



GHS HEADMASTER and PTA NEWS

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UPDATES FROM GHS HEADMASTER:

Dear GHS Parents:

Spring is here! As the weather warms up, I hope you can get out and enjoy the sunshine. However, please keep your distance from others, and no matter how tempting please follow the rules established by the CDC. The staff at GHS is working extremely hard to provide students with videos and live conferencing so they will receive instruction and feedback on their work. We continue to explore other methods to enhance distance learning, please be patient as we are receiving weekly updates from the Commissioner of the Connecticut State Department of Education. Please enjoy this video of [GHS staff](#) wishing you all health and safety and showing their Cardinal Spirit as we get through this together!

Each month, the PTA and I send you news and updates from GHS in the form of this electronic newsletter. The newsletter will always be posted on our News and Social Media page found under the GHS Information tab on the GHS website in both English and Spanish.

Our goal is to keep you informed with the news that you need without burdening you with a lengthy publication. If there is timely news or emergency information, I will communicate that separately through email or a phone message. You can also stay abreast of news at GHS via our Twitter accounts (@GHSHeadmaster; @GHS_CARDS; @GHS_MediaCenter). Communication through Twitter does NOT replace other information (no need to worry if you don't have Twitter).

Sincerely,

Ralph F. Mayo
Headmaster, Greenwich High School

GHS INFORMATION AND UPDATES:

National Honor Society Class of 2021 Update

*Candidates who need an extension for **service hours only** should email [Arianne Haley@greenwich.k12.ct.us](mailto:Arianne.Haley@greenwich.k12.ct.us) for the appropriate form. Due to the current situation, students with less than 45 hours of service may still submit a packet if they include this form. Students who have 45 hours, but less than 60 hours will also need to request a different form, as explained in the packet.

*Packets are still due by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22. An email will be sent to all eligible students with directions for electronic submission of the entire packet by this deadline.

From Student Activities

Proms - The junior prom is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th at the Hilton in Stamford. The senior prom is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th at the Hyatt in Greenwich. When school resumes, tickets will go on sale.

Library News

Check out the [March Cardinal Bookmark](#) for information about how to obtain a Greenwich Library card in order to have access to their robust online book, movie, music, and learning materials online for free, info on how GHS librarians are helping students and teachers with distance learning, interesting articles, and more!

GHS Athletic Information

2020 TENTATIVE FALL SEASON STARTING DATES

August 17: Football

August 24: Boys Water Polo

August 27: Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Field Hockey, Boys Soccer (grades 10,11,12), Girls Soccer (grades 10,11,12), Girls Swimming and Diving, Girls Volleyball

August 28: Girls Soccer (grade 9)

August 29: Boys Soccer (grade 9)

September 10: Dance

***Please be reminded in order to participate:** A student-athlete must be registered online on this Athletic Website by a parent/guardian. A parent/guardian must provide all emergency contact information, review our concussion management protocol and agree to follow the athletic code of conduct. The Greenwich High School Health Office must stamp and sign a health **verification card** to certify a current athletic physical examination is on file. The summer hours for the GHS Health Office are Monday through Friday 7:30am-2:00pm.*

UPDATES FROM THE GHS PTA:

Message from the Co-Presidents: Dear GHS Families,

We hope that you are well and coping with this significant change to our daily lives. As we adjust to working at home, alongside our spouses and children, we continue to carry on the work of the GHS PTA. We continue to advocate for the education, health and welfare of our students and teachers. We will continue to support our staff, by holding a “virtual” Teacher Appreciation week. We are encouraging teachers to take advantage of our Ventures in Education program, an opportunity for all GHS faculty to apply for special PTA funding for cutting edge classroom ideas.

We are also gearing up for next year with our nominating process in full swing. Click on our Nominating web page to see our many Board and Committee positions. Inquiries can be directed to the Nominating Committee at Nominating@ghspta.org.

Best regards,

Maureen Bonanno & Terry Lamantia
GHS PTA Co-Presidents ghspta@ghspta.org

Teacher Appreciation Week

Now, more than ever, let's keep this tradition going! Help us give thanks to all of our teachers and staff who are working tirelessly around the clock, implementing a digital curriculum and supporting our students academically during this time of Distance Learning. This year, we are collecting donations to give every one of our GHS teachers and staff digital gift cards. Please, click [HERE](#) if you would like to make a donation. Donations accepted through April 10th. Thank you for your support!

