

## Grimmer Middle School

# August Newsletter

August 15, 2022

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## Thank You Grimmer PTO

Grimmer Middle School really appreciates our parent volunteers who have helped the first few days of school. They have helped students master locker combinations, understand their schedule, and conquer the nerves of being in middle school. Thank you parents!

[Meet the Principal Video](#)

## What's Happening at Grimmer?



The Grimmer 5th Grade Staff has been working hard teaching 5th graders how to master middle school daily life!

### [Important Announcements](#)

#### **Fall Sports Are Starting Up!**

- Grimmer Offers Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country
- [Learn More About Athletic Opportunities at Grimmer](#)

#### **Picture Day is Coming!**

- August 26, 2022
- Order Code: 70207C
- [Click Here to Place Your Order](#)

**Grimmer Open House is August 16 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM**

## Principal's Message

I would like to sincerely thank everyone for making the start of the school year a success. We are off and running with the 2022-23 school year. I know we typically do New Year's Resolutions on January 1, but I think for students and staff alike, we tend to treat Back to School more like the start of a new year because it is a fresh start.

I will always remember an educator who changed my life forever. His name is [Brian Barnes](#) and he is a very successful swim coach. I was a young swimmer in middle school and he was a young coach starting out. The first thing he ever said to me was;

*I've seen you at practice and you work really hard. You should set a really big goal for yourself...like Age Group State Champion.*

I enjoyed a successful career as a competitive swimmer, which included an athletic scholarship to Ball State University, where I had the privilege to be a Team Captain my senior year. I'll always be indebted to Coach Barnes for coaching, teaching, and inspiring me. I know we have a building full of educators here at Grimmer who have a passion to educate and inspire as well.

I love what he told me because it was something I could control. I could not control how tall I would be, or the size of my hands and feet. I could not control that Brian took a job somewhere else and a new coach came in. But, I could control my work ethic. I could control my attitude.

As we begin the start of the school year, I want to encourage students to set a **Really Big Goal**. I also want to remind students to focus on what they can control. We can control our attitude. We can control our work ethic.

I look forward to partnering with all of you.

Sincerely,

W. Ryan Bounds

