



# Grant Community High School

## District Newsletter

October 2023

## Student of the Month

### Isabella Little



The Grant Community High School October Student of the Month is senior Isabella Little, daughter of John and Cabrina Little of Round Lake.

Isabella's academic achievements include induction into the National Honor Society during her sophomore year, Honor Roll each semester, she will have taken 11 AP classes through senior year, passed 7 AP exams, and completed a 200-level Sociology class at CLC in her sophomore year. She was awarded AP Scholar with Distinction and holds an amazing 5.3 GPA.

She was chosen Speaker of the House at Illini Girls State, earned a Penwasciz Internship-interned at Advocate Condell Hospital, Steam Scholars Program, toured STEAM facilities in Lake County with Representative Brad Schneider, and named BigFuture Ambassador.

Her extracurricular activities include Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) serving as Parliamentarian and a National competitor twice and twice placed in the top four in State competition, Student Council, Class Council, Math Team, and Medical Education for Determined Students. (MEDS).

Isabella volunteered in activities such as emergency room volunteer at Advocate Condell Hospital, Feed My Starving Children, Peer Tutor in Math Lab during junior year, Big Dawg Mentor, tutor younger students in Math/English, Pop-up Food Banks, Parent University, and Back to School Nights.

In addition to all of her activities, Isabella works as a top-rated eBay seller and she also watches dogs when owners are away. She is passionate about thrifting, traveling, and visiting forest preserves.

Her plans for the future include majoring in neuroscience where she aspires to become a neurosurgeon or trauma surgeon and is interested in attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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### Board of Education

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# HOMECOMING WRAP-UP

## Royalty

Ashlin Driscoll & Josiah Jefferson



## Court & Attendants

Joey Beach, Jael Ivory, Savannah Dickson, Siak Robinson, Alvin Ntege, Pryde Mendoza, Ozzy Sanchez, Lily Capalong, Larry Quirk, Jiselle Robles, Alton Kimuli, & Nate Manzano



## Dress Up Days



## Window Painting



## Powderpuff

The Seniors put up a good fight, but the Juniors ended the night victoriously!



## Football Game

The Varsity Football team brought home a win and kept Bulldog spirit high for Homecoming!



## Parade





# PSAT/NMSQT TESTING

On Wednesday, October 11, 2023, Grant Community High School will administer the Digital PSAT 8/9, or PSAT/NMSQT Assessments to all students in grades 9, 10, and 11; **seniors will not attend classes on October 11.**

## What can students expect on October 11?

Students will report to their assigned testing locations by 7:40 AM. It will not be a Flex Start day, and it is important that students are on time that morning. Students should bring a school-issued, fully charged Chromebook and their charging cords.

Breakfast will be served before school in the commons, and a snack will be provided during testing. All testing will be completed around 11:30 AM (with the exception of some accommodated testing), and normal bus transportation will be provided after testing.

On Thursday, October 5, freshmen, sophomore, and junior students received a notice through their TEAM room that indicated the testing room location for testing day and a reminder of the necessary materials the student needs to bring for testing. Parents should make sure their student has received that information.

## What's new with the digital SAT Suite of Assessments?

- All students will be required to use their school-issued Chromebooks to complete the assessments.
- The test is estimated to be completed in a shorter time frame, approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes for the actual testing time. The test includes shorter reading passages and a built-in calculator.
- The assessments will feature [adaptive testing](#).

## How can families prepare?

In TEAM rooms the week before the tests, students [created College Board accounts](#), logged into the Bluebook app, and were encouraged to take a practice test. The Bluebook app is already available on students' Chromebooks, and students must use their College Board credentials to log in. If your student already has a College Board account, but doesn't remember the credentials, contact the College Board for assistance by phone at (866) 756-7346.

Once students log into the Bluebook app, they can take practice tests. We strongly encourage students to do this in order to get familiarized with the testing experience prior to test day. For more information, please visit the College Board website where you can review [FAQs](#) or watch a [video overview of the new test experience](#).

## Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

Thursday, October 26

5:00-8:00 PM

Friday, October 27

8:00-11:00 AM

Check your email or the Grant website for more information on conferences & how to schedule meetings with your student's teachers.

