

# Gouverneur Middle School

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Dear Teachers, Staff, Students, and Families of Gouverneur Middle School,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at the Gouverneur Middle School! I hope you enjoyed a summer full of rest, fun, and family, and that you're ready to return with the same determination and spirit that makes our school so special.

This year, we continue to live out our theme: *"Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow. Together We Thrive."* At GMS, we know success doesn't just happen—it takes GRIT. Growth, Resilience, Integrity, and Teamwork are at the heart of who we are. Whether you're a new student, a new staff member, or a returning Wildcat, you'll quickly see how GRIT carries us through challenges and lifts us toward our goals.

- Growth: We push ourselves to learn, stretch, and improve every day.
- Resilience: When obstacles come our way, we rise up stronger together.
- Integrity: We do the right thing—even when it's tough.
- Teamwork: We lean on each other, because we are better together.

We are proud to welcome new staff and students this fall, you are going to love it here. Our building is more than classrooms and hallways; it's a community that celebrates character, kindness, and achievement.

Staff will return on September 2nd and 3rd, and students will be back in the hallways on September 4th. From day one, we will focus on building relationships, setting high expectations, and creating opportunities for every student to thrive. We will also continue to weave the Positivity Project and Sweethearts & Heroes' into our days, reminding us that every strength has value and every person has something important to contribute.

To our teachers and staff: your dedication and GRIT inspire our students daily. To our families: your partnership and trust make all the difference. And to our students: your energy, creativity, and resilience are why we love what we do.

Let's make this a year defined by perseverance, growth, and success—together. The work won't always be easy, but with GRIT, we know it will be worth it.

Here's to an incredible 2025–2026 school year at the Gouverneur Middle School!

Respectfully,

Michael S. Hammond  
Principal  
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PROJECT