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Franklin County Technical School Applications for admission into the Franklin County Technical School are available to high school students in the high school guidance office. Eighth grade Academy students can pick one up from Ms. Heathwaite. A tour of the school will be available for all interested eighth graders in February. Permission slips will be sent home. If you need one please call Ms. Heathwaite at 772-1350 ext. 117.

AP Saturday Study Sessions are as follows:
English-May 5th Math-February 4th and April 28th Environmental Science-January 21st and March 31st

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.

FRIDAY LUNCH LECTURES:
The *Zoom In* Friday lunch lecture series introduces students to a wide variety of new, unusual, and interesting topics. This unique program is one of many enrichment opportunities that put Greenfield HS ahead of other schools. Here are some recent presenters the students enjoyed hearing

Nov 4, 2011 **Hannah Jarrell, core**



ensemble member of Double Edge Theatre, showed slides and walked on tall stilts demonstrating their innovative physical performance art. They are one of the foremost laboratory ensemble theatres in the U.S. She talked about how rigorous physical training, actor autonomy, and other innovative approaches are used in creating work together.

Dec 2, 2011 Steve Lepore, Paramedic at Baystate Health Ambulance since 1993, & GHS alum, demonstrated equipment and told about Greenfield's Emergency Medical Services. He spoke about the different types of emergency services, the training required for different levels, and types of emergencies commonly responded to.



January 6, 2012 Melodies and Harmonies with Alice Parker, an internationally recognized composer, conductor and teacher brought over 60 years of experience with choral and folk music. She wrote her first orchestral score while still in high school. She spoke about all the elements that go into a song – like words, music, tone, expression, rhythm, and pitch – and how music is with us from before birth to the end of life. A self-described “cook for the ears,” in no time, Alice had students singing “*Let Your Little Light Shine*” as she encouraged them to embrace music.



We are looking forward to presentations by Lenny Weeks talking about car tires, Harry Miles on forensic law, and more. Students can bring their own lunches from home, or they can buy lunch. Up until the day before each lecture, they can order and pay for a wrap sandwich in the cafeteria line. Then lunch will be delivered to the auditorium during their lunch period. If you have suggestions of speakers, or want more information, contact the Coordinator, Mary Link, at marlin1@gpsk12.org or by phone at 772-1313.

IMPORTANT MCAS DATES

Feb. 1-3 Biology
(Gr. 11 & 12 retakes)

Feb. 29-Mar.7 ELA & Math
(Gr. 11 & 12 retakes)

Mar. 20-29 ELA (Gr. 8,9,10)

May 15 &16 Math (Gr. 9 &10)

May 8-16 (Gr. 8) Math/Science/Tech

June 5&6 (Gr. 9& 10)Physics/Biology

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE:

Happy New Year!

All of us at Greenfield High School are excited over the plans to build a new school in the near future. The architects have been meeting with staff and reviewing with us the needs and requirements for a 21st century learning facility. Over the next four months, we will be having public meetings to inform all residents of the plans. Please attend and bring friends and neighbors so that the facts of why a new school in necessary is spread to all voters.

With the beginning of the second semester, I would like to encourage you to stay involved with your child's academic progress. We will continue to provide afterschool study/tutoring for any students on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. A late bus is also available on those days to take students home. Please encourage your student to attend whenever they need extra support.

We will have many activities occurring over the next several months; the science fair, a wellness/fitness fair, and a blood drive. Our winter sports teams continue their regular season schedule in hopes of qualifying for the play-offs. Come out and watch a game and support these student-athletes.

Please pay special attention to the enclosed MCAS schedule. All 8th, 9th and 10th graders will need to be in attendance every day for the test schedule. Please plan appointments, and time out of school on alternate days to avoid testing issues

Please be aware of the school's attendance policy—students should not miss more than ten days in a semester in order to receive credit for the class.

**Announcing the 2nd annual
Greenfield Schools
STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL
April 27 & 28, 2012
Save the date!**

All Students are Invited to Make a
Film:

1. Length of films:
Grades 8-12: up to 5 minutes
Grades K-7: up to 4 minutes
2. The topic has to be okay for students of all ages (no violence).
3. Films can be on any topic and should have a connection to Greenfield, its students, or its schools.

Submission Categories:

1. Elementary Students (grades K-3)
 2. Middle Grade Students (grades 4-7)
 3. High School Students (grades 8-12)
- Films must be created by students of Greenfield Schools.
(Student submissions can have help from GPS staff or parents.)

