



**GHS INTERIM HEADMASTER and PTA NEWS**  
**Tuesday, June 4, 2019**  
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**UPDATES FROM GHS HEADMASTER:**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Once again, during exams we are pleased to bring in **therapy dogs** to help students de-stress and feel relaxed for their exams. As the 2019 school year comes to a close, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2019! The graduation ceremony will take place on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Cardinal Stadium. Think sunshine! Everyone have a happy, fun and safe summer with whatever you do or wherever you go. See you in the fall!

Richard Piotrkowski, Interim Headmaster

**Update from the National Honor Society**

- Decisions for eligible juniors who submitted packets will be sent through U.S. mail before the end of the school year.
- Newly eligible juniors who reach the 3.55 required GPA after final grades are calculated will be notified in late June. Notification of their eligibility will be via an email to both the student and parents. Students will have access to the on-line packet and will have until the end of September to submit their packet for consideration.
- The induction ceremony will take place in the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. on Monday Nov. 4, 2019

**From the Guidance Department:**

**Students are able to download a copy of their unofficial transcript from their Aspen portal.** Sometimes a coach, college program, or honor society requests a copy of your transcript, and most often, this unofficial one is all that's required. The Unofficial Transcript report is run from the STUDENT Aspen Portal: My Info tab > Transcripts side tab. Options are "Final", "Mid-Year" and "Current". Credits are awarded and cumulative GPAs are updated at the end of each semester (twice a year). Select "Final" for the transcript that prints your final grades and the credits awarded.

**Senior "All Clear" Process** - Each graduating senior needs an "All Clear Slip" to pick up their cap & gown. They get this by clearing up all GHS obligations. A list of your obligations (such as text books, athletic uniforms, Senior Internship, Senior Project) are posted outside YOUR HOUSE. Once you gather individual clear slips for each obligation, THEN you return to your YOUR HOUSE and get the All Clear Slip. For students on Senior Internship, the Career Center staff will be available on Friday 6/14 before and immediately after your 1:15 graduation practice to review your hours and journal entries and provide you with an individual slip verifying meeting this obligation. For students completing a Senior Project, you will receive an individual slip during the group exhibition scheduled from 9-11 in the student center on Thursday 6/13. Location for CHROMEBOOK RETURNS: **Lower floor of D Wing. Hallway in front of Room 603**

The annual **GHS Senior Awards Ceremony** is being held on Monday June 10th at 7pm in the Performing Arts Center. Seniors who will be receiving an award will be sent an email with this information. All are welcome to attend.

**Student Activities/Yearbook Information**

Look for a mailing going out to all seniors with graduation information for students and parents. Also, included is information regarding the graduation party.

**Yearbook distribution** will be held on *Compass Nite*, Thursday, June 6, 2019, from 5-7 pm in the Student Center. **There are still a few yearbooks left. If you are interested in purchasing one on June 6th, please bring \$80 cash or check (payable to GHS).** Students who do not pick up their yearbook that evening may pick it up at the School Store between 8:00 - 8:30 am and 9:00 am -1:00 pm, June 7th - June 14th. To check and see if an order was placed, click on the link: [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com), and follow the prompt under "Find An Order."

**From GHS Outreach & StressLess Club:**

Summer can be a fun time with family and friends, but it can also be a time of increased risk for teens. Below are three resources that will provide useful information and help to jump start conversations with your teen. Safety First!

[Partnership for Drug-Free Kids](#)

[Wait 21](#)

[AAA Reveals Key Deadly Behaviors For Teen Drivers As 100 Deadliest Days Begin](#)

## Library News

Check out the [May Cardinal Bookmark](#) for news about the GHS Junior Book Awards, extended hours for midterms at Greenwich Library, Greenwich Reads Together, and some thought-provoking articles. Please vote for the next GRT selection at [www.greenwichreadstogether.org](http://www.greenwichreadstogether.org).

During Final Exams, the GHS library will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

## UPDATES FROM THE GHS PTA:

### **Message from the Co-Presidents:**

Dear GHS Families,

Our PTA parent speaker series featuring life hacks for a healthier, happier teen concluded this month with ***Battling Teen Boredom: How to Have a Healthier Happier (and Productive) Summer.*** Jeff DeTeso, GHS school psychologist, Alison Lochridge, College & Career Counselor and Judith Nedell, Guidance Coordinator, talked about thoughtful academic and non-academic options for students over the summer months. Our [Parent Resources page](#) has links to recordings of all our featured speakers and handouts. PTA members also voted on the 2019-20 GHS PTA Executive Board slate from the Nominating Committee, as well as the proposed budget for next year.

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 2019-20 year.

