

“Ram Report”

April 27, 2018

Week in Review

- Grade 7 and 8 students took the ELA MCAS exams this past week.
- On Thursday, April 26th, Ms. Lesley Mahoney was received her [Pioneer Valley Excellence](#) in Teaching Award at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. This was a well-deserved honor for Ms. Mahoney. Congratulations!
- 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.

GJSHS “Shoutouts”:

- [Tianna Dwinell \(Class of '18\)](#) is the recipient of the Father Robert R. Wagner Memorial Scholarship. The goal of this scholarship is to remember JERICHO’s founder Father Bob Wagner, and to encourage and assist those who wish to follow in his footsteps by bringing dignity, respect, and wholeness to the lives of persons with disabilities. Tia was celebrated at JERICHO’s annual “Recognition Day”, where they honor and thank individuals and local businesses for their contributions toward enhancing and expanding the lives of people with different abilities. Sister Joan Magnani, ssj, Executive Director of Jericho, presented Tia with the scholarship at this special celebration, which was held at the Summit View Banquet House on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

In the news:

[Budget talks](#)

[Sports Action](#)

Things to know....

- 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 April 30 is Educator Appreciation Week. The Granby PTO is looking for parents and families to help show our appreciation for everything Granby school staff does to support our youth. Click on the link to see how you can help out... <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c054faeaf28a0f58-granby1>
- 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.

- There is a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2019 on Monday, April 30th at 6:30P at GJSHS. There will be a School Committee meeting to follow the public hearing.
- 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.
- All Advanced Placement students will be completing the pre-administration for the AP exam on Tuesday, May 1st.
- The Junior-High will be hosting a 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.
- Tuesday, May 1 is Commitment Day for our Seniors. Remember to show your support and dress to impress.
- Arts Night will be May 10th, 2018 @6pm

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....

- With the end of the school year fast approaching, it is important we consider ways to finish strong. This [article](#) includes a few ideas about how that can be done.
- ***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
- Remember, NO PARKING ON THE FIELDS
- 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, location TBD. 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.