



Greenfield High School is now a scent free school. We ask that staff and students refrain from wearing any scented products. Thank You!

important to keep an eye on class attendance. For students to receive credits for classes that they pass, they can miss only ten days in a semester long class, and twenty days in a year long class. Let's not let Spring Fever sneak up on us.  
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Regular Classes is Monday, May 23. Senior Prom at the Log Cabin on Tuesday, May 24. First Graduation Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1. Senior Last Assembly at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1. Second Graduation Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2. Senior Class Night at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 2. The Senior Class Trip to High Meadows is Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. **GRADUATION** is at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Greenfield Community College.

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**Important testing dates for the remaining of the school year—**

- MCAS Math for grade 8  
May 10 and 11
- MCAS Science and Technology for grade 8  
May 17 and 18
- MCAS Math for grades 9 and 10  
May 17 and 18
- MCAS Biology and Physics for grade 9  
June 1 and 2
- All students are required to take the exams on the scheduled dates unless they are ill and have a doctor's note.
- AP Environmental Science  
May 2, 8:00 am
- AP Spanish  
May 3, 8:00 am
- AP Calculus AB  
May 4, 8:00 am
- AP English Literature and Composition  
May 5, 8:00 am
- AP United States History  
May 6, 8:00 am
- AP European History  
May 6, 12:00 pm
- AP English Language and Composition  
May 11, 8:00 am

**CLASS OF 2011:**

We are now entering the final quarter of the year. Before the seniors call it quits there are a few things that have to be done. Class dues must be paid. \$210.00 is the total for anyone wishing to participate in all upcoming events. These include prom, the trip and graduation expenses. If dues aren't paid by April vacation an additional \$20.00 will be added to the total. Further fees may also apply as we get closer to June.

The prom will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at the Log Cabin. Students will not be allowed to buy tickets for guests or sign up for a table until all financial obligations are met. The class trip is on Friday, June 3. We will leave the school at 7:30 a.m. It's a long drive by yourself so don't be late.

Parents are still needed for the all night party at the YMCA. This is strictly a parent run event so get in touch with your student's friends to see if you can help. Any questions, contact your Advisor, Mr. Reed at [adaree1@gpsk12.org](mailto:adaree1@gpsk12.org).

**PRINCIPAL'S NOTE:**

With the spring season upon us we are beginning the culminating activities for the school year. The athletic teams are outside practicing, the music department is preparing for their MICA competition, MCAS and AP testing has begun.

The Guidance department had all rising freshmen, sophomores, juniors and senior make their course selections for the 2011-2012 school year. We will use this information to develop the schedule for next year. If you have questions about your student's academic focus for the next school year please call the guidance office at 772-1350 ext 106. Ms Fitzgerald and Ms Demeo would be happy to answer all questions.

Everyone is beginning to feel that the end of the school year is rapidly approaching. As we enter the final quarter of the school year, it is

Please note that there are no makeup days for AP testing.

**AP Saturday Study Sessions are as follows:**

Math- April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Snacks and lunch will be provided at each session as well as transportation if the session is not at Greenfield High School. Depending on the distance for travel, the day will run from 7:30am-3:00pm approximately. Please call Principal Woodcock at 772-1350 ext. 102 if you have questions.

**SENIOR ACTIVITIES:**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – Senior Activities – Last Day of

**ALL NIGHT GRADUATION CELEBRATION:**

It's that time of year to form a parent committee and make preparations for the annual drug and alcohol free All Night Graduation Celebration for the GHS Senior Class to be held at the YMCA on Sunday, June 5, 2011. This party is designed to give our

seniors a safe place to celebrate one last time together as a class.

**CLASS OF 2012:**

It is getting near the end of your Junior Year!!! Don't forget to pay your class dues, \$50.00/year. All are welcome at class meeting that are held in Ms. Ruggeri's room after school on certain days (listen for announcement). Come join in on the fun of planning for future events and fund raising!

Angela Ruggeri, Advisor

**CLASS OF 2014:**

The class of 2014 begins an Earth Day Fundraiser on **April 4th**. They will be selling earth friendly products and 50% profit goes to the class. Students will be raising money for the prom and other senior activities. The fundraisers are due back to Mrs. Cloutier on **Monday April 25th**.

Mrs. Cloutier and Mr. Williams are still accepting payments for class dues. Dues are \$50 per year for a total of \$200 paid by the senior year. Please send in a check written out to the Class of 2014 and put the name of the student and class dues in the memo line. When dues are paid in full, all senior activities are free.

