



Grant Community High School

District Newsletter

May 2024

Student of the Month

Finn Joiner



The Grant Community High School May Student of the Month is senior Finn Joiner, son of Elizabeth and Matthew Joiner of Volo.

Finn’s academic achievements include taking nine Advanced Placement courses and he has been named All-Academic Student Athlete and Scholar Athlete for all sports he has participated in each year. He holds a tremendous 4.79 GPA.

His extracurricular activities include four years of Varsity Soccer, earning all-conference player accolades as a junior, two-year Captain of Varsity Volleyball, and freshman basketball. He is currently serving as the Editor in Chief of *The Bark* newspaper and was Assistant Editor in Chief as a junior, and sports editor during his sophomore year. He is a Big Dawg Mentor, member of the Principal’s Advisory Council, involved in Student Council, Senior Class, and Academic Team. Outside of GCHS, he was a violinist in the McHenry County Youth Orchestra and played club soccer for Mundelein Soccer Club.

Finn’s volunteer activities include helping with the GCHS Foundation Gala, assisted with PADS to help feed unhoused people, Knots of Love, and WINGS, which makes baskets for women and children in protective housing.

In addition to all of his activities, Finn works at Goldfish Swim School teaching kids from 6 months through 12 years old how to swim. He also was a summer babysitter for 7-year-old twin boys. His interests include politics and music.

His plans for the future include attending Butler University in the fall to study political science.

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Commencement Ceremony

Class of 2024

The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2024 will take place on Sunday, May 19, in the Grant Community High School Field House beginning at 2:00 p.m. With graduation rapidly approaching, we would like to provide you with important dates and information surrounding this momentous occasion.

April 30 and May 2, 2024: Graduation Material Pickup

Graduation material pickup is held in the Senior Cafe during lunch hours. Graduates may pick up their tickets, cap, gown, and tassel at this time. Students are required to sign a confirmation of pickup for their graduation items. We ask that families attempt to have financial obligations met before graduation materials pickup.

May 15, 2024: Deadline to Meet Graduation Requirements

All graduation requirements must be met by Wednesday, May 15 at 3:10 pm for your student to participate in the ceremony. Check Skyward and contact individual teachers or Student Services with questions about your student's academic status.

May 17, 2024: Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal will be held on Friday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the East Gym. All students participating in the graduation ceremony must be present at rehearsal.

May 19, 2024: Graduation

Commencement Ceremonies for the Graduating Class of 2024 will take place on Sunday, May 19, in the Grant Community High School Field House beginning at 2:00 p.m. Graduates should report to the East Gym at 1:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PRIOR TO GRADUATION DAY

Due to limited seating in the Field House, each graduate is permitted six (6) graduation ceremony tickets. Tickets are required for entry to the ceremony. TICKETS WILL NOT BE REISSUED IN THE EVENT OF LOSS.

We ask that families make every effort to meet all financial obligations before graduates receive diplomas. Fees may be paid with cash or check in the main office during normal business hours, or with a credit card online via the school website www.grantbulldogs.org. You can check your fees on Skyward Family Access or contact the main office at 847-587-2561.

GCHS is partnering with The Commencement Group this year to offer families the opportunity to purchase flowers for their graduate. You can place your pre-order via www.thecommcementgroup.com/grantcommunity/. Orders will be available to pick up upon your arrival to the graduation ceremony.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE DAY OF GRADUATION

- Graduates participating in the ceremony must arrive with their cap, tassel, and gown and meet in the East Gym promptly at 1:00 p.m.
- Graduation is a formal ceremony. To participate, appropriate attire is required. Appropriate attire includes dresses, collared shirts with or without a tie, long pants or dress slacks (no jeans or shorts), dress shoes, and school-provided regalia.
- Students are not allowed to wear a decorated cap at graduation.
- General parking will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on the north and south school parking lots.
- Due to construction in the Field House parking lot, handicap parking will be available at Stanton School on Hawthorne Lane and transportation will be provided to and from the Field House. Handicap seating will be available for the ceremony.
- Live streaming of the graduation ceremony will be available on Grant's homepage via YouTube Live. Please check www.grantbulldogs.org the week of May 13 for details.

