Junior, senior high students report later on first day

Gothenburg junior and senior high school students can snooze a few more minutes before heading back to school on the first day Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Because of access time which allows students to meet with teachers for a half hour before school starts each day, classes will begin at 8:15 a.m. instead of 8 a.m.

Dudley Elementary students will report for classes at the traditional time of 8 a.m.

District 20 board members approved the change in August which is designed to help all students, especially those who are failing classes.

On the first day of school, classes will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served.

The junior-senior high will dismiss at 3:30 p.m. each day but Dudley Elementary will let out classes at 3:22 p.m. instead of 3:15 p.m. to align itself closer to high school dismissal.

An all-school open house is Monday, Aug. 17, from 5:30-8 p.m. where students and parents can meet classroom teachers, tour the building and review the safest routes to school.

Parent meetings are as follows in the performing arts center.

- Elementary student parents—Meet with Jim Widdifield at 6 p.m..
- Seventh grade parents—Visit with Ryan Groene at 7 p.m.
- Ninth-grade parents—Gather with Randy Evans at 7:30 p.m.

Teachers return to the classroom this Thursday for meetings and in-services about special education, long-term planning, classroom management and data use.

On Friday, they will learn about new technology such as clickers in the classroom and planning classes on the Internet.

Clickers are remote-control-like devices used in teaching

A teacher appreciation breakfast is Monday, Aug. 17, followed by meetings and the open house in the evening.

During the open house at Dudley Elementary, class lists will be posted outside rooms and school personnel will be available to direct students to home rooms.

Kindergartners will start with half-day classes—from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—until Tuesday, Sept. 8, when they begin full days.

The shortened day, according to school officials, gives youngsters a chance to adapt to day-long school.

When taking children to school, parents are asked to drop off and pick up elementary students in front of the school on Avenue G while traveling north on the street.

Drop-off and pick-up for junior-senior high students is in front of the junior-senior high building on Avenue I.

Elementary students should not be picked up and dropped off by parents at the high school entrance because of safety reasons.

Children are reminded to use the crosswalks in front of the high school and elementary buildings.

Administrators also request that non-bus-riding Dudley students not arrive at school earlier than 7:50 a.m.

Busses will drop off and pick up students southeast of Dudley Elementary at 13th Street and Avenue H.

On the first day of school and until construction is complete in the elementary, fourth, fifth and sixth graders will line up on the north side of Dudley Elementary before entering the building.

Classes for upper-grade Dudley students, whose classrooms are being remodeled, will be as follows:

Fourth graders will be moved into the Community Building and classrooms set up in a health room, board room and wrestling room.

Fifth-grade sections will be bussed to the former 100R Attendance Center north of Gothenburg in the morning and will return to Dudley for lunch and afternoon classes in kindergarten classrooms.

Until Sept. 8, kindergartens attend only for half days.

The sixth grade will locate in classrooms in the north hallway and a computer lab. A nearby high

school classroom, used for industrial technology, will also serve as a sixth-grade classroom.

Early dismissals will air on KRVN radio and KNOP-TV and by communication through the district's ConnectEd system.

On the first day of school, all junior and senior high students will meet in the performing arts center for a general assembly.

Any child in seventh grade, kindergarten or new to the district is required to have current immunizations and physical examinations before school begins. Immunization records must be submitted for enrollment.

For more information, contact school nurse Annie Cornwell at 537-3651, ext. 2126.

Students wanting to eat lunch at school must make sure accounts are paid. Hot lunch prices are $1.25 for elementary ($6.25 a week) and $1.50 for grades 7-12 ($7.50 per week). Breakfast/brunch is 50 cents.

Contact business manager Kay Streeter at 537-3651, ext. 3, to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

There is a closed campus for all K-12 students. However students can leave during their lunch hour if they have written permission from their parents.

Students involved in athletic activities and others who want to attend events must buy an activity ticket. The $30 cost admits them to all athletic events except state-sponsored or specified conference events scheduled at Gothenburg High School.

Adult season passes are available for $25 for fall events and $35 for winter season events for Gothenburg home contests.

Passes are available from secretary Barb Franzen in the superintendent's office.

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