

Greenfield High School
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NEWSLETTER



Principal's Notes

The school year for Greenfield High School has started off with so many exciting events. Some of the highlights include:

1. Meet and Greet on August 26 and Open House on October 3 – both events were highly attended by parents and families and we were overjoyed to see you all. Please let us know at any time how we can make these events even more welcoming for parents and families.
2. School photos and retakes are completed and your child now has a school id. The Green Wave Productions will use these photos for the yearbook (with the exception of senior photo submissions). Yearbooks are on sale now and you can order online at Jostens.com or email Ms. Cresci at allcre1@gpsk12.org for more information.
3. A.S. King, author, visited GHS on Friday, October 11, 2019 and shared her story with our students. All GHS students had previously read one of her works for summer reading and were excited to share the day with her!
4. The National Honor Society inducted 26 new members on Wednesday, Oct. 16. It was a beautiful ceremony and a wonderful evening to recognize such outstanding students!
5. Our continued collaboration with the Greenfield Public Library in the GHS Book to Movie Club held its first event of the season with the reading and showing of *Five Feet Apart* on Fri. Oct. 18th.
6. Our first Pep Rally of the year was on Friday, Oct. 25 and students and staff were excited to participate in the fun as well as build a school culture of support and display of Green Wave spirit and pride!
7. A semi-formal Homecoming Dance was held on Saturday, Oct. 26 with a great turn out by students!
8. Tri-M Music Honor Society held their induction ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 30 and then provided all those in attendance with a wonderful concert after the induction ceremony.

Students also enjoyed many great field trips during the first few months of school:

1. StuCo officers attended the officer workshops at Holy Cross on Friday, October 11.
2. Band students enjoyed MultiBand day at UMass on Friday, October 18.
3. GCC hosted a STEM day for Franklin County students and 40 GHS juniors and seniors enjoyed the day of STEM workshops at GCC on Thursday, October 24.
4. Sophomores were delighted with their trip to Lexington and Concord on Monday, October 28 which made deep connection with their U.S. 1 curriculum.
5. Environmental science club students competed in the Environthon on Wednesday, October 30.

Looking forward to second quarter, students will engage in some exciting events, such as:

1. A Civic Engagement Assembly on Friday, November 15 to engage students in their civic responsibilities.
2. Honor Roll Ice cream social on Monday, November 18th for all those who achieved outstanding grades for first quarter.
3. Guidance FAFSA event on Tuesday, November 19 in the Lecture Hall at 7:00 p.m. If you are a parent of a junior or senior and are trying to figure out college financial aid forms, please join us for this informative evening.
4. The annual Turkey Trot on Wednesday, November 21st followed by the Thanksgiving Day pep rally! We may not be able to host a turkey day football game, but our spirit at GHS is still alive and well!

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely, Karin Patenaude

Associate Principal Andrea Pasquini

Happy Fall GHS students and families! Fall is my favorite time of the year especially to enjoy all of the colors and flavors of the season. I hope you can all get outside to enjoy a hike or bike ride or maybe some leaf peeping! Franklin County is beautiful this time of year. I look forward to meeting more of you at school and sporting events as the year progresses. I hope everyone had a great first quarter and good luck in quarter two!

Associate Principal Jonathan Cavallo

It's been educationally rewarding the past couple of months to work with the Greenfield High School Community. I have worked in the public schools field for 24 years having been a teacher at both the middle and high school levels. I have also coached athletics at both the sub-varsity and varsity levels, advised clubs, and have been an active member with state associations such as MSSA, COMMLE, NELMS, and the MIAA. I have been a school administrator for 16 years holding positions such as Athletic Director, Assistant Principal, and Principal. I am now honored to become a member of the Green Wave team and will take these first few months to listen and learn from the students, staff, and parents.

