



Grosse Pointe South High School
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Phone: 313.432.3500

Welcome Blue Devil!

Whether you're a rising freshman or transferring from another school, we welcome you to Grosse Pointe South! *You're a Blue Devil now!*

Although you may feel a bit overwhelmed by the size and history of GP South, we hope that we can help you feel right at home in no time. Before the start of school, around mid to late August, you will be greeted by students from Link Crew, for our incoming freshmen or Welcome Wagon, for sophomores, juniors or seniors. These students will be able to provide useful information on how to navigate the first few weeks of school and be able to answer any questions you may have. They are also here to support you throughout the school year.

There are many South related activities that will happen over the summer prior to your official start of school for you to consider getting involved with.

- **Athletics:** Although Fall sports will not officially start practicing until August 12, 2024; there are many pre season team condition programs that you could join. This is a great way to get to meet other athletes. If you are interested in any of the Fall sports, please reach out to the South Athletics office (313) 432-3542 or the coach directly to get their preseason conditioning schedule. You can find coaches information here: <https://www.gpsouthathletics.com/>
- **Choir:** There is a choir camp that is taking place over the summer that you may be interested in. Contact Mrs. Gross for more information: grossc@gpschools.org
- **Marching Band:** From Color Guard, to fight songs, parades and football games; marching band is something to consider. Contact Mr. Takis for more information: takisc@gpschools.org.
- **Student Leadership/Government:** We have (2) different types of student government opportunities.
 - We have the classic Student Council that primarily focuses on fundraising for your Senior Prom.
 - We also have a Student Association, which is a governing body that is a mix of students from each class (fresh, soph, jr, sr). This group makes decisions and creates events for the entire school, not just for a particular class of students.

- If you are interested in any sort of leadership position, please make sure to attend some of the first meetings for Student Association **and** Student Council to determine what interests you, and yes, you can join both!
- **Student Clubs and Activities:** With well over 60 clubs to consider, a majority of all clubs will start AFTER the start of school. Pay your Student Activities Fee during registration and stay tuned to your Schoology account for more information. (Your Link Crew/Welcome Wagon will explain more about Schoology.)
 - If you were a member in good standing of the **National Honor Society** at your previous high school, please let us know! Contact: Ms. Barbour, barboux@gpschools.org
- **Homecoming Planning and Football Games:** One way to get involved is to attend the homecoming float building parties at the end of summer and football games. If you have Instagram, follow your graduating class page, Student Association and Devils Den for more information. (Flyers enclosed!)

If you have any questions about your schedule feel free to reach out to your individual counselor starting the week of August 19, 2024. See the following grid and flier for who to contact based on your last name <https://www.gpschools.org/Page/2610>.

We hope this bit of information helps with your initial questions or concerns. The following packet of information will help you navigate the start of the school year. Enclosed is also a summer contact list for easy reference.

Welcome, we look forward to seeing you in the halls of Grosse Pointe South soon.

Melissa Petz, Student Activities Director
Kristen Stovall, Athletic Secretary
Cindy Parravano, Assistant Principal
Daniel Hyliard, Assistant Principal
Andy Rishmawi, Athletic Director
Moussa Hamka, Principal



GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

HOMECOMING 2024

SPIRIT WEEK:

Monday, Sept. 30: Juniors
Tuesday, Oct. 1: Sophomores
Wednesday, Oct. 2: Freshmen
Thursday, Oct. 3: Seniors
Friday, Oct. 4: Student Assoc.

PARADE & GAME- FRIDAY, OCT. 4:

1:50: Pep Assembly in South Main Gym
4:30: Meet at Maire School for
last minute float details & fun
6:00: Start of parade on Kercheval
from Cadieux to Fisher
7:00: Game Blue Devils vs L'anse Creuse North

DANCE - SATURDAY, OCT. 5

6:30 - 9:30: Dance in Main Gym



**Grosse Pointe South Athletics
Presents**

Movies **at Blue Devil Stadium**

4 free movie nights

Family Fun!

