



Middle School Matters

January 1, 2024

Monday 1/1 NO SCHOOL	Tuesday 1/2 Day 6	Wednesday 1/3 Day 1	Thursday 1/4 Day 2	Friday 1/5 Day 3
Monday 1/8 Day 4	Tuesday 1/9 Day 5	Wednesday 1/10 Day 6	Thursday 1/11 Day 1	Friday 1/12 Day 2

Dates to Make Note of:

- Jan. 2 - Classes Resume
- Jan. 6 - Robotics Event, 9AM-3PM
- Jan. 8 - Science Fair
- Jan. 9 & 10 - Keystone Exams
- Jan. 15 - No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 16 - Winter Instrumental Concert - Gym, 6:30PM
- Jan. 18 - Kimmel Center Trip
- Jan. 19 - End of Term 2
- Jan. 22 - Term 3 Begins

Points of Interest

- When dropping your students off at school in the morning, **we recommend dropping them off between 7:05AM-7:15AM** to avoid congestion. Thank you!
- Box Tops for Education is sponsoring a referral incentive. Each time you refer a friend, the school will receive 40 bonus box tops (\$4.00) which is more than double the normal amount. Please be sure to use the **referral code EKFM373T** to support the Great Valley Middle School when you use the app!
- 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>
- This year our school will take part in the Scripps National Spelling Bee program! This means your child can compete in the nation's largest and longest-running educational program. Learn more about the Bee at spellingbee.com. The Spelling Bee will take place on **January 24th** in the Library.

★ **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!** ★

★ **Grade 6:** Yashwi Jadhav, Charlotte Perkinson and Peter Ginev

★ **Grade 7:** Allison Ramick, Iris Su, and Graham Spiess

★ **Grade 8:** Cody Huang, Jamie Capelli and Eliza Grady

Let's Recognize Our Teachers

The **Citadel Heart of Learning Award** program honors exceptional teachers throughout the Greater Philadelphia area. Now accepting nominations through **January 15th**.

If you know a teacher who truly cares about their students and puts in the extra effort to enhance their educational experience, please [submit a nomination](#).

Please see all of the details on the website <https://www.citadelbanking.com/giving-back/citadel-heart-of-learning>

NOMINATE YOUR **rockstar** TEACHER!



DO YOU KNOW AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT ARTIST IN GRADES 5,8,11 & 12?

SOAR (Student's Opportunity for Artist Recognition). This program promotes and honors student artists by recognizing and displaying exceptional work

The **2023-2024 theme is:** What Makes Me...Me?

How can you help? Please encourage interested students in the grades outlined to speak to their art teacher and get involved.

Please read the attached flyer for full information:
<https://gv1.sharepoint.com/:i:/r/sites/GreatValleyMiddleSchool-OfficeTeam/Shared%20Documents/Office%20Team/Nancy/Middle%20School%20Matters/Publisher/SOAR%202023-24%20-%20FLYER%20121223.png?csf=1&web=1&e=5utCxl>



The Student Council would like to thank the 15 teams who participated in the **Cornhole Tournament**. We raised \$145.00 for the Four Diamonds Foundation. Congratulations to Sam McFarland and Cole Phillips for winning the overall Tournament. Thanks to all who participated in the Tournament!