us](http://www.sf.k12.sd.us).
- On the left side of the screen, you will see a link called **New Family Information** - Click on this
- You will see an article titled, **School Registration and Enrollment**
- In the first item under **Where to Register**, is a red link called **Online Registration System** - Click on this
- After completing the required information, click on **Begin Registration** to begin and complete the registration process.
- *If you need assistance with your Infinite Campus username and password, please click on the appropriate links for assistance. You may also call George McGovern Middle School at 367-4440 or Information Services at 367-8432.*

If you do not have access to a computer, a computer is available the administrative offices of Lincoln, Washington, and Roosevelt High Schools, and at the Central Services Center (1101 N. Western Avenue) from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday, August 7th – Thursday, August 10th, and Monday, August 14th.

Computers will be available at George McGovern beginning August 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 pm and will continue to be available through Eagle Launch Day.

**Families completing their registration on-line BEFORE August 30 are included in prize drawings!**

# Eagles Launch Day

continued...

RISE (Special Education)

**Any special education students riding the special education bus for school, please have waiver completed and turned in on Eagles Launch Day!**

## George McGovern Sports

All 7th and 8th graders planning to participate in Sports this year must complete the athletic participation section of the online registration annual Student Information Update Link.

*This must be completed before you are allowed to play. Athletic physicals from a doctor are not required at the middle school level.*

\*Aug. 28, 29 & 31: Football camp from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at GMMS.

\*Sept. 6: Volleyball and Cross Country practice begins

If questions please call the school or email myself at:  
[Joseph.flock@k12.sd.us](mailto:Joseph.flock@k12.sd.us)

## NEW STAFF MEMBERS TO GMMS

Marian Beck:	Band
Brigid Berger:	English Language Arts
Malle Driscoll:	English Language Arts
Keena Flock:	Reading
Jim Frank:	ISS Supervisor
Patti Hancock:	Math
Jeff Herrboldt:	Special Education
Amy Huwe:	English Language Arts
Ellie Lucido:	Speech Therapist
Heather Maschino:	Special Education
Heidi Merkel:	Main Office Clerical
Regan Meyer:	English Lang. Arts & Humanities
Dave Osterquist:	Behavior Facilitator
Cassey Penney:	Math
Shayla Seiler:	Science
Cassandra Schroeder:	Special Education
Molly Seeger:	Science
Jenelle Sigler:	Main Office/School Support
Sherri Wolles:	Librarian

**Picture Day is coming!**  
**George McGovern Middle School**  
**Wednesday, August 30, 2017**  
 Picture Day ID: GF017021X0

Order before Picture Day at  
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G. Entry
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LOOK CODE

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**Questions? Call: 866-955-8342**



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 No need to return this form for online orders.  
 See you at Picture Day!

Picture Day ID: GF017021X0



If you did not order online, please fill this form out completely, enclose EXACT payment, and return to school on Picture Day. To pay by cash or check, please fill out the entire form. Enclose cash, money order or check payable to Lifetouch. Photographer won't make change.

Student First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher / Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade \_\_\_\_\_

PACKAGES	Qty	Price	Total	LOOK CODE
A. Deluxe		\$30		
B. Premium		\$35		
C. Value		\$24		
D. Ultimate		\$46		
E. Family		\$41		
F. Basic		\$20		
G. Entry		\$14		
H. Upgrade Special Offer		\$11		N/A
I. Student Special Offer		\$18		N/A
J. Variety Special Offer		\$18		N/A
K. (8) 2x3 Wallala		\$12		
L. (2) 5x7		\$12		
M. (1) 8x10		\$12		
N. (4) 3x5		\$12		
O. CD High and Low Resolution		\$15		
P. (4) Variety 3x5		\$12		N/A
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 Please print name exactly how it should appear on products.

George McGovern Middle School

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# WEB Leaders

The following students are WEB leaders for the 2017-18 school year.

We will have a MANDATORY WEB training on

Thursday, August 24th from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM @ GMMS.

The training will be held in the gym. Students will be provided lunch.

We ask all students to bring their own drink as well as a snack to share during our breaks (chips, pretzels, cookies, etc.).

We will be doing a lot of moving around, so make sure to wear comfortable shoes and clothes.

Remember, if you miss WEB training, you are no longer a WEB leader unless you have a valid excuse and have cleared that with the WEB coordinators prior to training.

If you have questions, please contact a WEB Coordinator.