If you have any questions regarding the activities and events for our graduates during the last week of school, please feel free to call Ms. Martin at 847-973-3417. On behalf of our faculty and staff, please accept our congratulations for helping your student reach this milestone in their life.

From the Desk of Dr. Sefcik

Dear Grant Families,

It is with bittersweet emotions I share that I will be retiring from my position as Superintendent of Grant Community High School District 124, effective June 30, 2025. After 29 years of service to this wonderful District, with 17 years as the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations followed by 13 years as your Superintendent, it will be difficult to leave.

It has been the utmost honor and privilege to serve the Grant school community for nearly three decades. Throughout my tenure, I have been witness to the incredible growth and achievements of our students, the unwavering dedication of our educators, and the boundless support of our families and community members. As I reflect on the countless memories and milestones shared with this community, I am filled with gratitude for each and every one of you who has been a part of this journey. While it will be difficult to step away, I do so knowing that the Board of Education, administration, faculty, staff, and students will continue to carry on the tradition of excellence that defines Grant Community High School.

While we have one more year to partner together, I do want to express my appreciation to our school community for many years of support, dedication, and friendship. I am most grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as your superintendent and I will savor every minute of my last year with all of you.

With a few weeks left in the current school year, we look forward to finishing strong and enjoying the array of fun-filled student celebrations planned for these last few weeks. Thanks to all of you for making this a terrific school year filled with accomplishments and reasons to celebrate student success!

As always, we are busy planning for next year at this time too. An important part of that process includes the Board of Education identifying my successor and planning for a very smooth transition in leadership.

Thank you and have a wonderful end to the school year!

Sincerely,

Christy Sefcik, Ed.D.
Superintendent

PERFECT SAT PREP ATTENDANCE

Rihanna Anderson
Ashley Biundo
Allison Bolisay
Lily Calenda
Lily Capulong
Sam Collins
Aliyah Evans
Payton Evans

Kelsey Franz
Jady Johnson
Nicholas Kouimelis
Lexi Lamb
Hannah Levine
Ella Malak
Will Macmillan
Tanner Matthews

Casey McCleery
Andy Montoya
Ren Motino
Kiera Parmely
Nicole Pawlus
Sydney Sampson
Hunter Seymour
Evan Soco

Cole Sparkman
Jasmine Tellez
Lauren Verde
Joanna VonHoen
Katie Waugh
Evan Weisheit
Kaya Williams

BULLDOGS

Business Bulldogs Qualify for Nationals



State-Bound FBLA Members

It was an incredibly successful State weekend for our FBLA members as they had 25 Bulldogs place in the Top 10 and 7 qualify for the National competition! From our list of National Qualifiers, we also have 3 State Champions! Our Business Bulldogs will be heading to Orlando in June for Nationals. Wish them luck as they prepare for their final competition!

Isabella Little - 1st Place in Human Resource Management - **STATE CHAMPION**

Braden Cornell & Melanie Ruiz - 1st Place in Public Service Announcement - **STATE CHAMPIONS**

Casey McCleery - 3rd Place in Journalism

Angelina Sosa, Milla Laskosky, & Maria Olivares - 3rd Place in Data Analysis

FCCLA Brings Home Gold & Silver Medals

FCCLA competed in their State competition this month and impressed the judges. Zuzanna Janicki received Most Outstanding for Fashion Construction and earned a Gold Medal for her design. She will be representing GCHS and Illinois at the FCCLA National Conference in Seattle, WA, in June! McKenna Arnold (Apparel Construction) and Savannah Eagon (PreSchool Lesson Planning) both earned Gold for their respective categories. Yarely Mercado Garcia (Apparel Construction) and Roselynn Torres (Cookie Decorating) both earned Silver in their respective categories. Congratulations on your State placements, FCCLA!



