



# Cardinal Chronicle

## Family Edition



Germantown Elementary School

August 2025

### Message from the Principal

GES Family! WELCOME to GES 2025-26 school year! This school year promises to be our BEST YEAR YET at GES! We are proud CARDINALS! We continue to rise and improve student outcomes! ALL members of the Cardinals' Nest – GES staff, students and family members - will show kindness and Cardinal PRIDE in all we say and do. We will be **prepared** for each day and all the moments in it. We will be **responsible** students, parents and educators. We will show **integrity** in our behavior and choices. We will be **dependable** students, family members, leaders, educators and friends. Finally, we will put forth our best effort. **We will take care of one another and our GES campus, our second home! School begins Monday, 8/4/25!** •Our arrival and dismissal system is proven to be organized, safe and effective! Please adhere to our arrival and dismissal systems, respect school staff, cooperate, and be patient the first week, possibly second. We've got this!

•Doors Open at 8:55 am, students not in their seat in class at 9:15 am are tardy. •Dismissal begins at 4:10 pm. •Be on time and present every day, be your best self, and work hard to earn good grades. •Students must be fully registered to attend school 8/4.

•Registration support is available 10 am – 12 pm daily. •Bus-riders must be at their stops 5 minutes before the time on their pass. •K-1 students MUST have an adult present at their stop every am & pm and all students must have a bus pass. •Car-riders arrive to and depart from school in their designated lines ONLY: K-1 and siblings – the Annex loop, 2-5 - the car line via Farm Park Drive. •Student lunch deliveries (UberEats, Doordash, parent drop-off) are NOT permitted.

•Breakfast and lunch are free. Students may bring their lunch if they choose. If they forget it, we will provide their lunch, no worries! •ALL Visitors will be screened from outside the school building via our speaker system at the main entrance doors. If you do not have an appointment, it is possible you may not be allowed to enter the building. For the safety and security of all students and staff, please respect our procedures as we need your support all the way around and are in this TOGETHER. We love you and cannot wait to begin this year!

### Dates to Remember

-August 4: First Day of School  
-August 12: Title 1 & Meet the Teacher Night  
5:00-7:00

### GES is a FIGHT FREE SCHOOL

Students who put their hands on others will lose privileges, be placed in Supervised Study or ISS, be recommended for losing their transfer to our school (if at GES on a Choice Transfer), and be placed on probation or lose their Optional status (if at GES on an Optional Transfer). We have a school-wide goal of keeping all students in school this year with ZERO Out of School Suspensions. Meeting this goal requires the collective effort of ALL students, parents and employees. Teachers, our School Counselor, RESET, School Social Worker, Behavior Specialist, and Admin are available to assist students in working out disagreements or misunderstandings. Hands on is NEVER a viable solution and will not be tolerated.

### District Updates

The links below are to the Student-Parent handbook and Cell Phone Policy. Please review each carefully and reach out to us if you have any questions.

Handbook: <https://tinyurl.com/2mexcs4k>  
Cell Phone Policy: <https://tinyurl.com/yusrzdpr>

### A few important reminders for August:

For the safety and security of all, please follow our arrival and dismissal procedures. Do not drive above 15 mph on Cross Country during arrival and dismissal. Do not drive into the bus lane or Faculty Parking Lot. If you are late or arrive early, do not park in the fire/bus lane in front of school. Drive to the Visitor Lot via Farm Park, park your vehicle, and walk across the front of the school to enter the main doors.

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