Assistant Director of Pupil Services Sarah Crawford

I just wanted to say hello to all of the students and families at Greenfield High School! My name is Sarah Crawford and I am thrilled to join the team at GHS as the Assistant Director of Pupil Services. I have been fortunate to work in education for the past 20 years supporting students. Working with students to meet their learning needs has always been something that I take pride in. I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with the team at GHS and parents in supporting students to achieve their goals and dreams!

Greenfield Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

Meeting Dates: The 4th Wednesday of each month at the YMCA's social room, 6:00-7:30pm. The Y is located at 451 Main Street. November (TBD), December (TBD), January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, and July 22. There is free babysitting.

Late Bus

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday there is a late bus that will take bus students home at 3:30 p.m. The library will be open until 3:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for students to use as quiet study space. The bus will also allow students to stay for club meetings and get involved in extracurricular activities. Students need to get a pass from the staff member they stay with or the main office in order to ride the bus home.

Attendance

Academic success is tied directly to student's attendance. Students are expected to be in school 94% of the time (as dictated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education). Please encourage your student to come to school on time each day.

New Staff Members

Associate Principal: Jonathan Cavallo. Assistant Director of Pupil Services: Sarah Crawford. Teachers: Grace DelVecchio, Tracy Farnham, Christopher Burke, Jarett Greene, Allison Cresci, Jessica Pruitt, Matthew Sypek, Justin Eichenlaub, Anna Hartmann, and Laura Schroeder. Instructional Assistants: Ryan Roberts, Rachel Lapointe, Leslie Lopez, and Wade Genre.

GHS Dates to Remember

November 27, 2019 Early Release K-12	January 1, 2020 No School; New Year's Day observed
November 28-29, 2019 No School; Thanksgiving break	January 20, 2020 No School; MLK Day observed
December 20, 2019 Early Release K-12	January 21-23, 2020 Early Release 8-12 only mid-Term exams
December 23-31, 2019 December break	January 24, 2020 No School; Teacher In-service Day

Nurse Kelly Savitri

Cold & flu season has officially begun! It's time to double-down on all of our strategies to keep ourselves and our kids healthy. Remember, the foundation of a healthy immune system is sufficient sleep & healthy nutrition. Handwashing is the most effective way of decreasing the spread of germs, and now is a great time to get your kid in the habit of washing hands or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before eating a meal. Despite our best efforts, we all still get sick every once in a while. Please remember if your child experiences vomiting or a fever, they should stay home until they have been free of symptoms for 24 hrs without the use of medication.

English Language Learners Classroom Updates

Our ELL students have been building their vocabulary, comprehension and fluency skills. They have been learning about finding the main idea of a passage, identifying a topic sentence, and reviewing the parts of speech, especially nouns and pronouns.

The ELL students have talked about how different cultures celebrate events with food, drinks, and families. We have discussed the Russian & Romanian celebration of harvest at the end of the summer, expectations of classes, and sports at GHS. The students have also read and discussed current events and learned how to access our grades on powerschool.

The ELLs will be gearing up for the ACCESS Assessments

ACCESS testing will take place January 6–February 7, 2020 for all ELL students who qualified for the program, including those who denied services. Students will be assessed on their English language proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Scores will be reported back to the district in June. This is the annual state assessment required for all ELLs. The length of time it takes to test students varies greatly between students with the average being 1.52 hours.

Hope everyone is having a great fall season. Feel free to contact Ms.Ortiz at fraort1@gpsk12.org

Executive Functioning: How to Encourage Skills in Your Teen Submitted by Deborah Potee, LICSW, GHS Adjustment Counselor

We know that the teenage brain does not fully develop until they are in their mid 20s. Teens are functioning without all the support that comes with a developed prefrontal lobe which helps with judgement, causational thinking, and emotional regulation. Key to academic, good mental health and social success, **executive functioning skills** are also not developed yet in our teens. It is up to parents/guardians/teachers or important adults in teenagers' lives to help develop these crucial skills.

