



“Ram Report” March 15, 2019

Week in Review

- Blizzard Bag #3 was due on Monday, March 11th.
- NHS members visited Springfield College to participate in a day of activities all related to the four pillars of National Honor Society (Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character).
- GJSHS conducted a lockdown drill on Monday, March 11th. The drill lasted approximately 10 minutes and students and teachers had an opportunity to discuss our emergency operations protocols.
- Teachers new to Granby participated in a district-wide mentor meeting on Tuesday, March 12th. This is a continuation of the rollout of our new mentor and induction plan.

Shoutouts

- Congratulations to the GAA 7/8th grade boys' basketball team on winning their championship against Palmer this past week. There are a number of GJSHS students on this team and we are very proud of their accomplishment.

Things to know...

- Drama Club audition sign-ups for our spring performance, “Most Likely to Succeed”, are located outside the main office. Student can check their email, or speak to Ms. Van Over, for more information. Students and parents all received an email with additional information.
- GJSHS is bringing back our Student(s) of the Month. Our past practice is to have one high school student, one 8th grade student and one 7th grade student nominated by and voted on by GJSHS faculty. This is how selections will be made for the remainder of this school year, but we are always open to suggestions and feedback that might improve the process. Our Student(s) of the Month nominees are expected to personify the values that are the foundation of a strong community--integrity, service to others, kindness, respect--are just a few examples. It is important we recognize students who live this values daily and contribute to GJSHS being the strong and positive community that we are all fortunate to be a part of. Congratulations to this month's honorees. We will be

contacting you all with our plans on how you will be recognized for this honor. The next Students of the Month will be identified in late March.

- 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.
- AP exam fees are due no later than May 1st. Please see Mr. Sullivan or Mrs. Tease with questions.
- Pioneer Valley Driving school will once again be offering classes at GJSHS during the April Beak. For more details, please contact Pioneer Valley Driving School 413.253.7432.
- COURSE SELECTION SHEET MEETINGS will take place for grades 9, 10, and 11 on Wednesday, March 20th as follows: Grade 11 - 7:50 - 8:19 a.m. ; Grade 10 - 8:40 - 9:10a.m. ; Grade 9 - 9:25 - 9:55 a.m..

Look Ahead

- Elections for 2019-2020 Student Government positions will take place on Tuesday, March 19th.
- Spring sports tryouts begin on Monday, March 18th. Please make sure you're registered, with an up to date physical, on FamilyID before trying out.
- GJSHS staff has a faculty meeting on Monday, March 18th at 2:10P (location TBD). This meeting will be focused on upcoming MCAS testing and test administration.
- The Granby Fields Committee is coordinating its annual Spring cleanup day at the Granby High School Athletic Field on Saturday, March 23, 2018 starting at 9:30am.

We have a lot of work to do again this year with some of the major items below:

- Complete the setup of the batting cages
- Clean out the pavilion
- Install the Varsity baseball and softball field home run fences
- Rake and groom fields
- Move bleachers / benches / tables
- plus an assortment of misc items

What should you bring / what do we need?

- Your kids and/or players
 - Shovels, a lot of rakes and wheel barrels
 - Push brooms for dugouts
 - Metal ties/twists and pliers to repair backstop/dugout fencing coming loose
- Distractology is coming to GHS! Click [here](#) to read more about the program.
 - There will be a meeting with TAB trainers on Tuesday, March 19th during C block.
 - The Jr. STUCO will be hosting a School Spirit Dance for all 7-9 graders on Friday, March 22 from 6:00 - 8:00

Student Support Suite

- Ms. Bierden is beginning to schedule individual college planning meetings with juniors and their parents. These meetings began the week of March 4th. They will be approximately 30 minutes long with times before school until 3:00PM. Please email Ms. Bierden at sbierden96@granbyschoolsma.net to set up your individual meeting.

Resources, Supports and other things of interest...

- MCAS is fast approaching of our 7, 8 and 10th grade students. [Here](#) is a MCAS parent guide.
- As the use of technology as an educational tool grows, we can't forget that the integration of technology is a process not a destination. This [podcast](#) highlights some of the key points of that thinking.

Athletics

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

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Spring Schedules are now posted, please visit MIAA.net for more details.

Tryouts begin March 18th, 2109

2:30-4 baseball inside

4-530 girl lax outside

3-5 volleyball inside @ East Meadow after dismissal

530-700 softball inside

2-4 boys lax outside

REMEMBER ALL ATHLETES NEED PHYSICALS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS AND UPLOAD TO FAMILY ID.

There will be a mandatory Spring Sports Informational meeting on Tuesday March 19th, 2019 at 7pm in the cafeteria. It is important that you and your athletes attend the meeting. During the meeting we will be discussing athletic & school policies.