



Gardner High School

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GHS Monthly Information and Upcoming Events April 2019

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

- Our winter athletic programs held their end of the year banquets to celebrate their successful seasons. This winter season finished on March 10th with our Cheer Team placing 5th overall in the state.
- There was a lot of testing that took place at GHS in March. Fifty 8th graders were randomly chosen to participate in NAEP testing (National Assessment of Educational Progress). Student scores for that test are used to monitor student progress at the national level. We also completed ELA and Math MCAS retests for our students who still need to pass that test. Finally, our 10th grade students completed the ELA MCAS. This is the first year with the new MCAS 2.0 and it was completed by students online. Thanks to the support of our awesome guidance department, particularly Monique Leblanc, testing went off without a hitch.
- On March 14th students from our Youth Venture Program presented their project at the Annual Youth Venture Showcase at Great Wolf Lodge. These students did an excellent job as do all our students in this program. Thank you to Thuy Bui and Jack Jackman for advising this fine group.
- The spring musical 'Nunsense' was held for three nights and was met with rave reviews. Our students did an amazing job. Thank you to Joanne Landry supported by Doug Lepisto for all their work with our drama, choral and music students.
- Our annual 8th Grade Information Night was held on March 26th. Thank you to Karen McCrillis for presenting important information to our 8th grade students and their parents/guardians as they prepare to make the transition from middle school to high school.
- The annual Junior Information Night was held on March 27th. Important information about the college application process, post-secondary planning and much more was disseminated to students and their parents/guardians. Thank you to Judy Mack and Melissa Chisholm for organizing that event.
- Some of our Rise students completed a training on safety in adult life in conjunction with Mass Advocates. Our students took this training very seriously and did a great job.
- We had a notable increase in student attendance during the month of March due to the concerted efforts of our assistant principals, Sherry Gelinias and Scott Connery, as well as our guidance department. Many student and parent meetings took place to make this happen and multiple interventions were implemented. Student attendance continues to be a primary focus of GHS administration.
- All ten seniors in AP English had a short story published in a book collection from Massachusetts schools called Young Writers Stranger Sagas. Nice recognition for their hard work.

- The spring Student Government/Council Lock-in was a great success with 30 students attending and 26 staying overnight. Thank you to Mrs. Lemieux for organizing this event and Coach Forte and Mrs. Ottino for helping out.
- We had 18 students from Coach Horn's Wellness 2 class who passed the American Heart Association Heartsaver Course and have qualified to receive their 2-year certification. Well done!
- Our GHS English Learners met and played games with the English Learners at Elm Street School. This program continues to be a great success. They plan to do some spring planting when they meet in April.

Upcoming events in April:

- The spring athletic season will be starting soon. Please refer to the Gardner Public Schools website under Gardner High School or [click here](#) to get all spring athletic schedules, which will be posted soon.
- The Select Choir and High School Concert Band will be performing at the MICCA Festival on April 5th and 6th where they perform for a panel of judges for scores and feedback. The Select Choir performance is Friday, April 5th at Westborough High School at 7:50 pm and the Concert Band performance is Saturday, April 6th at Bellingham High School at noon.
- The Festival Showcase Concert is Thursday, April 4th in the GHS auditorium and will feature and MICCA performing groups: Select Choir and High School Concert Band. The concert is open to all. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for seniors/students.
- On April 7th our guidance department will hold an information session for parents of 7th grade students at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- On April 3rd we will be holding our Annual Career Fair at GHS. All 8th and 10th grade students will attend. We will have more than 20 careers represented at the fair. This gives students a great inside look at potential careers of interest. Thank you to Karen McCrillis for organizing this big event.
- The Gardner Community Action Team will be sponsoring a Parent Night for Suicide Awareness in the GHS Auditorium on April 9th starting at 5:30 p.m. Please come out and get information on the important topic of suicide awareness and prevention.
- 8th grade students will be taking the ELA MCAS on April 10th and 11th. Students should make sure they arrive to school on time and well rested.
- A Student Talent Show will be held on April 10th starting at 6:00 in the high school auditorium. Students are encouraged to show off their skills for their fellow classmates.
- Thanks to the Rockwell Grant, on April 11th a group of GHS girls will be able to attend the Tap Dogs Performance at Hanover Theater.
- Hard to believe, but third term ends on April 12th. Students should make sure they have all work completed prior to this day as the fourth and final term begins when we return from vacation.
- April School Vacation will take place the week of April 15th - 19th. Students should rest up and return to school re-charged for the final term.
- Construction has started again on Watkins Field as the weather has been cooperating. Things are moving along on schedule and we are getting closer to the installation of the new bleachers and turf. Very exciting!!



United Way Youth Venture Students at the Annual Showcase



Rise students receiving certificates for completing a training on safety in adult life. Thank you to Mass Advocates for supporting these wonderful GHS students.

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Thank you.

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