Below is a list, developed by Peg Dawson, Ed.D., with LD. Dawson, PhD at the Center for Learning and Attention Disorders in Portsmouth, NH and Eve Kessler, Esq., a contributing editor of *SmartKids*, of ways to develop executive functioning in your teen.

- 1. Assume laziness is not the issue.** Understand that teens with executive function challenges have skill deficits and getting through the day is challenging for them.
- 2. Pick your battles.** Teens can't do everything. Your child may not be able to clean her room and do homework perfectly, but it may be more important that she learn to meet deadlines and understand schedules. Initially, focus on completing the homework and handing it in without worrying about how well it's done. Once your teen finds her passion, quality will not be an issue.
- 3. Use natural or logical consequences.** Make sure the "punishment" makes sense in relationship to the "offense." Access to privileges should be contingent on performance. Clarify specific single-step requests ("Turn off the TV now"), and use "if-then" warning statements. If your child fails to comply, follow through consistently.
- 4. Be willing to negotiate.** Always be reasonable and willing to make deals based on the specific circumstances. It's not about winning; it's about teaching skills and responsibility.
- 5. Involve others when you can.** Seek help if you need it. Third-party mediators such as tutors, teachers, guidance counselors, and coaches may help you and your teen communicate better.
- 6. Build in verification.** Don't take it on faith that your teen handed in his math homework every day. Just because the homework was completed and put in his backpack doesn't mean it was handed in. Work out a system with teachers or counselors so you know how he's doing.
- 7. Offer effective praise.** Your teen's self esteem is paramount. If she is working hard and improving, stress her effort as opposed to how smart she is.
- 8. Set realistic goals.** Sometimes the best you can do is to keep your child in the game until his frontal lobe matures enough for him to become more independent and self-directed. For example, consider a "gap" year or local community college as an option until he's developed enough self-discipline to be successful at a four-year college further from home.
- 9. Offer a range of opportunities.** Don't narrow your teen's options to find her passion. Keep as many doors open as possible until she finds something that excites and inspires her to reach for the stars.

8th Grade Academy

Hello 8th grade parents and guardians. It was nice to meet some of you at Meet and Greet and Open House and put a face to an email or phone conversation.

Students are now accustomed to the new routines and procedures in eighth grade. We are encouraging students take the initiative to look up their own grades on the computer and email teachers with questions. Teachers welcome parents/guardians to do the same, but urge students to be proactively responsible when it comes to their learning. If parents/guardians or students need help with PowerSchool login information, please contact Tami Silk in the GHS guidance office @ 413-772-1350 x1129

8th grade teachers are available for extra help on the following days:

Ms. Bennett (Science) - Wednesday

Ms. Dodge (Civics) - Thursday

Ms. Schroeder (Math) - Thursday

Ms. Khalsa (Reading) - Thursday

Mr. Burke (Math) – Monday

Ms. O'Brien (Science) –Wednesday

Ms. Farnham (English) -Wednesday

Ms. Zimmerman (English and Civics) – Thursday

Ms. Hagar (Special Education) - Monday

Ms. Ortiz (ELL) - Monday

The eighth grade TEAM would like to remind parents/guardians that you are more than welcome to contact us at any time. Our emails are listed below.

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Rebeca Zimmerman
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Laura Schroeder
Math

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Courtney Hagar
Special Education

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Kara O'Brien
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Tracy Farnham
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Dharam Khalsa
Title 1

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Christopher Burke
Math

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Francis Ortiz
ELL

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Also, if you would like to keep track of homework assignments or see what is going on in the classroom visit our websites by going to....

www.gpsk12.org

On the top of the page hit “select school”

Scroll down to Greenfield High School

On the left is the School Menu-click on “8th Grade Academy”

Again on the left scroll down to “Teacher Websites”

You will see the list of teacher names and sites

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Ms. Bennett- 92f9b

Mr. Burke-P-1-@mrba1 P-2 @mrb8m2

P-6- @mrb8m6 P-3@mrb8m3

Ms. Schroeder- Math 8-@ghsm8 algebra 1 @ghsalge1
Geometry @ghsgeome

Eighth grade teachers are planning the yearly Amherst College field trip to visit the Beneski Museum of Natural History, the Mead Art Museum, and Bassett Planetarium for Friday, December 6th. Information on this trip will be forthcoming in the near future.