[Heidi.Freese@k12.sd.us](mailto:Heidi.Freese@k12.sd.us); [Patricia.Case@k12.sd.us](mailto:Patricia.Case@k12.sd.us); [Faye.Koepke@k12.sd.us](mailto:Faye.Koepke@k12.sd.us); [Ryan.Hall@k12.sd.us](mailto:Ryan.Hall@k12.sd.us)

Assefa, Haimanot
BecerraCortes, Maricela
Bersheid, Lily
BigEagle, Bryant
Buckenberg, Riley
Carranza, Cecilia
Castanon, Lucia
Christensen, Talia
Cole, Aubree
Corbin, Zaire
Dailey, Jayden
Estrada Perez, Zury
Hoggay, Mariya
Hughes, Kaitlyn-Faith
Huls, Hailey
Husmann, Mea
Lantgen, Allison
Lima, Nilda
Mann, Claire
Martin, Ariana

MartinezSmith, Mairghead
Mohammed, Karima
Morris, Jasa
Norman, Ruth
Perez, Yamileth
Pettigrew, Alida
Rendon, Kylie
Revolorio, Jaan
Soto, Trinity
Thanpaengher, Angel
Thorstenson, Daytona
Ulrich, Trinity
Vasquez, Julissa
Vonderlieth, Sabrina
Wegelt, Raina
Wigg, Pearl
Winckler, Syllas
Wurtz, Isaac
Zewdie, Nazrawit



Welcome to the 6th Grade at George McGovern Middle School!! We are looking forward to getting to know each of you. Please join us for our Parent, Student, Teacher (PST) Day on Wednesday, August 30th to get your schedule, practice your locker, and meet your teachers!! The following school supplies will help you have a successful school year:

- 3 inch three ring binder (with zipper or flap if possible)
- 1 package of loose leaf paper
- Pens, pencils, and erasers (lots of them)
- 1 composition notebook (not spiral)
- 2 college rule spiral notebooks
- 3 pocket folders
- 2 large tissue boxes
- 1 box of markers
- Colored pencils
- Elmer's glue
- Wooden pencils (#2 – for art class)

**Language Arts/Reading** – We will be rolling out our new and improved English Language Arts curriculum. The first month of school we will be focusing on building our classroom community and on reading and writing a variety of narrative stories.

**Math** – Factors, multiples, and number characteristics will be our first unit. We will also practice completing tasks in groups.

**Science** – We will begin our year asking scientific questions. We then jump into investigating the layers of the Earth, minerals and rocks, plate tectonics, earthquakes, and volcanoes.

**Social Studies** – We will start the year with map skills and continents before jumping into ancient civilizations where we will begin learning about early man and the Stone Age.



**Welcome to 7th grade!!**  
**We are excited to start a new school year!**  
**Listed below are the PRO teachers that are a part**  
**of the two 7th grade teams.**

**Cougar Team PRO Teachers:**

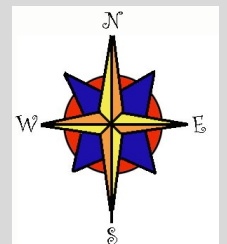
Mrs. Hieronimus—Math and Directed Math  
Mrs. Huwe—Language Arts  
Mr. Flock—Social Studies  
Mr. Josephson—Science and Accelerated Science  
Mr. Sannes—PE and Health  
Ms. Zephier—Native American Connections  
Ms. Hancock—Math (6th and 7th grades)  
Ms. Roder—ELL and Immersion Reading  
Mrs. Henrichs—R.I.S.E.  
Ms. Cota—ELL and Immersion Science

**Viking Team PRO Teachers:**

Mrs. Dossett—Language Arts/Acc. Language Arts  
Mr. Moulton—Social Studies & Acc. Soc. Studies  
Ms. Wenzel—Math, Acc. Math, & Algebra  
Mr. Helget—Science  
Ms. Larson—ICT  
Mrs. Olafson—Res. Math  
Mrs. Flock—System 44  
Mrs. Honkomp—READ 180  
Mr. Herrboldt—Res. Language Arts  
Mrs. Erickson—R.I.S.E.

**Below is a list of some supplies you'll need to start off the year!**  
**See you Soon!!**

- \*3-inch three ring binder (with zipper or flap if possible)**
- \*2 packages of wide-lined or college-ruled loose-leaf paper**
- \*Lots of pens, pencils and erasers**
- \*3 college ruled spiral notebooks**
- \*5 folders with pockets**
- \*Wood Pencils (#2-for art class)**
- \*1 highlighter**
- \*2 large boxes of tissues for PRO**







# Greetings from the Coyote/Jackrabbit Eighth Grade Teams

**Welcome all incoming 8th graders!**

**Below is a list of supplies that we would like you to bring with you on the First day of School.**

- 3 Ring Binder, with zipper or flap**
- Loose Leaf Paper (college ruled)**
- Pencils**
- Pens (1 red pen included)**
- 4 Spiral Notebooks, college ruled**
- 4-8 Pocket Folders**
- 1 Box of Kleenex**

***Greetings from: Mr. Andrew Travers***  
***To our: Future Orchestra Students***

I'm looking forward to our 2017-18 school year in Orchestra at GMMS.

