



# GHS HEADMASTER and PTA NEWS

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## UPDATES FROM GHS HEADMASTER

### GHS Roots and Shoots Club

The GHS Roots and Shoots Club will lead the eighth annual September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance with its **One-For-One on 9/11 Canned Food Drive**. The goal of the annual food drive is to collect 2,977 non-perishable items - one item for every life lost on 9/11/2001. Non-perishable items may be dropped off in the middle of the Student Center on **Monday, 9/11** and will be donated to Neighbor To Neighbor.

### Thursday Morning Freshman Mentoring

On Thursday, September 7, we will hold our first Thursday Morning Schedule to accommodate freshman mentoring, sophomore and junior assemblies, and senior counselor advisories. I will send more information in a separate email.

### Headmaster Forums

Headmaster Forums are relatively small gatherings (20-40 parents) with the GHS Headmaster. The topics for discussion are largely determined by the parents in attendance. All Headmaster Forums will be held in the evening starting at 7:00PM in the Media Center. The first Headmaster Forum this year will be on **Monday, September 11th**. That forum is intended for **parents who are new to GHS**, and is **open to all**. The next Headmaster Forum for all GHS parents is Monday, October 16th.

### Guidance Department

The GHS Guidance Department's Funding Presentation is being held at **7pm on Monday, September 18th in the PAC (auditorium)**. Parents with children of all ages can benefit from this presentation by Joe Bogardus of the Barnum Financial Group. Information specific to seniors and parents of seniors will be sent via separate email.

**On Monday, October 2nd:** College Admissions Speaker Panel Presentation (GHS PAC) 7:00pm . All parents and students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## UPDATES FROM THE GHS PTA

### Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear GHS Families,

Welcome back! If you haven't joined the GHS PTA yet this year, we invite you to do so now. **Join online or print a form and mail a check**. If you have joined the PTA, membership incentives, including the Student Directory, will be available for pick up on both **Open House Nights: Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> for grades 9 & 12 and Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> for grades 10 & 11**. Look for us at the tables in the middle of the Student Center.

Our member **volunteer power is essential** to the PTA and to GHS. There are many ways to become a part of the GHS community through the PTA, from a brief one to two hour event or weekly options.

**Review the volunteer options and sign up for something that works for you!** We also have several positions open: 12th Grade Coordinator, 2 Graduation Party Junior Chairs and one Co-Chair for Teacher Appreciation. There are lots of ways to participate!

Join us this **Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am** in the **GHS Media Center** for our annual **GHS PTA Volunteer Fair**, followed by a **General PTA Meeting from 9:30 to 10:30 pm**. Come to learn about volunteer opportunities, then hear **Dr. Chris Winters, GHS Headmaster**, and **Dr. Jill Gildea, Superintendent Greenwich Public Schools**, speak about the school year ahead. Refreshments will be served.

### Mark your calendars for Friday, October 27 for Paint the Town Cardinal Red; the GHS PTA Benefit!

Please join us from 6:30-9:00pm at Richard's on Greenwich Avenue to help raise money for our school. It will be a fun night and we hope to see all of you there. We are currently seeking items to be donated as auction and drawing prizes. If you would like to donate an item or join the committee to assist with the event in

## **Student Activities**

### **School Photos**

School photos for 9, 10 and 11 grade students will be taken Tuesday September 5, 2017 - Friday September 8, 2017 in the GHS Student Center. 9th and 10th grades students will be escorted to school photos by their English Teachers and 11th grade students by Social Studies Teachers. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Student IDs**

All students must carry their ID and schedules. Replacement IDs can be purchased in Student Activities for \$5.

### **School Store**

School Store is opened everyday from 7:15-2:30. Come to purchase your Cardinal gear and school supplies! [Click here](#) for online school store.

### **The Daily Bulletin**

The Daily Bulletin is published every day in student activities and is located on the Student Activities website. [Click here](#) for the bulletin.

### **After School Games**

Ping Pong will be after school on Tues. & Thurs. from 3:30-4:30 starting on Sept. 14. It will be in the upper gym foyer area. Check the whiteboard by the gym for updates.

