

Gilbert Christian Schools Greenfield Campus

Frequently Asked Questions

DROP OFF

How early can I drop off my child(ren)?

Elementary and middle school students can be dropped off no earlier than 7:15am.

What does my child do with their backpacks after drop off and before the bell rings?

Students are asked to place their backpack outside of their homeroom door or in their locker (if in middle school) upon arriving at school.

Am I allowed to walk my child to class?

Yes, parents are welcome to walk their child to class and stay for Knights Court. We request that the front parking spaces remain open for families who have children in PreK and Kindergarten and all other parents park in the overflow dirt parking lot.

What do my children do and who hangs out with them after drop off and before the bell rings?

Students are asked to drop off their backpacks and go to the playground, soccer field, basketball court areas before the bell rings. We have aides that supervise those areas in the morning.

What is Knights Court and who can attend?

Knights Court is a special way that we begin each school day. After the bell rings, each class lines up along the perimeter of the courtyard. During this time we say the Pledge of Allegiance, open in prayer and make special announcements (i.e. birthdays that day, special reminders, a devotional, etc) with the students. Parents are welcome to attend (Elementary knights court will not be outdoors until after Labor Day).

What are the start and end times for elementary? For middle school?

Elementary students begin Knights Court at 7:55 and the school day begins at 8:00am. Middle School Homeroom begins at 7:45am.

IN THE CLASSROOM

What is the typical class size?

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Do I need to buy school supplies?

Elementary students do not need to purchase any school supplies. Classroom teachers may request special items in their welcome letter such as hand sanitizer, wipes, etc. Middle school students can purchase pencil pouches or anything special for their lockers. Middle school students are required to purchase an ESV bible for classes. Please watch for any specific communication from your child's homeroom teacher.

How many snacks do I need to pack?

We ask that healthy snacks are packed as an option for the scheduled snack breaks. There are two snack times scheduled into the school day. For our PreK and Half-Day Kindergarten students, one snack is sufficient. Middle school students will also have snack breaks and can purchase snacks from the school snack shack.

What are the best types of water bottles to send (size, etc.)?

We suggest sending your child to school with a reusable 20 oz. water bottle that has a secure lid that will not leak. Please label all water bottles.

Will my child get to meet the teachers prior to school starting?

Yes! All of our teachers will be available prior to school starting at Meet the Teacher Day on Tuesday, the 30th.

GETTING INVOLVED

How do I volunteer?

We welcome parent volunteers to serve in various areas on our campus! In order to volunteer, you will first need to complete a background check form and return to Ms. Ryan at the front desk. We ask that all parent/grandparent volunteers wear a GCS polo or spirit shirt (on Fridays) when volunteering. You can order those with your child(ren)'s school uniforms.

Volunteers begin serving on our campus after Labor Day, with the exception of our lunchroom volunteers. Each homeroom teacher will have specific needs for volunteers and will have sign up sheets available, so please ask your child(ren)'s teacher if you have specific questions for the classroom. We also have event committees, day of event help, and other special events during the school year that need volunteers. You can fill out this [Volunteer Survey](#) to let us know how you'd like to get involved!

How do we get involved with the community at school?

One of the best ways to get involved in the school community is by being present, involved and being in communication with your child(ren)'s teacher and other families. Knights Court is a great way to meet parents and to begin building community. We also encourage Room Moms (or any parents!) to facilitate opportunities for families to connect outside of the classroom. We also have Coffee and Community times scheduled for each grade level, and this is another great way to meet parents that have children in the same grades as yours.

In addition, please be sure to join our group on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1861857084132868/>

What events take place on campus that we can look forward to? Will we be notified in advance so that we can plan ahead?

We have a variety of events that parents are welcome to volunteer at both during the school day and in the evening or on a Saturday. We also have events specific to father/son, father/daughter, mother/son and mother/daughter. An events calendar will be provided for you at the start of the school year so that you can save those dates in your calendars. Please click here for a breakdown of events that are happening prior to school starting or at the very start of the school year: [📅 Greenfield Connection and Community Info 24-25](#)

EXTRACURRICULARS AND ATHLETICS

What extracurricular activities are offered and for what grades?

We have outside clubs that provide after school activities for elementary students on a quarterly basis. Students in 6th-8th grades are able to enroll in our GCS athletics. Please see the link to the handbook. [2024-2025 MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS HANDBOOK](#)

Please reach out to tara.mcintire@gcsaz.org with specific questions regarding athletics and try outs.