



“Ram Report” March 9, 2018

Week in Review

- Monday, March 5th was a professional development day for GJSHS educators. Thank you to the ILT and staff members who presented to colleagues!
- Mother Nature wreaked havoc on our schedule this week as we had an early dismissal on Wednesday, March 7th and a delayed opening on Thursday, March 8th. Hopefully, we are closer to spring than we are more inclement winter weather.
- The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conducted a District Review in Granby March 5-7th. The review will consist of interviews, focus groups, classroom observations and more.
- The student advisory council was at the Senior Center on Monday, March 5th to help serve lunch, play BINGO and visit with seniors. This event was planned entirely by the members of the student advisory council.
- On Tuesday, March 6th the International [Save a Life Tour](#), the nation’s most advanced and high-impact Safe Driving Awareness Program, visited Granby Junior Senior High School. All students were part of an assembly and they then had the opportunity to participate in distracted driving simulations.

GJSHS “Shoutouts”:

- Thanks to the [student advisory council](#) for planning the visit to the Senior Center on Monday, March 5th. We had approximately 20 students spend a portion of their day off from school at the senior center. This is COMMUNITY!
- Student advisory has also arranged for a microwave to be available to students during morning break and lunch. Any student who has a food allergy should not use this microwave. These students should speak with an adult in the cafeteria for alternative options.
- GJSHS would like to give a “shoutout” and huge THANK YOU to our sponsors for the [Save-a-Life-Tour](#). The generosity and support of these organizations made this opportunity possible; we appreciate your support and partnership: Granby Lions Club, Beers & Story Funeral Home, Easthampton Savings Bank, Pleasant Street Auto, Marcia

- Petri, Petri & Dickinson Real Estate, Granby Police Department, Granby Schools' Nursing and the Granby Booster Club.



Things to know....

- GJSHS staff: please make sure your attendance is sent by 7:35A each morning.
- GJSHS staff: if you are entering an absence into AESOP it must be done no later than 6:10A the day of your absence.
- 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.

- The tragedy at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on February 14, 2018 and other losses of life on school campuses across the nation over several years have driven increased interest in student-led civic engagement efforts and actions, including the idea of school walk-outs. The Granby Public Schools supports students' Constitutional rights to peaceful assembly and free expression. Our goal in responding to walk-out plans and other forms of peaceful assembly is to try and keep our focus on teaching and learning while providing guidance and planning to support student and staff safety. Currently, GJSHS staff and administration are working with students to plan actions that GJSHS students would like to participate in, specifically on March 14th, which has been identified as a National Day of Action. GJSHS students are clear they want their voices to be heard in remembrance of the victims of the Parkland, FL tragedy and support of school safety for all.

Look Ahead

- The Granby Fields Committee has **postponed** its annual Spring cleanup day at the Granby High School Athletic Field originally scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2018 starting at 9:30am.
- Grades for the 3rd quarter are scheduled to close on Tuesday, April 3rd.
- Standing Room Only, the Granby Drama Club, will be presenting "Haphazardly Ever After". This is a family friendly comedy. Performances are March 15th and 16th at 7PM and March 17th at 2PM. All performances are in the East Meadow cafeteria.
- GMPA's Men Who Cook is back with a twist. This year, our 10th anniversary, will be Men Who Cook vs. Women Who Cook. This event is Saturday, March 24th at 5PM at Granby Jr/Sr High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children at the door.
- 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.
- During the week of March 12-16th GJSHS will be participating the national [White Ribbon Campaign](#). HOPE/SADD clubs are collaborating on different events and messages throughout the week.
- Thursday, March 15th the senior class will be participate in an orientation for the [Credit For Life](#) fair. Seniors will attend this fair on Thursday, April 5th at Holyoke Community College.

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....

- Best-selling author and girl expert Rachel Simmons will share strategies to help girls move beyond impossible standards of success to live healthy, happy, and fulfilling lives. Rachel invites students in grades 7-12 and their parents to join her for a talk followed by a Q&A and book signing. Click [here](#) for a link to the event.
- In this issue of STEM, [NextStepU](#) is bringing you articles and interviews from school and industry thought leaders about The importance of Project Based Learning, summer STEM programs, the rise of Government STEM jobs for your people, Women in STEM, tips for success in STEM career fairs, Hot TECH Careers, useful STEM Apps, Data Science majors and more! There is also an article /resource for schools to do online fundraising to raise money for STEM projects/robotics and more. Here is the link to the magazine:
http://magazine.nextstepu.com/digital_edition/NSU_STEM_Issue02/mobile/index.html

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"
- Winter Banquet date **3/20/18, pizza will be served.**
- **Spring Practice times below:**

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Opening Day 3/19

Baseball-indoors 2:30-4:30

Softball-indoors 4:30-6:30

B. lax-4-6pm outdoors

G. lax-2:20-4:00 outdoors

ALL PHYSICALS MUST BE ON FILE

ALL USER FEES ARE DUE BY 3/19