



“Ram Report” October 20

Week in Review

- On Wednesday, October 18th we were honored to welcome Yale University’s Society of Orpheus and Bacchus, the second oldest collegiate a cappella group in the United States, and GHS alum Andrew Evern, to GJSHS for a performance for approximately 250 GJSHS and East Meadow students.
- On Tuesday, October 17th GJSHS had our second fire drill of the 2017-18 school year. These drills will happen periodically throughout the school year and allow us to make improvements to our procedures, routines and practices. We improved our evacuation time by approximately 30 seconds from our first drill. Teachers remember it is important all green forms are submitted to Nat and/or Linda for accountability. If teachers are on prep or away from their classroom, their name and other information should be on another teacher’s green form.
- GJSHS staff had a school-wide Hours of Power on Wednesday, October 18. We continued to refine and finalize student learning and professional practice goals. Educator plans are the next step in this process. All teachers who have approved goals must submit their educator plans as soon as possible.
- On Wednesday, October 18, the District Strategic Planning committee met to review the existing strategic plan and begin planning next steps as the current plan is set to finish in June 2018. The next meeting is Wednesday October 25 at 6:30PM. It would be great to have student representation. Any student who is interested should contact Mr. Sullivan (ssullivan@granbyschoolsma.net) or Superintendent Stanton (sstanton@granbyschoolsma.net).

Things to know....

- **Teachers/staff: reminder we have a Mindfulness/Self-Care learning opportunity on November 7. We still have a few spaces available so you are encouraged to sign up. This [video](#) provides some additional information and testimonials from teachers, students and administrators who have participated in this training elsewhere.**
- Student picture retakes are October 25th in the cafeteria.
- Principal’s List RSVPs were due in the main office by Wednesday, October 18. The Principal’s List banquet is November 1st at the Castle of Knights in Chicopee.
- The next GMPA Grab-n-Go is next Friday, October 27th. If interested please reserved today (October 20). Meals can be reserved by calling 413-883-3587.
- Winter sports registrations will take place on Thursday, October 26th from 2-5P in the GJSHS cafeteria. Packets should be filled out prior to registration.
- Forms for the Fall Athletic Banquet are available in the main office. They are due back by Friday, November 3.
- Deposits for the Senior Class Trip are due next Friday, October 27th.

Look Ahead

- GJSHS teachers have a faculty meeting on Monday, October 23th at 2:10PM in the library. Among other things we will be providing some information on the Student Support Team (formerly Student Intervention Team), so staff is clear about how to utilize this resource.
- Our Student Advisory Council will be meeting next Thursday October 26th at 8:20PM.
- GJSHS School Council will have our second meeting of the year on Thursday, October 26th at 3:30PM in the GJSHS library.
- On Wednesday, October 25th, GJSHS faculty members have a departmental Hour of Power. This time should be used to review departmental/content data, design plans/goals based on data, continue working on unit plans, vertically align content based instruction, design alternative assessments and other tasks related to curriculum, instruction and assessment.
- **It's Back! The Halloween Bash 2017 will be next Friday, October 27th from 6-9PM. This "night of fright" is open to all GJSHS 7-9th grade students. Tickets are on sale during lunches for \$7.**
- GJSHS students will be participating in Band Day at UMASS-Amherst on Saturday, October 28. For more information about Band Day click [here](#).
- Health Screenings for grades 7-10 will begin the week of November 13th.

Student Support Suite

- *College/University visits scheduled for the week of October 16:*

Tuesday, October 24	11:30 a.m.	Merrimack College
Wednesday, October 25	11:00 a.m.	Eastern Connecticut State University
Thursday, October 26	1:00 p.m.	Framingham State University

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

- Splash is a one-day event at Amherst College, where middle and high school students learn anything from *Masks of the World* to *How People Make Money* to *Harry Potter: A Chamber of Secrets* to *Instant Chinese to Beat-boxing*, all taught by college students! Click [here](#) to view the flyer. For more information and/or to register you can visit <https://amherstsplash.learningu.org/learn/register.html> If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Siya Chauhan from Amherst College by email at schauhan20@amherst.edu or the team email at amherstsplash@gmail.com.
- Visit [The Teacher's Corner](#) for resources, activities and other ideas for your students and/or classroom. The primary focus for this is for elementary and some middle school, but there could be value for teachers, students and parents beyond that.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <i>No School</i> <i>Girls Soccer vs. Amherst 4pm</i>	10 <i>Class Rings</i> <i>Orders</i> <i>XC -AWAY</i>	11 <i>PSAT's 7:30</i>	12 <i>Student Advisory Council meeting</i>	13 <i>Advisory/PB</i> <i>Girls Soccer vs. Sabis AWAY 4pm</i> <i>Boys Soccer vs. Mohawk AWAY</i>	14 <i>AP English @ West Side</i> <i>7am departure</i>
15	16 <i>School Committee Meeting 6:30p</i> <i>Boys soccer vs. Pioneer 4pm H</i>	17 <i>XC meet</i> <i>Girls Soccer vs. Amherst A 4pm & 5:30</i> <i>Boys Soccer vs. Smith 4pm</i>	18 <i>*HOP</i> <i>Girls Soccer vs. BHS 5:30/7</i> <i>Sup. Task Force Meeting 6:30p</i>	19 <i>School Council 3:30-4:30</i>	20 <i>Cap & Gown Measurements</i> <i>HOME</i> <i>Girls Soccer vs. Hampshire 4pm</i>	21 <i>Booster Club</i> <i>Bottle Drive</i>
22	23 <i>School Com.Mtg 6:30</i> <i>Boys Soccer vs. Renaissance HOME 4pm</i> <i>Staff Meeting</i>	24 <i>Parent Advisory Council 6:30-8:00pm</i>	25 <i>Picture Day Retakes</i> <i>*HOP dept.</i> <i>Super. Task Force Mtg. 6:30</i>	26 <i>Winter Sports Reg. 2-5 @GHS cafe</i> <i>*SAC mtg. 8:20 for students</i>	27 <i>Halloween Dance MS Dance 6-9</i> <i>GMPA Grab-n-go Pick up</i>	28 <i>Umass Band Day 8:30am</i>
29	30	31 <i>Halloween Trick-Or-Treat 3:30-5:00</i>	<i>Nov 1- Grades Close</i> <i>*Principal's List</i>	<i>Nov 2-(Parent) Senior Financial Aid Night 6-8p</i>		