



GHS HEADMASTER and PTA NEWS

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UPDATES FROM GHS HEADMASTER UPDATES FROM GHS HEADMASTER

Nurse's Office: Parents: Please be advised we are in the height of Influenza season. If your child shows signs of a flu- like illness, such as fever, cough, fatigue, muscle aches or congestion please keep them home and see your doctor. Students should remain home until they are fever free for 24 hours. If your child has been diagnosed with the flu (by your physician) we ask that you report that information to the Nurse or Attendance Secretary in your house.

Driving Safety on Campus: Please follow all signs, rules, and directions when driving on the GHS campus and on Hillside Road. Patience is a virtue, especially when near our neighborhood school.

GHS Innovation Lab: [GHS Innovation Lab](#) is currently enrolling for rising freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The application to apply is on our website. To see what an end-of-project exhibition looks like, come to the 3rd annual **Exhibition of Student Work at the Bruce Museum from 6:30-8:30 PM on Wednesday, February 7.** Sophomores will be presenting artwork created with mathematical equations and exhibits about the opposition and change in society. Juniors will be presenting large-scale museum exhibits on the government's response to a crisis in the last one hundred years. There is no charge and all are welcome.

Composer's Showcase: Composer's Showcase performance is Wednesday, March 14 at 7PM in room 801. This is an opportunity for student composers to perform their original music compositions and is open to all GHS students in all grades. Compositions can be in any genre or category including songs, instrumentals, bands, and electronic music. This is a prescreened and adjudicated event so all those wishing to perform at Composer's Showcase MUST have it approved by Ms. Freedman by Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

UPDATES FROM THE GHS PTA

Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear GHS Families,

Your PTA has been busy this past month. Last week, we held our general meeting which featured programming on ***Lifestyle Hacks for Healthy Teens***; suggestions for healthy foods for teens and tricks for helping them get a better night's sleep. Here's the [link](#) to our talk and handouts. The event was very well received by those in attendance.

SummerFare was also a great success with very strong foot traffic and positive feedback from our vendors. This year, attendees not only shopped for summer opportunities while enjoying our live dj, but they also entered a drawing for Beats headphones and sampled acai bowls.

Here are some of the other opportunities which were funded by your PTA this month:

- Field trip to The Mark Twain House in Hartford - English/SS 212
- Field trip to Goggle Manhattan - Global Studies 113

We are very excited to announce a new event for our parent community! Please join us on Friday, **March 9th from 5:30-7pm** for the **SRO Red Carpet Social** in the GHS Performing Arts Center Galleria. The *event is free* and an opportunity for the Class of 2018 parents (all parents and guests are welcome!) to reminisce while browsing graduation gifts and services from local vendors. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and other surprises await. We hope to see you there - all are welcome to stop in or stay for the show. SRO is an annual variety show performed by the senior class with skits and musical numbers that reflect on their years at GHS and as teens. It's always a great time!

Please mark your calendars for **March 27th at 7pm** for our next PTA General Meeting. We are working on a timely topic on teen emotional wellbeing that will be of interest to many. Details to come!

Maria Merrill & Anne Pfetsch

For more information or to reserve a time to audition your piece, ACT NOW! Contact Ms. Freedman, Electronic Music Teacher via email: barbara_freedman@greenwich.k12.ct.us

Compass Yearbook: The 2018 yearbook holds memories for your students year at GHS. Pre-order a copy today online at yearbookforever.com while they are in stock.

Compass cannot guarantee that yearbooks will be available for purchase at distribution in June.

Senior Parents - SRO: The annual senior show is coming up March 8, 9 & 10. We are hoping to have every senior involved in the show in some capacity. It is truly a rite of passage for GHS students. **How can parents be involved?** Every year we hold a cast dinner on Friday night (March 9th) before the show. We are hoping that parents will pitch in with cash donations to help defray the cost of the dinner. We also will accept donations of food and water to have for the cast during the shows. If you are interested in contributing please contact Jen Lynch, SRO Adviser at jennifer_lynch@greenwich.k12.ct.us.

GHS Theater: Greenwich High School Theater Arts will hold auditions for the musical, Hairspray, on Feb. 26 and 27, 2018 at 3:15 in Room 612. Students should prepare 16 bars of a song of their choice and dress to dance. All students are welcome to audition. Performances will be May 17-19, 2018 in the PAC.

Questions: Contact patricia_cirigliano@greenwich.k12.ct.us

From GHS Outreach Club: The GHS Outreach Club has organized the [Save A Life Tour](#) presentation, for students and staff, for Friday, Feb. 9th. The focus of this presentation is on the dangers of distracted driving. At 55 mph, the average text takes your eyes off the road long enough to cover a football field. According to the CDC, each day in the US, over eight people are killed, and 1,161 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver. These tragedies are so preventable. Please don't be a statistic. Put your phone down- it can wait.

Media Center: Check out the January newsletter from the GHS Library - [The Cardinal Bookmark](#) - for updates about using GHS Library databases for

GHS PTA Co-Presidents

Teacher & Staff Appreciation

To show our appreciation for teachers and staff, the PTA is planning a week long celebration in April. We are starting to collect \$25 Amazon gift card donations and have made it easy with [one click shopping](#). Our committee is looking for an additional volunteer to help with preparations for this fun week. Contact board chair Kim Blank for more information at: vp.programs.services@ghspta.org.

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- **Winter Recess & President's Day** - February 12th-19th
- **Headmaster Forum** - March 12th at 7:00pm Media Center
- **Early Release** - Teacher Meetings March 14th 1:15pm
- **PTA General Meeting** - March 27th at 7:00pm in Media Center
- **Good Friday** - Schools Closed March 30th

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

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Unified Sports: Unified Sports is a school-based program designed to foster a positive and inclusive foundation for athletic and social interaction among special and general education students. Three sports are offered throughout the year with a culminating tournament to close out each season. All practices are held in the GHS gymnasium. Please see the schedule below for our upcoming basketball season. If you would like to receive more information about this program or be added to the email list, please contact Erin Randall at erin_randall@greenwich.k12.ct.us
Saturday, February 10 10-11 a.m.
Saturday, February 24 10-11 a.m.
Saturday, March 3 10-11 a.m.
Tournament Date: Tuesday, March 6 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Fairfield Ludlowe High School

Headmaster Forums: Headmaster Forums are relatively small gatherings (20-40 parents) with the GHS Headmaster. The topics for discussion are

research, teen reading recommendations, and articles that might spark interesting conversations with your teens.

Art Exhibit: Come see selected works from AP Studio Art and AP Computer Art Students. GHS Media Center. See flier below.

GHS BEAK (GHS student newspaper): Check out the GHS BEAK online ghsbeak.com.

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.

March 12: General Focus

April 16: Athletics

May 14: Humanities Focus

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.

The Adolescent and the Self

Selected Works by AP Studio Art and AP Computer Art Students

February 5 - March 2, 2018

Opening Reception

Tuesday February 6, 2018

3:15 PM

Greenwich High School Media Center