START AT 7 PM



GPS Athletics is hosting 4 free movie nights sponsored by our athletic teams. It is a time to come out and take some pics with your favorite blue devils, play some games, lay your blankets on the turf and watch a movie with family and friends. Concessions will be open all night!

- June 26th** - Come watch Football play 7 v 7 at 6pm with the movie "The Incredibles"
- July 11th** - The Basketball programs showing "How to Train your Dragon"
- July 25th** - The Soccer programs showing "Cars"
- Aug 8th** - The Baseball & Softball Programs showing "The Sandlot"

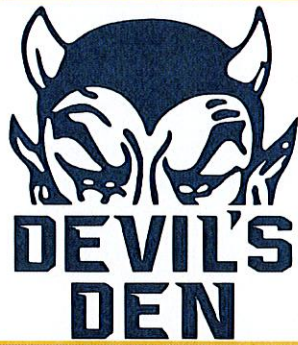
-Weather permitting-

Questions Contact Athletics:

Phone : 1-313-432-3542



Welcome to the



What is Devil's Den?

Devil's Den is the Grosse Pointe South High School student cheering section at athletic and school events that happen throughout the school year. It is led by a small group of student leaders and the school mascot. They create positive team spirit and a sense of belonging by uniting all grade levels of the student body who attend these events. The Devil's Den leaders get the crowd excited through the use of student-friendly hype music, positive chants, dressing in predetermined themes, creating a positive social media presence, endless cheering, sing-along songs and sportsmanship with their peers and competitors. Follow their posts and join them at the games!



Follow us on Instagram: [@gpsdevilsden](https://www.instagram.com/gpsdevilsden)

Student Association

Kick Off

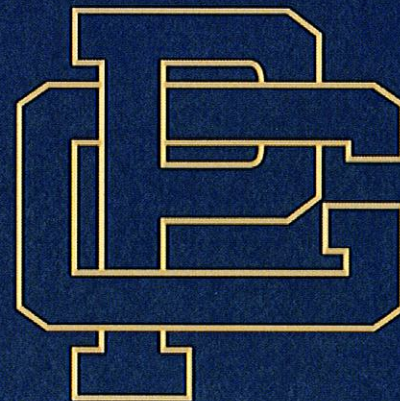
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all welcome!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
9AM-12PM
CLEMINSON HALL

GOAL SETTING
HOMECOMING PLANNING
AND MORE!

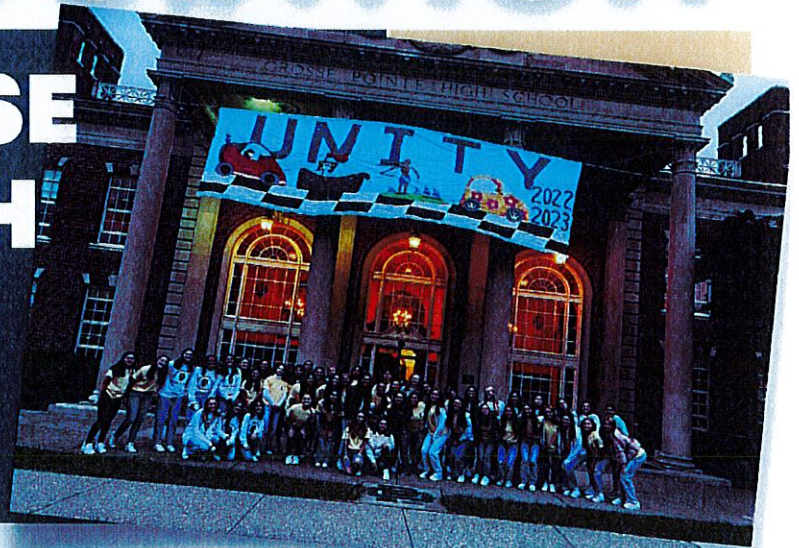
GUEST SPEAKERS:
PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER
AND EVENT PLANNER





STUDENT ASSOCIATION

We are **GROSSE
POINTE SOUTH**
Student
Leadership



WHO WE ARE

Student Association is an extra curricular group which teaches leadership skills and acts as the student government. It is open to students from all four grade levels. Senior students are elected to serve on the eBoard.

