



“Ram Report” March 2, 2018

Week in Review

- GJSHS students returned to school from February vacation on Monday, February 26th. While the vacation was relaxing for the most part, GJSHS did have to deal with an alleged threat against the school. Mr. Sullivan met with the staff early Monday morning and read this statement to the school on Monday afternoon. School security and safety continues to be our top priority and we will continue to schedule drills, have conversations and discuss security measures to ensure our students and staff have a safe environment in which to learn and work.
- Progress Reports were sent home on Wednesday, February 28th for all GJSHS students.
- **Ms. Lesley Mahoney Receives 2018 Harold Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award.** Lesley Mahoney has been selected by the Granby Public Schools as a 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner. As our lead and sole teacher in the Structured Learning Center (SLC), Lesley is responsible for working with students with complex and diverse challenges. Lesley’s positive and supportive nature helps her earn the trust of the students she works with and that is the foundation for helping them find and meet their potential academically, socially and emotionally. The SLC serves students of all ages, grade levels and abilities which requires Lesley to be proficient in educating multiple grade levels and diverse, wide ranging curricula. The SLC is in its second year and Lesley has essentially created its academic model and supports from scratch. Lesley collaborates frequently and effectively with many colleagues and has earned great respect from her colleagues from Granby and partner organizations. If all of this is not enough, Lesley also teaches one section of Psychology/Sociology in a general education setting, is the adviser for the class of 2019 and 2021, and is always willing to support students and organizations in Granby. Lesley will be honored at a banquet for Excellence in Teaching Award Winners at the Log Cabin in Holyoke on Thursday, April 26, 2018.

GJSHS “Shoutouts”:

- Here is a [picture](#) senior Tia Dwinnell and her art professor from Amherst College. Tia and Brandi LeBlanc participated in a Saturday morning art class for 16 Saturdays. It is great to see our students performing well in college classes while they’re still high school students.
- Granby Girls Basketball team was seeded 4th in the Western Massachusetts tournament. Unfortunately, the girls lost a hard fought game to fifth seeded Greenfield on

Thursday, March 1st. It was the final game for seniors Mallory Beauregard and Emily Mainville. It was a great season for the girls and with a majority of the team set to return for the 2018-19 season the future is bright!

Things to know....

- There is no school for students on Monday, March 5th as teachers will be in Professional Development..
- The Granby School Committee is scheduled to continue their conversation about the FY19 budget at their next meeting on Monday, March 5th.
- The Granby PTO has their next meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 5:30P in the GJSHS Library.
- Big Y's Education Express is a family program to help local schools get free equipment and supplies. You can click [here](#) for more information. It should only take a few minutes to log in and select your school, as long you already have an account. Otherwise, an account would need to be set up, and then the school may be selected.
- Seniors: Your class officers are asking that you submit school appropriate photos for the senior slideshow. You can email photos to the class officers by the end of March so there is time to create a great slideshow.
- 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.

Look Ahead

- The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be conducting a District Review in Granby March 5-7th. The review will consist of interviews, focus groups, classroom observations and more.
- The Granby Fields Committee is coordinating its annual Spring cleanup day at the Granby High School Athletic Field on Saturday, March 10, 2018 starting at 9:30am. All are welcome.
- The student advisory council will be at the Senior Center on Monday, March 5th to help serve lunch and visit with seniors. This event was planned entirely by the members of the advisory council.
- As part of the district nurse's goal related to technology addiction, we are offering a few viewings of "Screenagers". Students in grades 6-12 will have an opportunity to watch the movie during school in April, but there is also a viewing scheduled for the community on

March 28th at 6:00P at East Meadow School. For [parent information](#) or to see the [poster](#) marketing the community viewing you can click on the links.

- The International [Save a Life Tour](#) is the nation's most advanced and high-impact Safe Driving Awareness Program. The program will begin held on **March 6th, 2018** at Granby Jr/Sr High School. If you would like additional information, please click the link below.
- [Save A Life tour](#) schedule

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.

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

- In the wake of another tragic and violent school event this week, it is important that we keep student safety and security at the forefront of our minds. This [site](#) offers some tips for talking to young people about violence.

Athletics:

- Check out our new Granby Athletics Twitter Feed [@rams_ghs](#)
- Visit our Flickr album for sports photos.
- Be sure to check the [MIAA website](#) for rescheduled games
- Spring schedules are complete, visit the MIAA for schedules
- All student athletes must complete weekly progress reports and submit to their coach on Fridays
- Flickr account for sports' pictures - Search "Granby Rams"
- Spring Sports Registration will take place on **March 6th, 2018 from 3-5pm** in the cafe.
- Registration packets are available in the main office. An updated physical needs to be on file in order for athletes to tryout.
- Winter Banquet date **3/20/18, pizza will be served.**
- [Granby Girls B-Ball vs. Greenfield](#)