FCCLA Competitors

IHSA State Organizational Music Contest



Grant Choir Members

On April 13, three of Grant's choirs competed in the IHSA State Organizational Music Contest at Harvard High School. Concert Choir, Advanced Treble Choir, and Chamber Singers each prepared three pieces of music to perform in front of a panel of three judges. The judges were impressed with the choirs' enthusiasm, engagement, musicality, and emotional connection to the music. Out of a possible 40 points, the choirs earned the following combined scores: Concert Choir - 39.7, Chamber Singers - 39.93, Advanced Treble Choir - 39.96. We are proud to report that these scores earned all three choirs a Division I rating for their performances! In addition to these impressive results,

the Advanced Treble Choir was recognized by the judges with a "Best of the Day Award." This special distinction is reserved for the most superior musical performance heard by the judges over the two-day contest. Advanced Treble Choir earned this recognition over 20 other choirs who competed. Congratulations!

AT STATE

Three Bulldogs Place at Skills USA

We sent 10 Tech Campus students to Skills USA on Friday, April 26. Skills USA competitions and championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. Our competitors came away with three top-ten placements. Congratulations to Charles Shaw for taking 3rd in Industrial Motor Control, Koen Diedrick for taking 4th in Industrial Motor Control, and River Ligeza for taking 6th in Culinary Arts.



SkillsUSA Competitors

Mathletes Take on State



Math State Competitors

Our Mathletes competed at State and earned 43rd Place as a team! Way to go, Mathletes!

Color Guard Takes 6th at Midwest Championships



Color Guard

With tough competition traveling from all over the Midwest, our Color Guard members put their best foot forward at the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championships and ended their season with a 6th-place finish! Congratulations on your top-ten finish, Guard!

Journalism Puts Their Best Paw Forward



Journalism State Competitors

Journalism sent two Bulldogs to Bloomington for their State competition. Brisa Zequeira competed in Headline Writing and Izzy Ellington competed in Infographics. Although they did not place high enough to advance to Nationals, they had a great State experience and are looking forward to competing again next year.

Excellence in Education Award Winner

Eric Weinmann is an excellent candidate for the Excellence in Education award. Through his years of dedicated service to our learning community, Eric continually puts students first in academic and extracurricular settings. As a mathematics teacher, Eric has become the primary instructor of Grant's upper-level math students, teaching Honors Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus BC, and Multivariable Calculus. For students on this pathway, after their freshman year math course, Mr. Weinmann is the only math teacher these students will have. Some students in this course sequence have coined the nickname "Weinmann's kids" as he is their only math teacher beyond Honors Algebra 2. Eric's ability to connect with students while opening their eyes to a new mathematical world is appreciated by his students and admired by his peers. By providing these learning opportunities, countless students have charted new life trajectories as their minds have been opened by complex mathematics. His teaching and professional work continue to offer endless possibilities for Grant students.

Though Eric Weinmann has sometimes been a "PLT-Of-One," his involvement and leadership in the larger department is consistently impactful. As a department veteran, Eric serves several informal roles, including mentor for new teachers, curriculum leader, and chief recruiter for the Peer Tutors in the Math Lab. He has willingly participated in the EBG book study this year and challenged historical views on assessment. Eric Weinmann's continual reflection on his professional practice and the profession has allowed for great growth for himself, his peers, and more importantly, his students.

Outside the walls of his classroom, Eric is invested in our students' extracurricular activities. Over the years, Eric has done the small things to connect with kids like working events, attending student events, and chaperoning dances. But he has also committed himself to larger roles like leading Grant's Math Team, and even running a summer camp for his team. Eric has led his "Mathletes" to many significant individual and team wins and celebrates their successes with an ever-growing display in the Math Hallway. Moreover, Eric has dedicated himself to Grant's Baseball Program for 17 years. As an assistant coach, every year he grows his baseball IQ. Eric approaches the game with the same enthusiastic, pragmatic mindset he does in his math classroom, and his athletes respond and rise accordingly.

