



# SUNSHINE SOURCE



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## News From the Principal

### WELCOME TO GOLDENVIEW

The 2010-2011 school year is quickly approaching. We celebrate your accomplishments in elementary school and anticipate your arrival in the fall. Throughout the spring, we host several activities designed for you to learn more about Goldenview. The week of February 8th we will be hosting our feeder schools from 10:00 a.m.—12:45 p.m. in our library. In addition, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Night takes place on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30 p.m. This event will begin in our gymnasium, followed by presentations on curriculum by our Department Chairs in pod areas.

As this transition begins, our focus is to surround you with information and opportunities to be successful. Our mascot is the Goldenview Sun, and it reflects an outstanding membership, of which you will be a part. In and out of school you represent the high standards in scholastics and behavior in which Goldenview tradition is founded. A smaller community within our program is dubbed, the Team. Your assignment on a Team will take place during registration. This coming year, your day will consist of seven periods, five of which are Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, and PE. Electives will be selected on request and seat availability. Opportunities to participate in intramural and interscholastic sports, music, dances, pep assemblies, etc. are available throughout the year, and we encourage your participation. Goldenview extends an enthusiastic and warm welcome to you!

Sincerely,

Julie Maker, Principal

### Goldenview Spring activities for 6th grade students and parents

**Student Visit/Tour of Goldenview/Registration:** We will offer an overview of Goldenview Middle School for 6th graders at these dates and times below. There will also be a presentation from current students on life at Goldenview. Students will receive a copy of course descriptions and the Registration form. If your child does not attend one of our feeder schools, please feel free to bring them to join one of the sessions.

- February 8th - Ocean View Elementary and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- February 9th - Huffman Elementary
- February 10th - Rabbit Creek Elementary
- February 11th - Bear Valley Elementary
- February 12th - Klatt Elementary

### SCHEDULE for each day:

- 10:00: Students Arrive – Meet in library.
- 10:15: Welcome Students.
- 10:30: Power Point Presentation: Elective choices  
Elective sheets will go home with teachers/parents today
- 11:00: Tours: Led by GV students
- 11:45: “Life At Goldenview” presentation by students & counselor.
- 12:15: Lunch  
Students eat in cafeteria! Pizza, cookies, and water.
- 12:45: Collect Coats from Library and head back to school.  
Give parents/ teachers elective choice forms, packets, etc.

**\*Elective Choice Forms due:  
February 16, 2010**

**PARENT NIGHT—February 17th at 6:30 P.M.—GYM**

Registration for Fall 2010  
**\*TENTATIVE SCHEDULE\***

August 3	8th Grade	8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
<b>August 4</b>	<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.</b>
August 5	Makeup for 7th & 8th	8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

**Schedules not activated or picked up on the assigned day will be dropped from the computer at the end of the day and students will have to reschedule. Your elective choices may be endangered by your failure to activate.**

If you are unable to make the August 3rd or 4th registration, please notify us so that we may hold your schedule.



**FROM THE CAFETERIA**

At the middle school level, children cannot charge lunches. We have a computer system so that each student has a personal meal “account.” This is a debit account (not a credit account). Money is deposited into the account in advance. You may pay into this account with cash or check, and the student may only purchase lunch items on this account. During lunch, students enter their student ID number on the pin pad, which is located at the cafeteria counter. The purchases are deducted from the student account. The cashier will let the student know the balance at the time of purchase.

**FEES:** Some elective classes will have a fee between \$5.00—\$20.00. If offered, they would be: Family Consumer Science, Art, Forensics, Science Projects, Media Tech and Applied Technology.

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

August 18	First Day of School
September 2nd	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT—6:30 p.m.
September 6	Labor Day
October 15	End of 1st Quarter
October 15	In-service—No School
October 27-28	PARENT CONFERENCES
October 29	No School
Nov. 25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 17	2nd Quarter Ends
Dec. 17	In-Service—No School
Dec. 20-31	Winter vacation
January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 14	Presidents’ Day—No School
March 4	3rd Quarter Ends
March 4	In-service—No School
March 7-11	Spring break
March 16-17	PARENT CONFERENCES
March 18	No School
March 31	SBA TESTING—Science gr. 8
April 5, 6, 7	SBA TESTING
May 19	Last day of school/4th Quarter Ends



Bus schedules will be posted at registration in August and on the ASD Website.

