



Middle School Matters

January 15, 2024

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| Monday 1/15 NO SCHOOL | Tuesday 1/16 Day 2 | Wednesday 1/17 Day 3 | Thursday 1/18 Day 4 | Friday 1/19 Day 5 |
| Monday 1/22 Day 6 | Tuesday 1/23 Day 1 | Wednesday 1/24 Day 2 | Thursday 1/25 Day 3 | Friday 1/26 Day 4 |

Dates to Make Note of:

Jan. 15 - No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 16 - Winter Instrumental Concert - Gym, 6:30PM
Jan. 18 - Kimmel Center Trip
Jan. 20 - Robotics Event
Jan. 22 - End of Term 2
Jan. 23 - Term 3 Begins
Jan. 24 - Patriot Pride
Jan. 24 - Spelling Bee, Library, 2:45PM
Jan. 26 - SVAO Concert, Radnor Middle School, 8PM
Feb. 3 - Robotics Event
Feb. 9 - PTO Meeting, 1PM
Feb. 9 - Student Council BINGO, 6-8PM
Feb. 14 - NJHS Induction, 7PM

7th GRADE PARENTS ... IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

In early 2024, 7th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in a social/emotional wellness check-up called **Behavioral Health Screening (BHS)**. This screening asks questions about feelings, behaviors, relationships, school, and safety. The screening will be at no cost to you and is voluntary and confidential.

Parents should look out for more information that will be shared through email in mid-January.

Thank you.

GVMS Heritage Fest 2024



Thursday, March 7th
8:00 am to 10:45 am
Sign Up Below



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.

The 2023-2024 **Great Valley Middle School Science Fair** was held Monday, January 8, 2024, in the middle school library. It was a tremendous success thanks to our student scientists. This year 11 students participated in the fair, presenting projects that were intellectually stimulating and real world applicable. All the students did an impressive job presenting their projects and fielding tough questions from the six University of Pennsylvania research experienced judges. The judges were truly impressed by the originality and scientific rigor of the projects presented this year.

All students who took part in the Middle School Science Fair are now eligible to compete in the County Fair (Rorke-Adams Fair) March 12, 2024, in West Chester, PA. Let's all congratulate these student scientists for the outstanding work they presented at the Middle School Science Fair and let's continue to support them as they move on to the County Fair. We are all very proud of these students.

Below are the results from this years Fair, by grade, student name and title of the research project:

6th Grade

Anay Mahajan---First Place, Which fuel in a lamp is best?
 Rishadh Ananbh---Second Place, Effect of variation in pinhole size on image quality using a pinhole camera.
 Divyanish Jain---Third Place, How does levitation work?

7th Grade

Om Gagrani---First Place, Eye (App for the Visually Impaired) 7
 Riya Shetty---Second Place, How Do Different Types of Music Affect a Person's Ability to Focus?
 Ryan Joseph---Third Place, Video Games and the Human Body
 Aahana Tripathy---Fourth Place, Wind Turbines: Powering the Future with Clean, Renewable Energy
 Siddharth Jeyachandran ---Fifth Place, It's Magic on Your Feet: Cloud9 Therapeutic Shoes

8th Grade

Venkata Sai Sohith Medepalle---First Place, What sports drinks/liquids has the most electrolytes?
 Pranavi Jonnalagadda---Second Place, Magnetic Levitation in Aviation: Designing and Testing Maglev Propulsion for Model Aircraft
 Ananya Tripathy---Third Place, Hydraulic Powered Bionic Arm