Specific goals for this group include developing an understanding of how a democracy works, parliamentary procedure, constitutional change, and planning and organizing school events.

Students are able to sign up for 'SA Tutorial', which allows them to focus on Student Association & leadership business during their school day.

ADVISOR - MEG PIERCE

✉ piercem2@gpschools.org

📷 [gps.studenassociation](https://www.instagram.com/gps.studenassociation)

📷 [gpsdevilsden](https://www.instagram.com/gpsdevilsden)

WHAT WE DO



Homecoming!

We plan and execute Unity Day, the Pep Assembly, the community parade, Court, Spirit Jug contest and the dance



Charitable Projects

Adopt-a-Family - in cooperation with GPN, a holiday project to help needy families in our district.

Charity Week - a project to raise money through challenges, sales and other events. All money goes to help a chosen organization

Food For Friends - a food drive



Leadership Training

Michigan Association of Student Councils (MASC) Conferences - state level student leadership trainings with other MI schools



School Events & More

Devil's Den - student school spirit and cheer section for athletics

School Elections

Mr. Blue Devil

Staff Appreciation Week

Link Crew Orientation:

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

LINK CREW

Link Crew is a transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable at South High School.

The Link Crew orientation on August 21 is designed to support freshmen by building relationships with their two Link Leaders, who will serve as mentors during freshman year.

A Link Leader is a responsible junior/senior who was carefully selected and trained from a large pool of applicants. They are models of *How Blue Devils A.C.T. - Academics, Character, Tradition*. Freshmen are encouraged to stay connected with their Link Leader throughout the year through follow-up activities.



