



July 15, 2024

As we embark on another exciting school year, we are delighted to welcome back our returning students back to GCCC on August 12, 2024. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break, and are ready to tackle new challenges, build on past successes, and create new memories. Returning to school marks the continuation of your educational journey with us, and we are thrilled to have you back. Whether you are entering a new grade, participating in new activities, or setting fresh goals, we are here to support you every step of the way. This year promises to be filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and community building. Here's what you can expect:

## Uniforms

Students attending GCCC will be required to wear the appropriate lab uniforms daily beginning on August 12. If you need to order uniforms, please visit greeneccc.com and click on the <u>uniform ordering</u> link on the Parent/Student tab. This year students will be able to wear a lab specific hoodie to school, also ordered on the uniform link above. If your teacher prohibits hoodies during lab time due to safety concerns and/or expectations, you must follow classroom rules.

# Breakfast and Lunch at GCCC

Students will have the opportunity to purchase breakfast (\$1.30) and lunch (\$3.25) daily. Please see FAQs about Free and Reduced Meals that is included in this mailing.

QR Code PaySchools



#### **Student Fees**

School fees may be paid online through PaySchools or in person in the Treasurer's Office. You must apply for free or reduced meals and select the fee waiver in the application process to waive/reduce student fees.

# **Yondr Pouches**

We will begin the implementation of the YONDR pouch initiative the first day of school. This crucial change is aimed at enhancing the learning environment and improving the mental health of our students. The YONDR pouch is a secure locking device designed to temporarily store cell phones during school hours, allowing students to focus on their studies and interact with their peers without distractions. This initiative comes from Governor Mike DeWine when he signed House Bill 250 requiring every school district in Ohio to establish an official policy governing cell phone usage during school hours and aims to minimize student use of cell phones in K-12 schools. Students are expected to have their cell phones in their pouches before they enter the school building everyday and they will be able to unlock their pouches at the end of every day. See enclosure for more information.

#### **Bus Transportation**

Bus transportation to and from GCCC is provided by partner school districts. All communication regarding bus transportation should go through your partner school district's transportation department. Please, refer to the chart below for contact information.

Beavercreek (937) 429-7531	Fairborn (937) 878-1772	Xenia (937) 372-3876
Bellbrook	Greeneview	
(937) 848-4029	(937) 675-6814	
Yellow Springs	Cedar Cliff	
(937) 767-7381	(937) 766-6000	

#### **Student Forms**

Student forms are on-line through OneView. Student's ability to obtain their personal computer and academic participation are contingent upon completing the forms. Please plan to have the forms completed prior to August 12<sup>th</sup>. Call the main office at 937-372-6941 for questions.

### **School Communication**

School information such as policies, events, student handbook, etc. are on our website at <u>www.greeneccc.com</u>. Important information may be shared through *One Call*, parent emails, and/or regular mail service.

## Lockers

Students will not automatically be assigned a locker this year but can get one by request. Guidance counselors will be in the cafeteria during lunch for the first week for any scheduling or locker requests.

#### Schedules

Schedules will be in your career-tech lab the morning of August 12 and can be picked up then. You can also view your schedule through ProgressBook beginning August 8 using your same password as last year.

GCCC's Board of Education is committed to maintaining a safe and drug-free environment. The Board believes that school crime and violence are multifaceted problems that need to be addressed in a manner that utilizes all available resources in the community through a coordinated effort of school district personnel, law enforcement agencies, and families. The Board further believes that school administrators and local law enforcement officials must work together to provide for the safety and welfare of students while they are at school, a school-related event or are on their way to and from school. We are committed to addressing school crime, violence or threats. Therefore, we plan and implement strategies that promote school safety and minimize the likelihood of school crime and violence. However, we also know that students are our primary resource in hearing about safety concerns in our building and encourage students to speak with an adult immediately upon learning of such a concern. Please note our website link <u>Stay Safe Speak Up</u>, under Parents/Students tab, can also be used to report suspicious behavior, violence, abuse, weapons, etc. In the case of a serious threat or emergency at GCCC, the *One Call* system will be used to communicate with parents and guardians.

Please know that I am the designated local liaison for homeless, foster care students, and Title IX concerns and can be reached at 937-372-6941 ext. 1306 or <u>bmcknight@greeneccc.com</u>.

We are glad to have you return to GCCC this year and we want to assure you that the career center staff will do their best to help students experience academic growth leading to post-secondary success and rewarding careers.

Sincerely,

Brian McKnight Director of Secondary Education