



“Ram Report” February 15, 2019

Week in Review

- We had a few weather related disruptions this past week due to inclement weather. School was dismissed early on Tuesday, February 12th and cancelled on Wednesday, February 13th. The cancellation means that students are responsible for Blizzard Bag #1. The due date for these assignments is Tuesday, February 26th. Failure to complete assignments would lead to Wednesday, February 13th being considered an unexcused absence.
- **SPIRIT WEEK** was this week, February 11th thru the 15th! Students participated in the following themes throughout the week. Monday, Pajama Day; Tuesday, Twin Day; Thursday, Color War (7th Orange, 8th Green, 9th Yellow, 10th Purple, 11th Red, 12thBlack); Friday, Blue & White Day.
- The annual GJSHS Pep Rally was held on Friday, February 15th.

Shoutouts

- Congratulations to the girls' basketball team on qualifying for the Western Massachusetts tournament.
- Congratulations to the GJSHS band on a great performance on Friday, February 8th.
- Congratulations to all the band members who participated in honors day at Palmer High School (middle school) and UMass (high school) on Saturday, February 9th.
- Congratulations to the Senior class for being crowned Spirit Week champions!

Things to know...

- The Granby PTO and Booster Clubs are collaborating on a spirit wear fundraiser. All orders are due no later than Monday, February 25th. Order forms are available [here](#) and [here](#).
- 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.

- Students who have debts in the cafeteria will no longer be able to purchase or charge a la carte items.
- 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** 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.

Look Ahead

- School is closed for February break the week of February 18-22. Students return to school on Monday, February 25th.
- Pioneer Valley Driving School will be offering drivers' ed classes at GJSHS from February 19-22 from 8:45AM-3:45PM and February 25-27 from 2:30-4:30PM. A mandatory Parents' Night will be held on February 19th from 6:00-8:00PM. For more details please contact Pioneer Valley Driving School at 413-253-7432.
- Distractology is coming to GHS! Click [here](#) to read more about the program.

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...

- Vacations are always a good time for college visits. [Here](#) is Princeton Review's 9

things you should do on a college visit.

- Have a fantastic vacation!

Athletics

- The booster club is looking for volunteers....If you are interested, please email Tammy Sosa at Tammysosa1175@gmail.com
- **Admission prices:**
 - Basketball games \$5 adult \$3 senior citizens/students
- Remember there is no food or drink allowed in the gym during games.
- **Alumni game will be played on February 18th vs. Ware.**
4:30 pm JV Game
6:00 pm ALUMNI GAME
7:30 pm Varsity Game

Senior Games:

Monday February 18th-Boys Basketball vs. Ware

Tuesday February 19th-Girls Basketball vs. Palmer

- Be sure to wish Joe Deprey, Emmet Seibert, and Chris Perez well as they head to the D3 wrestling tournament this weekend!
- Best of luck to Jenna Learned as she heads to the girls state wrestling tournament

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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"

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