ACADEMICS

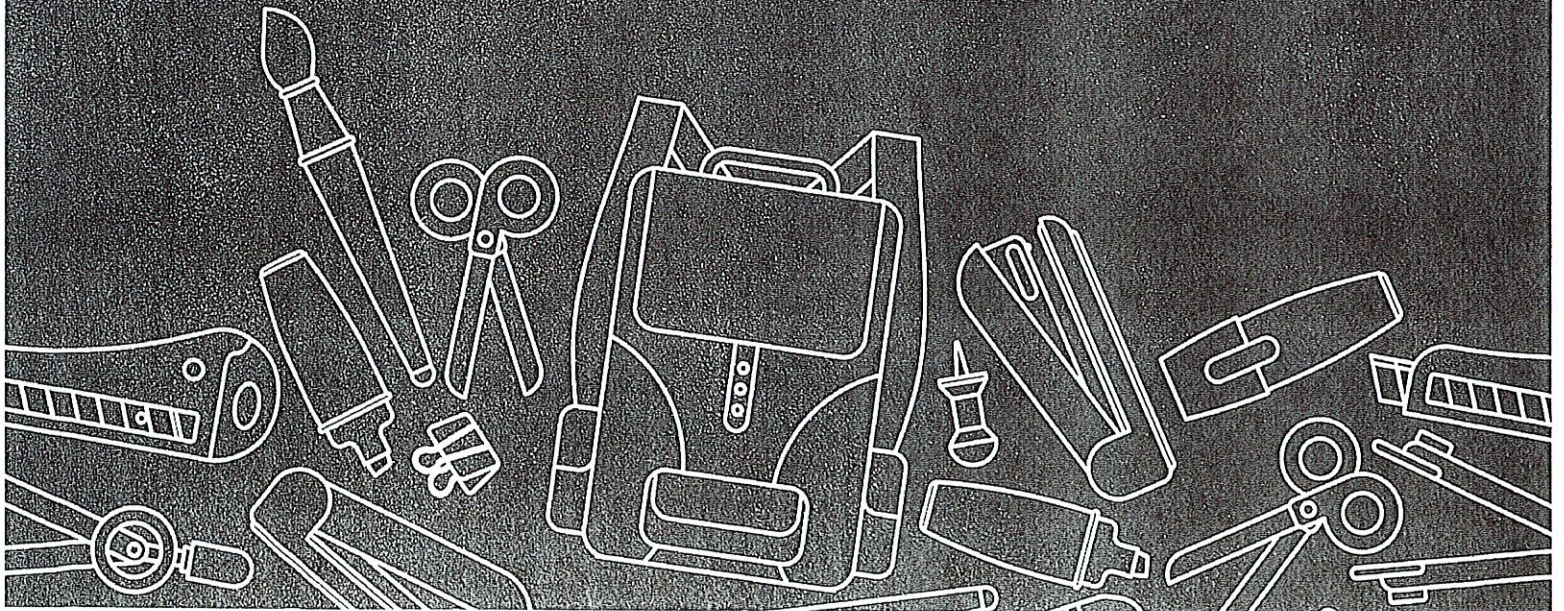
CHARACTER

TRADITION

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH CLASS OF 2028 CLASS COUNCIL

For news about float parties,
homecoming, and more, please
follow our Instagram account:
[@gpsouth2028](https://www.instagram.com/gpsouth2028)

For additional questions, please
email class advisor Ms. Sugamele
at sugames@gpschools.org





Join
US!

ENRICHMENT

- Over \$20,000 granted to GP South faculty in 2023-24.

PRESERVATION

- Instrumental in maintaining the high school building's historic integrity while supporting modern building upgrades.

SCHOLARSHIP

- \$65,842 in Mothers' Club Scholarships awarded to the GP South Class of 2024.



VOLUNTEER, MEET NEW PEOPLE, & HAVE FUN!

Mothers' Club memberships will be available in the K12 online registration this August as well as opportunities to volunteer at GP South. Work in the school store, plan events, support Spirit Week, appreciate faculty, and much more!

www.mothersclubgps.com



@mothersclubgps



Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South

GPSC Summer Choir Workshop 2024

GROSSE POINTE SUMMER CHOIR

2024



YOU ARE INVITED TO REGISTER FOR THE GROSSE
POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 30TH ANNUAL SUMMER
CHOIR WORKSHOP.

THIS EXCITING WORKSHOP IS OPEN TO VOCAL MUSIC
STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-12 AND PROVIDES AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO MAINTAIN AND
FURTHER DEVELOP THEIR SINGING SKILLS.

- Location: Grosse Pointe North High School, Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center
- Dates: August 12-16, 2024
- Times: 9am-12pm Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm Friday, 6pm and 8pm performances Friday
- Workshop Fee: \$100 (nonrefundable) includes t shirt and pizza lunch on Friday. Registration fee increases to \$115 effective July 1.

Registration guidelines:

The workshop is open to students rising to grades 4-12.



Register at www.gpschools.org/choir.
Questions? Contact Leslie Saroli:
sarolil@gpschools.org



Grosse Pointe South Choir
presents

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT! 2024

AUGUST 19 - 23

CHRISTIAN A. FENTON
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
FINALE SHOW AUGUST 23 7PM

