



“Ram Report” November 2, 2018

Week in Review

- On Wednesday October 31st GJSHS in partnership with Granby PD/Fire and the Lions Club hosted the annual [Trick-or-Treat](#) around the spooky hallway of the high school. Thank you to all who volunteered and attended this fun community event!
- GJSHS hosted a Halloween costume contest on Wednesday, October 31st. This was for students in grades 7-9. There were prizes, opportunities for photos, music and more.

Shoutouts

- Congratulations to Nora Young (% 2020) who scored her 100th career point for the Granby Girls' Soccer team on Monday, October 29th in a 2-1 victory at Holyoke.
- Senior Kylie Biron is leading a fundraiser to support all who were impacted by Hurricane Michael. Click [here](#) for information on how you can support this cause.
- Granby Girls' Soccer is the #1 seed in the Girls' Division IV Western Massachusetts tournament. The girls will play Monday November 5th at 2:30pm. Admission will be \$5 per car.
- Last week, Eva Bartosz had her first swim meet of the season. On her 50 yard freestyle, she became the first girl on her team to have a time below 30 seconds. Her time was 29.55, the next lowest time was 31.32, congrats!!!

Things to know...

- Tuesday, November 6th is a regular day of school. It is election day, but school will be open as usual. Please send your students to school and vote! Students must park in the faculty lot similar to the parking situation during the Special Olympics day.
- Mt. Holyoke is offering “A Day Full of Mathematical Fun” on November 10, 2018 from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Registration begins at 9:30AM in the Kendade Atrium. There will be math games, interactive workshops and lunch will be provided. The target audience for the workshops will be middle school students. [Here](#) is the flyer.
- Student parking and athletic fees are due and must be submitted through FamilyID. Please make sure these fees are paid.

- The Granby Lions is hosting a Pancake Breakfast to Benefit the Scholarship Fund & the Granby Community Association on Saturday November 10th, 7-10am at the Church of Christ, 235 State Street in Granby. Tickets are \$5.00, Kids 5 and under are FREE. Stop in the main office at the High School to purchase tickets.
- There is information regarding senior parent ads for the yearbook in the main office.
- The Booster Club is running a fundraiser. If you'd like to purchase a "Proud Granby Athlete Supporter" [sign](#), please contact Tammy Sosa via email at tammysosa1175@gmail.com or have your student stop by the main office for more information.
- The Crossfit Club is meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00-8:00PM.
- The Granby Public Schools Wellness Committee has scheduled their meetings for the year. Any and everyone are welcome to attend any of the meetings. Hope to see you there! The meeting dates, time and location are:
 - Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 2:45pm-3:45pm, Granby Jr/Sr High School Library
 - Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 2:45pm-3:45pm, Granby Jr/Sr High School Library
 - Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 2:45pm-3:45pm, Granby Jr/Sr High School Library
- October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. <https://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect-toolkit>
- The HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere) club is preparing for **two fundraisers**. Click [here](#) for a flyer for one of the fundraisers.
- HOPE is also asking for food donations for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. This drive is connected with our wonderful student Ariana Klekotka who works with Project 351 to end hunger.
- Students should take a look at the 2019 Massachusetts Safe Jobs for Youth poster contest [entry and release form](#), [flyer](#) and [helpful tips](#).
- Visit [Chipotle](#) at Memorial Drive in Chicopee on Saturday November 3rd from 4-8pm to support the Junior class.
- [Grab-n-Go Meals](#) Friday November 16th, for more info, click here.
- The Student Advisory Council will be meeting on November 7th during F block.

Look Ahead

- Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for November 13th and 14th. If you'd like to set a meeting with one of your students' teachers please contact Mrs. Linda Tease at 413-467-7106.

- Students will be dismissed at 11:00AM on November 13th and 14th for parent/teacher conferences. The cafeteria will be open to students during all half-days this year. They will have breakfast and lunch offerings from 9:57-10:10AM. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.
- There is no school on Monday, November 12th. Schools will be closed in observance of Veterans' Day.
- Grades close for the first quarter on Wednesday, November 7th. We expect updated grades for quarter 1 will be available on the Portal on shortly after. Hard copies of report cards will be distributed on Tuesday, November 13th.
- **Be a [PeaceBuilder](#) and Help the AYJ Fund collect items for children with cancer!**
- The AYJ Fund hopes to fill 200 string backpacks to kids undergoing cancer treatment over the 2018 holiday season.
- Mark your calendars because Santa is coming to Granby. The PTO is hosting a Pancake dinner with Santa on November 30th. More information will follow.

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....

- [Here](#) is an article on some teachers' perspectives of "Generation Z" and what we think we know about them.
- The [MCAS resource center](#) is available for students, teachers, parents and anyone else who might be interested in learning about the Massachusetts competency determination. We are a long way from the 7th, 8th and 10th grade MCAS assessments this year, but it is never too early to learn what to expect.

Athletics

---> The booster club is looking for volunteers....If you are interested, please email Tammy Sosa at Tammysosa1175@gmail.com

****Fall Sports' Award Night: November 19th 5-6:30pm in the Cafeteria***

****To make a payment on Family ID, simply log back into your account and click “summary”.***

****Winter sports registration will open soon.***

What is the Booster Club?

Booster clubs are organizations in schools at the high school and university level. The clubs are generally **run and organized by the parents of the students** in the supported organization in high schools. At the high school level, school administrators cannot be involved in the booster club organization except approving activities held at the high school.

Our main function is to **develop support for the student program and raise funds** to supplement shrinking public support as a result of budget cuts.

Here are some examples of what the booster club does to raise money:

1. Raffles held at sporting events for an item(s)
2. Selling clothing, such as t-shirts, with the school's name and mascot on it
3. Sale of concessions at games, tournaments, or another athletic event
4. Hosting seasonal banquets for the sports teams/coaches

By volunteering with the Booster Club, you bring fresh ideas as well as helping to support your child(s) team while helping the program succeed.

GAA Wrestling Program Grades 2-6 elementary students

This Program is designed to introduce boys and girls to the sport of wrestling.

It will consist of 12 practice sessions taking place at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School wrestling room.

The practice sessions will be Tuesday-Friday starting on Tuesday October 30th and ending on Friday November 16th from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM.

There will be no practice on Halloween, October 31st.

Sweat pants or shorts, T shirt and sneakers should be worn for the practice.

Cost for the program is \$30.00 per child and includes a T shirt

For questions call Doug Hodgins (413-314-0450) or Jeff Isabelle (857-303-5178)

“After Wrestling, everything in life is easy”