Having a teacher with such a specific skill set, who is committed to our students at the level Eric has been over his tenure, is truly unique. For these reasons and many, many more, Eric Weinmann is an obvious choice for the Excellence in Education award.



Mr. Taubery, Principal Schmidt, & "Weinmann's Kids" celebrate Mr. Weinmann being chosen as the Fourth Quarter Excellence in Education Award recipient.

Spring Choir Concert

MAY 14 / 7:00 PM
AUDITORIUM

NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSIONS
DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

AWARDS CEREMONY TO FOLLOW FINAL PERFORMANCE

Illinois Principal Association Student Recognition



The Illinois Principals Association (IPA) holds a yearly student recognition breakfast to celebrate the outstanding work, leadership, and character of our students. This year, Finn Joiner and Julia Podgorski were selected to represent Grant. Finn and Julia have been incredibly involved at Grant, are constantly offering their services for projects, provide valuable input, and truly embody what it means to be a Bulldog.

Finn Joiner is an outstanding representative of Grant Community High School, and he is certainly deserving of recognition at this year's Illinois Principals Association Recognition Breakfast. Finn's exceptional dedication, leadership, and academic achievements have set him apart as a shining example of excellence within our school community. Finn's academic journey is marked by outstanding achievements and unwavering dedication. Throughout his high school career, Finn has challenged himself academically by undertaking an impressive load of nine Advanced Placement courses. Despite the rigorous coursework, Finn has excelled, earning a remarkable 4.83 GPA. His commitment to academic excellence is truly commendable and serves as an inspiration to his peers. In addition to his academic achievements, Finn has demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities and initiative. As the Editor-in-Chief of our school newspaper "The Bark," he has elevated the standard of journalism and fostered an informed school community. Finn's leadership extends beyond the classroom; his involvement in the Principal's Advisory Council showcases his dedication to representing student interests and advocating for positive change within our school community. Finn's leadership and dedication are not confined to the academic realm; he has also excelled in athletics. Playing four years of varsity soccer and volleyball, Finn has demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork, and leadership. As the captain of the volleyball team, he has been a source of inspiration to his teammates, leading by example both on and off the court. Finn's commitment to service and making a difference in the community is truly commendable. Volunteering for organizations such as the Grant Gala, PADS, Knots of Love, and WINGS, Finn has positively impacted the lives of those in need. His compassion, dedication, and willingness to serve reflect his outstanding character and genuine desire to make a difference in the world. Finn is keeping his options open regarding where to attend college, but he is interested in pursuing a degree in political science at a four-year university. He is closely considering Butler University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison for their exceptional programs. With his passion for civic engagement and leadership, Finn is poised to make significant contributions to whichever university he selects. In recognition of his outstanding achievements, leadership, and unwavering commitment to excellence, Grant is proud to celebrate Finn Joiner for recognition at this year's Illinois Principals Association Recognition Breakfast. Finn embodies the values of hard work, determination, and service, and his contributions to our school community are truly deserving of this honor. We are confident that Finn will continue to achieve great things and make a positive impact wherever his future endeavors may lead.



Left to Right: Julia Podgorski, Principal Schmidt, & Finn Joiner

Julia Podgorski represents all the best qualities of what it means to be a Grant Bulldog and is well-deserving of recognition at the Illinois Principals Association Recognition Breakfast. Julia has consistently demonstrated exemplary qualities in academics, leadership, and community involvement, making her a deserving representative for this honor. Academically, Julia's dedication to her studies is truly commendable. She has earned an impressive 4.852 GPA, showcasing her commitment to academic excellence. Additionally, Julia has excelled in Advanced Placement examinations, scoring a 5 on multiple exams, a testament to her exceptional academic abilities.

