



“Ram Report” December 8

Week in Review

- Quarter 2 progress reports were sent home on Friday, December 8. All students should be sharing these with parents/guardians. It is also a time where PlusPortal grades should be up to date. If you have questions about PlusPortal for a specific teacher please contact them directly. If you have general or log in questions you can contact the main office.
- The PTO Vendor Fair was held at GJSHS on Saturday, December 2. Thank you to the PTO, the vendors and all who attended for their participation in this event.
- The Cotillion was on Saturday, December 2 at the Knights of Columbus in Chicopee (not the Castle) for students in grades 9-12. It was a great event for our students. Thank you to Ms. Jordan, Mr. Racine, Mr. Dorman, Ms. Blackburn, Ms. Ritter, Ms. Lewison, Ms. Dufresne and Senorita Sowa for giving up your Saturday night to chaperone for our students.
- The District Strategic Planning team met for the fourth time on Wednesday, December 6th. We appreciate the input from teachers, parents, students and community members as we develop our District Improvement Plan.

Things to know....

Congratulations to GJSHS senior Matt BaiRossi for earning his Eagle Scout designation this past week.

- *Please take a moment to review the parent letter on “[Blizzard Bags](#)”. Any questions, please call the main office on Monday, December 11th between 7:30am-2:00pm.*
- Eight of our high school art students will have **artwork on display at HCC’s Taber Art Gallery!** The opening reception was this **Thursday, November 30**. The artwork will be on display for several weeks (until December 14). Please commend the following students whose work was chosen (we could only submit 8): Tia Dwinnell, Brandi LeBlanc, Megan Leone, Kristyn McCreary, Jessica Chapdelaine, Bridgette Archambault, Kylie Biron, & Grace Sinclair. Tia, Megan, & Brandi are Senior Portfolio Art students this year. [Here](#) is a flyer for the event. Click the link below for the awards <https://granbyjrsrhigharts.weebly.com/art-exhibitions-awards.html>
- Class of 2018 fundraiser [calendar](#)
- Class of 2021 [fundraiser](#)

- In partnership with the Granby Police and Fire Departments, school officials are planning a variety of lockdown, shelter in place and evacuation drills which is part of the district's Emergency Operations Plan. These drills are intended to help staff and students practice and review emergency response protocols so we are prepared in the event of an emergency. After all drills we will inform parents/guardians via phone call and/or email that a drill was conducted. Key emergency operations actions that will be used can be found [here](#); these are also posted in all classrooms.
- HOPE Club's December drive is happening now! Please send nonperishable food items and toiletries to help those in need this holiday season. There are teachers offering class incentives for donations. Please see the list of teachers and incentives posted on the bulletin board near the cafeteria.
- Students and staff be sure to wear your holiday sweaters every Friday beginning on December 8, 2017.

Look Ahead

- The Granby School's drama club, *Standing Room Only*, will perform "The High Schooler's Guide to the Galaxy" in the East Meadow School's cafeteria from December 14-17. Performances Thursday-Saturday will begin at 7:00P and Sunday's matinee will begin at 2:00P. [Please click here for show and ticket information.](#)
- Attention Winter Athletes: Pictures will be on Dec 12th @ GHS
- Granby Parks and Recreation Committee's ski and snowboard program begins on January 6, 2018. There are forms available in the GJSHS

Student Support Suite

- Scholarship opportunities are beginning to come in. Seniors should check the listings outside of the Student Support Suite and the cafeteria hallway, as well as the Guidance [webpage](#).

Resources, Supports and other things of interest....

- This [article](#) asks us to consider which of our priorities are urgent and which are most important. Although this relates specifically to education, it was interesting to consider and relevant to all aspects of our lives.

GJSHS ATHLETICS: www.miaa.net

12/9-Boys Basketball vs. South Hadley @ Umass 7:45pm

12/9-Wrestling @ Red Raider Tournament @ Athol High School Departure 6:30 am

12/11-Girls Basketball vs. Chicopee HOME 5:30 & 7pm

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<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/miaa/id987574520?mt=8>

*Raising an athlete? Take a moment to review the article below.

<http://www.appliedsportpsych.org/resources/resources-for-parents/keeping-perspective-in-youth-sport/>