Student Council

Concert Fundraiser- The band Good Acoustics will do a fundraiser at GHS this November 23. They are a James Taylor/Simon and Garfunkel tribute band. Tickets are \$20 each and for every ticket sold, \$5 will help a student council member attend a leadership conference while an additional \$5 will be donated to the Special Olympics. That is a win, win, win. Great music/help local students and help athletes in Special Olympics. Tickets can be purchased from a student council member or Mrs. Mass. Cash or checks accepted. Make checks out to WMASC. The concert is from 8-10:30 with doors opening at 7:15. Please use the Event Entrance in the rear of the building. Concessions will also be sold. Spread the word. For more information contact Angela Mass angmas1@gpsk12.org

Information from the Guidance Department

Greetings from Guidance! The school year has started out great. Seniors have been grinding through the college application process, signing up and taking the SATs, filling out the Common Application, as well as completing the FAFSA to become eligible for financial aid. There will be a financial aid workshop for parents and students on November 19th at 7:00 pm in the lecture hall. Please attend if you would like more information on how to afford college. Also, as always, one-on-one help is available for any student in need. As the first quarter of the year has just come to a close, we will meet with and plan recovery strategies for students struggling with poor academic performance. Please feel free to reach out to guidance if you have any concerns about your student's experience at GHS. We are here to help!

Bereavement Group

There will be a Bereavement Group at Greenfield High School beginning in November. The group is co-facilitated by local clinician Dennis LeBlanc, and counselor Anne Diemand. Any GHS student who has experienced the death of a family member is invited to attend. The group will be held once per week for 45 minutes during school hours, and will end in April. For more information, please contact GHS School Psychologist Dr. Scott Rice at 772-1350 X1130

Diversity Club

Greenfield High School Diversity Club was invited to attend the 3rd annual Cultural Appreciation event at the Franklin County Justice Center. The event was held on Thursday, September 26th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Massachusetts Trial Court started the Cultural Appreciation event in 2017 as a way to bring the courthouse employees, legal community, and clients together with our local community to celebrate our diversity. Students learned that the Trial Court is committed to creating a culturally competent and inclusive environment, and embracing our differences. Several speakers spoke about their own experiences and our students were happy to meet several community members.



Film Program

The Film program is off to an exciting start this year with the GHS TV class creating three new weekly video programs. GHS TV Sports, News 4 Teens, and M.E.A.T. (Music, Entertainment, & Arts Television) will have new episodes weekly playing in the cafeteria for students and staff to see.

In Video 1 & 2 classes we have dipped our toes into the waters of filmmaking and are now diving right in with narrative film projects. The class will also be watching the classic Charles Laughton film *Night of the Hunter*, starring Robert Mitchum. The morning I wrote this I got groans from the class about watching a film from 1955, until the first 10 minutes of the film when they were glued to the screen. The film is an example of master storytelling and cinematography, using light and dark to illustrate the dichotomy between good and evil. We are looking forward to getting some stellar content for our annual film fest from these projects. Stay tuned for more updates from the Film Program here at GHS.

Library New



Stay Connected - Follow the GHS Library Online:
 Website – ghs.gpsk12.libguides.com
 Blog - greenwavelibrary.tumblr.com
 Facebook Page – Green Wave Library at Greenfield High School
 Instagram – ghs.library
 Twitter - twitter.com/GreenWaveLib



On Friday, October 11th, award winning young adult author A.S. King visited GHS. Ms. King spoke to the entire GHS community about the experiences, thoughts, and feelings we all carry around with us, how we can learn from our failures, and how we can overcome the hardships we face. She then spent the entire day working with classes. She discussed her books with students, led them in creative writing exercises, and signed copies of her books. A handful of students were nominated by their English teachers to receive a free copy of one of the author's books and attend a private reception with her during which they all got their books signed. Ms. King's visit was very well received by our students and the day was a great success. Ask your teen what they thought of Ms. King's talk.