**OPEN TO ALL
5TH - 12TH GRADE**

MIDDLE SCHOOL SINGERS

MON - WED 12PM - 4:30

THURS - FRI 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

\$185

OPTIONAL DAILY TAP CLASS ADD-ON \$80

HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS

MON - WED 12 PM - 6:00 PM

THURS - FRI 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

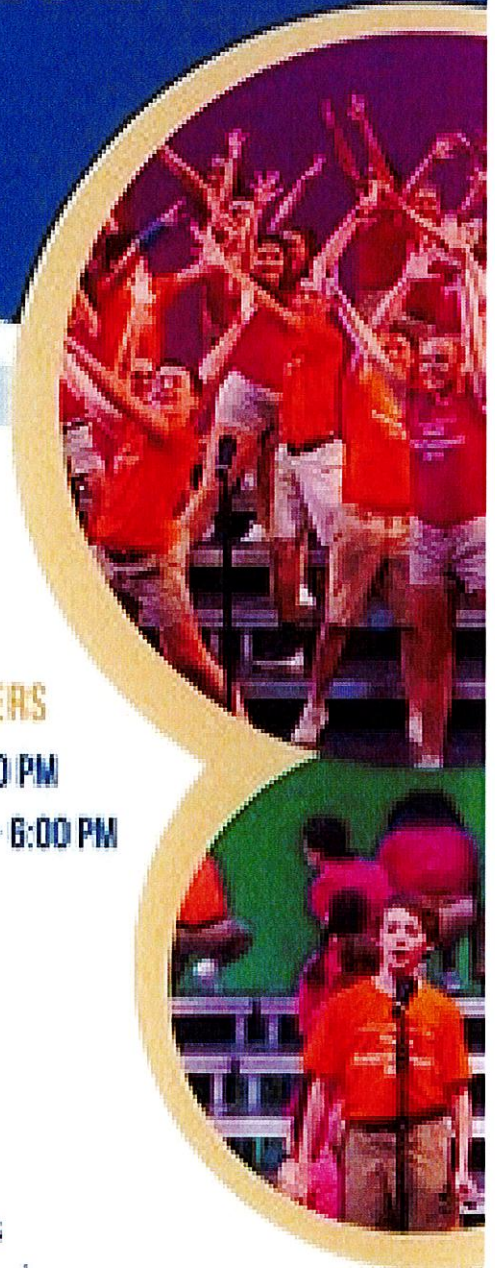
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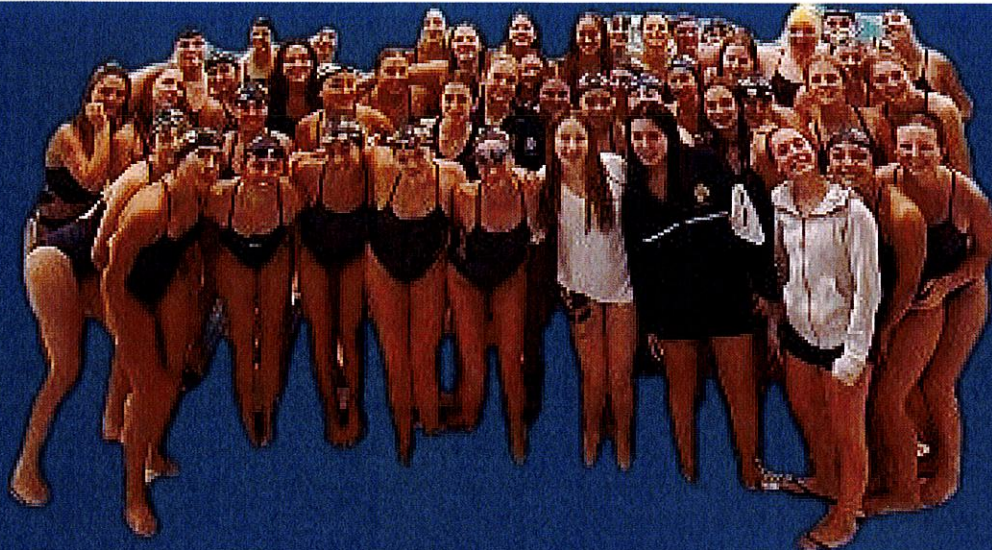
WORKSHOP STAFF

April Tini and Nick Kuhl, vocal clinicians
Jason Johnson and Cori Callahan, choreographers
Carolyn Gross, director

Click or scan to register today!

REGISTRATION





WHO?

- ALL INTERESTED FEMALE ATHLETES.
- Swim is a Non-Cut Sport!

WHEN?

- Monday, August 12th 8-11am
- M-Sat: 8-11 until school starts.

WHERE?

- Boll Athletic Center (South Pool)
409 Fisher Road
- Enter in doors off of the Fisher Parking Lot.

MORE:

- Come on first day with GOLD CARD STAMPED & IN-HAND!
- Come in suit ready to swim!



Girls Swim 2024 Season

Follow us:
facebook.com/GPSSwimDive

Questions?
gpsouthswimdive@gmail.com

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH VOLLEYBALL



INCOMING 9TH THRU 12TH GRADERS
INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT FOR THE
2024 SEASON

SPRING AND SUMMER TRAINING
CAMPS | STRENGTH & CONDITIONING | TRYOUTS

FOR INFO VISIT:
[GPS VBALL LINKTREE](#)

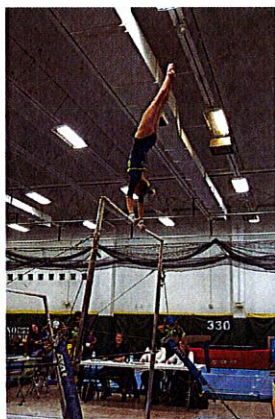




Think About High School Gymnastics!