Submissions will be accepted until
3:00p.m. Friday, March 30th

- Rules and forms will be available on the GPS website.
- If the movie has people in it, they need to give permission in writing. For students under 18, parents/guardians have to give permission.
- Most movies need editing—this can be done on any computer with film editing software, at home or school. Entries need to end up on DVD.
- Technical assistance and professional advice is available at school.
- Contact the Principal's office for forms and details.

April 27 & 28 - exciting gala show of selected films & award ceremony!
Cash Prizes & Audience Awards
See you at the MOVIES!
Mary Link, Film Festival Coordinator:
filmfest@gpsk12.org or call 413-772-1313

NEW MUSEUM SERIES AT GHS:

This year we have launched a new Museum Field Trip Series at GHS for grades 9-12. The goals of the museum series are to provide cultural exposure outside of the high school experience, to introduce our students to different types of museums in the area, particularly free museums, and to visit and become generally familiar with nearby small cities as possible destinations for a day trip, interesting activities, services, colleges, and jobs. We plan to offer 6-8 trips a year on GHS half-days, days before vacations, and other days, about one trip a month, starting in October and ending in May. The first trip on Nov. 22nd went to the Brattleboro Museum & Arts Center. The museum's current exhibits featured work by contemporary artists - including ceramics, sculpture, glass, painting, pastels, and photography. You can find out more at www.brattleboromuseum.org. Our

second trip on Dec. 23rd took students to the Amherst College Natural History Museum and Planetarium. The next trip will be Tuesday, Jan. 31st to Smith College Museum of Art. Students are excited about these new opportunities and looking forward to future trips.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES: MARK
YOUR CALENDAR –

Senior Activities – Last Day of Regular Classes is Tuesday, May 22nd. Senior Final Exams start on Wednesday, May 23rd. Senior Prom at the Garden House at Look Park on Thursday, May 24. First Graduation Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30th. Senior Last Assembly at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30th. Second Graduation Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 31st. Senior Class Night at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 31st. The Senior Class Trip to High Meadows is Friday, June 1st at 7:30 a.m. **GRADUATION** is at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 3rd at GCC.

SENIOR NEWS:

Seniors – Class dues are due January 31st. Beginning February there will be a \$10.00/month late fee. The opportunity to work off class dues through volunteering for the school district or town was offered to all seniors and many students plan to take advantage of this. If you have not signed up for this opportunity, but would like to take advantage, see Ms. Ruggeri no later than February 15th. We are halfway through senior year and many exciting plans are underway. Prom at Look Park, class trip to High Meadow in CT, class night, graduation, etc.! We welcome all seniors to participate in the planning. Thanks seniors for making Spirit Week so much fun! Ms. Ruggeri

ALL NIGHT GRADUATION
CELEBRATION:

Attention, parents of seniors!! The first planning meeting for the Class of 2012 All Night Party will be Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the teachers' room at GHS. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend as we need many volunteers to make this party happen. This party is a graduation-night tradition, with music, games, a movie, food and prizes to give the class a safe send-off. **We need email addresses for parents, whether you can attend the meeting or not. Please send an email to deenaferguson@comcast.net to be included on our email blasts. Questions? Call Deena Ferguson at 774-6707. See you all Feb. 1!

CLASS OF 2015

The freshmen class had a great start this fall. I am very pleased to see the amount of students that participated in our November skit. It is very encouraging to see a group work so well together. Next quarter we will be hosting a dance on Friday March 16. The students would like to sell snacks at the dance so we will need people willing to bake. These fundraisers help to defer the cost of senior activities.

Right now class dues are \$55 a year unless we can raise a significant amount of money. Any other ideas will be appreciated. Feel free to contact Adam Reed at adaree1@gpsk12.org if you have any questions.

STUDENT COUNCIL:

This year 19 candidates ran for Homecoming. On Wednesday Oct. 12 we crowned the King, Queen and their court. The winners were:

9th - Samson Isotti and Lenna Tahij
10th - Riley Phelps and Alexis Silk
11th- Dustin Cutler and Jessica Westerman
12th- Robby Brook and Ally Hampton
King - Marcus Aucoin
Queen - Brandi Elwell

The coronation was well attended. It was a great evening to see the students dressed up for their moment in the spotlight. If you have never attended please consider this annual tradition next year.

