



“Ram Report” April 13, 2018

Week in Review

- On Friday, April 13th students in grades 6-12 viewed [Screenagers](#). This is part of our work to educate students, families and the community about technology addiction and the impact it can have on individuals and families. The viewing was followed by a grade level discussion in students’ advisories.
- On Wednesday, April 11th in collaboration with Granby Police Department and Massachusetts State Police our school was placed in a teach/shelter in place in order for the K-9 units to conduct a search of the building and parking lots. This was not done due to a specific concern, but as another measure of safety and security for students, staff and our school community. Searches like this are also an opportunity for the Massachusetts State Police K-9 units to familiarize themselves with our school in case their presence is ever required for an emergency situation. All but three classrooms were interrupted during this exercise.
- Today at Granby Junior/Senior High School, we celebrated Margaret Cox as she turned 100. Students showered Ms. Cox with cards, balloons, and cupcakes. We even had time to sit for a picture. [Click here to view photos from the celebration.](#)

GJSHS “Shoutouts”:

- [Ariana Klekotka \(2022\)](#) ran a clothing and toy drive for Project 351. Ariana collected toys, diapers, clothes and more. She collected over 14 bags of clothes and more to donate to local children in need.
- Congratulations to Rachel Netta (Class of 2018) for being named team MVP and All league for skiing in our coop program with Pope Francis High School.

In the news: Lots of coverage in the paper this week

1. **[Basketball selections:](#)**
[Congrats are in order! Mallory, Ryan and Nora!!!](#)
2. **[Check out the Granby Police Department Summer Camp Offerings](#)**
[Sign up today!](#)
3. **[Softball Article:](#)**
[A grounder by Julia Gauvin](#)
4. **[Boys lax article](#)**

Things to know....

- Want to begin a career in manufacturing? Learn more about a free 4 week training program by clicking [here](#).
- 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.
- Click the "[Senior Events](#)" link for information about the senior class trip, class dues and more. This [link](#) has the due dates for Senior fundraisers.
- 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. Click [here](#) to view a letter regarding lockdown drills and emergency operation procedures.
- Friendly reminder: No food allowed in computer labs.
- GJSHS please make sure you are using your FOB key to enter the school through the door near the Superintendent's office.

Look Ahead.

- GJSHS staff has a departmental Hour of Power on Wednesday, April 25th.
- April school vacation is April 16-20th.
- Pioneer Valley Driving School is offering Driver's Ed classes at GJSHS during the April Vacation. SThe Autism Awareness Volleyball Tournament is Friday, April 13th. Hope to see you there.

- Advanced Placement exams will begin the week of May 7th. All students in AP courses must pay the \$15 non-refundable fee and those taking the test should see Mrs. Tease for more information.

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. See schedule below.

ELA

Grade 7 April 24, 25

Grade 8 April 26, 27

MATH

Grade 7 May 7, 8

Grade 8 May 9, 10

SCIENCE

Grade 8 May 22, 23

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

- Click [here](#) to read about 10 Ways to pay less for college. This is something that could be helpful to students and parents.
- ***New interactive parent guide to the next-generation MCAS: [Click HERE](#)***

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has an interactive next-generation [MCAS guide](#) that provides helpful tips for parents on:

- *how test results are used to support teaching and learning*
- *the ways the next-generation MCAS test better measures the critical skills students need for success in the 21st century*
- *the new scoring categories, and*
- *how to seek support for their child.*

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
- All student athletes must complete weekly progress reports and submit to their coach on Fridays
- Flickr account for sports' pictures - Search "Granby Rams"
- Remember NO CLEATS in the building
- Please pack your athlete with a snack for after school
- Download the MIAA APP to be the first to know about cancellations
- Remember, NO PARKING ON THE FIELDS
- A little baseball action, thanks for the pictures Mrs. White, see link below
- <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmhzRdZY>
- Guess what? GAA is partnering with the Granby Athletics Department and revamping the GAA Youth Wrestling Program. If you have inquiries, please feel free to contact Doug Hodgins at: dhodgins@granbyschoolsma.net
- Are you wondering how you can help out? Consider this your invitation to join the Granby Booster Club. Please contact Tammy Sosa at: tammysosa1175@gmail.com
- Picture Day will be on **May 9th**, come in uniform. Pictures will begin at 2:20pm out back