Middle School Matters

October 23, 2023

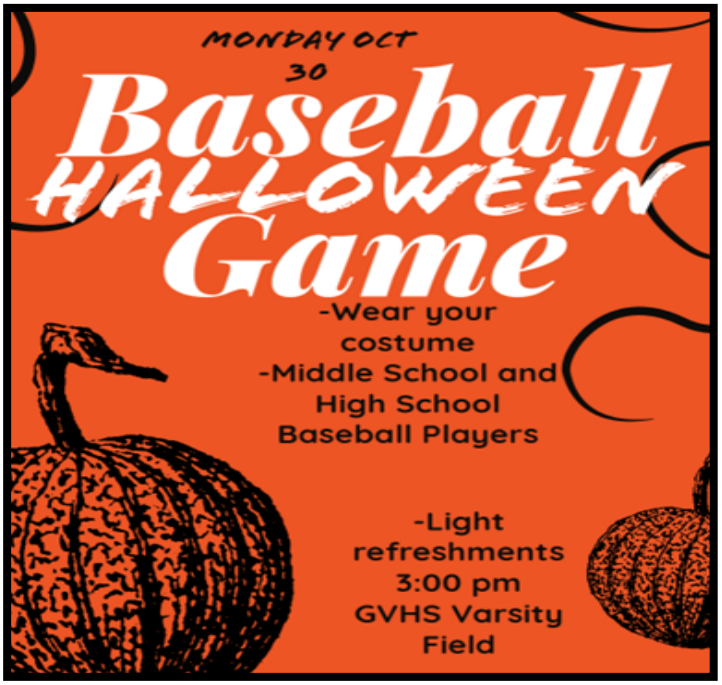
Monday 10/23 Day 3	Tuesday 10/24 Day 4	Wednesday 10/25 Day 5	Thursday 10/26 Day 6	Friday 10/27 Day 1
Monday 10/30 Day 2	Tuesday 10/31 Day 3	Wednesday 11/1 Day 4	Thursday 11/2 Day 5	Friday 11/3 Day 6

Dates to Make Note of:

Oct. 26 - Valley Forge Field Trip/8C, 9:30AM-2PM
Oct. 27 - Photo Re-Take Day, 8AM-10AM
Oct. 31 - End of Term 1
Nov. 1 - 1st day of Term 2
Nov. 6 - Valley Forge Field Trip/8A, 9:30AM-1:20PM
Nov. 7 - NO SCHOOL/Teacher In Service
Nov. 15 - Patriot Pride

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Grade 6: Julia Wirt, Roscoe Kiely and Grey Peterson
Grade 7: Marlene Schmalzl, Zoe West and Jia-Yi Zhi
Grade 8: Jocelyn Threadgill, Anneka Palasiuk and Kylie Simmington



CALLING ALL SCIENTISTS.. The 2023-24 Science Fair is now accepting research proposals. Please see the attached list of helpful information!
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POINTS OF INTEREST

- When dropping your students off at school in the morning, we recommend dropping them off **between 7:05AM-715AM** to avoid congestion. Thank you!
- The Great Valley School District Education Foundation is excited to announce the third annual art recognition contest called **SOAR**. This contest is open to students in grades 5, 8, 11, and 12. The Foundation seeks to promote and honor student art by recognizing and displaying exceptional art works. Interested students will create an original piece of artwork based on this year's theme, **"What makes me . . . ME."** Artwork created for class assignments are not eligible. All student artwork submissions will be 2-dimensional. There will be one winner chosen from 8th grade. Please see your art teacher for more details.
- GVMS is continuing to collect **Box Tops for Education**. Please be sure to download the app and scan your receipts. Make sure you select Great Valley Middle School to earn money!!
- **Attendance Reminders:** If your student will be absent from school, or leaving early, please be sure to send a note to Pick Up Patrol. For additional information please visit the website at: **PickUp Patrol: Safe, Affordable School Dismissal System — Frequently Asked Questions - Parents**. **Please note that if you need to pick your student up in the late afternoon, you must arrive at school prior to 2PM or the driveway entrance will be closed.
- **Yearbook Announcement**: The 2023-24 Middle School yearbook is available for preorder at **Jostens.com** for $40.00. Preordering ensures that your GVMS student has a yearbook at the conclusion of the school year. There are only a limited number of books available for purchase in June.
- **PTO INFORMATION**: It's easy to support the Great Valley Middle School PTO…"Just Write a Check". Please visit the PTO website at: **https://www.gvmspto.org/just-write-a-check**
- Student Council is sponsoring a **Guess the Weight of the GIANT Pumpkin Contest.** Students receive one guess to win the pumpkin (1 can= 1 guess) for every canned food item donated. Canned food collection will occur before school in the main lobby between 7:15AM-7:30AM from October 9th - October 31st. The student who guesses the closest weight of the pumpkin will win the pumpkin on October 31st!

RED RIBBON SPIRIT WEEK

10/23 Team Up Against Drugs: **Wear your favorite sports Team**
10/24 **Wear Red** to Celebrate Red Ribbon Week!
10/25 Be Kind to Your Mind - **Wear Your Favorite Hat**!
10/26 From Head to Toe...I Am Drug Free. **Crazy Hair and Sock Day!**
10/27 Put Drugs to Sleep...**Pajama Day**!

Be Kind to Your Mind, Be Drug Free

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