

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> No School <i>Girls Soccer vs. Amherst 4pm</i>	<i>10</i> Class Rings Orders <i>XC -AWAY</i>	<i>11</i> PSAT's 7:30	<i>12</i> Student Advisory Council meeting	<i>13</i> Advisory/PB <i>Boys Soccer vs. Mohawk AWAY</i>	<i>14</i> AP English @ West Side
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> School Committee Meeting <i>Boys soccer vs. Pioneer 4pm H</i>	<i>17</i> <i>XC meet</i> <i>Girls Soccer vs. Amherst A 4pm & 5:30</i> <i>Boys Soccer vs. Smith 4pm</i>	<i>18</i> Picture Day Retakes *HOP <i>Girls Soccer vs. BHS 5:30/7</i> <i>Sup. Task Force</i>	<i>19</i> <i>School Council 3:30-4:30</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Cap & Gown Measurements</i> <i>HOME</i> <i>Girls Soccer vs. Hampshire 4pm</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Booster Club Bootle Drive</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Boys Soccer vs. Renaissance H 4pm</i> <i>Staff Meeting</i>	<i>24</i> <i>PAC 6:30-8pm</i>	<i>25</i> *HOP dept. <i>Super. Task Force Mtg. 6:30</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Winter Sports</i> <i>Reg. 2-5</i> <i>@GHS</i> <i>SAC mtg. 8:20</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Halloween Dance</i> <i>MS Dance</i> <i>GMPA Grab-n-go Pick up</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Umass Band Day</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> Halloween Trick-Or-Treat 3:30-5:00	Nov 1- Grades Close *Principal's List	<i>MIAA.net shows games 24th on...</i>		

Week in Review:

- Progress Reports were distributed on Monday, October 2nd.
- Student pictures were distributed over the past two weeks. Re-takes are scheduled for Wednesday, October 18.
- Thank you to all the students and staff who helped make the Harvest Hoedown such a great event for our Junior High School students on Friday, September 29.

Things to know...

- GJSHS is closed on Monday, October 9 for Columbus Day. Enjoy the long weekend!
- Winter sport sign-ups are posted outside the main office. Students can sign up during morning break or lunch. The deadline for sign-ups is Friday, October 13.

**Parents we at GJSHS are working hard to improve our communication with parents and families. As you may know, one means of communication we are using is PlusPortals. PlusPortals is a program that allows teachers to communicate a student's grades, assignments, resources, etc. to parents and students. This is something both parents and students have access to. Grades should not be a surprise on the days when Progress Reports and Report Cards are distributed; you can now stay up to date as often as you'd like. We want to see if this resource is effective and improve in areas it is not. Click [here](#) to fill out a very short (5 minutes max.) survey. Your feedback is appreciated!

I created a very short survey (I know they are the WORST!) to get some feedback from you so we can plan our support accordingly. Click [here](#) for the survey—I promise it will not take more than 2 minutes.

- Students who received free/reduced lunch in 2016 - 2017 that had not yet been approved for the current school year will continue to receive that benefit until October 13th. In order to receive benefits beyond that date, parents need to either submit a new application, unless they were pre-approved by the state. Students/parents that have not yet submitted an application or received a pre-approved letter from the state must submit an application to continue receiving benefits after October 13th.
- Granby Public Schools are partnering with Neighbors helping Neighbors this year and we wanted to share some information [here](#). People may not realize that despite this resource being located in South Hadley it is available to Granby families.

Look Ahead

*We have our second advisory of the 2017-18 school year planned for Friday, October 13th.

*Class ring orders will be taken Tuesday, October 10 during lunches in the cafeteria. A \$50 deposit is requested when placing your order. Order packets are available in the main office or at jostens.com.

- The PSAT exam will be given Wednesday, October 11 from 7:30–11:30A at GJSHS.
- Principal's List invitations were sent out to families last week. Please RSVP in the main office as soon as possible.

Resources, Supports and other things of interest...This [blog](#) from Principal William Burkhead (Monomoy Regional High School) is another reminder of the incredible impact we (educators, parents, guardians, etc.) have on young people.

What is school for? This [video](#) is one person's idea and whether you agree or disagree, it certainly makes you think.

Student Support Suite:

College/University visits scheduled for the week of October 10:

Tuesday, Oct 10	11:15 a.m.	Springfield College
Thursday Oct 12	8:30 a.m.	HCC
	10:00 a.m.	Elms College
Friday, Oct 13	10:30 a.m.	Westfield State University
	11:15 a.m.	Johnson & Wales University