K-12 OPEN HOUSE

For the third year in a row, Gothenburg Public Schools will host a back-to-school night on Monday, Aug. 16, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the school.

Parents and students can visit classrooms and business and organizations with displays in the Main Street hallway of the high school. They can also 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 and Teresa Messersmith at 6:30 p.m.
- Seventh grade parents—Visit with Ryan Greene at 7 p.m.
- Ninth-grade parents—Gather with Randy Evans at 7:30 p.m.

At Dudley Elementary, class lists will be posted outside rooms and school personnel will be available to direct students to home rooms.

A carnival and games for kids in kindergarten through fourth grade will be offered as well as hot dogs, chips and drinks.

For more information, contact the school at 537-3651.

Back-to-school event set for Aug. 16.

There may be more than a month left of summer but classes for Gothenburg Public School students will begin Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Students and parents will kick off the 2010-11 school year with an open house at the school from 5-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16.

Gothenburg junior and senior high school students will begin classes at 8:15 a.m. while elementary youngsters start class at 8 a.m.

Secondary students start later because of access time which allows students to meet with teachers for a half hour before school starts each day.

Access time was implemented last year to help students be successful in the classroom.

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

Lunch that day will be served but there will be early dismissal at 1:30 p.m. for all students.

Once school is under way, the junior-senior high will dismiss at 3:30 p.m. each day.

Teachers returned to the classroom Tuesday and on Wednesday (today) and Thursday for data analysis.

An in-service is scheduled Friday and Monday. On Monday, teachers will be treated to an appreciation breakfast.

Kindergartners will start with half-day classes—from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—until Tuesday, Sept. 7, when they begin full days.

School officials say the shortened day gives them 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.

Line up for Dudley students, at the doors to the building, is as follows:

- Fifth and sixth graders south of the north parking lot.
- Fourth grade on the east side of the elementary wing.
- Second and third grade on the south playground.
- Kindergarten through first grade on the north playground.

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

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 $1.35 for elementary ($6.75 a week) and $1.65 for grades 7-12 ($8.25 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.

Students involved in athletic activities must buy an activity ticket. The $30 cost admits them to all home 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.