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Her induction into the National Honor Society as a sophomore further underscores her outstanding academic achievements and dedication to scholarship. Julia's academic pursuits extend beyond the classroom as well. She has actively participated in prestigious programs such as attending Girl's State and the World Affairs Seminar, where she demonstrated intellectual curiosity and a passion for global affairs. Moreover, Julia's dedication to language learning is evident through her achievement of the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy in the Polish Language, showcasing her proficiency and cultural appreciation. Additionally, Julia's selection as a Questbridge College Prep Scholar reflects her academic talent and potential for future success. In addition to her academic achievements and leadership roles, Julia is deeply committed to serving her community. She has volunteered at a variety of school events, including Parent University, Back to School Nights, the Wellness Fair, and roadside cleanups, demonstrating her dedication to supporting her school community. Furthermore, Julia tutors her peers in the English and Social Studies Labs, providing valuable academic assistance and support to her fellow students. Outside of school, Julia has actively contributed to various community service initiatives. She has raised money for the Township Food Bank, showcasing her commitment to addressing food insecurity and supporting those in need. Additionally, Julia has volunteered her time to paint faces at home football games, bringing joy and spirit to the community through her artistic talents. In summary, Julia Podgorski embodies the qualities of an exceptional Grant student and leader. Her academic excellence, leadership skills, and commitment to community service make her a role model for her peers and a deserving candidate for recognition, and we are confident that Julia will continue to excel and make significant contributions to society in the future.

Social Studies Golden Globe Winner

Leo Rodriguez Garcia is May's recipient of the Golden Globe Award!

Leo's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and his insatiable thirst for knowledge have earned him a nomination for the prestigious Golden Globe Award. Throughout the year, Leo has consistently exceeded expectations in class, delivering high-quality work that reflects his dedication to mastering the curriculum and applying his knowledge to become a more informed individual.

Not only does Leo excel academically, but he also sets a remarkable example for his peers. Balancing active engagement with classmates and a steadfast focus on personal academic growth, Leo demonstrates an admirable ability to navigate the complexities of collaborative learning while maintaining his commitment to individual achievement.

Leo embodies the spirit of our school's values, showcasing humility, diligence, kindness, and an unwavering dedication to personal growth. His presence in the classroom has been a source of inspiration, and he epitomizes the qualities we aspire to instill in all our students.

His teacher, Ms. Becmer, expressed that she feels privileged to have had Leo in her class this year, and she wholeheartedly believes that he is deserving of the Golden Globe award. His exemplary performance and dedication to excellence make him a standout candidate, and Ms. Becmer is confident that he will continue to shine bright in all his future endeavors.



Leo Rodriguez Garcia receives the Golden Globe Award.

The Social Studies Department is proud to award Leo with this honor. Keep up the excellent work!

Bulldogs Put Community First

In an inspiring display of community engagement and generosity, the Freshman Class Council recently concluded their annual Bernie's Book Drive, leaving a significant impact on the lives of children throughout Chicagoland. This year, their efforts resulted in the collection of 341 books, all destined to be donated to Bernie's Book Bank, a renowned organization dedicated to fostering literacy among underserved youth.



Freshman Class Council's Book Donations

The significance of Bernie's Book Bank cannot be overstated. Serving as a vital resource for children in need, the organization distributes books to schools and early childhood programs, ensuring that every child has access to literature regardless of their circumstances. By supporting Bernie's Book Bank, the Freshman Class Council is not just donating books; they are opening doors to a world of knowledge and imagination for countless children. The success of this year's book drive is a testament to the hard work and determination of the Freshman Class Council members. Their efforts to collect, organize, and promote the drive undoubtedly played a crucial role in its success.



Freshman & Sophomore Class Council Volunteer

The Freshman Class Council's commitment to service doesn't stop there. In addition to their involvement with Bernie's Book Drive, they recently volunteered alongside members of the Sophomore Class Council at Feed My Starving Children. This collaborative effort underscores their dedication to addressing not only educational needs but also broader issues of hunger and food insecurity in the community. With their help, 82 boxes were packed for a total of 47,232 meals - that is enough to feed 129 kids a daily meal for a year!

