



“Ram Report” February 8, 2019

Week in Review

- GJSHS staff had a faculty meeting on Monday, February 4th.
- The Educator Evaluation work group met on Tuesday, February 5th. The group is making great progress and is hoping to report out to GJSHS and East Meadow staffs in the near future.
- Granby Public Schools are undergoing a technology audit. This audit includes observations, interviews, focus groups, surveys, etc. The audit began on Monday, February 4th. Findings and recommendations will be presented at an upcoming school committee meeting.

Shoutouts

- Looking forward to seeing the Granby Band’s first concert of the 2018-19 school year tonight (Friday, February 8th). We know how much work has been put into planning this event and preparing students.
- Congratulations to the boys’ basketball team who qualified for the Western Massachusetts division IV tournament by earning their 10th win of the season this week.

Things to know...

- Students who have debts in the cafeteria will no longer be able to purchase or charge a la carte items.
- The Strategic Planning Initiative for Families and Youth (SPIFFY), a Hampshire County coalition focused on youth and family well-being, will be conducting the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey (PNAS) at Granby Jr/Sr High School on **Monday, March 4th, 2018** throughout the school day. Eighth, Tenth, and Twelfth graders are surveyed every 2 years in school districts across Hampshire County. The PNAS measures alcohol, tobacco, and drug use, a variety of factors that place students at risk for problem behaviors and factors that protect students from problem behaviors. The purpose of the survey is to gather the information needed to plan important prevention and intervention programs to combat such problems as alcohol, drug use, and violence in our schools and communities. It will also help us judge the effectiveness of our current prevention and intervention efforts. Students may opt-out of the survey at any time. If you do not

want your child(ren) to participate in the survey, please send in a written note to Mrs. Jenks, School Nurse Leader at Granby Jr/Sr High School or email her at njenks@granbyschoolsma.net. Thank you.

- The Granby Wellness Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 13th at 6pm in the Jr/Sr High Library, community members are welcome to attend.

Look Ahead

- **SPIRIT WEEK** is next week, February 11th thru the 15th! Please refer to the signs posted throughout the building as to each day's theme, keeping in mind the school's dress code policy. Monday, Pajama Day; Tuesday, Twin Day; Wednesday, Camo/USA Day; Thursday, Color War (7th Orange, 8th Green, 9th Yellow, 10th Purple, 11th Red, 12thBlack); Friday, Blue & White Day.
- The annual GJSHS Pep Rally is scheduled for Friday, February 15th.
- Students will be dismissed from school at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 15th.
- School is closed for February break the week of February 18-22. Students return to school on Monday, February 25th.
- The band is excited to be holding a concert on February 8th, 2019 at 7PM at East Meadow School for all of the Granby Instrumental Music groups. The concert is free and we would love to see you there!
- Pioneer Valley Driving School will be offering drivers' ed classes at GJSHS from February 19-22 from 8:45AM-3:45PM and February 25-27 from 2:30-4:30PM. A mandatory Parents' Night will be held on February 19th from 6:00-8:00PM. For more details please contact Pioneer Valley Driving School at 413-253-7432.
- Our next advisory will be held on February 15th;
- Distractology is coming to GHS! Click [here](#) to read more about the program.

Student Support Suite

- Ms. Bierden is beginning to schedule individual college planning meetings with juniors and their parents. These meetings will begin the week of March 4th. They will be approximately 30 minutes long with times before school until 3:00PM. Please email Ms. Bierden at sbierden96@granbyschoolsma.net to set up your individual meeting.

Resources, Supports and other things of interest...

- What does "college readiness" look like? This [article](#) details how that might depend where you are.

- Technology is a critical component of student learning in 2019. But, just having the technology is not enough according to this [article](#).

Athletics

- The booster club is looking for volunteers....If you are interested, please email Tammy Sosa at Tammysosa1175@gmail.com
- **Admission prices:**
 - Basketball games \$5 adult \$3 senior citizens/students
- Remember there is no food or drink allowed in the gym during games.
- **The Division 3 Western MA Sectional Wrestling Tournament will be held at Franklin County Technical School this year on Saturday, February 9th.**
- Alumni game will be played on February 18th vs. Ware.
4:30 pm JV Game
6:00 pm ALUMNI GAME
7:30 pm Varsity Game

Senior Games:

Monday February 18th-Boys Basketball vs. Ware
Tuesday February 19th-Girls Basketball vs. Palmer

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Spring Schedules are now posted, please visit MIAA.net for more details.

SPRING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN-ACCESS REGISTRATION VIA THE DISTRICT WEBSITE UNDER "ATHLETICS"

REMEMBER ALL ATHLETES NEED PHYSICALS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS AND UPLOAD TO FAMILY ID.