# Upcoming Parent University Programs

*Working Together to Create Success for Your Student*



## October 19 - Social Emotional Health Session #2: Family Emotional Safety

This series runs as a support group format for parents to learn more about teens' emotional health and talk to other parents. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

## November 1 - AP & Dual Credit Night

This is an informational evening for parents whose students might consider AP or Dual Credit courses. We will have a keynote speaker, Amanda Harmer, who is the new Program Manager for College Readiness and Dual Credit at the College of Lake County. Also, each AP or Dual credit course will provide a short presentation for parents. Parents may choose to attend three sessions in-person that evening.

## December 6 – Growing a Resilient Mind: Parent Edition

Join us for this special in-person presentation by therapist, Audrey Grunst, LCSW from Simply Bee Counseling. This presentation focuses on teaching five foundational tools for building emotional wellness through the Growth & Resiliency Model.

For all sessions, the doors open at 6:00 PM for registration.

We recommend parking in the student lot and entering through Door 9. Sessions begin at 6:30 PM.

Parent University is a series of workshops and events designed to support parents, guardians, and caregivers.

Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required.

# GROWING A RESILIENT MIND: THE PARENT EDITION

This presentation focuses on teaching five foundational tools for building emotional wellness through the Growth & Resiliency Model®. Our mission is to provide parents the necessary skills that support mental & emotional growth during challenging times.

### Objectives:

Understand the 4 key elements to become self aware

Observe automatic reactions

Learn to respond skillfully to stressors

Integrate new skills within your social support

Reflect, change and grow an optimal mindset

**DECEMBER 6TH  
6:30-7:30 PM**



### **PRESENTED BY:**

**AUDREY GRUNST, LCSW  
SIMPLY BEE COUNSELING  
CEO & THERAPIST**

*SEL  
Caregivers  
Series*

October 19

Family Emotional Safety  
Managing Stress  
Conflict Resolution

January 11

Gratitude  
Kindness and Empathy  
Mindfulness

March 14

Technology and SEL  
Goal Setting  
Reflection



# National Merit Commendable Students



Principal Schmidt  
& Khushi Viramgami

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) a non-profit organization that was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 400 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence. NMSC has announced this year's Commended Scholars in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, and one of our Bulldogs made their list.

Congratulations to Khushi Viramgami on being named a Commended Scholar! About 34,000 Commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although these students will not continue in the 2024 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000

students who entered the 2024 competition by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).



## COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM AWARDEES

We're celebrating several Bulldogs, as they are seven of 72,000 students from across the country who earned academic honors from College Board's National Recognition Programs!

- Emma Matoka—National African American Recognition Award
- Jacqueline Bendfeldt—National Hispanic Recognition Award
- Joanna Von Hoene—National Rural & Small Town Award
- Marisol Torres—National Hispanic Recognition Award
- Pablo Hernandez—National Hispanic Recognition Award
- Sebastian Gonzalez—National Hispanic Recognition Award
- Shayan Butt—National Hispanic Recognition Award

The National Recognition Programs honor the strong academic achievements of underrepresented students. They're an easy way for students to showcase their hard work in high school. The programs not only benefit students. They also benefit colleges looking to recruit diverse, talented students.

There's so much that makes these students unique. That's an asset to colleges and programs, and the National Recognition Programs helps students like ours find ways to celebrate that. Eligible students apply on [BigFuture](#). They have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. They're the top 10% of PSAT/NMSQT® or PSAT™ 10 assessment takers in each state for each program or have earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP® Exams. They either attend school in a rural area or small town, or identify as African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, or Indigenous/Native. They're invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year. Students who are awarded recognition will be notified at the beginning of the next school year.



Left to Right: Mrs. Smith, Pablo Hernandez, Emma Matoka, Mrs. Schaefer, Sebastian Gonzalez, Jacqueline Bendfeldt, Dr. Miller, & Shayan Butt  
Not Pictured: Joanna Von Hoene & Marisol Torres

# Marching Bulldogs Out Perform Competitors

The Marching Bulldogs are excited to bring Lights, Camera, Action featuring the music of John Williams to the field this year! They are performing the theme from E.T., Jaws, Superman, and Jurassic Park. At their first competition of the season, the Marching Bulldogs took First Place and earned an award for Best Color Guard. After impressing the judges at the Grayslake North Marching Competition, they were excited to show off their routine at the DeKalb High School Marching Band Championship. It was a chilly Saturday morning on October 7, but that didn't stop them from sweeping their Class and bringing home a First Place trophy, Best Color Guard award, and Best Percussion award! This group of talented Bulldogs have proven that hard work and perseverance do pay off. Congratulations to our Marching Bulldogs and their coaches on two spectacular performances and well-deserved honors!