### **Media Center**

The GHS Library Media Center is open Monday - Thursday from 7:45am to 4:45pm and on Fridays from 7:45am to 3:30pm Media Specialists Alexandra Stevens, Laura Jean Waters, Marie Shimchick, and Susan Morris are available to assist students with accessing appropriate research resources and technology tools for projects and papers, selecting materials for independent reading, logging into and using school systems (Google Apps, Schoology, Aspen, etc.), fixing technology issues, and more. There is also a Tech Help Desk located in the library that is staffed with IT support professionals for a half hour before and after school and during the lunch period to assist students. If students are having trouble logging in, they should first refer to the [Tech Login Tech Sheet](#) and the [Noodletools Login Instructions](#).

any way please contact Anne Vranos at [vp.ways.means@ghspta.org](mailto:vp.ways.means@ghspta.org).

### **Student Employment Service**

SES is located in the GHS Media Center and is available on regular school days from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

### **Save the Date for College Night**

The GHS annual College Night is **Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. Last year, representatives from approximately 250 colleges attended this event which is geared towards our 10th, 11th and 12th grade parents and students. The purpose of this event is to help out with the college research and selection process. Please stay tuned for more information closer to the date of the event. If you are interested in hosting one to four college admission representatives for an early dinner prior to the event, please click on **Volunteer** to sign up. For questions about the event, please contact **Anna Povinelli** at [aspovin@aol.com](mailto:aspovin@aol.com).

### **Looking Ahead**

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- **PTA Volunteer Fair & Meeting** – September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am GHS Media Center
- **Open House Grades 9 & 12** - September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- **Rosh Hashanah** - Schools closed September 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Teacher Meetings – Early Release 1:15pm** - September 27<sup>th</sup>
- **Open House Grades 10 & 11** - September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- **Spanish Speaking Open House** - October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm Media Center
- **Columbus Day – SCHOOLS ARE OPEN** - October 9<sup>th</sup>
- **College Fair** - October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Student Center
- **Teacher Meetings – Early Release 1:15pm** - October 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Homecoming Week** - October 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>
- **GHS PTA Benefit** - October 27<sup>th</sup> at Richard's 6:30-9:00pm

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

During the school day, ninth graders need a pass from their Learning Center teacher to visit the Media Center; all other students can use the library during their open blocks. We have a number of parents who volunteer in the library each school year - if you are interested in helping out, please contact [laurajean\\_waters@greenwich.k12.ct.us](mailto:laurajean_waters@greenwich.k12.ct.us).

Online research databases and additional information about the Library Media Center can be accessed by going to [www.greenwichschools.org/ghs](http://www.greenwichschools.org/ghs) > Teaching & Learning > Library Learning Commons and also by following us on Twitter [@GHS\\_MediaCenter](https://twitter.com/GHS_MediaCenter).

**SAVE THE DATE ~ Thursday, September 7 @ 9am**

Join us in the GHS Media Center for our Annual Volunteer Fair & PTA meeting.

Visit with friends, meet new parents, join a volunteer group and hear our new Superintendent, Dr. Gildea, and our Headmaster, Dr. Winters, about the upcoming school year.

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**GHS Headmaster Updates (continued)**

**GHS Dress Code**

We ask parents to help students make wise decisions about the clothing they wear to school. As stated in our Parent Handbook: *Dress Code Students should dress within reasonable limits so that their dress does not jeopardize the health or safety of the wearers or others, or cause distraction or disruption of the educational process as determined by the administration. (Clothing which advertises drugs or alcohol is inappropriate for school wear.) GHS reserves the right to determine what constitutes dress that is disruptive to the educational climate or process. Footwear and shirts must be worn at all times. Clothing should be neat and clean. Teachers may ask students to remove their hats during class time.*

**Anonymous Alerts**

Anonymous Alerts allows students or parents to anonymously submit any sensitive or urgent student issues quickly to school officials. Students or parents can submit reports such as bullying, cyberbullying, depression, dating violence, drug or alcohol use, threats against the school, weapons on campus and more. All messages submitted remain completely anonymous. Click [HERE](#) for more information.