The Student Council has had a busy fall and early winter, but we like it that way! Back in November, we volunteered to help the Boy Scouts with one of their service projects: Scouting for Food. The project runs over the course of two weeks. On the first Saturday, plastic bags were dropped off at doorsteps of houses in Greenfield, asking for a donation of nonperishable food items, and the following Saturday the bags were picked up. With the combined efforts of the two groups, plus other volunteers, we raised a lot of food. This is a great fundraiser that helps many local people. Also in November, the Student Council planned for and held Spirit Week before Turkey Day. A lot of work goes in to planning Spirit Week and the pep rally, and we think it turned out great this year! We hope everyone had a lot of fun dressing up, participating in all of the class competitions, and attending the pep rally! We certainly did! December brings the annual Salvation Army Kettle Ringing. The Student Council enjoys helping them on Fridays in December. We have a lot of fun caroling and spreading holiday cheer at local businesses while raising money for a fantastic cause. Thank you, to all those who volunteered and especially to our chairs Leah Wallner and Elijah Xenon. Also in December the Student Council does a Secret Santa and Staff Breakfast for our fantastic staff. We had a lot of fun this year planning and executing both projects and hope the staff enjoyed them. The Student Council has a lot of events up and coming! On Friday, February 3rd we will head to Northampton for the WMASC Roundtable. Members will get to meet with students from other schools and learn about what they do differently. They will be able to share ideas and network with the other students. Wednesday, March 1st is our Read Across America night. Children from the community will be invited to come to GHS to hear the big kids read to them. This event is in celebration of National Read Across America week.

March also brings a big event for the entire state. The Student Council will travel to Hyannis to attend the annual MASC state-wide Student Council conference. Members will attend workshops, network with other students, learn about new project and community service ideas, receive awards for the work they have done as a council, and have a ton of fun! This conference will take Wednesday through Friday March 7th-9th. We are very excited for MASC! When we return, we will have another blood drive, the last day before April vacation. This day is Friday, April 13th. Be sure to see Mrs. Mass or members of the Council to sign up to donate! We would really appreciate it! Last but certainly not least, we hold our meeting in Mrs. Mass' room from 6-7pm every other Monday and new members are always welcome!

ATHLETIC DEPT. NOTES:

Our Girls soccer program has set up a dinner fundraiser at APPLEBEES in Greenfield on [January 17th](#) and again on [Feb 21st](#). Enjoy an evening out and support this program.

The Annual Budness/Murphy Dodgeball Tournament will be held in March. Watch for the date to be announced.

Thank you for your continuing support of Greenfield High School Athletics!!

GO GREEN WAVE

ART DEPARTMENT:

The following students have works in Artspace's Annual Teen Art Show. The 2012 exhibit will run from [January 17 - February 17](#), with the opening reception to be held on [Friday, February 10th](#) from 5:30-7:30. Awards will be presented at 6:30.

Ceramics: Jessica Wallitis, James Billiel

Drawing: Joey Keeney

Photography: Danielle Franklin
Lucien Koonce-Instructor

DRAMA CLASS & CLUB:

The Show Must Go On!

Despite the weather, Thursday, January 12, 2012, saw the GHS Auditorium alive with theater once again. Seven groups of students (from the middle school to the 8th grade Academy to the high school) joined together and put on an exhilarating night of One Act plays. The middle school group, under the direction of Ms. Elizabeth Boliver, displayed their talents in a five minute skit from *Flash Gordon*. The crowd was pumped up by this performance and eagerly awaited the rest of the show.

The six remaining One Acts developed under the direction of Ms. Karin Lemos, an English teacher at GHS and drama club advisor. Next to take the stage performing a scene called *Thirty Minutes to Charlie* were four junior students, Rhaymar Diaz-Santiago, Juleea Weimer, Tory Adams, and Ryan Seiber, all who have been diligently perfecting their craft in the class *Theater of the Western World* taught

by Lemos. With their funny tones and crazy antics, this group kept the auditorium on their toes. The next scene turned to a more serious tone, when Carolyn Como (a senior and drama club participant) and Kaitlin Parzych (a sophomore and drama club participant) portrayed a scene from *He and She*; this husband and wife team had to decide whether to part or stay married and annoy one another for eternity.

