



GHS HEADMASTER and PTA NEWS

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UPDATES FROM GHS HEADMASTER

GHS Guidance

PSAT Scores & Distribution of Test Booklets: GHS is preparing to help our students understand their scores and develop a plan to practice for future standardized testing (PSAT & SAT). Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and their parents will receive an email later this week with details about this process. For additional details, click [HERE](#).

Innovation Lab

Innovation Lab will be hosting two parent information sessions: on **Dec. 5 and Jan. 10** at **6:30 pm in room 518**. Applications for rising freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are now open on our website at ghsinnovationlab.com/students/

Athletics

Come support our undefeated Cardinal Football Team in the State LL Championships--Saturday, December 9 at 11:00AM at Boyle Stadium in Stamford. Cheer on the team, our Cheer team, and our Pep Band. For tickets and more information, check out the GHS Athletics website.

Office of Student Life

The Office of Student Life will be highlighting the five district norms between January and June. During the first week of January we will address "LET GO AND MOVE ON". Students will participate in activities to teach and reinforce the norm. Please help us by discussing it with your child.

Student Activities

Compass Yearbook

Yearbook pre-orders are available online at yearbookforever.com. Order yours now at the discounted rate of \$55.00. Price increases 1/1/18. Senior Recognition Ads are a great way to honor your student - the deadline is December 15. Place your Ad online at yearbookforever.com.

UPDATES FROM THE GHS PTA

Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear GHS Families,

We had a great turnout for our GHS PTA membership meeting on Thursday, November 9th. The video of the meeting program "*What Every Parent Should Know About Applying to College*," along with links to the handouts, has been posted on the [Parent Resources](#) webpage for those of you who were not able to attend.

Consider GHS PTA in your year end giving! The GHS PTA is comprised of parents, staff, and community members. Consider lending your support to the 2017-2018 GHS PTA.

Our goal is 100% participation!

Join online or print a form and mail a check.

Your PTA has enjoyed a great year so far with a successful fundraiser, Paint the Town Cardinal Red, a hospitality tent at the Homecoming Game, informative PTA meetings and supporting curriculum enrichment. We plan to continue to build on our success next year with our February PTA Meeting on *Lifestyle Hacks for Teens* which will be chocked full of suggestions for healthy foods for teens and tricks for helping them get a better night's sleep.

We hope your holidays are filled with family, friends, and fun!

Thank you for your support!

Maria Merrill & Anne Pfetsch
GHS PTA Co-Presidents

SummerFare 2018

The GHS PTA will host its annual SummerFare Camp Expo on **Wednesday, January 24th**, (snow date is January 25th) from **6:00 to 8:00 pm** in the **GHS Student Center**. Please bring your student of any age (elementary through high school) to learn about amazing summer opportunities near and far and both paid and unpaid. We will have a door

School Store

Come in and shop for Cardinal gear and gifts at the school store. Special hours: Wednesday, Dec. 6 5-7:15 PM at the GHS school store. Stop in after work or before the Holiday Chorus Concert. You can also shop online at: [HERE](#)

GHS Theater

Greenwich High School Theater Arts will present the musical, High School Musical on Dec. 13-16 at 4:30 and 7:30 in the Black Box Theater. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be reserved by calling 203-863-8808 or on line [HERE](#)

From the GHS Outreach Club and StressLess Club:

Happy Holidays... the season of giving is upon us! The GHS Outreach Club and StressLess Club have organized a **Clothing Drive from Dec. 4th - Dec. 20th**. All donations collected will be reused, refurbished and recycled with [Fairco-Greentree Recycling](#), and will raise money for [the Harris Project](#) for programs centered around teen substance misuse and mental health challenges. A green donation bin is located in the front glass corridor, and 2 bins are located in the back parking lot. Please share with your family, friends and neighbors. The more we collect, the more we raise!! Together we can make a difference to end the stigma of addiction and mental health challenges, and create a community of caring!

Media Center

Check out the November newsletter from the GHS Library - [The Cardinal Bookmark](#) - for updates about Greenwich Reads Together, student reads, and articles that might spark an interesting conversation with your teens.

The GHS Library is looking for students who are interested in having more "say" in all things library by joining the [GHS Student Library Advisory Board](#).

GHS BEAK (GHS student newspaper)

Check out the GHS BEAK online ghsbeak.com.

prize drawing for a pair of Beats headphones so encourage your student to attend! Admission is free and open to the public - bring a friend! For more information, please contact the committee chairs at SummerFare@ghspta.org

Attention Parents of Seniors!

Graduation may seem a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. An important part of the festivities is the GHS Senior Graduation Party, which is organized and paid for by the GHS senior parents. Please consider giving as generously as you can in order for us to help make this event a success for ALL of our seniors. **Click [HERE](#) to donate to the Graduation Party for the Class of 2018!**

Need a Holiday Helper?

Need a babysitter, gift wrapper, tutor, eldercare, home help, tech assistance, sales help, or 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 as 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

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- **Headmaster Forum** – December 11th at 7:00pm Media Center
- **Holiday Recess – Schools Closed** on December 25th and will resume on January 2nd
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Schools Closed** - January 15th
- **Headmaster Forum** – January 22nd at 7:00pm Media Center
- **Early Release** - January 24th [\(schedule\)](#)
- **SummerFare** – January 24th 6:00-8:00pm Student Center

Unified Sports



Join Unified Sports!

Unified Sports is a school-based program designed to foster a positive inclusive foundation for athletic and social interaction among special and general education students. If you would like to receive more information about this program or be added to the email list, please contact Erin Randall at erin_costello@greenwich.k12.ct.us

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.

December 11: Student Life Focus

January 22: Math/Science/Technology Focus

March 12: General Focus

April 16: Athletics

May 14: Humanities Focus

- **PTA General Meeting** - February 1st at 9:30am
“Lifestyle Hacks for Healthy Teens”

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

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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.