



GHS HEADMASTER and PTA NEWS

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UPDATES FROM GHS HEADMASTER

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

Outreach Club, CODA Club, and StressLess Club: In recognition of Co-Occurring Disorder Awareness Week and Alcohol Awareness Month, GHS clubs are sponsoring several informational events:

Tuesday, April 3rd: Presentation: [Project Rewind](#) Binge Drinking Awareness Program to reduce injury and saves lives by giving teens the information they need to know before tragedy strikes.

Thursday, April 5th, Grade Level Assembly: Seniors and Juniors are encouraged to attend. Assembly: Know Before You Go To College (or Spring Break): Frank Conjiu, 2000 GHS Grad will present personal story on losing his brother, and his best friend to opioid overdose.

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Friday, April 6th: PARTY SOBER MUSIC FEST during lunch block.

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](#).

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. If you believe your child should have received a letter of invitation please

UPDATES FROM THE GHS PTA

Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear GHS Families,

Our parent workshop last week featured "[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 ([Emery Bergmann "My College Transition" on YouTube](#)). Young adults long for friendships and a place to belong especially as they transition to new environments like high school or college, but that isn't always so easy to find ("[The Real Campus Scourge](#)" by Frank Bruni NYT, 9/2/17). We learned practical life hacks for healthy parenting to not only help our students navigate current social challenges and develop more meaningful relationships, but empower them to emerge from school as happier and more resilient young adults. We would like to thank our distinguished speakers Meredith Gold and Leslie Coplin from the YWCA, and Dr. Jeff DeTeso, GHS Psychologist.

The GHS PTA nominating process is in full swing. Click [here](#) to see our many Board and Committee positions. Inquiries can be directed to the Nominating Committee at Nominating@ghspta.org.

Maria Merrill & Anne Pfetsch
GHS PTA Co-Presidents

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

To show our appreciation for teachers and staff, the PTA will host a luncheon with a prize drawing on April 25th, breakfast on May 1st and a Sweet Extravaganza on May 3rd 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 on May 1st or Sweet

contact the NHS adviser immediately
([Arianne Haley@greenwich.k12.ct.us](mailto:Arianne.Haley@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.

Summer School 2018:

GPS will run summer school from July 2-August 10. Summer School 2018 Sites will be:

- Greenwich High School, Bella & Clark Houses, 7:30am-1:30pm (course times vary, please see brochure for exact dates/times)
- Cos Cob School, 8:00am-2:00pm (Preschool ends at 12:00pm)
- *Cos Cob, ISD, Julian Curtiss, North Mianus, North Street, Old Greenwich and Riverside School students will attend Cos Cob summer site*
- Glenville School, 8:00am-2:00pm (Preschool ends at 12:00pm)
- *Hamilton Avenue, Glenville, New Lebanon and Parkway School students will attend Glenville summer site*

Summer School Registration begins April 2, 2018

- New elective offerings at Greenwich High School Summer School for students currently in Grades 5-9:
 - Coding (grades 5-8)
 - Robotics with Legos (grades 5-8)
 - Introduction to Model UN (grades 7-9)

More information to follow in the upcoming weeks in the Summer School Website:

<http://GreenwichSchools.org/SummerSchool>

Senior Parents - Grade-level Meeting: There will be a meeting for parents of 12th Grade students on Tuesday, April 17 from 7:00-8:00PM in the GHS Choral Room. Speakers include Karen Foster (Graduation and Prom details); Judy Nedell (College selection, Senior Exit surveys, Senior Internships and Projects); PTA (Graduation Party); and Chris Winters (Update).

GHS Odyssey of the Mind Club: Congratulations to

Extravaganza May 3rd.

Bella	Cantor	Clark
Folsom	Sheldon	Thank You!

Grade 12 Parent Meeting

All senior parents are encouraged to attend on Tuesday, April 17th at 7pm in the Choral Room. The focus of this meeting will be on graduation logistics and the graduation party on June 20th.

Coming soon...online auction for 5 VIP Graduation Parking Spaces. Details to come via email.

PTA Council Essence Award - Nomination Deadline is April 30th

This award recognizes the exemplary achievement of a GPS PTA volunteer who has inspired others, demonstrated selfless spirit, and made a significant difference in our school community. Parents, students, teachers, staff, principals, administrators, and members of the Greenwich community may submit nominations. To nominate a PTA volunteer, click [HERE](#) for the application, click [HERE](#) for more information, or contact PTACessence@gmail.com. The awards ceremony will take place on May 29th at 10am at the Board of Education Building.

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 almost to our goal and need all parents of Seniors to support this safe and amazing party. **Click [HERE](#) to learn more and donate to the Graduation Party for the Class of 2018! Looking Ahead**

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- **Spring Recess** - Schools Closed April 9th-13th
- **Headmaster Forum** - April 16th Media Center 7pm Topic: Athletics
- **12th Grade Parent Meeting** - April 17th Choral Room 7pm
- **Early Release** - Teacher Meetings April 25th 1:15pm

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

our team for its second place finish at the CT State Tournament and for qualifying for the World Finals at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, from May 22 - 27. Contact Ms. Lisa Fancher (elizabeth_fancher@greenwich.k12.ct.us) if you would like to learn more about the club and offer any support.

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

GHS Media Center: Check out the latest edition of The Cardinal Bookmark: GHS Library News - March 2018 ([HERE](#)).

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.

April 16: Athletics

May 14: Humanities Focus

Continued from Headmaster News

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.