



“Ram Report” March 1, 2019

Week in Review

- Students and staff returned to school on Monday, February 25th from the February Break.
- School was cancelled due to inclement weather on Tuesday, February 26th, which means students were responsible for Blizzard Bag #2. Blizzard Bag #2 is expected to be submitted no later than when students walk into class on Tuesday, March 5th.
- Blizzard Bag #1 was originally due on Tuesday, February 26th, but the due date was extended to Wednesday, February 27th due to the cancellation on February 26th.

Shoutouts

- Congratulations to the GJSHS Students of the Month--Edrick Kusumo (c/o 19), Brady Pete (% 2023) and Christopher Moura (% 2024).
- Thanks to the Boys' Basketball team for a great season. The boys were defeated in the WMass Division IV tournament on Monday, February 25th.

Things to know...

- GJSHS is bringing back our Student(s) of the Month. Our past practice is to have one high school student, one 8th grade student and one 7th grade student nominated by and voted on by GJSHS faculty. This is how selections will be made for the remainder of this school year, but we are always open to suggestions and feedback that might improve the process. Our Student(s) of the Month nominees are expected to personify the values that are the foundation of a strong community--integrity, service to others, kindness, respect--are just a few examples. It is important we recognize students who live this values daily and contribute to GJSHS being the strong and positive community that we are all fortunate to be a part of. Congratulations to this month's honorees. We will be contacting you all with our plans on how you will be recognized for this honor. The next Students of the Month will be identified in late March.
- 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 Strategic Planning Initiative for Families and Youth (SPIFFY), a Hampshire County coalition focused on youth and family well-being, will be conducting the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey (PNAS) at Granby Jr/Sr High School on **Monday, March 4th, 2018 and Monday, March 11th, 2019** throughout the school day. Eighth, Tenth, and Twelfth graders are surveyed every 2 years in school districts across Hampshire County. The PNAS measures alcohol, tobacco, and drug use, a variety of factors that place students at risk for problem behaviors and factors that protect students from problem behaviors. The purpose of the survey is to gather the information needed to plan important prevention and intervention programs to combat such problems as alcohol, drug use, and violence in our schools and communities. It will also help us judge the effectiveness of our current prevention and intervention efforts. Students may opt-out of the survey at any time. If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in the survey, please send in a written note to Mrs. Jenks, School Nurse Leader at Granby Jr/Sr High School or email her at njenks@granbyschoolsma.net. Thank you.
- AP exam fees are due no later than May 1st. Please see Mr. Sullivan or Mrs. Tease with questions.

Look Ahead

- Distractology is coming to GHS! Click [here](#) to read more about the program. Mrs. Jordan is scheduling meeting with eligible students for Wednesday, March 6th.
- Our Granby School Nurses will be sharing "tech tips" in the next few weeks to help bring awareness of the impact of technology on our daily lives. Stay tuned for our first tech tip next week!
- Blizzard Bag #2 is due no later than Tuesday, March 5th.
- The Educator Evaluation Work Group is scheduled to meet at 3:00PM on Tuesday, March 5th.
- GJSHS staff has an Hour of Power on Wednesday, March 6th.

Student Support Suite

- Ms. Bierden is beginning to schedule individual college planning meetings with juniors and their parents. These meetings will begin the week of March 4th. They will be approximately 30 minutes long with times before school until 3:00PM. Please email Ms. Bierden at sbierden96@granbyschoolsma.net to set up your individual meeting.

Resources, Supports and other things of interest...

- The Internet and world of social media we live in is always evolving and it is important educators and parents do their best to stay up to date about these things so our students' social media accounts and Internet usage can be appropriately monitored. [Here](#) is a CNN article about one of the latest social media trends, the MOMO challenge.

Athletics

- The booster club is looking for volunteers....If you are interested, please email Tammy Sosa at Tammysosa1175@gmail.com
 - Be sure to wish Joe Deprey, Emmet Seibert, and Chris Perez well as they head to the D3 wrestling tournament this weekend!

*****Tweet Tweet*****

Be sure to follow Granby Athletics on Twitter.....Granby HS Athletics @rams_ghs

Spring Schedules are now posted, please visit MIAA.net for more details.

SPRING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN-ACCESS REGISTRATION VIA THE DISTRICT WEBSITE UNDER "ATHLETICS"

The deadline is extended until March 8th

REMEMBER ALL ATHLETES NEED PHYSICALS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS AND UPLOAD TO FAMILY ID.