



GHS HEADMASTER and PTA NEWS

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UPDATES FROM GHS HEADMASTER

GHS Theater: GHS THEATER ARTS PRESENTS : **HAIRSPRAY**

In the GHS Performing Arts Center- May 17-19, 2018 at 7:00 pm - All tickets are \$20.00
Directed by Patty Cirigliano; Musical Direction by David Johnson; Technical Direction by Scott Borowka; Choreography by Davyd Suber. For tickets call 203-863-8808

<https://docs.google.com/a/greenwich.k12.ct.us/forms/d/1geQRkIco7PKQ-ggDp4wnvhppYEN3EGu-8xU36bMo-XU/viewform>

From the GHS Wellness Education Department:

May is Mental Health Month. Established in 1949, Mental Health Month raises awareness of trauma and the impact it can have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families, and communities. Mental health is essential for a person's overall health. Prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can recover from mental health challenges and live full and productive lives. Below are resources that may be helpful:

successful efforts that promote acceptance, support, prevention and recovery from mental health challenges

[National Alliance on Mental Health](#) - talk about mental health challenges to decrease the stigma associated with the diagnosis

[The Harris Project](#) - raising awareness and improving the lives of young adults living with a co-occurring disorder

Safe Driving Day: On May 3rd, GHS will be holding a Safe Driving Day held in the Front Courtyard from 11am-1pm. Not only will there be organizations there such as GEMS, Safe Rides, AAA, National Highway Seat Belt Convincer, Fresh Green Light, and numerous more to spread awareness about safe driving habits and car maintenance, but there will also be local mechanics to use individual students' cars to go over basic tasks one may not

UPDATES FROM THE GHS PTA

Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear GHS Families,

We are proud to congratulate Frank Kovac and Eleanor Ritch who will be honored today as Distinguished Teachers for 2018. Please join us to celebrate them and all of the teachers honored this year. The ceremony is at 4:30pm today in the GHS Performing Arts Center.

As we all begin to emerge from hibernation, you may have noticed the new red Adirondack chairs in the front courtyard. Those were donated by the GHS PTA thanks to your continued generous support! We think they will be a great addition for our students to visit and relax as the days get warmer.

Thank you also to all who donated gift cards, raffle items and signed up for food donations for Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. The PTA hosted a luncheon for teachers and staff this past Wednesday and it was much appreciated. We were able to give a raffle prize to all attendees! A breakfast spread was in place at every house this morning and on Thursday we will shower them with sweet treats. All donations are very much appreciated!

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.

Please mark your calendar for our **PTA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 23rd at 9:30am** in the **Media Center**. Come for coffee and remarks from Dr. Chris Winters as we begin transitioning from this school year to the next. PTA members will also be voting on the 2018-19 GHS PTA Executive Board slate from the Nominating Committee, as well as the proposed budget for next year. We hope to see you there!

learn in a traditional driving school, such as changing a tire, checking tire pressure, and plenty more under the hood.

Outreach, StressLess, and CODA Club: We are excited to host their Spring Clothing and Textile Drive. For the next two weeks, they will be collecting all unwanted, stained and torn clothing, shoes, bags, towels and bedding. Donations will be reused, repurposed, recycled and kept out of the landfills. Proceeds from the drive will benefit [the Harris Project](#) and education of co-occurring disorders. Please clean out your closets and drawers to support this cause. Drop-off bins are located in the GHS front glass hallway, and in the back gym parking lot.

Summer School 2018: Summer Program Offerings for High School

Registration is currently open at:

<https://www.familyid.com/pages/home>

All classes will be held at Greenwich High School

Beyond credit recovery, the Greenwich Summer Program has a variety of classes to enrich and strengthen your child's skills.

We are offering for GHS credit to 10th-12th graders who successfully completed Algebra 1: Geometry A (7/2-8/3; 8 am - 12 pm)

This summer, we are offering enrichment classes such as:

Art Composition for grades 8-12 (7/2-8/3; 7:45-9:45 am)

Executive Functioning (7/2-7/20; 10:00-12:00 pm)

Focus on Writing (7/2-7/20; 10:00- 12:00)

Introduction to Model UN for grades 7-10 (7/16-7/27; 10:00-11:30 am)

PSAT/SAT Preparation: Reading, Writing and Language (7/2-8/3; 8:30-9:45 am)

PSAT/SAT Preparation: Math (7/2- 8/3; 10:00-11:15 am)

We're also offering for credit recovery and review: Algebra I/Extended Algebra (7/2-8/3; 7:45-9:45 am)

Algebra II (7/2-8/3; 10:00- 12:00 pm)

Geometry, Credit Recovery (7/2-8/3; 7:45-9:45 am)

American History Semester I/Semester II and Civics (7/2-7/17; 8:00- 11:00 am)

Maria Merrill & Anne Pfetsch
GHS PTA Co-Presidents

Underclass Parents - We need your help!

