



GHS HEADMASTER and PTA NEWS

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UPDATES FROM GHS HEADMASTER

Driving at or Near GHS

GHS is a school nested in a residential neighborhood. It is unavoidable that we will have significant congestion on our streets and in our lot during the 20-30 minutes prior to school and 20-30 minutes around dismissal. Please do all you can to exercise patience. Safety MUST win over timeline. A few details:

- 1) Triple parking on Hillside at dismissal is not permitted. It creates a bottleneck and puts many at risk of accident. The police will tolerate double parking.
- 2) When dropping off in the morning, all cars need to stay on the prescribed route. Shortcuts through the lot endanger students and staff. The minute or two saved is not worth the risk of hitting someone or something.
- 3) Buses: Our transportation team has been working around the clock to improve the timeliness of buses at arrival, dismissal, and late buses. The superintendent has taken steps to improve the situation and we are doing much better. We will not be satisfied until all buses arrive by 8:15, depart by 3:20 and late buses depart by 5:00.

GHS Dress Code

We are increasingly concerned about the fashion statements of some of our students. Our dress code states that students must dress appropriately. By appropriate, we mean for a school setting (not a beach and not a Friday night party). Students who do not cover up (top and bottom) will be pulled aside and asked to put on additional clothing. Parents, this is an area where we need to be partners. 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*

UPDATES FROM THE GHS PTA

Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear GHS Families,

We hope you will become a GHS PTA member!

[Join online or print a form and mail a check.](#)

If you missed the PTA membership table during Open House, incentives can be picked up in the Student Activities office beginning October 11th. If you joined above the \$150 level (Fan), please email **Membership@ghspta.org** to collect your items.

We are excited to be hosting *Paint the Town Cardinal Red* on Friday, October 27th at Richard's on Greenwich Avenue. Please join us to celebrate GHS and support our students! This is our first benefit party since 2014 and we are eager to bring our parents together for a night of fun and conversation! Buy your tickets now!

[CLICK HERE TO BUY BENEFIT TICKETS](#)



FRIDAY
OCTOBER 27, 2017
6:30 TO 9:00 PM

**LET'S
PAINT THE TOWN
CARDINAL RED**

RICHARDS
359 GREENWICH AVENUE
GREENWICH, CT

Greenwich High School PTA invites you to our annual fundraising event. Join us for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music, live auction, drawings and giving tree.

Proceeds will support educational enrichment, classroom innovations and student outreach.

Our member volunteer power is *essential* to the PTA and to GHS. There are many ways to become part of the GHS community through the PTA, from 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 an

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.

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 with an initial focus defined below. All Headmaster Forums will be held in the evening starting at 7:00PM in the Media Center.

October 16: Humanities Focus

November 13: Guidance Focus

December 11: Student Life Focus

January 22: Math/Science/Technology Focus

March 12: General Focus

April 16: Athletics

May 14: General Focus

Guidance Department

PSAT testing will be held at GHS on Wednesday, October 11th from 8:30 to 12:15 for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Students will need two #2 pencils with erasers, a calculator and snacks/water for breaks between sections. Room assignments will be posted in each house on Monday 10/9. Please address questions to your School Counselor or house's Guidance Assistant.

Student Activities

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.

exciting position open: Two Graduation Party Junior Chairs. There are lots of ways to participate

Thank you for your support!

Maria Merrill & Anne Pfetsch
GHS PTA Co-Presidents

Save the Date for College Night

The GHS annual College Night is Thursday, October 12th 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. 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.

Save the Date - BOE Candidates Forum

On Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00pm, the League of Women Voters along with the Greenwich PTA Council will host a panel Q&A with the BOE candidates for election in Greenwich High School's Performing Arts Center. You are encouraged to attend and learn about the candidates.

Student Employment Service

Need a babysitter, help with yard work, tutor, eldercare, home help, tech assistance, sales help, office help? Is your student looking for some full or part-time work, or perhaps a community service opportunity? Click **HERE** for more information on the PTA sponsored and operated Student Employment Service (SES). It's also quick and easy to register a job opportunity. Please list with SES; we are always in need of jobs! SES is located in the GHS Media Center and is available on regular school days from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

AmazonSmile

Contribute throughout the year by linking your Amazon account to **AmazonSmile**! When you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the GHS PTA. Select **Connecticut PTSA Greenwich High** as your charity.

Looking Ahead

After School Games

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

Media Center

[Greenwich Reads Together 2017](#) is here! Please check out the [GRT brochure](#) for all the great programs being held around town from mid-October through mid-November, including fantastic music, films, expert panels, book discussions, and other programs that relate to the selected title: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles, as well as [the companion titles](#) selected for younger readers. High school and middle school students are invited to submit essays for the [GRT Essay Contest](#) - submissions are due by midnight on Monday, October 30.

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.

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- Hispanic Open House - October 3rd at 7:00pm Media Center
- Columbus Day - Schools are open October 9th
- BOE Candidates Forum - October 10th at 7:00pm GHS PAC
- College Fair - October 12th at 7:00pm Student Center
- Headmaster Forum - October 16th at 7:00pm Media Center
- Teacher Meetings - Early Release 1:15pm - October 18th
- Homecoming Dance - October 20th at 6:30 - 10:30pm Student Center
- Homecoming Parade & Athletic Competitions - October 21st
- Grade 9 & 12 Parent Meeting - October 24 at 7:00pm Media Center
- GHS PTA Benefit - October 27th at Richard's 6:30-9:00pm
- PTA Meeting - *The College Process* November 9th at 9:30am in Media Center Meeting Rooms & 2

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