*Marching Bulldogs Place First at Grayslake North Knights Marching Competition*



*Marching Bulldogs Place First at DeKalb Marching Band Championship*

**Drum Major:** Amelia Arndt

**Section Leaders:**

Flute: Reese Fulham

Clarinet: Sean Buchenberger

Alto Sax: Evan Soco

Tenor Sax & Bass Clarinet: Savannah Eagon

Trumpet: Benjamin McKenzie

Low Brass: Braden Cornell

Drumline: Andrew Rabe

Pit: Abbey Schiller

Color Guard: Madison Eagon, Abigail Johnson, & Andy Montoya

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00 PM

AUDITORIUM

FALL CHOIR CONCERT

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION,  
HOWEVER DONATIONS WILL BE GLADLY ACCEPTED.  
THE BULLDOG BOOSTERS WILL BE SERVING  
REFRESHMENTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONCERT.

# DODGEBALL

## TOURNAMENT

Get ready to dodge, dip, duck, dive, and dodge at our upcoming Dodgeball Tournament!

# TUESDAY

24 OCT 2023  AT 3:45 PM

GCHS' East Gym

- Student and Staff teams welcome
- Create mixed teams (male/female) of 5 with up to 2 alternates
- Make your team uniforms (best dressed gets a prize!) & Team Name
- Double Elimination- guaranteed at least 2 games
- Spectators are **FREE!**
- Medals will be given at the end
- \$10 registration fee per team
- Mandatory Team meeting Tuesday 10.17 before school or after school in the Library

Register your team  
with the link below



Questions? See Mrs. Barker in Room 231



Varsity Volleyball Team & Pink Out Fans

The **Girls Volleyball** program held their pink out and Volley for the Cure game on September 28, 2023, against Wauconda. In this Battle of the Bulldogs match, Grant walked away with wins at the Sophomore, JV, and Varsity level. With the help of some incredible parents, staff, community members, and local businesses, the program was able to raffle off many items and raise over \$1,200 for Volley for the Cure!

Follow the Volleyball program's journey this season through their Instagram ([@grantgirlsvb](https://www.instagram.com/grantgirlsvb)) and make sure to catch their next home game!

**Riley Daniele** represented the **Girls Golf** program at IHSA Regionals this season and shot a 99 for the day. She earned a spot at Sectionals and wrapped her season up on a high note.



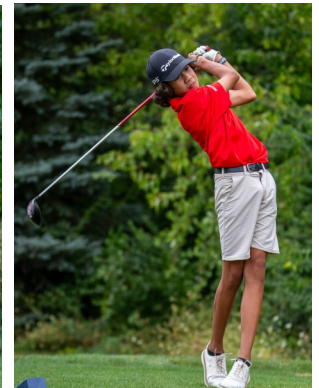
Riley Daniele

The **Boys Golf** team took 6th Place at IHSA Regionals and had two athletes advance to Sectionals.



Diego Delgado

**Diego Delgado** and **Eros Rabor**



Eros Rabor

represented the program at Sectionals after shooting 86 and 88, respectively, at Regionals. Sectionals proved to be a bit tougher, but it was a good end to their season.

Check out the [Girls Golf](#) and [Boys Golf](#) teams on social media to stay up-to-date on their 2024 season.



Boys Varsity Cross Country Team Places Second at Harlem Invite

The **Cross Country** program hit the ground running this season and has been bringing home top placements at every race. To start the season, the Boys Varsity team took 5th Place at the Lake County Invite with all nine runners setting new Personal Bests, including **Niko Dayment** who placed 14th individually and received All-County Honors. At the Harlem Invite, the Boys Varsity team took 2nd Place, the Boys Freshman-Sophomore team won their division, and the Girls Freshman-Sophomore team took 2nd Place. At the JT Invite, the Boys Varsity team took 2nd Place with **Maxx Haas** taking the individual title. The Boys Freshman-Sophomore team took 2nd

Place and the Girls team earned 1st Place with all their runners finishing in the Top 15. The program is competing against the NLCC on Saturday, October 14, and will then focus all their efforts on IHSA Regionals.

