

“Ram Report”

May 4, 2018

Week in Review

- A group of 13 10th grade students participated in the ELA MCAS field test on Wednesday, May 2nd. This is in preparation for the transition to all computer-based MCAS testing.
- Members of the senior class departed GJSHS on Friday, May 4th for their senior trip. Have fun and be safe!
- 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 are forthcoming.
- Thank you to the Granby PTO for organizing Teacher Appreciation days throughout the week. GJSHS was well fed and appreciates your contribution and support!
- The Class of 2018 celebrated “[Commitment Day](#)” on Tuesday, June 1st. Students wore apparel from the college/university they plan to attend and took a class photo.
- Seniors take off for their senior Trip to [Pennsylvania](#), Have a blast Seniors!

GJSHS “Shoutouts”:

- 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....

- There will be a joint meeting of the School Committee, Selectboard, and Finance Committee on May 7, 7:15 pm, at the Town Hall/Council on Aging building to discuss the FY19 School Budget.
- The Granby PTO and Booster Clubs Spirit store is OPEN! The deadline for ordering is May 15 (https://gptoboost18.itemorder.com/sale?read_message=true)
- The week of May 7th is the National Teacher Appreciation Week. We plan to continue to celebrate our teachers/staff for another week. We have a few small gifts and a raffle planned.
- Want to begin a career in manufacturing? Learn more about a free 4 week training program by clicking [here](#).
- Click the "[Senior Events](#)" link for information about the senior class trip, class dues and more.
- 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.
- Friendly reminder: No food allowed in computer labs.
- GJSHS please make sure you are using your FOB key to enter the school through the door near the Superintendent's office.

Look Ahead.

- Advanced Placement exams will begin the week of May 7th. All students in AP courses must pay the \$15 non-refundable fee and those taking the test should see Mrs. Tease for more information.
 - Wednesday, May 9th at 8:00AM--Literature and Composition Exam
 - Thursday, May 10th at 8:00AM--United States Government and Politics Exam
 - Friday, May 11th at 8:00AM--United States History Exam
 - Friday, May 11th at 12:00PM--Computer Science Principles Exam (students should make arrangements for transportation as it is likely the exam will go beyond our 1:58PM dismissal).
- There is a schoolwide Hour of Power on Wednesday, May 9th.
- Monday, May 14th is an early dismissal day for students. Students will be dismissed at 11:00AM.
- The Junior-High will be hosting a Luau (semi-formal) dance on May 18th

- The junior class will attend a senior class presentation by G&B on May 18 at 1:15pm in the cafe.
- The annual GJSHS Arts Night will be May 10th, 2018 @ 6pm in the GJSHS cafeteria. There will be free food and entertainment. We hope to see you there!

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](#).
- 7th & 8th Grade MCAS will all be computer based testing beginning in April. See schedule below.

MATH
Grade 7 May 7, 8
Grade 8 May 9, 10

SCIENCE
Grade 8 May 22, 23

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

- [Here](#) are ten video trends that enhance the learning experience according to a student survey in the UK.
- [Here](#) is an interesting video about the changing paradigms in education.
- ***New interactive parent guide to the next-generation MCAS: [Click HERE](#)***

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has an interactive next-generation [MCAS guide](#) that provides helpful tips for parents on:

- *how test results are used to support teaching and learning*
- *the ways the next-generation MCAS test better measures the critical skills students need for success in the 21st century*
- *the new scoring categories, and*
- *how to seek support for their child.*

Athletics:

- Picture Day will be on **May 9th**, come in uniform. Pictures will begin at 2:20pm out back

- 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.