**FRIDAY LUNCH LECTURES:**

The Friday lunch speaker series continues on **April 29th, May 6 and May 20**. Topics include anthropology, health, and local sustainable farming. Mary Link, Director

**DRIVE OPEN 4 UR SCHOOL:**

The Ford company is partnering with the student council to do a fund raiser for Greenfield High School. For every person that test drives a car on **Saturday, May 13** the Ford Company will donate \$20 to GHS. (Up to \$6000) We need 300 people; over 21 with a valid driver's license, to come test drive a car. There is no obligation to buy one and this is not a sales gimmick. In an effort to be organized we are trying to schedule appointments for every 15 minutes. This same event was done at Turners last year and they raised \$4200. The money raised will be used to fund a follow-up presentation of Invisible Children. If you are interested please

contact Angela Mass at [angmas1@gpsk12.org](mailto:angmas1@gpsk12.org) or 413-522-0316 to make an appointment. Only one per household.

**STUDENT COUNCIL:**

**Invisible Children**

Greenfield High School was named 8th out of 102 high schools, colleges and universities. Thank you to all of the parents and students who contributed

to the efforts of this book drive. On **March 31**, the student council brought in the Invisible Children group to do two presentations. The students viewed the new video during school and it was also aired again at night for the community to see. Thank you to all who came.

**Blood Drive**

The Student Council is hosting a blood drive on **Friday, April 15** from 8-12:30. Family members are welcome to join the students in giving blood. Please bring a photo id and eat a good breakfast before donating. Students who are 16 can donate with parent permission. Students 17 or 18 are not required to have parent permission.

**MASC**

**March 9, 10** and 11 nine students traveled to Hyannis for the 32nd State Student Council conference. Congratulations to Tameka Hebert for winning a full scholarship to the summer camp and to Alayna Spear for winning the Unsung Hero for Western Massachusetts. The council also won the silver in state Excellence Award. The students who attended brought back many great memories, new ideas and are motivated to host the Spring Conference on **May 13, 2011**.

Angela Mass, Advisor

**YEARBOOK :**

The yearbook has been submitted to the publisher and all pages are completed. Great work Yearbook Staff! We have also ordered yearbooks for Spring distribution. We ordered a limited number of extras so see Mrs. Cloutier soon to make sure you get a book. The cost is now \$75 as all early ordering incentives have passed. Bring in a check written to GHS Yearbook. Don't forget to order a Spring Supplement. The

supplements are \$10.00 and have prom, graduation, spring sports and all activities that happen after the March submission deadline.

Tara Cloutier, Advisor

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:**

NHS has been busy this year.

Students are volunteering as mentors for the 8th graders. They meet weekly to help students to stay organized and improve study habits. NHS students have started a tutoring program on Wednesdays after school in the library. This free tutoring program is open to any GHS student needing help with any subject. Stop by between 2:15 and 3:00 any **Wednesday**. They have also been volunteering at Newton Street School PTO. NHS students go to the monthly meetings and provide child care so that more parents can be involved. Plans have begun for a Spring Fun Day for Greenfield Elementary students. The flyer will be distributed soon. There is also hope for a Relay Team in honor of Ms. Steinbring. Tara Cloutier & Kristen Kinsmith, Advisors

**GUIDANCE NEWS:**

The Guidance Office has been bustling with activity as seniors firm up their post-graduate plans. Many seniors have been accepted into their first choice college and the acceptances keep rolling in! Congratulations seniors for all of your hard work.

Please remember to continue to check our scholarship box and newsletter and watch deadlines carefully!

**Junior Workshops**

The juniors participated in our annual Junior Workshop Series on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Students completed a career interest survey, scheduled their courses for next year, and listen to a presentation on the college application process. Upon completion of the workshop, guidance counselors will be meeting individually with each junior to develop a post-graduate plan.

**ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT :**

The 7th Annual Budness/Murphy Dodgeball Tournament was held **March 16** and had 7 teams participating. The Garden Snakes,

(senior boys), won the tournament. The gym was packed and a good time was had by all! All monies raised will be going to maintain the weight room. The boy's basketball team made the MIAA tournament for the first time in years. They won their first round game vs Southwick but lost in the next round to Mahar. We would like to thank Mayor Bill Martin and City Council President Tim Farrell for their generosity in buying the tickets for 47 students to get into the Mahar game. We would also like to thank Superintendent Dr. Susan Hollins for getting a bus. There was great emotion from the Green Wave that night, GO WAVE!