Follow the Cross Country program on X ([@grantxcbulldogs](https://twitter.com/grantxcbulldogs)) for more runner/race information as they near the end of their season.



Girls Freshman-Sophomore Cross Country Team Places First at JT Invite





# Spaghetti Dinner

*See you at the table!*

Your Grant Cheerleaders will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, October 11, from 4-8 PM in the Grant Community High School Commons. The cost is \$5 for adults and students. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets will be sold at the door and to-go orders are available for those interested. Raffle tickets for great prizes and gift certificates will also be sold at the dinner. See any Varsity, Large Junior Varsity, or Small Junior Varsity Cheerleader for details and tickets. You can contact Coach Marissa Kelley, Katie Boyd, Sarah Brezinski, or Nick Peterson with any questions or donations.



*We appreciate your support of our program!*

The **Girls Tennis** team has been racking up wins left and right this season. Early in the season, the JV team took 2nd Place at their home tournament and continued to impress among the NLCC as they took 2nd Place at the Grayslake Invite. Varsity competed in the Spirit of the Northwest tournament at Lakes and came away with three wins for doubles and an overall team victory. Following their spirited win, the team traveled to Zion for a quad and brought home another 1st Place win! Wish these athletes luck as they prep for IHSA Sectionals on Friday, October 13 at Warren Township High School, and make sure to follow them on Instagram ([@granttennis124](#)) and X ([@GrantCHSTennis](#)).



*Girls Varsity Tennis Places First at Spirit of the Northwest Tournament*



*Boys Varsity Soccer Team*

The **Boys Varsity Soccer** team kicked off the season on a high note as went undefeated in the Auburn Invite and won the Pool B Championship. In their home tournament, the team started off with a big win over Cary-Grove. Vernon Hills proved to be tougher and the Bulldogs fell short of a win. They bounced back in their match against Harvard, ending the night with three goals. Outside of their tournaments, the team has been making a name for themselves in the NLCC by taking down Grayslake North and Round Lake. The program still has regular matches on the schedule this season and Varsity will start their State series on Friday, October 20

at Streamwood High School. For more information on their matches, follow them on Instagram ([@gchsboysoccer](#)) and X ([@grantbsoccer](#)).

The **Football** program has been collecting a lot of wins this season. Although they lost their first game to Mundelein, the Freshman-Sophomore team continued to push forward and gain momentum through the weeks following. With wins over Glenbrook North, Grayslake North, Wauconda, Round Lake, and Grayslake Central, they are truly a force to be reckoned with. The team did fall short of a victory over Antioch, but they put up a tough fight and pushed the Squeoits back at every chance. The Varsity team also started their season off with a loss to Mundelein, but they took it in stride and showed a major difference on the field the next week. The Bulldogs took down Glenbrook North (even with the lights going out) and Grayslake North in the following weeks. They hosted the Wauconda Bulldogs for our annual "Battle of the Bulldogs" game and came from behind to take the lead in the fourth quarter, but Wauconda took home the win at the end of the night. Our athletes were back on the field the next week and ready to take on Round Lake for Homecoming. It was a victorious night for Grant at each level. They had two tough games against Grayslake Central (W) and Antioch (L), and will be finishing out regular season play against the Lakes Eagles and North Chicago Warhawks. Come out and cheer on the program at their last two regular season matches—check their X ([@GrantFootball1](#)) account for updates.



*Grant Football*



**BPAC PRESENTS**

# Day of The Dead



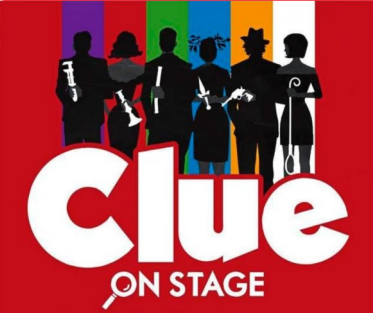
**NOV  
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Saturday**

**10 am - 1 pm  
Stanton Middle School  
101 Hawthorne Lane  
Fox Lake, Il 60020**

Tattoos, Music, Face and Pumpkin Painting.  
Feel free to wear your Halloween costume.