The next scene took a turn to the South, with a portrayal of *Gossip* by Anna Walker (a 10th grader), Daniel Burgos (a 10th grader), Eleni Diakolambrianos (a 10th grader), and James Sykes (an 8th grader). With their Southern accents, all four delivered a smash performance of journalists, nurses, and a sheriff who live to get a gossip newspaper out to the public each month in the Town of Mud Lake. With the audience laughing and fun being had by all, the next scene up brought the crowd to a mental ward, where three eighth graders, Claire Ableson, Martie Agravante, and Leah Wallner (all who participated in the summer theater camp in August), continued their work on stage in a performance of *Much Madness*. All three girls rocked the house as a mental patient, nurse and doctor, respectively. Then the scenes returned to the *Theater of the Western World* students to round out the night. Joe Keeney (a senior) and Bri Laffey (a junior) paired up to perform a scene from *The History of Why the Chicken Crossed the Road*. This boss/secretary duo shows just how complex a conundrum like that can be. Then the show's finale was performed by Emily Butynski (a senior), Dustin Cutler (a junior), and Andrew Howell (a senior) displaying their theatrical techniques in an excerpt from *The Incompatibles*. The tension of a newly married couple increases while dining at restaurant when the former, first husband arrives at the same restaurant with his new wife.

When the curtain call came, the actors and actresses were sad to see the night end. A big round of applause to all for a night well done! Karin Lemos, English Dept. Instructor

MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

The first concert of the GHS Music Department was presented on [November 2nd](#) in the GHS cafeteria for all Music Parents. It featured the Concert Chorus, Select Choir, 8th Grade Chorus, Marching Band, and Jazz Band. The concert was a big success. The Marching Band participated in the Veteran's Day parade by playing three patriotic marches, the Star Spangled Banner, and Taps. On [Saturday, November 12th](#), nine members of the GHS Music Department auditioned for the All-District Chorus. I am proud to announce that all nine students were selected for this year's chorus. The students are Emily Butynski, Melanie Cantini, Sabrina Sparda, Marcus Aucion, Stevie Duclos, Kyle Kendall, Andrew Toritto, Joshua Cady, and

James Hill. The Select Choir participated in National Adoption Day in the Hadley Juvenile Court on [Friday, November 18th](#). The Marching Band finished off this year's marching season with a very successful performance at Turners Falls High School at the Turkey Day game. The Select Choir performed a concert on [December 14th](#) at All Souls' Church. This concert was a benefit for Warm the Children. The annual GHS Holiday Concert was held on [Wednesday, December 14th](#) to a full house in the GHS Auditorium. The Concert Chorus sang with the Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra and Chorus on [Saturday, December 17th](#) to rave reviews. This concert was extremely well-attended, with another full house. Select members of the instrumental and vocal departments went caroling to all elementary schools, the middle school, the high school, Poet Seat, the hospital, the Central Office, and various nursing homes on [December 22nd](#) and [23rd](#). On [Friday, January 6th](#), world-renowned choral composer Alice Parker gave a lunch lecture, which was well-attended by all music students. The All-District Chorus, including the aforementioned 9nine GHS students performed at the UMASS Fine Arts Center on [Saturday, January 14th](#). Six members of the GHS vocal department auditioned for the All-State Chorus on [Saturday, January 21st](#). If accepted, they will participate in the All-State Music Festival from [March 1st-3rd](#) in Boston, MA. The All-State Concert will be held at Boston Symphony Hall on [March 3rd](#). The entire GHS Music Department will be participating in the annual Music Telethon on [Wednesday, March 14th](#) from 6-9 pm on GCTV. The GHS Music Parents Association is sponsoring a French Toast Breakfast on [Saturday, March 17th](#) at Second Congregational Church. Please come and support the GHS Music Department! The GHS Music Department will be hosting the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors' Association (MICCA) Music Festival at GHS on [Friday](#) and [Saturday March 30th](#) and [31st](#). The Concert Band will also be participating in this Music Festival on [Friday](#) from 6:30-7pm. Both the GHS Concert Chorus and Select Choir will travel to Norwood High School in Norwood, MA to compete in the vocal MICCA competition. The first half of the year has been extremely successful. Our groups are growing, quality is up, and kids are happy! As always, thanks to everybody for their strong support!
Paul J. Calcari, GHS Music Director

SCIENCE:

The Science Symposium has to be changed to Friday, February 17th

GUIDANCE:

It is a bustling time of year in the guidance offices. Seniors have been finalizing and sending out college applications. Seniors, please remember to check the scholarship box weekly as the scholarship applications flow in throughout the year. Now, it is time to complete the financial aid application forms. If you need additional help, FAFSA Day Massachusetts is a non-profit, volunteer-driven effort to provide FREE assistance filling out those financial aid forms. If you are interested in attending to get help with this process, register online at www.fafsaday.org. This year, the event will be at Turners Falls High School, January 29th at 2 p.m.