Spring sports have sprung! We hope the weather gets better so everyone can get out and support the student athletes at GHS and GMS. Look on [highschoolsports.net](http://highschoolsports.net) for a complete schedule and we will see you there!  
Mike Kuchieski, Athletic Director

#### **ART DEPARTMENT:**

##### **Textile Arts & Design:**

Students in Textile Art made cute fleece baby hats to donate to an organization that will give them to local babies. This was a service learning project, benefiting both the students and wider community. Students are now creating bags, and will soon start on pajama pants, followed by fabric dyeing, patchwork and other projects. If you have fabric or a working used sewing machine you no longer need, we could put both to a good use.

#### **BUSINESS DEPARTMENT:**

Mrs. (Howe) Charboneau's Entrepreneurial Business Class has created a school wide calendar of events on one of the bulletin boards in the main lobby of GHS. If anyone has any events taking place and would like them posted on the bulletin board please leave the information in her mailbox or email them to [amychal@gpsk12.org](mailto:amychal@gpsk12.org). Thanks!

#### **MUSIC DEPARTMENT:**

Back in January, students auditioned for a place in the All-State chorus. To be accepted into the chorus means to be counted among the top one percent of all singers in the state of

Massachusetts. One student from our very own school was accepted into the concert festival: Omar Carlo. Congratulations, Omar! He will be attending the All-State Conference **March 17th-19th**.

On **March 2nd**, the Greenfield High School Music Department had our annual telethon on GCTV. It was an extremely successful event. We made over \$7,000! Thank you to all who donated their time, effort, talent, and money to make this the best telethon we have had in the past four years!

As mentioned before, we have a lot of events coming up in the next few months. On **April 8th**, GHS will host band MICCA, which stands for Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association. MICCA is a prestigious state-wide competition, with events held across the state. Choral groups, bands, orchestras, ensembles and solo performers compete in the competition. Twelve bands from schools from all over will be coming to compete at GHS. The Concert Band and Symphonic Winds, will be performing at 6:30. There is a \$5 cover charge. Please come support our school! We would love to see you there! The following day, the GHS Select Choir will be competing at choral MICCA at Algonquin High School. We are very excited!

**May 4th** is our Spring Scholarship Concert! It is at 7pm in the auditorium and the cost is \$5. We hope to see you there! Ending on a positive note, enjoy the spring weather!

Paul Calcari, Director

#### **FRENCH CLUB:**

March has been a busy month for the GHS French Club. We are running two fundraisers simultaneously, a Butterbraid sale and a raffle (sponsored by the GHS Alumni Association) for a "Romantic Dinner" for two at Chez Albert in Amherst. Anyone interested in purchasing either, please contact Madame Grogan at [tamgro1@gpsk12.org](mailto:tamgro1@gpsk12.org) and she will put a French Club student in touch with you. On March 11th, the Club dressed up the cafeteria in purples, yellows, and greens for the Mardi Gras dance, a joint fundraiser with

other school organizations to help GHS students in need. On **March 15th**, many club members took part in the Taste of World Cultures by bringing in international food, singing, dancing, or modeling in the fashion show. On **March 30th** the club held the Spring Coffeehouse on the auditorium stage. Five dollars bought an evening of musical entertainment, a snack and a soft drink. We hope to make a spring trip to Boston to see the "Millet and Rural France" exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts! Tamara Grogan, Advisor

#### **SPANISH CLUB:**

The Spanish Club went to the Amherst Cinema this month to see the movie "Biutiful". This is the first ever "Best Actor" nomination for an Academy Award for a Spanish Speaking Role. Javier Bardem was nominated earlier this year. Students enjoyed the movie and lunch in a Mexican restaurant. The day was both educational and enjoyable to all!

Tara Cloutier, Advisor

#### **GHS TV STUDIO:**

Students from the TV & Film classes were able to share some of their work at an assembly on **March 24th** which was very well received by the student body. One short film called Cooking With The Danish elicited howls of laughter as Chef Augusto (Sebastian Hansen) and his assistant Jimbo Franko (Alex Richardson), demonstrated how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Other films included more serious topics, such as the Green River Clean Up by Sophomore Paul Phillips, and an award winning, anti bullying film by Senior Dan Pelc. 8th Grade student Mary Brouder entered a film that used a paper airplane to great effect. Mr. Hutchison hopes to see Mary in one of his classes next year if possible.

All the students in the Film Production class have created commercials promoting aspects of GHS and many of the students are now working on longer pieces as they develop their film making skills. The TV class was divided into two teams, each responsible for creating a complete TV production each week. Progress has been slow but steady. Mr.