Please help us decorate the Altar of the dead.  
Bring a photo and something special  
of your loved ones.

**FREE Event for families of Districts  
114, 124, and 37.**



## Grant Thespians Prepare for Fall Play

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, *Clue: On Stage* is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests are invited to a dinner party thrown by an anonymous host, where murder and blackmail are on the menu. Given aliases-- Colonel Mustard (Payton Evans), Mrs. White (Sammy Hernandez), Mr. Green (Frank Niecikowski), Mrs. Peacock (Jacki Bendfedlt), Professor Plum (Ian Hansen), and Miss Scarlet (Sammie Cruz) – and discouraged from revealing personal information, it is soon discovered that all of them have fallen victim to the same blackmailer, Mr. Boddy (Evan Johnson) their very host of the evening.

Each is presented with a weapon and an option: pay their extortionist double or kill the innocent butler. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth (Zach Langhoff) – the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. What follows is a madcap, slapstick evening full of murder, mystery, and laughs as they seek to puzzle out the culprit amongst criminals. *Clue* is the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out...WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT! It's not just a game anymore, murder, mystery, and mayhem await! Join in on the festivities as the cast takes the stage on November 17, 18, & 19!

## Recycle Textiles & Keep It Green

With limited landfill capacities and a mission to deter materials from them, the Environmental Club is looking for your help to fill our SWALCO bin. This full-circle program allows community members to discard of their used clothing without polluting the environment and gives them the opportunity to support environmental education/outreach. If you have any unwanted or outgrown Halloween costumes, tote bags, backpacks, or other clothing items, stop by our SWALCO bin off of Devlin Road to drop them off. All items must be bagged and make sure to check their [acceptable/unacceptable items list](#) before donating.



Textile collection bin

## It's Socktober!



- Please help the Sophomore Class Council by donating new socks to homeless shelters!
- Donations will take place October 16 through October 31, 2023.
- Ask your Family, Friends, Neighbors, and Businesses to help you donate! Socks for Infants through adults are welcome!
- Donation bins are located at:
  - Main Entrance of Grant High School (in the Red bin)
  - Room 216 (in the Red bin)
  - Donate in your "TEAM" room
  - Bulldog cup points awarded to Class with the most socks donated



Please help us to fill these bins to keep someone warm this winter!!!





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Wednesday • October 18, 2023



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# Advanced Placement Exam Registration

AP exams are an important part of all AP courses. This is a standardized test created by the College Board that is administered across the nation and serves as a benchmark in recognizing your student's ability. Although participation in the exam is optional, we do encourage all students to take the exam. With a successful score, college credit or advanced placement may be earned at various colleges through this examination. The examination fee is less than the college tuition for taking this same course.

There is a fee associated with this exam. The total cost for taking each AP exam is \$98.00. The College Board and the State of Illinois also offer programs to subsidize fees for students who receive free or reduced lunch. If this is the case, the exam fee is \$62.00 per exam. If your student receives free or reduced lunch and is paying the reduced exam fee, please contact Mrs. Jones in our Curriculum Office or via phone at 847-973-3800. We will certainly work with individual students and families to make sure every qualified student is able to take Advanced Placement exams.

Students must have a College Board account created and be enrolled in the AP Classroom for that course in order to take the exam. Parents should go to our RevTrak system to pay for the exam(s). RevTrak can be found on the Grant website under the parent tab in the Student fees and payments section.



## Important Deadlines for AP Exam Registrations for Year-Long or Semester One Courses:

- Friday, November 3, 2023: Students taking the exams must pay a minimum \$40.00 Pre-Registration Fee per test.
- Friday, November 10, 2023: AP teachers will verify with all students that exam registration is accurate in the system and pre-registration fees have been paid.
- Monday, November 13, 2023: AP Exam registration is finalized. Any exam registrations that do not have the \$40.00 Pre-Registration Fee paid by then will be canceled.
- Wednesday, November 15, 2023: Late registration fees or test cancellation fees go into effect. If students sign up for a year-long or first semester course AP exam on this date or after, an additional \$40.00 late fee will be incurred. If a student decides to cancel an exam on this date or after, the student forfeits the \$40.00 Pre-Registration Fee.
- Friday, February 23, 2024: All exams must have the balance payment paid or the exam will be canceled and the student will forfeit the \$40.00 Pre-Registration Fee.
- Second semester AP courses will have a different set of deadlines and will be notified at the beginning of the second semester.