Experience the Grosse Pointe Varsity Gymnastics tradition of quality gymnastics and lasting friendships!

- **G**rosse **P**ointe **U**nited **G**ymnastics – a unique North/South united varsity program
- Experience gymnastics in a fun, team oriented atmosphere
- Train according to your level – our gymnasts range from beginners to state champions!
- Represent your school and have the opportunity to earn a varsity letter
- Our team practices and competes in meets at GP North during the winter sports season
- Learn new skills - excellent private training space including spring floor
- Make new friendships across all grade levels & from both high schools! Our team demonstrates what it means to truly be a “united” team!
- A history of team and individual success:
 - o 32 Individual state qualifiers, 13 All-State Gymnasts (2011-24)
 - o 8-Time State Team Qualifiers in past 9 years (2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2023)
 - o Reigning League Regular Season Champions (2024)
 - o Individual Success: 2013 and 2014 Uneven Bars State Champions; 2018 All-Around, Vault, and Beam State Champion; 2016 State Runner Up- All-around, Uneven Bars, Balance Beam; 2017 State Runner Up- Vault; 2019 Balance Beam State Runner Up; 2017 Regional All Around Champion, 2020 Beam, Floor & All-Around Regional Champions, 2021 Regional Champion
- Season Timeline: November- March (10-15 meets including Invitationals)
- If you have any prior gymnastics experience, we really want you for our team! We depend on new talent every year to continue to challenge the top teams in the state!
- Girls with prior gymnastics/club experience will be able to compete and contribute immediately! We look forward to seeing you next season!
- **Contact:** Head Coach Isabelle Nguyen (586-224-4785, NguyenI@gpschools.org) or Courtney Hamidi (313-570-7054, HamidiC@gpschools.org) if you have questions or if you’d like more information about our program!
- **Follow:** Our team’s Facebook page by searching for Grosse Pointe United Gymnastics! Instagram @gppymnastics_





We are a unified team

- Our team includes athletes in **9th thru 12th grades** from both **Grosse Pointe North** & **Grosse Pointe South** high schools.

Season

- Synchronized Swimming is a Varsity Level **Winter** Sport.
- Start Date: **November** and runs through the beginning of **March**.
- Our season has two competitive components -
 - **Figures** (1st half)
 - Everyone competes in figure competitions
 - Which are required body positions and transitions similar to gymnastics and diving.
 - There are 4 levels of figure competition (Compulsory & Groups 1, 2 & 3)
 - Coaches place swimmers in the appropriate level based on skill.
 - **Routines** (2nd half)
 - Duet & Whole Group Technical routines (Required moves)
 - Duet, Trio & Whole Group Freestyle routines (No required moves)

Requirements

- Our team actively recruits swimmers of all academic high school years (9th-12th grades) & ability levels, including new athletes with no synchronized swimming experience.
 - Swimmers should be able to swim 6 lengths of the pool and tread water for two minutes.
 - No other swimming experience is necessary.
 - If you can swim and float, we can teach you the synchro skills and techniques!

Equipment needed

- Plain black one piece bathing suit
- Plain white swim cap
- Nose clips
- Swim goggles (optional)

Contact information

- Head coach, Lisa Aouad, aouadl@gpschools.org
- **NORTH** Athletic Office: 313.432.3217 [NHS Athletics Homepage](#)
- **SOUTH** Athletic Office: 313-432-3541 [GPS Athletics Homepage](#)



GROSSE POINTE SOUTH ATHLETICS

Mandatory Meet the Team Night, August 15th at 5:30 in the Main Gym **November 13 Fall Signing Day**

Individual Team Tryout Information Fall 2024:

