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GHS Monthly Information and Upcoming Events December, 2018

Hello Gardner Community! Here are some of the happenings that occurred during the month of November at GHS:

- Congratulations to our five Students of the Month for November. Grade 8 - Kaylynn Gray; Grade 9 - Gino DiVito; Grade 10 - Devon Raymond; Grade 11 - Michael Douangdara; and Grade 12 - Rebecca Lashua. These students were recognized for being good GHS citizens and representing our Core Values (Community, Appreciation, Responsibility, and Excellence)
- Congratulations to senior Emily Fluet who was chosen by the faculty as this year's D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizenship Award recipient.
- Congratulations also to sophomores Abbey Fluet and Brent Coxall who were chosen to represent Gardner High School at the HOBY Program (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program) at Bentley College in June 2019.
- Another congratulations to 8th grader Kaitlyn Amero who was selected for the Project 351 Leadership Program. This award goes to a student who is considered an "unsung hero" and involves community service leadership opportunities.
- November 6th was a productive professional development day at Gardner High School. All staff and faculty worked diligently throughout the day with the focus on developing strategies to use when teaching a classroom of diverse learners and meeting all of our students' needs. We also had a wonderful potluck lunch organized by one of our teachers, Lynn Berthiaume.
- Our fall sports athletic season ended in November and the winter sports season began. We are very proud of all our fall athletes on all teams as they represented Gardner High School and the Gardner community very well with their hard work and great sportsmanship.
- We held our annual pep rally to support our football team before their Thanksgiving game against Oakmont. All fall teams were recognized, the marching band played, our cheerleaders performed, and all staff and students had a great time.
- This pep rally followed our Awards Program during which dozens of students were given awards by their teachers for their strong academic performance, hard work, and for being positive members of the GHS community. Congratulations to all recipients.
- A big 'thank you' to the Rotary Club for organizing the annual luncheon for the captains of our football team along with the captains of the Oakmont football team, coaches and administrators. This is a wonderful tradition which allows both teams to be recognized by the community and enables them to come together in good spirits before a competitive football game.

- A new tradition this year was a friendly canned food drive competition between GHS and Oakmont. Both schools collected as many cans as possible to be donated to a food pantry. The competition was very close with Oakmont winning. Over 1,000 cans of food were collected, all for a great cause. Oakmont was awarded a trophy at half-time of the football game. Thank you to Francie Lemieux for organizing this event.
- The Fall Concert was held in November along with a wonderful performance of the play “Murder in the Knife Room.” As always, our band members and the actors in the play did a great job. Thank you to Doug Lepisto and Joanne Landry for their ongoing expertise and support of our fine arts programs.
- On November 28th we held our annual Reality Fair for all 11th grade students. This event was organized by Sherry Gelinias along with members of the GFA. Students worked during several advisories to prepare for this event and gained some great awareness of financial reality and responsibility. Thank you to the GFA for continuing to be a great partner with GHS.
- Starting second semester in January, we will begin our new Healthcare Opportunities Program at GHS. In this program, GHS students will be taking college level courses specific to the healthcare field through MWCC at the high school. We are very excited about this multi-year grant through MWCC. We anticipate having many students take advantage of this opportunity when it is rolled out in its entirety in the fall.

Upcoming events for December:

- Our winter sports season is beginning in December. Please refer to the Gardner Public Schools website under Gardner High School or [click here](#) to get all winter athletic schedules.
- The AA Ball will be held on 12/8/18 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Perry Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 per student and can be purchased in the main office.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences have been rescheduled to 12/11/18 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. You may sign up using the links below, which are also found on the website under Gardner High School. Any conferences scheduled for the previous date are still recorded on the schedule. You may keep those times or choose other times. That day is also a 10:00 a.m. release time for students.
 - [5:00 to 6:00](#)
 - [6:00 to 7:00](#)
 - [7:00 to 8:00](#)
- On December 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. we will be holding a Decision Day for seniors who are interested in applying to Mount Wachusett Community College. Students should see their guidance counselors if they have any questions.
- December 19th will be the Winter Concert at 7:00 p.m. Come out and support our awesome band and chorus.
- December 21st will be an early release day to start the holiday break. Students will be dismissed at 10:00 a.m. that day and return to school on January 2nd.