We have many events to look forward to this school year!

***February 23-24, 2018:*** The 2nd Annual Middle School All State Orchestra auditions will be video auditions this year. The rehearsals and performance will be in Rapid City.

See me or visit <http://www.sdmea.net/events/middle-school-all-state-orchestra/> for more details.

We will begin the first day of school with a practice challenge to all students:

Achieve 100 Days of consecutive practice on your instrument and  
have your name written on our wall of fame!

**Concerts of the 2017-18 Year:**

December 11, 2017: Winter Concert

May 3, 2018: Spring Concert

May 5, 2018: Solo/Ensemble Contest

January 25-27, 2018: Variety Show

Instruments will become available for check out once our school year begins and our schedules are settled. I encourage you to seek out rental instruments as well, the investment in an instrument from our excellent local vendors like,

**Sioux Falls Music, Poppler's, and Schmitt Music**

is a Commitment that will last a lifetime.

**Remember to practice only on the days that you eat!**

**That way, we feed ourselves, our minds, and our Hearts!"**

**Thank You**

*We Wish the Very best to Staff Members who  
have moved on to new Ventures!*

**Laura Ackerwold**

**Jeff Noll**

**Carol Beldin**

**Dan Sailer**

**Jo Dolly**

**Henry Scere**

**Patty Hansen**

**Jill Selchert**

**Tim Homan**

**Kim Soldatke**

**Mary Lawrence-Thompson**

**Molly Thie**

**Daniel McFarlan**

**Sharon Warren**

**Karen Medema**

**Jamie Weston**

**Lyndsay Mielke**

**Jaime Westra**

**Thank You**

Thank You

Thank You

# GMMS PTA

We will be available August 30 at  
"Eagle Launch" event at GMMS.

We take orders at all times by emailing  
order to: [GMSSFPTA@gmail.com](mailto:GMSSFPTA@gmail.com)

## Newest Item to our Spiritwear: "GMMS Shorts"

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Check

Join the GMMS PTA for the  
2017-2018 School Year!  
"Forms at PTA Eagles Launch table"

We Have more information at our  
Eagles Launch Table on August 30.

PTA Meeting August 8, 6:30 pm at  
HyVee Cafe 10th and Kiwanis Ave.

# COUNSELORS' CORNER

The George McGovern counseling department would like to welcome everyone to the 2017-2018 school year! George McGovern's two professional school counselors are here to assist students and their families with academic, social, emotional and career issues. To contact the counseling office, please call 367-4435.

## **Counseling Assignments:**

Steve Fisher

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

6<sup>th</sup> Grade A - K

Tina Hawkins

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

6<sup>th</sup> Grade L – Z

## **Olweus Bullying Prevention Program**

Our school cares about the safety and well-being of our students. We want to make sure our school is a good place for students to learn. To do this we use a program called the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) is one of the best-known bullying prevention programs. OBPP has been proven to prevent or reduce bullying.

The goals of OBPP are to reduce bullying problems and prevent new bullying problems from happening. The program also works to make relationship better among students. The program is for all students, not just those who are being bullied or who are bullying others.

Parents and guardians play a key role in this program. Your child will be asked to tell an adult at school and at home if he or she is being bullied or sees bullying happening at school. It will be very important that you take any bullying seriously and tell our school staff. Our school staff members have been trained to deal with bullying situations when we are told about them. Bullying should not be seen as "kids being kids" or something that students just need to deal with. Having a safe school experience is something that all student should be able to enjoy.

These are the anti-bullying rules at George McGovern. Please review them with your child.....

We will not bully others.

We will try to help student who are bullied.

We will try to include students who are left out.

If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

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Gold cards are available at NO charge to residents 60 years or older!

The Sioux Falls School District is excited to welcome your participation in our public school and community events through the Gold Card Club! As a valued Gold Card Member, you can enjoy several Member perks:

- Discounted entrance fee to public school sporting and fine art events. The cost is only \$1!
- Biannual Community Education Catalogs mailed directly to you!
- Invitations to Gold Card Series Events!

Gold Card Series Events are provided by the joint efforts of Community Education and the Fine Arts Department. You will have the opportunity to see talent from elementary, middle and high school students while also learning something new! The Series is held at a variety of school buildings and sometimes includes a meal. Minimal fees may be required for Gold Card Events.

Brought to you by:

