



“Ram Report”

February 16, 2018

Week in Review

- I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire GJSHS community for the work they do every day to make sure our students are safe, cared for and understand they have people at home and school who truly care about them. Events, like the one this week in Florida, happen far too often and we all (students, educators, parents, etc.) live in an increasingly challenging world. Here at GJSHS we do a lot of work to build relationships, prepare students and adults to deal with events that could jeopardize our safety and collaborate with community organizations so that we are all “on the same page” if/when we are faced with an unanticipated event. Thank you all for the work you do with our students each and every day; this work does not go unnoticed!
- This week was “Spirit Week” at GJSHS. Each day had a different theme with students and staff dressing up to show their Granby Pride. The week concluded with our annual Pep Rally on Friday, February 16th.
- Club photos were taken for the yearbook on Tuesday, February 13th.

GJSHS “Shoutouts”:

- Congratulations to--Jordan Healy, Brandy Heath, Molly Hoffenberg and Andrew Hutchinson--who performed in the UMass Honors Band on Saturday, February 10th.

Things to know....

- February school vacation is the week of February 19-23.
- 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.
- Pioneer Valley Driving School will be offering drivers education classes during February vacation. Please see Mrs. Lacoste for more information. There will be additional classes during the April school vacation.

- Any items left in the Lost and Found will be donated during the February break. Please make sure you check the Lost and Found this week if you are missing anything.
- Progress Report will be out the week following vacation.

Look Ahead

- We will be doing SBIRT mandatory screening when we return from school vacation.
Tuesday 2/27- 8th graders
Wednesday- 2/28 - 10th graders
(Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (**SBIRT**) focuses on prevention, early detection, risk assessment, brief counseling and referral.
- The student advisory council will meet again on Thursday, March 1st during G Block. This is in preparation for their lunch/bingo event at the Senior Center on Monday, March 5th. This event is being planned entirely by the members of the advisory council.
- GJSHS staff have their February departmental Hour of Power on Wednesday, February 28th.
- 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.
- The International [Save a Life Tour](#) is the nation's most advanced and high-impact Safe Driving Awareness Program. The program will begin held on **March 6th, 2018** at Granby Jr/Sr High School. If you would like additional information, please click the link below.

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.

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

- In the wake of another tragic and violent school event this week, it is important that we keep student safety and security at the forefront of our minds. This [site](#) offers some tips for talking to young people about violence.

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"
- Spring Sports Registration will take place on **March 6th, 2018 from 3-5pm** in the cafe.
- Registration packets are available in the main office. An updated physical needs to be on file in order for athletes to tryout.
- Winter Banquet date **3/20/18, pizza will be served.**