

# TW@Granby Ram Report

## September 25th-29th



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Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	FRIDAY 29
	Granby Drama Club 2:30-5p East Meadow Regis- tration Night	Department Hour of Power	Student Advisory Council Meeting	Grades submitted to Ms. Tease  Fall Fest For Middle School Students

### → Athletic Events:

Boys soccer  
vs. Gateway  
AWAY  
4pm

XC vs.  
Southwick  
AWAY

Fall Athletics  
Picture Day  
2pm

Girls Soccer vs.  
Central 3:30  
AWAY

Boys Soccer  
vs. South  
Hadley 4pm  
HOME

Girls Soccer  
vs. Palmer  
HOME 4pm

GOLF  
Hopkins @  
Southwick

Boys JV Soccer  
vs. Southwick  
HOME 4pm

9/30  
Boys Soccer  
vs. Athol  
3:30 AWAY

GOLF  
Hopkins @  
Pioneer

GOLF  
Hopkins @  
Frontier

Friday Night  
Football  
Schedule:  
Check Amherst  
Hurricanes on  
MIAA

**Fall Sports**  
**#GORAMS**

Colleges visiting GJSHS:

*Monday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m.*

**PROGRESS REPORTS:**  
**OCTOBER 2ND**

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## Week in Review

On Wednesday, September 20 the full faculty participated in our first school-wide Hour of Power (professional learning) of the school year. The focus of this session was on supporting our English Learners in all classes. Jamie Lewinski facilitated the session and planned an activity aimed at helping the adults in the building get an idea of what a classroom might feel like for an English Learner. Teachers left the session with some resource they can use to support all students in their content areas. Following this session, teachers had some time to implement some of their learning into lesson/unit plans, finish their annual Student Support and Professional Practice goals, work on their Educator Plan, or review 504s and IEPs.

On Thursday, September 21, we had our first School Council meeting. The School Council is comprised of students, parents/guardians, faculty and staff. We are still looking for members from all categories. Please reach out to Mr. Sullivan ([ssullivan@granbyschoolsma.net](mailto:ssullivan@granbyschoolsma.net)) if you are interested in joining and/or have questions about the school council. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26 at 3:30P in the Library/Media Center.

On Thursday, September 21, the September PTO meeting was held at 6PM in the Library/Media Center. The PTO has reached out to GJSHS administration and staff in an effort to build a stronger partnership between the PTO and the Jr/Sr. High School. We at GJSHS are thankful that the PTO has extended this invitation and look forward to establishing a solid partnership moving forward.

## Things to know....

*Substance Use Prevention Education Training for Middle Schools: The Department of Public Health is funding professional development in the Life Skills Training Program for middle schools across the Commonwealth. Life Skills Training is an evidence-based program that reduces rates of substance misuse. The training, curriculum, and student supplies are available free of charge. [Register online](#), or email [Kathleen.Herr-Zaya@state.ma.us](mailto:Kathleen.Herr-Zaya@state.ma.us) for further information.*

All students will report to their Advisory on Monday, October 2nd at 1:50P to receive Progress Reports. Any undelivered Progress Reports need to be returned to Mrs. Tease in the Student Support Suite.

Student advisory council will have its first meeting with Mr. Sullivan on Thursday, September 28. It is important we have diverse representation, so if you are or know a student who is interested please have them see Mr. Sullivan. More details will be provided to staff early next week.

## **Student Support Suite**

The PSAT exam will be given Wednesday, October 11 from 7:30–11:30A at GJSHS. All sophomores and juniors interested in taking this exam should sign up with Mrs. Tease in the Student Support Suite. The cost is \$20. We will accept cash or a check made out to the Town of Granby. Space is limited so remember to sign up early.

**College Visits: UMass-Amherst is visiting on Tuesday, September 26 at 8:00 a.m.**

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

In continuing with the theme of our professional learning this week this is a link to the [WIDA](#) website. This is a good resource and will allow you to begin to dig deeper into the WIDA standards, Can Do descriptors, language development, ACCESS 2.0 and much more.

Here is [DESE's](#) EL Curriculum and Instruction page. Check out the collaboration tool--it is incredibly useful.

- GJSHS will once again host Halloween on October 31. In partnership with the Granby Police and Fire departments, Lions Club and PTO we will have games, activities and trick or treating for the youth of the community. Please know donations of candy cannot be accepted, but other donations are welcome. Contact Officer James White at 413-467-7104 if you have questions about donations.
- Families of 7th & 8th Graders, please mark your calendars for Friday, September 29. The Jr. High Student Council will be hosting a Welcome Back Celebration for the students from 6:30 – 8:30 at the school. The Junior High Harvest Hoedown will have Dancing, Games, Snacks, Hot Cider, Pumpkin Decorating and more. You can check the school's website for the flyer. The cost is \$5 and tickets will be sold at lunch all next week or at the event. The dress is casual and it will be an inside/outside event. We hope to see your child there!
- This [video](#) will not let you forget that we are all students and teachers. It is important we encourage the young people in our homes and school to know that they learning is a two way street and we learn from them as much as they learn from us.