Please feel free to contact your student's teacher or Dr. Noisey, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, if you have any questions regarding the Advanced Placement program. On behalf of our faculty and administration, we would like to wish all of our students all the best as they continue to prepare for these important exams.

# Seal of Biliteracy

Grant Community High School offers students the opportunity to earn the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy. The Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition for students who demonstrate proficiency in English and one or more other languages. When earned, the Seal of Biliteracy will appear on the student's official transcript and diploma.

Students who earn the Seal of Biliteracy are also provided with the opportunity to earn early college credit. All public colleges and universities in the State of Illinois have criteria on how this credit is awarded. Students should reference the college or university website for their criteria about how the specific institution applies the credit.

To qualify for the State Seal of Biliteracy, a Grant student must accomplish one of the following to demonstrate proficiency in English:

- Earn a minimum score of a 480 on the Evidence Based Reading and Writing portion of an official administration of the SAT.
- Earn a minimum score of a 4.8 on the ACCESS test.
- Earn a score of a 5 on the AP English and Language Composition Test
- Earn a score of I-5 on the AAPPL English Test

And accomplish one of the following to demonstrate proficiency in another language:

- Earn a score of 4 or higher on the AP Spanish Test.
- Earn a minimum score of I-5 on the AAPPL test in the chosen language.

Testing dates for the AAPPL test will be announced at the beginning of each school year. Students wishing to earn the Seal of Biliteracy are encouraged to discuss the opportunity with their counselor. There will be one administration of the AAPPL test in the Fall semester for early graduates and another administration of the AAPPL test in the Spring semester Seniors wishing to obtain the Seal of Biliteracy. The fee for taking the AAPPL test is \$20.

## Testing Dates

### AAPPL Testing

- October 18, 2023
- February 22, 2024

Students wishing to earn the Seal of Biliteracy are encouraged to discuss the opportunity with their counselor. The AAPPL test fee can be paid through [RevTrak](#). To register for the test, please also complete the [Seal of Biliteracy Language Proficiency Exam Registration](#).

**EXPLORE CAREERS,  
DISCOVER YOUR PATHWAY,  
DEFINE YOUR FUTURE.**



**JOIN  
TODAY!**



Need help deciding on your post-high school career or figuring out the right path to get there? Join the Bulldog Career Explorers group today and start working with Mrs. Masura and Mr. Schoell. The purpose of this group is to help students understand which Grant courses will help prepare them for that career and introduce them to industry professionals based on the career that interests them. If your student has an idea of what they want to do after high school but needs guidance on how to begin, have them contact [Mrs. Masura](#) or [Mr. Schoell](#).



# Keep It RED



At GCHS, bullying of any kind by any person is unacceptable. All students should be free from worries about being bullied. Students who bully others must be taught other, appropriate ways of interacting with peers. Bullying, intimidation, and harassment diminish a student’s ability to learn and a school’s ability to educate. Preventing students from engaging in these disruptive behaviors is an important GCHS goal.

Bullying is defined as any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

- 1.Placing the student in reasonable fear of harm to the student’s person or property.
- 2.Causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student’s physical or mental health.
- 3.Substantially interfering with the student’s academic performance.
- 4.Substantially interfering with the student’s ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Bullying, intimidation, and/or harassment may take various forms, including, without limitation; threats, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying.

This month, all students will learn or go through a refresh lesson on the bullying intervention program we practice at GCHS called [Expect Respect](#) and were shown the [Expect Respect Video](#). In addition, all students will be made aware of the [Anonymous Report- Bulldogs Against Bullying](#).

GCHS staff members are asked to respond immediately and compassionately to a student who reports bullying or school violence. After evaluating the situation to determine if an immediate referral is needed, a dean or designee will work with the student(s) to take the report of potential bullying. You will be informed whenever your child is involved in a bullying report. The Board’s entire policy may be found on the District’s website, [School Board Policy-7:180 Prevention and Response to Bullying](#). If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Mr. Geist, Assistant Principal, or any of the Deans.