The GHS Graduation Party will be in the gym on June 20th from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am. This fun evening is organized by the Senior parents, but Senior parents are not allowed to attend. **WE NEED UNDERCLASS PARENT VOLUNTEERS** to assist in setup, check-in, food table assistance, handing out raffle prizes and the like. Volunteers are needed for three shifts: setup from 6:00 to 10:00pm; 9:45pm to midnight; and 11:45pm to 2:00am. Please consider helping out. It's a fun event and your student will someday get to enjoy it as well! To sign up as a volunteer, please contact JoAnn McCarthy at joannmccarthy@optimum.net

Graduation Lawn Signs

There are 622 graduating seniors. Imagine a sea of lawn signs across town celebrating their achievement. GHS Pride! Order yours for \$25 [here](#).

Student Employment Service

The PTA sponsored and operated **Student Employment Service** (SES) at ghs-ses.org is a registered workforce of over 4,500 Greenwich resident students and graduates. Need a tutor, babysitter, eldercare, home help, tech assistance, sales help, office help or camp counselors? We can help match you with the perfect candidate. SES can also be contacted at office@ghs-ses.org or **203-625-8008**. **Please list with SES as we are always in need of jobs!**

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- **Distinguished Teachers Award Ceremony** - May 1st 4:30pm PAC
- **Headmaster Forum** - May 14th Media Center 7pm Topic: Humanities
- **GHS PTA Annual Meeting** - May 23rd 9:30am Media Center
- **Schools Closed Memorial Day** - May 28th
- **Senior Prom** - June 2nd 6:30pm Greenwich Hyatt

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

Biology, credit recovery (7/2-8/3; 8:00-11:00)
Chemistry (7/2- 8/3; 7:30- 12:30)

And many more! All course offerings can be found in our Secondary Brochure:

<https://www.greenwichschools.org/teaching-learning/summer-school>

You can begin the registration process online at the Summer School website by scrolling down and clicking on the blue "Register Now" button. It is very important that when indicating your child's grade level, you enter the grade they are currently in for the 2017-18 school year.

If additional assistance is needed navigating the registration process, there will also be "On-Site Registration" available at the following location from 5:30- 7:00pm: Western Middle School: Wednesday, May 2

Financial aid is available for families that qualify. Please speak with your child's school guidance counselor for additional information.

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's school guidance counselor, special education monitor or you can email inquiries to: GPSsummerschool@greenwich.k12.ct.us

GHS Media Center: The GHS Media Center is partnering with Greenwich Library to offer a new teen advisory group. Students will focus on creating engaging programming for their peers, educating children in STEM, helping seniors with technology, and assisting with library events. Students who are interested in developing leadership skills in their local community and earning community service hours are encouraged to attend the first meeting of the [Greenwich Library Student Advisory Club](#) on **Wednesday, May 2 after school in the GHS Media Center**. Once the group is established, meetings will be held every other Thursday evening at the Greenwich Library. For more information, please contact Media Specialist Alexandra Stevens at alexandra_stevens@greenwich.k12.ct.us.

SENIORS must return **all library materials** before leaving for project or internship. They can get their All Clear Slips signed May 14 through May 18 at the circulation desk in the Media Center.

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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](#).

Compass Yearbook: There is a limited amount of 2018 yearbooks remaining for pre-order online. We anticipate that we will be sold out by Compass Nite on June 7, or shortly after. If you are planning on purchasing a yearbook we suggest you place an order soon.

National Honor Society: National Honor Society update: Class of 2019 candidates for the National Honor Society will be notified of the selection committee's decision in mid-June. Juniors who were not academically eligible after first semester but achieved the required 3.55 GPA with final year grades will be notified of their eligibility in late June; their packet will be due in early fall.

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

Headmaster Forums: The final Headmaster Forum for this year is May 14 from 7:00-8:00pm in the Media Center. Brigid Barry, Head of the English Program, and Lucy Arecco, Head of the Social Studies Program will be joining me to add focus. 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.

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.

Chromebooks: Seniors who do not need Chromebooks for project/internship, should return them to Room 603 in the D Wing on May 16 (8:30 - 11:30 a.m.) or May 17 & 18 (8:30 - 3:30 p.m.). Seniors who never took out a Chromebook will need to obtain a signature on their All Clear Slips from IT and can do so during those dates/times as well. Students who are not doing internship/project or who need their Chromebooks for internship/project can return their Chromebooks to Room 603 during school hours June 18 to 20.