

“Ram Report”

May 25, 2018

Week in Review

- On Wednesday, May 23rd we “crowned” Dylan Gordon (Class of 2019) the 2018 Mr. Granby. All proceeds from this event are being donated to Shriner’s Hospital. This event was planned by Ms. O’Goley’, Ms. Lewinski’s and Ms. Dufrensne’s advisory groups.
- Students in Grade 8 completed their final MCAS exams for the year this week.
- Tuesday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 23 our [TAB student trainers](#) presented units 1-4 of the [Training Active Bystander \(TAB\)](#) curriculum to our 8th grade students. This is a demonstration of our focus on empowering students and working to develop a common language/understanding of what it means to be a safe/welcoming school for all students.
- Students in Grade 10 took the Math MCAS exam this on Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24.
- On Friday, May 25th our 7th grade students hosted our incoming 7th grade (currently 6th grade) students at GJSHS for an [Ice Cream Social](#).
- The Class of 2018 completed their final exams this week. Celebrations and preparations for graduation will begin next week!
- The Junior-High hosted a [Luau](#) (semi-formal) dance on May 18th.

GJSHS “Shoutouts”:

- Thank you to our TAB student trainers who began teaching the TAB curriculum for the first time. The following students have been trained and all taught lessons this week and will complete the 6 unit curriculum with the 8th grade on Tuesday, May 29th:
 - Lilli Dimitropolis
 - Dylan Gordon
 - Braeden Dwinell
 - Bella Bonavita
 - Daniel Mainville
 - Justice Delaney
 - Kurtis Rafferty
 - Efrain Knightly
 - Molly Hoffenberg
 - Cara LeBlanc
 - Kaeleigh Croteau
 - Jordan Healy
- Congratulations to the [Class of 2018](#). Our seniors have committed to the following colleges/universities:
 - Brown University
 - Elms College
 - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

- Green Mountain College
- Hartwick College
- HCC
- Ithaca College
- Merrimack College
- Mount Holyoke College
- Roger Williams University
- Springfield College
- STCC
- Suffolk University
- UMass-Amherst
- University of Maine
- University of Vermont
- Vermont Technical College
- Western New England University
- Westfield State University

Things to know....

- The Granby PTO is raffling off a handmade quilt. On Tuesday, May 29th all students at GJSHS (and West and East Meadow) will receive tickets to sell for this fundraiser. All students are strongly encouraged to participate by selling 6 tickets. All money and sold tickets must be returned to the school's main office no later than Wednesday, June 6th. There will be a cash prize for the student who sells the most tickets at each school and the top 5 ticket sellers at GJSHS will receive breakfast/lunch at a local restaurant of their collective choice. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from any Granby student. Tickets and more information are also available through the PTO and you can contact PTO President Jessica Randall at 413-575-8672 or via email at granbyptopresident@gmail.com. Please support the PTO as they are always available to support our schools, students and staff.
- On Monday, April 23rd the Granby School Committee approved early-dismissal for students for final exams. Friday, June 8th, Monday, June 11th and Tuesday, June 12th will be early dismissal days for students. Wednesday, June 13th (our final day of school) was already planned to be an early dismissal. More details can be found [here](#).
- Students, do you want to begin a career in manufacturing? Learn more about a free 4 week training program by clicking [here](#).
- 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. Click [here](#) to view a letter regarding lockdown drills and emergency operation procedures.

- Granby HOPE CLUB is doing a fundraiser for [Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#). This Drive includes both the Junior/ Senior High School and both Elementary Schools (West Street & East Meadow).
- On Friday, May 18th the 2nd season of the Netflix series *Thirteen Reasons Why* will be released. It is important parents are aware of the content and the impact this show can and may have. This series can be very difficult to watch and even more difficult to process in healthy and appropriate ways. With that said parents/guardians are in the best position to decide if it is appropriate for your child to watch. Here are a few resources you might want to use to discuss this with your students:
 - [13 Reasons Why Talking Points from Suicide Awareness Voices of Education & The JED Foundation](#)
 - [Suicide prevention resource center](#)

Looking Ahead:

- Tuesday, May 29th is the Class of 2018 Banquet for students and faculty at Tony and Penny's at 6:00PM.
- Wednesday, May 30th the Class of 2018 will be taking a field trip to High Meadows.
- Thursday, May 31st all members of the Class of 2018 must be present at GJSHS for graduation rehearsal at 10:00AM.
- Thursday, May 31st is the Senior Awards Night at GJSHS at 6:00PM. All members of the Class of 2018 are expected to be present and family/friends are invited to attend.
- Friday, June 1st all members of the Class of 2018 must be present at GJSHS for graduation rehearsal at 10:00AM. This will be followed by a cookout for the senior class
- Saturday, June 2nd is our Class of 2018 Commencement ceremony at GJSHS. The ceremony will begin at 10:00AM and doors will open at approximately 9:30AM.
- 7th Grade Orientation will be held on August 23rd from 9:00am-2:00pm

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](#).
- The STE High School MCAS is scheduled for June 6-7th.

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

- How do you invest in your own thinking? This [article](#) offers some food for thought...

- Unfortunately, schools across the country are finding ways and resources to combat the uptick in e-cigarettes and vaping among teens. [Here](#) is an resource parents can use to educate themselves as well.

Athletics:

- Check out our new Granby Athletics Twitter Feed [@rams_ghs](#)
- Be sure to check the [MIAA website](#) for rescheduled games
- All student athletes must complete weekly progress reports and submit to their coach on Fridays
- Flickr account for sports' pictures - Search "Granby Rams" or visit the high school website, click the athletics tab and select FLICKR
- Remember NO CLEATS in the building
- Please pack your athlete with a snack for after school
- Download the MIAA APP to be the first to know about cancellations
- Guess what? GAA is partnering with the Granby Athletics Department and revamping the GAA Youth Wrestling Program. If you have inquiries, please feel free to contact Doug Hodgins at: dhodgins@granbyschoolsma.net
- Are you wondering how you can help out? Consider this your invitation to join the Granby Booster Club. Please contact Tammy Sosa at: tammysosa1175@gmail.com
- Silent Auction will take place on August 16th, 2018, @ the Granby Legion. If you are interested in donating a basket, item, etc to the auction, please email: ajordan-gagner@granbyschoolsma.net. Thank you in advance and special thanks to those who have contributed already.
- The Spring Sports Banquet is cancelled. Spring Sports' Teams will be holding their own post season celebration activities. Please see your coach for details on your team specific activities.

Senior Games

Baseball June 3 vs. Ware

In the news: Belchertown Sentinel

[Granby Police Offering Youth Sports' Camp Offerings](#)

Athlete of the week: [Mallory Beauregard](#)