



GHS HEADMASTER and PTA NEWS

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UPDATES FROM GHS HEADMASTER

Student Activities: Attention Senior Parents: All the information about Graduation was mailed out on June 1st. Please make sure you read through the packet carefully.

Compass Yearbook: Pre-ordered Compass Yearbooks will be distributed June 7 in the Student Center from 5pm-7pm. *We have sold out of yearbooks, there will not be any to purchase.* Students who do not pick up their pre-ordered yearbook June 7 may be picked it up at Student Activities beginning June 11th from 8am - 3:30pm.

Therapy Dogs at GHS: Therapy Dogs will be here June 15 - 20 from 10am - 11am in room 615 to help with stress management before/after finals.

GPS Summer School: Summer school registration will take place at GHS in front of Folsom House on the following dates:
Mon 6/18 12:30-2pm
Tues 6/19 12:30-2pm & 5:30-7pm
Thurs 6/21 12:30-2pm

National Honor Society: The National Honor Society selection committee will be meeting in early June and candidates will be notified of the committee's decision before the end of June. Notification will be sent through United States mail.

From the GHS Wellness/ Physical Education

Department: Greenwich Hospital Healing Touch Volunteers will be at GHS on Friday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 20, from 10:00 - 1:00 in the Gym Foyer to help students and staff relax, recharge and refocus for final exams. If you have a few minutes, please read: [Mindfulness and Learning: What's the Connection](#). In addition to mindfulness and meditation, movement and exercise are also important for our physical and psychological health. A good article that supports this is: [The Benefits of Exercise for Teen Mental Health](#). Have a safe, relaxing and fun summer!

UPDATES FROM THE GHS PTA

Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear GHS Families,

Our PTA Annual Meeting on May 23rd featured a thoughtful workshop given by Dr. Jeff Teso and Ms. Judy Nedell on summer choices for our teens. Alexis Voulgaris, our Student Employment Services Co-Chair, provided an overview of the SES resources and a sneak peek at some great summer job listings. We also voted in our 2018-19 GHS PTA Executive Board and approved the 2018-19 GHS PTA budget.

Co-Presidents	Anne Pfetsch and Maureen Bonanno
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We thank you all for your volunteer and financial support this year in making it another great year to be a part of the GHS community. We wish you a rejuvenating and fun-filled summer and please look for a PTA email in August with volunteer and membership opportunities for the 2018-19 year.

Maria Merrill & Anne Pfetsch
GHS PTA Co-Presidents

It's not a party without you!

We are in need of **underclass parents (9th, 10th and 11th grades)** to help at our annual Graduation Party for Seniors held on June 20th in the GHS gym. There are several shifts and it's a fun opportunity to share in their special night. The

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](#).

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

GHS Media Center: Check out the most recent [Cardinal Bookmark](#) newsletter from the Media Center.

GRT 2018 selection announced

[Greenwich Reads Together](#) has announced the 2018 GRT selection - [Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II](#) by Liza Mundy, the story of how more than ten thousand young women were recruited by the U.S. Army and Navy from small towns and elite colleges to serve as codebreakers during World War II. Their efforts shortened the war, saved countless lives, and gave them access to careers previously denied to them. Two companion books for younger readers have also been selected: the Young Readers edition of *Code Girls* (to be published this fall) and [Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code](#) by Laurie Wallmark. Town-wide and school GRT programming is scheduled for October and November with the author visiting Greenwich Library and Greenwich High School on Wednesday, November 7. Stay tuned for more information on GRT programming in the public schools.

Extended hours @Greenwich Library

Greenwich Library and its branch libraries will again extend hours this year to help support studying during final exams. The main library will remain open until 10:00 p.m. on June 14, 18, and 19 and until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 17. Cos Cob Library will stay open until 8:00 p.m. on June 14 and 18. Byram Shubert Library will stay open until 8:00 p.m. on June 14, 18, and 19. Keep Calm and Study On!

National Council for History Education: GHS Social Studies teacher Karen Boyea was a presenter at the National Council for History Education in San Antonio, Texas from April 19th to the 21st. Her presentation was titled, "Monumental History Class," and it showed fellow history teachers ways

tasks are simple - making candy bags, checking in students, serving food, picking door prizes - but your help is needed! GHS Administrators will be present also helping with the event. Volunteers are needed for three shifts: setup from 6:00-10:00pm; 9:45-12pm; and **especially 11:45pm-2:00am**. It's a fun event and someday your student will get to enjoy it as well!

Click [HERE](#) to sign up to volunteer.

Graduation Lawn Sign Pick Up

Senior parents - please come pick up your graduation lawn signs if you ordered them. Distribution will be on Tuesday, June 12th in the back parking lot by the PAC from 8-10am and evening pick up 6-8pm GHS glass corridor. Let's get our signs planted around town!

Mindfulness Workshop

PTAC Health and Wellness Committee is hosting a Mindfulness Parenting Workshop on June 6, 7-8:30pm at Central Middle School. Learn what mindfulness is (and isn't). Review science, experience activities, and learn ways to incorporate mindfulness into daily practice. Click [HERE](#) for more information. RSVP to ptachealth@gmail.com

Student Employment Service

The PTA sponsored and operated **Student Employment Service** (SES) at ghs-ses.org is a wonderful resource for our teens to find a paid (or volunteer) opportunity. Have your teen register today - it's open to all Greenwich teens aged 14-25. 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!

Watch for GHS PTA Info in August

GHS PTA volunteer sign up and membership for 2018-2019 will open up mid-August. Check the website and watch for an email from the GHS PTA.

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- **Mindfulness Workshop** - June 6th 7-8:30pm CMS
- **Final Exams** - June 15th - 20th
- **Graduation** - June 20th at 6:30pm
- **Last Day School** - Early Release, June 21st
- **Grade 9 Orientation** - Early Release, August

that they could use local, state and national monuments to spark inquiry and debate in their history classes.

Anonymous Alerts: GHS will monitor Anonymous Alerts during the summer.

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.

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- **First Day All Students** - August 30th
- **Labor Day** - Schools Closed, September 3rd
- **Rosh Hashanah** - Schools Closed, September 10th

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