This event was jointly hosted by the GHS library and the Greenfield Public Library, and was generously funded through a Greenfield Local Cultural Council grant and the Friends of the Greenfield Public Library. The Greenfield Public Schools also generously purchased copies of King's books for students to read over the summer before the author's visit.

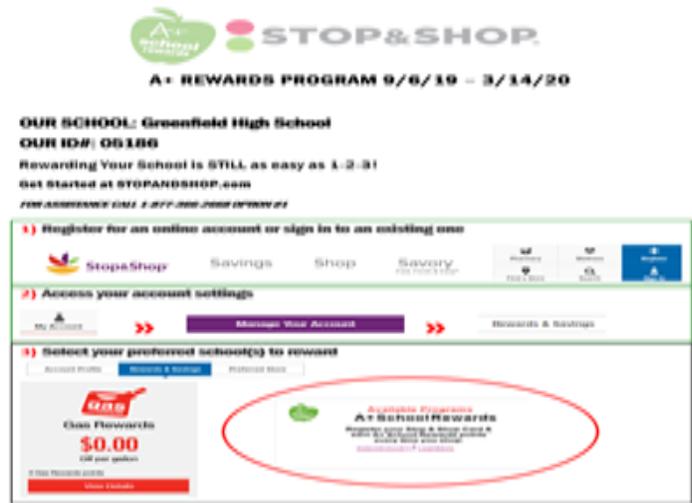
Book to Movie Club

Read the book and/or come watch the movie in the GHS auditorium. Doors open at 5:15 for popcorn and the movie will start at 5:30 p.m. Afterwards we will have a discussion of the book and movie with pizza generously provided by the Friends of the Greenfield Public Library. Books are available at GHS and the Greenfield Public Library the month before the film showing. Everyone is welcome and the events are entirely free.

- 12/6/19 The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
- 2/7/20 Every Day
- 4/10/20 A Dog's Way Home

Library Wishlist

- Legos
- Adult coloring books
- Knitting and crochet supplies
- Fabric - scraps and big pieces



Greenfield High School Yearbook

The Yearbook staff invites parents and students to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events, we'd like to see them!

To upload your pictures:

- Visit: images.jostens.com & Enter ID: 414293672
- or use the ReplayIt app by searching for Greenfield High School

Order your 2019 - 2020 Yearbook!

- Pricing: \$55 until January 10th
- Order Online: <http://jostensyearbooks.com>
- or bring check to Ms. Cresci in Room 2033 (checks payable to GHS Yearbook)

SENIORS - ALL OF THE FOLLOWING IS DUE 11/29/2019

1) Senior Portraits

- No selfies or sunglasses
- Send electronically:
 - Visit: images.jostens.com & Enter ID: 414293672
 - or email to ALLCRE1@gpsk12.org

2) Senior Baby Pictures (optional)

- Must be 2 years old or younger
- Send electronically:
 - Visit: images.jostens.com & Enter ID: 414293672
 - or email to ALLCRE1@gpsk12.org

3) Senior Quote

- form will be provided
- limited to 200 characters
- will be placed next to yearbook photo
- must be school appropriate

4) Senior Accomplishments

- form will be provided
- include accomplishment and years achieved
- Example:

Accomplishment Years

Honor Roll 1,2,5

Band 1,4

(1: 8th grade year, 2: Freshman Year, 3: Sophomore Year, 4: Junior Year, 5: Senior Year)

Questions can be directed to Ms. Cresci at ALLCRE1@gpsk12.org

