



GHS HEADMASTER and PTA NEWS

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UPDATES FROM GHS HEADMASTER

Senior Parents - SRO: SRO, the annual senior show is this weekend! Seniors have been working hard to put on a great show for the GHS community. Performances are March 8th, 9th & 10th at 7pm in the PAC. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Student Activities during the school day or at the door. For Thursday's show, students can buy \$10 tickets with a student ID. Come see the show and support the senior class in their biggest fundraiser!

GHS Guidance: The course selection process for the 18-19 school year is in progress and must be completed by March 29th. All freshmen, sophomores and juniors must meet with their school counselor to discuss course requests. Students and parents can view course recommendations and course requests in Aspen. Our goal is to help you meet with success in courses that are both academically challenging and personally manageable. Placement criteria and pre-requisites that affect course recommendations and placement are outlined in the [GHS Course of Study Guide 2018-19](#), posted on the GHS Website under Teaching & Learning > Academics.

Steps for students to select courses for 10th, 11th or 12th grade:

1. Read the *GHS Course of Study Guide*.
2. View the courses/levels recommended by your teachers in your Aspen account. If you disagree with a recommended course level, you must speak to the subject area teacher first, and then discuss with the Program Administrator if needed.
3. Review your career interests and goals in your Naviance account.
4. Make and keep your appointment with your School Counselor!
5. All course requests must be discussed and confirmed with your School Counselor by March 29th. **Your course selection must be finalized by this deadline, including all requests for an**

UPDATES FROM THE GHS PTA

Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear GHS Families,

Like all of you, our hearts are heavy with sadness for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas community and we extend our heartfelt condolences and support to them. We would like to thank many of you for reaching out to us regarding school safety. We understand that our Administrators are focused on addressing safety and making improvements to keep our schools as safe as possible.

Diversity Week at GHS, featuring multiple outside daily presentations, wrapped up last week. Your PTA funded all of the presentations and based on feedback from teachers and students, the programs resonated with our students. We thank you for your support that allowed us to make these programs possible.

This Friday, we will host our first **SRO Red Carpet Social** from 5:30-7pm in the Galleria outside our Performing Arts Center. There is no charge and it is a great opportunity to visit with other parents before SRO or your evening's events.

Please mark your calendars for **March 27th at 7pm in the Media Center** for our next [PTA General Meeting](#), "*Life Hacks for a Happier Teen: Coping with the Loneliness Epidemic.*" We live in a world that has never been more technologically connected, yet our teens are feeling more disconnected than ever. Come learn practical life hacks for healthy parenting to not only help your child navigate current social challenges and develop more meaningful relationships, but empower them to emerge from school as happier and more resilient young adults. Our speakers will be Meredith Gold and Leslie Coplin from the YWCA.

Maria Merrill & Anne Pfetsch
GHS PTA Co-Presidents

SRO Red Carpet Social & Boutique
Friday, March 9th from 5:30-7pm in the GHS

override. Our process provides you with the opportunity and the responsibility to carefully consider your courses, as you are making a commitment that will drive the creation of the GHS master schedule.

GHS Innovation Lab: GHS Innovation Lab: GHS Innovation Lab is currently enrolling for rising freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The application to apply is on [our website](#). If you would like to see the National History Day Exhibition, students will be presenting their work in the GHS Media Center, Thursday 3/15, from 6:30-8:30pm.

National Honor Society: For junior parents — all academically eligible (3.55 and higher cumulative GPA) juniors received an invitation to submit a packet to be considered for membership in the National Honor Society. The letter was mailed home two weeks ago. If you believe your child should have received a letter of invitation please contact the NHS adviser immediately ([Ariane Haley@greenwich.k12.ct.us](mailto:Ariane.Haley@greenwich.k12.ct.us))

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. For more information contact Ms. Freedman, Electronic Music Teacher via email: barbara_freedman@greenwich.k12.ct.us

Class of 2018: - Graduation Fee/Cap and Gown Orders

Please make sure you purchase your cap and gown by March 16th. Emails were sent out by Karen Foster with the information. You may pay either through your account on myschoolbucks.com or at the school store.

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.

Performing Arts Center Galleria. This *free event* is 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 and 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. It's always a great time!

Senior Graduation Party!

GHS Senior Parents - we need your help to throw a fantastic Graduation Party! This annual event is funded and organized by the Senior parents. Please consider giving as generously as you can. We are only halfway to our goal and need all parents of Seniors to support this safe and amazing party.

Click [HERE](#) and to learn more and donate to the Graduation Party for the Class of 2018!

*Donations at the \$200 level or above receive a **personalized graduation lawn sign** for your Senior!*

EDS (Educational Difference Support)

Parent meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 29th at Greenwich Town Hall. For more information on time and topic, contact Ann Ksiazek, GHS PTA Special Education Liaison at andzia1969@gmail.com

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

To show our appreciation for teachers and staff, the PTA will host special events on April 25th, May 1st and May 3rd including a deluxe Coffee Break with drawings for prizes, a breakfast, and a dessert extravaganza and we need your help!

- Click [HERE](#) to donate a gift card for the drawing. We hope to give every teacher a prize!
- To donate a door prize valued over \$50, such as golf lessons, spa treatments, or event tickets, please contact Kim Blank at VP.Programs.Services@ghspta.org.
- Please sign up to donate in your house for the breakfast or dessert extravaganza on May 1st & 3rd. [Bella](#), [Cantor](#), [Clark](#), [Folsom](#), [Sheldon](#).

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

GHS Theater: Greenwich High School Theater Arts will perform Hairspray - May 17-19, 2018 in the PAC. Questions: Contact patricia_cirigliano@greenwich.k12.ct.us

From the GHS Wellness Education Department:

The GHS Annual Health Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st, from 11:20 - 2:10 in the Gym for students and staff. Community organizations will present information on topics such as: Vaping / Smoking Prevention and Cessation; Addiction and Recovery; Dental Health; Mindfulness; Sexual Violence; Teen Dating Violence; Eating Disorders; Nutrition; 211 Program; and GEMS Programs. Knowledge is Power.

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

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.

March 12: Focus on Safety and Security. Chief Heavey and SROs Franco and Sgaglio will be joining

April 16: Athletics

May 14: Humanities Focus

- **SRO Red Carpet Social & Boutique** - March 9th 5:30-7:00pm PAC Galleria
- **Headmaster Forum** – Topic: School Safety. 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
- **Spring Recess** - Schools Closed April 9th-13th
- **PTA Grade 12 Parent Information Meeting** - April 17th at 7pm
- **Early Release** - Teacher Meetings April 25th 1:15pm

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.

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