Best regards,  
Anne Pfetsch & Maureen Bonanno  
GHS PTA Co-Presidents  
[ghspta@ghspta.org](mailto:ghspta@ghspta.org)

### GHS PTA Executive Board 2019-2020

Co-Presidents.....Maureen Bonanno & Terry Lamantia  
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### Graduation Lawn Sign Pick Up June 6

Lawn Sign pick up is **Thursday, June 6**, GHS back parking lot. Can't remember if you ordered one? Log into your account at [MySchoolAnywhere](#) (see instructions in the paragraph below) and navigate to the store/your purchases. Contact [gradparty@ghspta.org](mailto:gradparty@ghspta.org) with questions.

### Underclass Parents - The Graduation Party Needs Your Help!

GHS will host a Graduation Party in the gym on June 17th from 10:00pm to 2:00am. 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 shifts: setup from 6:00 to 8:00pm or 8:00pm to 10:00pm; 9:45pm to midnight; and 11:45pm to 2:00am. Grab a friend and help out. It's a fun event and your student will someday get to enjoy it as well! To

sign up as a volunteer, please go to our [signupgenius page](#). Contact the Grad Party Committee with questions at [gradparty@ghspta.org](mailto:gradparty@ghspta.org).

### **Graduation Party Donations**

The 2019 Graduation Party is free to graduating seniors and boasts a \$28,000 budget to entertain students. Suggested minimum donation is \$50 and can be made online at [MySchoolBucks](#) or by [check](#). Thank you to all who have contributed to make this festive night a safe celebration.

### **SES Summer Schedule**

The PTA sponsored and operated Student Employment Service (SES) at [ghs-ses.org](http://ghs-ses.org) is a wonderful resource for our teens to find a paid or volunteer summer opportunity. Have your teen register today - it's open to all Greenwich teens aged 14-25. Staff will check office email Monday - Friday during summer break and will meet with students at Greenwich Library by appointment only. SES phones will not be manned during summer break. Contact SES at [office@ghs-ses.org](mailto:office@ghs-ses.org).

### **PTAC Update on Foam-Free School Lunch**

The good news is that the Board of Education (BOE) resolved last month to eliminate styrofoam trays from the school cafeteria by July 1. Unfortunately, the BOE was not inclined to request an interim appropriation necessary to fund dishwashers and reusable trays for the district for the 2019-2020 school year until this option is piloted at New Lebanon School. We will continue to strongly advocate for this pilot to be expanded district-wide. Thank you all for your support to date – parent advocacy was key to getting us this far! We hope we can count on your support going forward and into the 2019-2020 school year for a reusable food ware system - the most responsible solution for our children's health, our environment and the budget! For more information on a foam-free lunch, you can read the [Food Service Committee's update](#) to the Board of Education. If you have any questions or want more information, please feel free to contact us: PTA Council Green Schools Committee - [ptacgreenschools@gmail.com](mailto:ptacgreenschools@gmail.com) or PTA Council Health and Wellness Committee - [ptacwellness@gmail.com](mailto:ptacwellness@gmail.com).

### **Paint The Town Red - Join the Committee!**

We are inviting anyone interested to come to a informational committee meeting for Paint The Town Red, our annual GHS PTA benefit. Everyone can save the date! **October 25th, 2019** at RICHARDS in Greenwich. The committee meeting will be on June 10th, 7pm at the home of Jenny Eichinger, 687 River Road, CC. RSVP by email [benefit@ghspta.org](mailto:benefit@ghspta.org) or cell 203-253-6678.

### **PTA 2019-2020**

Watch for GHS PTA Information in August. GHS PTA online volunteer sign up and membership for 2019-2020 will open up mid-August. Check the website and watch for an email from the GHS PTA. Our first General Membership meeting and Volunteer Fair is scheduled for Thursday, September 5th.

### **AmazonSmile**

Please consider supporting the GHS PTA throughout the year by linking your Amazon account to AmazonSmile! It is easy to do and once set up, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the GHS PTA. All you need to do is go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), Select *PTSA Connecticut Inc Greenwich High* as your charity and Shop Away! Please email [treasurer@ghspta.org](mailto:treasurer@ghspta.org) for more information.

### **Looking Ahead**

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- **Graduation LAWN SIGN PICK UP** - June 6 from 8 - 10am, GHS back parking lot

- **Last Day of Classes** - June 10
- **Exams** - June 11 - 17 ([exam schedule](#))
- **Graduation** - June 17 at 6:30pm Cardinal Stadium weather permitting
- **Summer School Begins** - July 1
- **Grade 9 Orientation** - August 28 (half day)
- **First Day of School All Students** - August 29

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