Cheerleading: Varsity Coach Paige Davey, JV Coaches TBA

Monday June 3, 4:00-6:00 , June 4th, 4:30-6:30, June 6th 4:00-6:00 in Boll Gym

August 14 and 15th 3:00-6:00 in Boll Gym

*If unable to make the tryouts or the practices, please contact Coach Paige Davey at daveyp@gpschools.org

Boys' Cross Country: Varsity Coach Mark Sonnenberg

Summer off-season training began Monday, June 17. Daily sessions: 9AM or 7PM (choose) Monday-Friday. Meet on the South front lawn by the bike racks. First official practice is Monday, August 12, Blue Devil Plaza, 7PM Contact Coach Sonnenberg sonnenm@gpschools.org Join TeamReach (free app) via code 313313

Girls' Cross Country: Varsity Coach Steve Zaranek

Optional conditioning practices: August 6-8 at 7PM at Patterson Park (at Three Mile Dr and Essex in GP Park).

First Official Week: August 12-15 @ 7PM – Patterson Park.

No previous running experience necessary; open to all grades. For more information, contact Coach Zaranek at zaranes@gpschools.org

Dance Team: Varsity Coach Adam Gapczynski

Tuesday May 28 3:30 check in. Contact Coach Gap with questions. Contact: Adam Gap: Bluedevildanceteam@gmail.com

Field Hockey: Varsity Coach TBA

First day of tryouts, August 12-15, 4:30-6:30PM

Required equipment: water bottle, field hockey stick, mouth guard, shin guards, cleats and running shoes (Longstreth.com). Sticks are available to borrow for tryouts

Contact: TBA

Football: Varsity Coach Chad Hepner, JV Coach Lou Ray, Freshman Coach Tony Cimmarrusti *Spring Parent*

Meeting: Wednesday May 29, 7pm Location Commons Summer Workouts: Start June 17, MTThF 8-10AM, FitnessCenter 3.

(Captains Practice 5-6pm 8/5-8/9) Equipment Distribution: Monday Aug 5th, Varsity 9AM, JV 11AM . 5. First Practice: August

12 8:00AM-12:00PM, Stadium field [Contact:hepnerc@gpschools.org](mailto:hepnerc@gpschools.org), louray50@gmail.com, mykingis@aol.com,

Website:www.gpsouthfootball.com

Girls' Golf: Varsity Coach Shaun Hampton

Tryouts August 12-14, 3:00pm at Lochmoor Athletic Center

Contact:shaun.gpsgirlsgolf@gmail.com

Boys' Soccer: Varsity Coach Chris Bolio, JV Coach Joe Cada

Summer opportunities: Starting June 17th M-Th 12:30-2:30, South Stadium

Try-outs: August 12-15, 7-9PM

Contact: Coach Chris Bolio chrisbolio@yahoo.com

Girls' Swim/Dive: Varsity Coach John Fodell (Swim), Varsity Coach Tom Mulhern (Diving)

First Official Swim Practice: August 14, 8-11:00AM @ South Pool

Contact: Coach John Fodell headgator83@gmail.com, Coach Mulhern (Dive) at: doon5152@gmail.com

Boys' Tennis: Varsity Coach Brian Kean, JV Coach Paul Cornwall

Try-outs start: August 14 @ 8-11AM – Elworthy Courts

Summer opportunities: For match play and practice sessions please email Coach Kean

Contact: Coach Brian Kean at Brian.Kean@yahoo.com

Volleyball: Varsity Coach Janeil DiVita, JV Coach Hailey Domzalski, Freshman Coach Morgan Boeckholt

Tryouts Dates: August 12-14th, Freshman/JV 3:00-5:00pm, Varsity 5:00-7:00pm in Main Gym

Attendance at all three days of tryouts is expected, The season starts on August 10th. Work schedules, vacations, etc. should be worked around the volleyball schedule. We recommend scheduling vacations during the two weeks of downtime (July 1st- 9th and/or July 29th-August 12)

[Summer conditioning, tryouts and fall season info](#) First practice: August 15th

Contact: Coach DiVita gpsouthvolleyball@gmail.com