Bulldog Buck Winners—October 5



Students participate in the #DawgsStaySober activity to help the Lake County Health Department better understand how high school student respond to their anti-alcohol/drugs marketing.

# Bulldog Happenings

## Biology Field Trip



Mr. Rivette's students took a trip to the lake to collect samples of the algae found in the water, and then brought their samples back to the lab for testing.

## Art Department Field Trip—Chicago



The Art Department took their classes on the annual Chicago art field trip on Thursday, October 5.

## Mrs. Sonders Visits Intro to Teaching



Mrs. Sonders provided her insight on education and the Special Education sector for our students in Mrs. Flaker's Intro to Teaching class.

## Learning About Different Cultures



Students in Ms. Becmer's class had the opportunity to talk to Juliana Medicis, a native Brazilian, about her culture, what it was like growing up in Brazil, and the differences she encountered when moving to the United States for college.



# Counselor's Corner

## Seniors

This month school counselors are working with our senior students on their post high school plans with 1:1 senior meetings. All seniors should schedule a 1:1 appointment with their school counselor to go over college applications before their admission deadline, usually November 1. Presentations to reference:

- [Seniors Need to Know](#)
- [Senior Handout](#)
- [Senior College Info Dates](#)

The [Illinois Regional College Fair](#) is being hosted this month at the College of Lake County on Thursday, October 12, from 6-8 PM.

## Elyssa's Mission

Freshman students will be participating in Elyssa's Mission Signs of Suicide as part of our Social Emotional curriculum in health classes during the month of October. For more information reach out to Stephanie Ashmore or Dawn Kalk or visit [the Elyssa's Mission website](#).

## College & Career News

- [October Newsletter](#)
- CLC
  - Early grads that are planning on taking classes in January and would like to see if you qualify for financial aid please complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA now! If you have any questions see your Counselor.

## Financial Aid Information

If you missed College & Financial Aid Night, please look over the following presentations:

- [College 101 Presentation - English](#)
- [College 101 Presentation - Spanish](#)

## Testing Resources

*PSAT/NMSQT testing is on October 11*

- [SAT](#)
- [ACT](#)
- [Khan Academy/SAT Test Prep](#)

## Upcoming College Visits

- October 10—Indiana University
- October 12—University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- October 12—Indiana University (Indianapolis)
- October 12—University of Alabama (Huntsville)
- October 13—Grand Canyon
- October 17—Carthage College
- October 17 (Seniors Only) —North Central College
- October 17—University of Iowa
- October 18—Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville)
- October 18 (Seniors Only) — Western Illinois University Application Drive
- October 19—University of Louisville
- October 23—University of Kansas
- October 24—Monmouth College
- October 25—University of Missouri (Columbia)
- October 26—Illinois Wesleyan University
- October 30—Marian University

## Scholarships

- [Grant Scholarship Database](#)



# C A L E N D A R

## October

- Oct. 11 PSAT/NMSQT Testing (Freshmen-Juniors)  
No School for Seniors
- Oct. 12 Choir Concert  
Spaghetti Dinner Hosted by Grant Cheerleaders
- Oct. 16 Socktober Begins
- Oct. 17 Progress Report
- Oct. 18 School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start  
Seal of Biliteracy AAPPL Testing  
Blood Drive  
Speech Team Fundraiser – Antioch Pizza Shop (Fox Lake)
- Oct. 19 Parent University: SEL Caregivers Series Session
- Oct. 24 Dodgeball Tournament
- Oct. 25 School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
- Oct. 26 Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences, 5:00-8:00 PM
- Oct. 27 Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences, 8:00-11:00 AM  
No Student Attendance
- Oct. 31 Halloween  
Socktober Ends

## November

- Nov. 1 School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start  
Parent University: AP & Dual Credit Night
- Nov. 3 AP Pre-Registration Fee Due
- Nov. 4 BPAC: Day of the Dead
- Nov. 8 School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
- Nov. 15 School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
- Nov. 16 Progress Reports
- Nov. 17-19 Fall Play
- Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving Recess, No Student Attendance
- Nov. 29 School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start

## December

- Dec. 6 School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start  
Parent University: Growing a Resilient Mind
- Dec. 13 School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
- Dec. 20-22 First Semester Exams
- Dec. 25-Jan. 5 Winter Break