



## **“Ram Report” November 9, 2018**

### **Week in Review**

- Grades closed for the first quarter on Wednesday, November 7th. We expect updated grades for quarter 1 will be available on the Portal on shortly after. Hard copies of report cards will be distributed on Tuesday, November 13th.
- The GJSHS School Council was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 7th. We are always looking for students, parents, educators, etc. to attend the School Council meetings. The School Council is an advisory board for the school principal. The next meeting is Monday, December 3rd at 3:00PM.

### **Shoutouts**

- Congratulations to Andrew Hutchinson who auditioned and won a trombone spot in Western Massachusetts District Honors Band.
- The Granby Girls Soccer Team has advanced to their 6th straight Western Massachusetts championship game. The game will be played Saturday, November 10th at Westfield State University at 11:00AM.
- Congrats to the [Unified Basketball Team](#) for earning the MIAA Sportsmanship Award

### **Things to know...**

- Mt. Holyoke is offering “A Day Full of Mathematical Fun” on November 10, 2018 from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Registration begins at 9:30AM in the Kendade Atrium. There will be math games, interactive workshops and lunch will be provided. The target audience for the workshops will be middle school students. [Here](#) is the flyer.
- Student parking and athletic fees are due and must be submitted through FamilyID. Please make sure these fees are paid.
- The Granby Lions is hosting a Pancake Breakfast to Benefit the Scholarship Fund & the Granby Community Association on Saturday November 10th, 7-10am at the Church of Christ, 235 State Street in Granby. Tickets are \$5.00, Kids 5 and under are FREE. Stop in the main office at the High School to purchase tickets.
- The Booster Club is running a fundraiser. If you'd like to purchase a “Proud Granby Athlete Supporter” [sign](#), please contact Tammy Sosa via email at

[tammysosa1175@gmail.com](mailto:tammysosa1175@gmail.com) or have your student stop by the main office for more information.

- The Crossfit Club is meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00-8:00PM.
- The Granby Public Schools Wellness Committee has scheduled their meetings for the year. Any and everyone are welcome to attend any of the meetings. Hope to see you there! The meeting dates, time and location are:
  - Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 2:45pm-3:45pm, Granby Jr/Sr High Library
  - Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 2:45pm-3:45pm, Granby Jr/Sr High School Library
  - Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 2:45pm-3:45pm, Granby Jr/Sr High School Library
- The HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere) club is preparing for **two fundraisers**. Click [here](#) for a flyer for one of the fundraisers.
- HOPE is also asking for food donations for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. This drive is connected with our wonderful student Ariana Klekotka who works with Project 351 to end hunger.
- Students should take a look at the 2019 Massachusetts Safe Jobs for Youth poster contest [entry and release form](#), [flyer](#) and [helpful tips](#).
- [Grab-n-Go Meals](#) Friday, November 16th, for more info, click here.
- Cotillion tickets are on sale during both lunches daily. Tickets are \$40 until November 16th and will be increased to \$45 on November 19th. November 20th is the final day to purchase tickets. The Cotillion is December 1st.

### **Look Ahead**

- The GJSHS band is going to UMASS Band Day at Gillette Stadium on Saturday, November 10th. They will perform alongside the UMASS Minuteman Marching Band and 3,300 band students across the northeast.
- Administration, school counselors and the 7th grade team are collaborating to build a tighter and more positive 7th grade community. This is an important part of the transition from East Meadow to GJSHS. We will be using significant time on November 13, 14 and 21 for this work. We previewed it with the 7th grade during advisory on Friday, November 9th. This is the [letter](#) that was posted on PlusPortal and sent home with 7th grade students on Friday, November 9th.
- GJSHS staff has an Hour of Power on Wednesday, November 14th. The session will be in the GJSHS library.
- Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for November 13th and 14th. If you'd like to set a meeting with one of your students' teachers please contact Mrs. Linda Tease at 413-467-7106.

- Students will be dismissed at 11:00AM on November 13th and 14th for parent/teacher conferences. The cafeteria will be open to students during all half-days this year. They will have breakfast and lunch offerings from 9:57-10:10AM. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.
- There is no school on Monday, November 12th. Schools will be closed in observance of Veterans' Day.
- Wednesday, November 21st is an early-release day for students. Students will be dismissed at 11:00PM. This will begin the Thanksgiving break--school will be closed until Monday, November 26th.
- Mark your calendars because Santa is coming to Granby. The PTO is hosting a Pancake dinner with Santa on November 30th. More information will follow.

### **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....**

- In a world where violent events and mass casualty incidents are becoming more routine, we need to recognize the impact these may have on our students and what they need in terms of support. [Here](#) is a website that can connect you with a number of resources for a variety of situations.

### **Athletics**

---> The booster club is looking for volunteers....If you are interested, please email Tammy Sosa at [Tammysosa1175@gmail.com](mailto:Tammysosa1175@gmail.com)

***\*Fall Sports' Award Night: November 19th 5-6:30pm in the Cafeteria***

***\*To make a payment on Family ID, simply log back into your account and click "summary".***

***\*Winter sports registration will open soon.***

## **What is the Booster Club?**

Booster clubs are organizations in schools at the high school and university level. The clubs are generally **run and organized by the parents of the students** in the supported organization in high schools. At the high school level, school administrators cannot be involved in the booster club organization except approving activities held at the high school.

Our main function is to **develop support for the student program and raise funds** to supplement shrinking public support as a result of budget cuts.

Here are some examples of what the booster club does to raise money:

1. Raffles held at sporting events for an item(s)
2. Selling clothing, such as t-shirts, with the school's name and mascot on it
3. Sale of concessions at games, tournaments, or another athletic event
4. Hosting seasonal banquets for the sports teams/coaches

By volunteering with the Booster Club, you bring fresh ideas as well as helping to support your child(s) team while helping the program succeed.

## **GAA Wrestling Program Grades 2-6 elementary students**

This Program is designed to introduce boys and girls to the sport of wrestling.

It will consist of 12 practice sessions taking place at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School wrestling room.

The practice sessions will be Tuesday-Friday starting on Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup> and ending on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM.

There will be no practice on Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sweat pants or shorts, T shirt and sneakers should be worn for the practice.

Cost for the program is \$30.00 per child and includes a T shirt

For questions call Doug Hodgins (413-314-0450) or Jeff Isabelle (857-303-5178)

**“After Wrestling, everything in life is easy”**