



“Ram Report” January 5, 2018

Week in Review

- Happy New Year! We at GJSHS are hoping for a healthy, happy and productive 2018 for everyone.
- Students and staff returned to school on Tuesday, January 2nd.
- We had our first cancellation due to weather of the 2017-18 school year on Thursday, January 4th. This was our first time using our Blizzard Bag pilot and despite some bumps in the road it went well. Approximately 65% of students logged into their PlusPortal account to check assignments between Wednesday evening (when the cancellation was announced) and Thursday night. The 7th grade was especially impressive with more than 80% of students logging on to their portal.

Things to know....

- Students should take a moment to log into their student portal account, in anticipation of future snow days. Blizzard bag activities will be posted on the Portal. If any student needs assistance they should see Ms. Tease in the Student Support Suite. Please take a moment to review the parent letter on [“Blizzard Bags”](#).
- To access PlusPortals students must go to the Granby Public Schools website (<https://www.granbyschoolsma.org/>) and click PlusPortals in the upper right hand corner of the homepage. This will prompt them to log into their personal account. The portal can be accessed the same way by parents.
- Class of 2021 [fundraiser](#)
- Pioneer Valley Driving School will be offering drivers education classes during February vacation. Please see Mrs. Lacoste for more information. There will be additional classes during the April school vacation.
- 2nd semester grades are scheduled to close on Friday, January 19th.

Look Ahead

- GJSHS teachers session #2 of Yoga for Educators kicks off on January 8th at 2:15P. The cost will be \$50 for the 5 weeks. For those that haven't signed up, but are interested you can click [here](#) to sign up. Due to some Monday holidays and meetings, the schedule for this session is as follows:

Monday, January 8th
Tuesday, January 16th
Monday, January 29th
Monday, February 5th
Tuesday, February 13th

- GJSHS teachers have their next school-based Hour of Power scheduled for Wednesday, January 10th at 2:10P. More information is forthcoming.
- Next Peacebuilders/Advisory block will be held on January 12th.
- The next District Strategic Planning session is on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:30P.
- On January 30th, Henny Lewin; a Holocaust survivor is coming to Granby Jr/Sr High School to do a presentation on the Holocaust, life after the Holocaust and how the Holocaust impacted her family. She will be presenting to the 7th and 8th grade students.

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....

- [The Marshall Memo](#) is a weekly update of hot topics and research in K-12 education. There is an annual subscription fee, but it is a fantastic resource.
- Our latest venture into e-learning, Blizzard Bags, got me thinking about what does e-learning look like on a greater scale. [Here](#) is an interesting perspective on the future of classroom learning.

Athletics:

- Check out our new Granby Athletics Twitter Feed [@rams_ghs](#)
- 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

