



## “Ram Report” December 1

### Week in Review

- On Monday, November 27th, GJSHS was placed in a shelter-in-place due to a student who became agitated and aggressive in the guidance office. School officials received reports that the student may have had a knife and immediately began to investigate. When approached the student was noncompliant and became verbally and physically aggressive. The School Resource Officer and school administration made multiple unsuccessful attempts to de-escalate the student. The student took a knife out of his bag and approached the School Resource Officer in a threatening manner. The School Resource Officer did take out his firearm as the student approached. Additional units from the Granby Police Department arrived at GJSHS and with their support the student was taken into custody without further incident. On Tuesday, November 28th, school administration held meetings with staff and all students to discuss the incident. The major points of emphasis were:
  - The situation was isolated to a specific space in the building the entire time.
  - It is important that if students, or adults, see or hear something that causes any concern at all, they should say something immediately.
  - We are fortunate to have such a positive relationship with the Granby Police Department, especially having a Resource Officer in our schools who is committed to the safety of our staff and students, and security of our school building.
  - We conduct drills (shelter-in-place, fire drill, evacuation, etc.) for situations just like this. It is critical that drills are taken seriously so we can best prepare for anything that might happen in our school or in our community. Everytime we conduct a drill, or deal with a situation that causes us to shelter, lockdown, or evacuate, it must be taken seriously because that is how we can be best prepared.
  - The Student Support Suite is a place that is always available to students who need any type of support (academic, social-emotional, etc.) and/or report any concerns they may have regarding the school or community.
- 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://granbyjrshigharts.weebly.com/art-exhibitions-awards.html>

### Things to know....

- Class of 2018 fundraiser [calendar](#)
- Class of 2021 [fundraiser](#)
- For all fundraisers we accept cash or check. If paying in change students must speak to the staff member running the fundraiser to see how that money is expected to be submitted.
- Attention advisors: *ALL coins should be converted to paper money whenever possible and/or rolled prior to submitting it for deposit for all fundraiser/club activities?*
- 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.
- Below are 3 yearbook announcements:
  - Parents the deadline for the parent PDA (public displays of affection) ads has been extended to Dec. 8th.
  - This Yearbook [letter](#) goes over the size/price options for yearbook ads.
  - Yearbooks are now available for purchase. The website for Jostens is [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). The buyer would then enter Granby and a list will pop up and you click on our school and follow the instructions from there. If anyone has questions they can email me.
- The PTO Vendor Fair is Saturday, December 2 at GJSHS from 9:00A-1:00P. Please click on the links for more information about the [PTO Vendor Fair](#) and [Marrow Donor Drive](#)
- 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.
- HOPE is also having a Candy Gram fundraiser during lunches. This fundraiser will help to provide foster children their holiday wish list. This will run through December 8th.
- Attention Winter Athletes: Pictures will be on Dec 12th @ GHS

- Winter athletes will be completing concussion training next week. Basketball and wrestling will report to Room 109 on Monday.
- All USER FEES ARE DUE BY 1st GAMES, NO PAYMENT=NO PLAY

### **Look Ahead**

- The Cotillion is on Saturday, December 2 from 6-11 at the Knights of Columbus in Chicopee (not the Castle)
- Our next Peacebuilders/Advisory is Friday, December 8th. *Please send your child with a non-perishable food item to Advisory. The advisory with the most amount of donated items will win a pizza party.*
- The next meeting for the District Strategic Planning team is Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00P.
- Fall Athletes will be completing a sports' surveys next week. The purpose of the survey is to provide feedback for suggestions and improvements.
- Be sure to wear your holiday sweaters every Friday beginning on December 8

### **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....**

- Have you ever thought about how you can change the world? Well, this project asks teens to do just that. Click [here](#) for more information. 5 winners will be awarded \$1,000 "to do something noble".

Our calendar will be viewable beginning on Monday December 4th