Middle School Matters

April 1, 2024

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

Dates to Make Note of:

Apr. 1 - CLASSES RESUME!
Apr. 8 - End of Term 3
Apr. 9 - Term 4 begins
Apr. 10 - NO SCHOOL
Apr. 16 - Spring Choral Concert, 7PM, Gym
Apr. 17 - PATRIOT PRIDE
Apr. 23 - NO SCHOOL– IN SERVICE
Apr. 25 - Envirothon– Hibernia, 8:15am-2PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Grade 6: Rory Shaw, Stacy Rabchanka and Rikhil Kapadia
Grade 7: Jude Naylor, Joanna Siriki and Tanvi Choudhari
Grade 8: Ipshita Allaram, Liam (William) Coetzee and Caleb Fulmer

Congratulations to the 29 students who attended the **Henderson Warrior Quiz Bowl Tournament** on Saturday, March 10th. 5 teams played hard through 10 rounds of competitions. Connor Tran and Sam Pfeil were recognized for their outstanding individual scores during the morning rounds. The A team, consisting of Neel Rege, Smeet Thaker, Vishi Sharma, Connor Tran and Aryan Amirtharaj , was undefeated going in to the championship round where they lost to a lightning fast team from Connecticut, earning second place for the tournament overall. The team will play at the National Middle School Quiz Bowl Tournament in Chicago in May!

Congratulations to the following students for their achievement in the **AMC 8** sponsored by the **Mathematical Association of America.** Satvik Sharma (8th) top 1% in the nation, Masamune Ozawa (6th) top 5% in the nation and Aarav Khandelwal (8th) top three in GVMS!

You Be the Chemist: Neel Rege, Satvik Sharma, Om Gagrani and Akshaj Samineni earned 2nd place during a Regional Competition held at the Dow Chemical Site in Collegville. Great Valley Middle School sent five teams and represented 60% of the student competitors.
Congratulations!

The winner of the Leprechaun contest for this year is Mrs. Gambino! Congratulations to the committee for their work. The NJHS earned over $200 to donate to the American Cancer Society! Great work NJHS students.

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!
- Yearbook Announcement: The yearbook is coming along beautifully and will be delivered to our school in June. If you are uncertain if you have already purchased a yearbook, you can **check to see if you ordered here.** We have a limited number of copies available. **Order your student's today!**

Please Mark Your Calendars, PSSA Time is Just Around the Corner!

It's not too early to begin to think about the PSSA Exams. The **Language Arts PSSA** will be administered to all grades on **April 24th - 26th**. The **Math PSSA** will be administered to all grades on **April 29th and 30th**. The **Science PSSA** will be administered to the **8th Grade only** on **May 1st**. Students who arrive late or miss any sections will be required to make up all missed portions; this will likely result in missing regularly scheduled classes. All electronic devices including cell phones, i-Pods, Nooks, Kindles, Apple watches and i-Pads are **NOT** permitted in the testing rooms!
****Please try not to schedule any appointments around this time frame.** Thank you.

- Join the GVMS PTO as the **Phillies take on the Pittsburgh Pirates** on **Saturday, April 13th at 4:05PM** at Citizens Bank Park. Choose from tickets starting at $24 - an additional $4 per ticket, plus fees, will be added to the base price to be donated directly to the GVMS PTO. To purchase tickets, visit this link: **CLICK HERE and use the promo code: GVMS24**

We recognize how easy it is for children to contact parents directly during school hours. However, if they are feeling ill and are asking to come home, they **MUST** make this request through the nurse. This GVSD protocol is for your child's safety.
Please remind him/her to get a pass from their teacher and come to the Nurse's Suite when feeling under the weather. Please instruct your student not to text home but to please see the nurse for medical support.
Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Student Pick Up After School/Sports

We are asking our parents to please respect the designated traffic patterns when picking up your children after school and after sports. Specifically, please **do not** park in the handicapped designated areas unless you are in possession of a handicap placard; refrain from double parking in any areas in front of the middle school preventing the free flow of traffic, the bus lanes, the cross walks or fire hydrants. Lastly, we encourage the use of the spaces in our parking lots as these are the best places to wait for your child. Safety of all is paramount given the hundreds of children in the area.
Parents of Athletes: Please pick up your student **no later than 5:10PM, after practice!** Thank you.

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