**Lunch Duty Attendants Needed  
for the 2010-2011 school year.**

**If you are interested, please contact  
Jane Johnson at 742-8242**

**Sports in the Middle School**

For a student to participate in school sports, he/she must have a current physical (physicals are only good for one year), a participation form for each sport in which he/she wants to participate, and if it is a competitive sport, there is a \$80.00 fee. The following are tentative dates for interscholastic (competitive) for 10-11 school year:

Cross Country Running	August	Cross Country Skiing	January
Volleyball	October	Track and Field	March
Wrestling	January		
<b>Intramural (no fee required)</b>			
Soccer (Boys and Girls)	Fall	Boys Basketball	Fall
Girls Basketball	TBA		

## Frequently Asked Questions about Goldenview

**\*\*Registration Pick Up Date \*\***  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Aug. 4 (Tentative date)**  
**Make-up Date Aug. 5 (Tentative date)**

### General Questions:

**What is Goldenview?** Goldenview is a Middle School with approximately 800 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The school has eight Teams. The school mascot is the “Suns.” We have over 250 computers networked to aid students. Each student has a locker located in the vicinity of his/her team. Doors open at 7:45 AM, school begins at 8:15 AM, and ends at 2:45 PM. There are two separate 30-minute lunch sessions. The schedule and curriculum are essentially the same as all the other Anchorage School District Middle Schools. The main phone number is 348-8626.

**How will I be notified of problems with grades?** Parents are encouraged to stay involved with their child's progress through parent Zangle connect, e-mails, on-line information or phone calls to his/her child's teachers. Teachers may call parents at any time when significant school problems arise. Parents are always notified through Zangle connect with a Progress Report at the mid-quarter (five weeks) and report cards at the end of the quarter.

**Will there be a parent night?** Parents and students are welcomed to Goldenview at the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night on February 17th at 6:30 PM and Back to School Night, September 2nd, 6:30 PM.

**Is everyone on a Team? What are Teams?** Teams consist of a group of teachers that share the same students for the four core classes (Math, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies). The students on a team have a common Team name and will possibly attend most of their classes in the same physical area. This gives an opportunity for students to identify with their classmates and teachers.

### Registration Questions

**Who can register?** Any student who lives in the Goldenview attendance boundary.

**What am I registering for?** The official *Goldenview Registration Form* allows you to sign up for elective classes. There are seven periods. Five classes (Lang. Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Phys Ed.) are required, and placement in those classes will be determined by enrollment in special programs at your current school or math placement (see Math Placement).

**What is a Year-Long Elective?** A Year-Long Elective is one elective class period for which you will choose a class. This is typically an elective such as Music or World Language.

**Can electives be repeated?** Yes, some quarter and semester classes like Art, Family Consumer Science, and Computers.

**How are students placed in Math classes?** Math placement recommendations are made by your child's 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. They follow specific criteria outlined by the district when making these recommendations. Please discuss placement options/criteria with your child's current elementary math teacher. **Any students recommended for algebra (from 6<sup>th</sup> grade math) will need to come to Goldenview on (time and dates TBA) to take the algebra readiness test.**

**Can I request a certain Team?** Team placement is done randomly to ensure that students get the elective, specialized classes, and special programs for which they request or qualify.

**When do I find out what my classes are?** Student schedules, lockers, bus information, and school activities information will be given out at School Registration in August. Specific dates and times will be listed in the newspaper.

**What if there's a problem with my classes?** A Request-For-Change form can be filed during August Registration.

**What is a Gifted section? There are no Gifted teams.** There are some teams that have students who qualify to take individual gifted sections/classes.

### Music Auditions for advance music:

Band—Carolyn Valiquette—742-8209

Orchestra—Amanda Elfrink—742-8208

Choir—Sam Struempler—742-8210

Please call to set up an appointment.



### PTSA Positions 2010/11

Goldenview PTSA will be losing some wonderful volunteers at the end of this school year. Please consider becoming a PTSA officer or chairperson. It's a great way to know what's going on at the school.

If you are interested, please call Kristen Reed (349-9509) or email (jkreed7@mac.com) for details on what would be involved for any of these positions.