



**A very special welcome to our full-time new and returning 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents!**

We are thrilled that you have chosen Gwinnett Online Campus and we are looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year. Below, you will find some important information to prepare you for the upcoming school year.

**#GOCOWLS** is the weekly newsletter sent out each Thursday to parents, students, and staff. It is important to read this communication every week to stay informed throughout the school year. The first edition of the 2021-2022 #GOCOWLS will come to your email during the first week of August.

**New Student Orientation** is **mandatory for all new students** and optional for returning students. Students will learn about Gwinnett Online Campus and what to expect this school year. New Student Orientation for grades 7 & 8 will take place virtually on Thursday, August 12 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Follow this [link](#) to the Full-Time Student Orientation on the GOC website.

**First Day of Class** is Monday, August 16, 2021. Students will have access to their courses beginning Wednesday, August 11. While all students can review the orientation lesson in the courses, the official first day of classes is not until Monday, August 16.

**Learning Labs** are in-person learning opportunities each week. Students in grades 7 & 8 come on campus Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 12:15. Students may enter the building beginning at 8:30 AM. The Learning Lab schedule begins on Thursday, August 19 right after the Student Welcome in the auditorium. While students are strongly encouraged to attend in-person, they may login remotely to each session. In addition, recordings of the live sessions are available in the course. Click on this [link](#) for a copy of the campus schedule posted on the website.

**Student Welcome and Photo ID's** will take place on Thursday, August 19 beginning at 8:00 AM. Students will receive personal lab schedules on lanyards. Students should always bring their lanyard when coming on campus. GOC ID cards will be available on the next campus visit and should be placed in the lanyard for campus check-in and checkout. ID Photos will be taken and parents will have the opportunity to purchase pictures so please dress accordingly for photos.

Date	Audience	Time	Event	Additional Information
August 12	Grades 7 & 8 New Students & Parents	9 AM - 9:45 AM  10 AM - 11 AM	Live Stream Welcome (View on website)  Virtual Orientations for New Students (Links on Website)	New students should watch the LIVE Stream and then attend the Adobe session for their grade level.
August 16	Grades 7 & 8	Determined by student – best practice is getting started no later than 9 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Classes	Students work on online lessons at home and contact teachers as needed for support
August 19	Grades 7 & 8	8 AM – 9 AM  9 AM – 12:15 PM	Student Welcome & Photo ID (Please arrive between 8:00 & 8:15 AM)  First day for Learning Labs	Students will go to the Productivity Center for photos & then to the Auditorium  Lab schedules will be given to each student on this date

If you have any questions about the upcoming school year, please contact us. We are looking forward to next year!

*Dr. Christopher Ray*