

# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

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The Principal's Page is sent home weekly on Fridays to keep families up-to-date on school events and important information.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 2 No School - Labor Day
- 5 Coffee with the Principal (8:30 am)
- 6 PTA T-shirt Orders Due
- 9 Fall Fundraiser Kickoff
- 9 PTA Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 11 Spirit Day - Red/White/Blue
- 13 PTA Board Meeting (8:15 am)
- 17 Donuts for Dads (7:30 am)
- 17 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night (5:00-8:00 pm)



## LIFE SKILL OF THE WEEK

**Effort**

"to do your best"

**NO SCHOOL MONDAY**  
**HAPPY LABOR DAY!**

## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE - PAPER OR DIGITAL?

In order to save paper and copying costs, we will begin sending the Principal's Page home via e-mail beginning this week. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the Principal's Page sent home with your child on Fridays, we will be happy to provide one. Please let your child's teacher know. If you already signed up for paper copies in your child's classroom during Meet the Teacher, you are good to go and you do not need to do anything else!

## BACKPACK - ONE-STOP SHOPPING

Parents can use the Parent Backpack to update the list of individuals allowed to pick up their child, change contact and address information, check grades, view lunch balances, and find a lot of other information. See the back of this page on how to enroll!



## VISITOR/VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES

Please read the information that is linked from our school website about the Greenville County Schools visitor and volunteer procedures and requirements. The link is in the navigation bar at the top of the school's homepage.

## CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website at [www.greenville.k12.sc.us/parise](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/parise) is the place to find information and links for everything to do with Paris, Paris PTA, and Greenville County Schools.

## PTA Corner

- ♦ PTA Information can be found on the PTA Page of the school website.
- ♦ Thank you to everyone who has joined PTA and signed up to volunteer. We could not do it without you!
- ♦ Remember to join PTA so we can continue our 35+ year tradition of 100% enrollment! Go to <https://paris.memberhub.store/> to join today!
- ♦ Don't forget to order your Paris SpiritWear! Orders are due on Friday, September 6th.
- ♦ Fall Fundraiser, Charleston Wrap, will kickoff Monday, September 9.
- ♦ Our first PTA Meeting - Monday, September 9, at 6:30 pm. Childcare will be provided. Featured speakers:

*Social Emotional Health of Children*

Dr. Shucker, former VP of Student Services at Furman

*Keeping Children Safe in a Digital World*

Former detective Rick Floyd, now employed in GCS security

*Charleston Wrap*  
Simply the highest quality in fundraising

## DATE CHANGE! COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Join Principal David Wise and Assistant Principal Emily Gerard in the cafeteria for coffee on **Thursday, September 5**, at 8:30 am. You will have the opportunity to hear the latest Paris news and ask questions.



## SOUTH CAROLINA ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

South Carolina has rules regarding student attendance. Students must be in attendance for 180 minutes (three hours) in order to be counted present for the day. This refers to actual time involved in instruction. Time in the health room does not count towards the required time.

**PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT ALL  
GCSC PROPERTIES ARE TOBACCO-FREE**



## CAR LINE TIPS #s 275 & 421

- ⇒ For safety and to keep the line moving, children should exit and enter their cars on the passenger side.
- ⇒ The blue number card should be kept in the windshield until your child gets into the car.



# One-Stop Shopping With Backpack!



Parents now have a “one-stop shop” to access their children’s grades, assignments, lunch balances, and other information. Parents can also use Backpack to change contact and demographic information, update the list of individuals allowed to pick up their child from school, and ensure they receive important alerts and notifications from the school or district. Parents will also be able to invite others (grandparents, babysitters, etc.) to have viewing rights to their child’s information without giving them access to change any data or pick up rights. Get started by following the steps below!

## Create a Parent Backpack Account:

1. Go to <https://parents.gcsbackpack.com>
2. Click on the “I’m a Parent” button.
3. Enter a valid email address and create a 10-character password.
4. Complete your name and click “Create My Parent Account” button.
5. When you receive a confirmation email, click on “Activate Your Parent Backpack Account.”
6. Clicking will take you to the Parent Backpack log in screen. Log in using your email and newly created password.
7. Click on “My Students” to link your account to your child(ren). Have a copy of your student’s latest grade report handy because you will need your Students’ ID Number.
8. Click “Add a Student” and complete the requested information. Click “Request to Add a Student.” You will receive a message that your request has been successfully submitted to the administrative clerk at your student’s school for review.

## What’s Next?

Because Parent Backpack gives you access to important student information and the ability to revise key information, Paris Elementary must verify your identity and proof of custody as a parent or guardian IN PERSON. Please plan to visit Paris as soon as possible after the creation of your account. The front office clerk can provide the necessary verification. It is a good idea to call ahead to ensure the clerk will be available during your visit. It is only necessary to do this once for the entirety of your child’s enrollment in Greenville County Schools.

## Items that may be needed for verification:

Official birth certificate  
Government Issued Photo ID  
Divorce/Separation Documents (if applicable)

