

“Ram Report”

May 11, 2018

Week in Review

- On Wednesday, May 9th and Friday, May 11th students took AP exams in ELA Literature and Composition, U.S. History and Computer Science Principles. There are additional exams scheduled for next week. See below for more information.
- Thursday, May 10th was the annual GJSHS Arts Night. There was art on display for students in grades 7-12 and live music. It was a great event. Thank you to all those who attended and for those who could not make it we hope to see you next year.
- GJSHS teachers participated in an Hour of Power on Wednesday, May 9th.
- Spring athletic photos were taken on Wednesday, May 9th.
- Grade 7 & 8 students completed Computer-Based Math MCAS this week!
- This week we celebrated Teacher’s Appreciation Week. Lots of fun prizes were awarded! Thank you to our amazing staff here at GJSHS for all you do each and every day!

GJSHS “Shoutouts”:

- Congratulations to guidance counselor Colleen Bannister for being named the [2018 Massachusetts Collegiate Athletic Conference “Coach of the Year”](#). Colleen is the head coach of women’s softball at Westfield State University.
- Thank you to Ms. Stapert and all her students for a wonderful Arts Night! This event truly transformed our cafeteria for a day. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated, hard working and talented teacher working with all of our inspiring students!
- Ms. McColloughs’ [students greet Tia](#) with much love! Tia is a community service learning student in Ms. McCollough’s classroom this year.
- Congratulations to the [Class of 2018](#). Our seniors have committed to the following colleges/universities:
 - Brown University
 - Elms College
 - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 - Green Mountain College
 - Hartwick College
 - HCC
 - Ithaca College
 - Merrimack College
 - Mount Holyoke College
 - Roger Williams University
 - Springfield College
 - STCC
 - Suffolk University

- UMass-Amherst
- University of Maine
- University of Vermont
- Vermont Technical College
- Western New England University
- Westfield State University

Things to know....

- On Monday, April 23rd the Granby School Committee approved early-dismissal for students for final exams. Friday, June 8th, Monday, June 11th and Tuesday, June 12th will be early dismissal days for students. Wednesday, June 13th (our final day of school) was already planned to be an early dismissal. More details are forthcoming.
- The Granby PTO and Booster Clubs Spirit store is OPEN! The deadline for ordering is May 15 (https://gptoboost18.itemorder.com/sale?read_message=true)
- Students, do you want to begin a career in manufacturing? Learn more about a free 4 week training program by clicking [here](#).
- Monday, May 21st is the final day of school for seniors before their final exams.
- 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. 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.
- Transition Night will be held this Thursday May 17th from 6-8pm. See [flyer](#) for more details.
- Granby HOPE CLUB is doing a fundraiser for [Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#). This Drive includes both the Junior/ Senior High School and both Elementary Schools (West Street & East Meadow

Looking Ahead:

- **Monday, May 14th** is an early dismissal day for students. Students will be dismissed at 11:00AM.
- Advanced Placement exams will continue during the week of May 14th. All students in AP courses must pay the \$15 non-refundable fee and those taking the test should see Mrs. Tease for more information.
 - Monday, May 14th at 8:00AM--Biology (please plan for transportation after the exam. The exam will go past the 11:00 AM dismissal.)
 - Tuesday, May 15th at 8:00AM--Calculus
 - Wednesday, May 16th at 8:00AM--ELA Language and Composition
- GJSHS have a faculty meeting on Monday, May 14th.
- GJSHS School Council meeting is Thursday, May 17th at 3:30PM.
- GJSHS 7th Grade Open House for incoming 7th grade students is Thursday, May 17th at 6:00PM.
- The Junior-High will be hosting a Luau (semi-formal) dance on May 18th
- The junior class will attend a senior class presentation by G&B on May 18 at 1:15pm in the cafe.
- 7th Grade Orientation will be held on August 23rd from 9:00am-2:00pm
- [Spring Concert](#) Tuesday May 15th at 7pm in the GJSHS Gym

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](#).

In the news:

[Granby Junior/Senior Prom at Wyckoff](#)

[Granby Jr/Sr HS announces its third quarter honor roll](#)

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

- [This](#) was shared by Ms. Ranen, GJSHS School Nurse, this week. It is important parents are aware of these trends especially since social media allows their popularity to grow rapidly.
- Summer Reading Skills; classes offered in Northampton and on Campus, click [here](#)
- [Here](#) are state grades on K-12 education from [Education Week](#).
- ***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.*

Upcoming MCAS SCIENCE DATES

Grade 8 May 22, 23

Athletics:

- Check out our new Granby Athletics Twitter Feed [@rams_ghs](#)
- 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" or visit the high school website, click the athletics tab and select FLICKR
- 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
- 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
- Silent Auction will take place on August 16th, 2018, @ the Granby Legion. If you are interested in donating a basket, item, etc to the auction, please email: ajordan-gagner@granbyschoolsma.net. Thank you in advance and special thanks to those who have contributed already.
- Thank you to Amherst Farmers Supply for your recent donation of lyme!