CULINARY ARTS COURSE:

This dip is super easy to make which is good because you'll very likely be making a second batch. Serve with corn chips, good friends, and Super Bowl XLVI.

Warm Mexican Dip

- 4 oz. cream cheese
- ¼ cup salsa
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon Italian seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ¼ teaspoon chili powder
- 1/8 teaspoon cumin
- ¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS

1. In a non-metal bowl microwave cream cheese for about 30 seconds or until very soft.
2. Whisk cream cheese until it is very smooth.
3. Add salsa and remaining spices.
4. Place dip in an oven-proof dish. Top with shredded cheddar and bake at 400° for 15 minutes.
5. Enjoy with corn chips!

FRENCH CLUB:



The French Club in Boston



Officers from left:

James Hill, President, Eleni Diakolambrianos, Treasurer, Andrew Clarke, Secretary and Nick Brandl-Vice-President

The GHS Club Français had an active fall semester. We ran three fundraisers: a bulb sale, a Butterbraid sale, and our bi-annual Coffeehouse on **December 7th**. New, this year were two student rock bands: the high school band, Murdered by the Monarch, and the 8th grade band, Taurine. Faculty talent rounded out the evening with Mr. Fortin on guitar and vocals and Mr. Reed on piano and vocals, and the show closed with GHS alum Sean Nolan, a recent college grad who is currently subbing at the school. In November we gathered to learn the art of crêpe-making in the culinary lab. Almost every student was able to flip his/her own crêpe by the end of the afternoon! We returned in December to Boston and the MFA to see the Degas exhibit, have lunch at Au Bon Pain, and see the recent film "Le Havre" at the Coolidge Corner Theatre. We plan a Fondue and Film evening this winter. In April, eleven GHS students will travel to Paris, Brittany, and Normandy with Madame and retired English department teacher, Barry McColgan.

What's New @ the Library
Jessica Pollock, Librarian

Thank you to the Greenfield High School Alumni Association for purchasing several sets of reference books for the GHS library. Teachers have already been using some of the new resources with their classes for research projects, and the feedback has been very positive. The GHSAA's contribution will make a significant impact in the education of our students. Everyone at GHS appreciates the generosity of the Alumni Association and the many ways they support the students and faculty of our school. The Greenfield Education Foundation also made a generous donation to the GHS library. The GEF supplied the funds for a pilot collection of Playaways, digital audio players each pre-loaded with a single audio book. GHS now owns 54 titles, including some popular teen fiction. Most of the books in the collection are titles that are part of the English curriculum. Students who need educational support are now able to listen to the texts they are reading in class to help them better understand the material. The school community is excited by the new collection, and several students have already given positive reviews of how the Playaways have helped them become better learners.

8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES:

This past quarter, the eighth grade students created gingerbread replicas of European castles, drew life-size bodies with its systems, and produced edible models of plant and animal cells. Students are now embarking on creating their own medieval ballads that they will turn into illuminated manuscripts. We invite you to join us on Thursday, February 16th at 7 p.m. at the GHS auditorium as the 8th grade presents William Shakespeare's "The Tragedy of King Lear".
Kerry Heathwaite

GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Over the past 9 years that the GHS Alumni Association has been in existence, we have given over **\$60,000** to the high school from monies raised through donations and memberships. This money was used to buy English and Science Dept. Textbooks, Library Books and Furniture, Sustainable Energy Tools and curriculum materials, Art and Music Supplies and Equipment, Scientific Calculators, six Laptop Computers, various printer cartridges, Weightlifting Room Equipment, Misc. Athletic Equipment and Supplies, Whiteboards and supplies to replace chalkboards and chalk, and contributed to the purchase and building of the Softball Scoreboard at Vet's Field. We also pay for the supplies for the Wall of Honor. The GHSAA holds monthly meetings on the third THURSDAY of each month in the Faculty Lounge at GHS. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and usually ends by 8:30 p.m. All GHS graduates are welcome to attend. Officers for 2011-12 are Cindi Bompastore, President, Susan Oxley, Vice-President, Joseph Lemay, Treasurer, Betty Nee, Membership Coordinator, John Spencer, Website Manager, Steven Lepore, Chairman-Board of Directors, Deb. Descavich, and Andie Drew, 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.

GRADUATES WALL OF HONOR:

The next time you are in the high school check out the 37 pictures of graduates that are hanging in the corridor between the Main Office and the Library.

SUPPLIES FOR EDUCATION:

Please support Stop & Shops and Big Y Food Markets
Programs of giving supplies and technology to the high school.