GHS PTA 2020-2021 Open Nominations

The GHS PTA nominating process is underway! There are still open positions, including Summerfare Co-Chairs, Paint the Town Red Co-Chairs, Assistant Treasurer and more.

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A brief description of our Executive Board and Committee positions can be found on our Nominations/Volunteer GHS PTA web page at <https://www.greenwichschools.org/greenwich-high-school/pta/volunteer-handbook>. Training and guidance are provided and there are a variety of positions to suit the amount of time your schedule allows. Inquiries and nominations can be directed to the Nominating Committee at Nominating@ghspta.org.

Paint the Town Red 2020 - CO-CHAIRS NEEDED!

Paint the Town Red is one of our biggest fundraisers. Proceeds from this event support our students and faculty in numerous ways, including the funding of enriching field trips, cutting edge classroom technology, college and career support, speakers and so much more. If you are interested in Co-Chairing this great event, please contact our Nominating Committee at Nominating@ghspta.org.

Graduation Party

We are still collecting donations for the Class of 2020 Graduation Party with the hope that this party will occur. However, if the party does not happen, we can use the donated funds to honor the Class of 2020 in a different way. We will offer refunds to those who choose not to donate to the alternative events.

You can make a donation online through MySchoolBucks or by mail.

PTAC Essence Award 2020 - Nomination Deadline April 29

The PTAC Essence Awards recognize up to two outstanding PTA members of the Greenwich Public Schools PTA communities, who through exemplary achievement, have inspired others, demonstrated selfless spirit and made a significant difference in our school community (individual school or district wide). The Essence Award Committee will award one traditional Essence Award and may also award a Lifetime Essence Award. There are so many amazing volunteers in our school system, and we hope you will take the time to nominate them so they can be recognized for their contributions. It would be great to receive at least one nomination from every school! The application consists of an essay of no more than 500 words, and must be submitted through [this online form](#). The [PTAC website](#) has more information. Stayed tuned for information on how and when the awards will be presented. Contact: PTACessence@gmail.com

Our Community Needs Your Support!

To help those affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, the Greenwich COVID-19 Community Relief Fund has been established by Greenwich United Way to be used for the relief of economic hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis and will benefit agencies located in Greenwich providing aid, assistance and relief to Greenwich residents. Additionally, Neighbor-to-Neighbor's Food Pantry needs donations now more than ever for the children, families and older adults in Greenwich. Please consider a donation during this difficult time.

Click on [NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR](#) OR [GREENWICH UNITED WAY](#) for more information or to donate.

Need a Helping Hand? Hire a GHS Student

NOTE: DUE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO COVID-19, STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (SES) IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Our volunteer staff does not have access to the office phone or voicemails, but emails will continue to be monitored. Jobs for the Summer are welcome to be submitted for review, as well as any immediate remote tutoring needs. Jobs requiring hands-on / in person interaction will not be accepted until further notice.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to follow Greenwich Public School's approach to the situation. Thank you for your continued support. Go to ghs-ses.org for more information.

PTAC Nominations 2020-2021

Greenwich PTA Council is looking to fill the following positions for the 2020-2021 school year: First VP, Secretary, Curriculum Enrichment Chair, ALP Chair, Green Schools Chair, Health and Wellness Chair, SES Chair, 2E Chair and Financial Review. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact vp-nominating@greenwichptac.org.

AmazonSmile

Please consider supporting the GHS PTA throughout the year by linking your Amazon account to AmazonSmile! It is easy to do and once set up, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the GHS PTA. All you need to do is go to smile.amazon.com, Select *PTSA Connecticut Inc Greenwich High* as your charity and Shop Away! Please email treasurer@ghspta.org for more information.

Looking Ahead Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- **Schools Closed:** April 10 -13
- **BET Public Hearing on Budget:** April 21
- **Board of Education Meeting:** April 23
- **Essence Award Nominations Due:** April 29
- **GHS PTA General Meeting:** May 28

Additional dates are available on the full School Calendar by clicking [HERE](#).