Hutchison looks forward to next year when returning students are able to raise the production value of the program, but for now, the foundation has been poured and he is grateful for the hard work demonstrated by his students. Special recognition goes out to Junior Joe Keeney for his enthusiasm and can do attitude. Lyndsie Landfair has also shown vast improvement and a great attitude. Aside from his two regular classes, Mr. Hutchison has five students in Independent Study. After a slow start to the semester, Freshman Dakota Tirrell has come on strong, assisting Mr. Madison on editing "Paper Dinosaurs", the charming entry by Will & Jack Lunt in the Film Festival, as well as stellar editing of the Faculty vs. Seniors Basketball Game. Dakota is also helping Chris Roach on a film about shrinking a mean teacher down to size (they use special effects to put Mr. Hutchison in the lizard cage). He would also like to take this opportunity to thank Seniors Dan Pelc and Alex Richardson for the hard work they've put into the program this year, and plans to use their films in the future to teach new students concepts of film making. A reminder that Mr. Hutchison is available to consult anyone in the district who needs help with a film project, and can be reached via email at [localbias@gmail.com](mailto:localbias@gmail.com).  
Drew Hutchison, Instructor

#### **EIGHTH GRADE ACADEMY:**

In history, eighth grade students have been studying the Medieval world. In English, they are reading *Grimpow: The Invisible Road* in order to bring the history to life and to deepen their understandings of the political, economic, social, and religious history they are learning about in Social Studies. Book One of *Grimpow* takes place in an abbey and involves a secret library of manuscripts banned by the Inquisition. Eighth graders have created illuminated manuscripts of their own as part of core project time. They are on display in the hallways and would love to have you visit and view them! The 8th Grade Academy was very excited to have Dr. Hollins take time out of her busy schedule to speak with us about her love of music and share her illuminated manuscript

with us! In addition, students had the unbelievable opportunity to travel to the Clark Art Museum in Williamstown, to view the Durer exhibition, as well as tour the permanent collection. In addition, students visited the Chapin Library at Williams College where they were able to learn about and touch illuminated manuscripts that were 600 years old!

We are looking forward to embarking on the remaining core projects which include making boats out of cardboard and creating solar panel cars!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

#### **GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:**

The plans for the renovation of GHS are moving forward. The committee is in the process of choosing an architect and project manager. The submitted site plans have been reviewed and we are excited to see what changes the renovation will bring. Our association is very important, in the eyes of the state, because they require proof of community involvement. We have met our goal of enhancing GHS and with your help will continue to support the students and teachers of our alma mater. Recently we supplied classroom and project supplies for several very grateful teachers. These small gifts were so appreciated; the teachers spread the word among their colleagues resulting in many asking for specific supplies for their classrooms. I am very surprised at the difference a small donation can make. I feel very satisfied that we can fulfill their wishes and make projects possible.

My class held our 35<sup>th</sup> reunion on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We met at GHS and were escorted on a tour by the current principal, Donna Woodcock. Many of us hadn't seen the entire building in many years. The science lab is incredible; the students are actually raising tortoises and seahorses! After memberships, donations and a 50/50 raffle; we were able to present a class gift of \$1200!! The reunions for the Class of 1979, 1981 and 1985 also gave sizeable donations to the GHSAA. I would like to personally thank all of you for

your donations and hope that you will continue to support GHS!!

Cindi Bompastore, President, GHSAA

The GHSAA holds monthly meetings on the third THURSDAY of each month in the Faculty Lounge at GHS. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and usually ends by 8:30 p.m. All GHS graduates are welcome to attend. Officers for 2010-2011 are Cindi Bompastore, President, Susan Oxley, Vice-President, Secretary, Andi Drew, Joseph Lemay, Treasurer, Betty Nee, Membership Coordinator, John Spencer, Website Manager, Amy Charboneau, Representative to the Educational Foundation Committee; Steven Lepore, Chairman-Board of Directors, Members are: Deb Descavich, Dic Fournier, Drew Hutchison, Betty Nee, John Nee Jr., Bryan Phillips, Bill Smith, Bryan Smith, and Linda Smith are members of the Board of Directors. They are trying to keep the association alive. We are in need of additional members to attend the meetings to help us make decisions on what projects to pursue. If you would like to **join** the GHSAA, membership dues are \$20 annually from November to November. Five-Year Membership is \$80, Ten-Year Membership is \$150 and Lifetime Membership is \$200. The memberships are discounted 50% for senior citizens (60+) and graduates attending schools of high learning. Call Betty at 413-772-1350 Ext. 111 for a membership form. Donations are always welcome and can also be counted toward your membership.

#### **Wall of Honor:**

The next time you are in the high school check out the pictures of graduates that are hanging in the corridor between the Main Office and the Library. A complete listing of them will be printed in the next newsletter.

#### **Supplies For Education:**