Through initiatives like the Bernie's Book Drive and their ongoing commitment to service, our Class Councils are setting a shining example for their peers and inspiring others to join them in making a difference.

Sarah Alvarez	Miami De La Rosa	Caleigh Houdek	Madison Mesmer	Camila Serrano
Samantha	Gianna Deacon	Jaslene Huerta	Logan Miller	Sabelle Slightam
Archuleta	Ava Delgadillo	Julianna Janicki	Gainale Muntu	Addison Smith
David Ascencio	John Dollinger	Destiny Jenkins	Maria Olivares	Annabelle Smith
Ashlyn Bartlett	Isabelle Ellington	Ryan Kadlec	Vani Patel	Abigail Sovsky
Kaitlyn Bartlett	Kaelee Feliciano	Hailey Kissinger	Vanessa Pendell	Grace Szczesny
Elizabeth Becerra	Myles Foreman	Ana Larson	Lawrence Quirk	Caitlyn Themanson
Ashley Biundo	Katherine Goebel	Milla Laskosky	Isabella Raube	Elyanna Torres
Zachary Collins	Dianey Granados	Lance Lavajo	Emily Riley	Katherine Waugh
Alexis Crosthwaite	Cole Guild	Sophie Leichuk	Nicole Sak	Evan Weisheit
Kahlen Davis	Madison Guild	Micky Li	Madeline Schneider	Brandon Wolkowitz
	Ethan Henney	Ella Malak	Makary Sekulich	Cayden Zeller
	Melanee Hobson	Lesly Martinez-Ruiz	Kolton Selders	

National Honor Society Inductees

Little Orphan Annie Finds Her Home at Grant



Annie Cast & Crew

After many weeks of preparation, the cast and crew of Annie were excited to share all they had been working on and put on a wonderful performance. Those who attended this year's spring production can attest to the incredible acting, energizing dance scenes, and intricate design work displayed this year. Between Annie's positive attitude and indomitable spirit, it was clear to see why community members and leaders rallied behind her. The fondness that Oliver Warbucks had for Annie continued to grow throughout the show and was felt by every audience member. Bravo to all the cast, crew, and directors on a successful production!



Annie & Orphans



Sandy & Annie



Lily St. Regis, Rooster, & Miss Hannigan



Oliver Warbucks & Annie

Grant Artists Amaze at NLCC Art Show

The NLCC Art Show celebrates student art across all different mediums including painting, watercolors, pottery, music, and much more. This event showcases art from schools within the Northern Lake County Conference. Participating schools submit some of their best student artwork and we have to say, our artists really outdid themselves this year! The amount of talent and creativity they have exhibited is truly amazing.



Principal Schmidt & Artists

In addition to students submitting their artwork for display and judging, they also have the opportunity to be named a Distinguished Artist. We had not one, not two...but 10 Bulldogs named Distinguished Artists at this year's show. A huge congratulations goes out to Nikolai Gartner, Izabela Podgorski, Malia Henriot, Elaine Molsen, Addi Damptz, Alex Georgean, Fiona Carlson, A'Viance Balog, Kayli Brook, and Alex Ross.



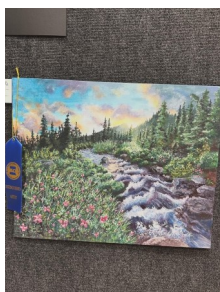
Nikolai Gartner



Alex Ross



Izabela Podgorski



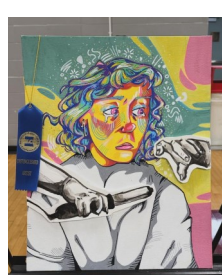
Kayli Brook



Fiona Carlson



Malia Henriot



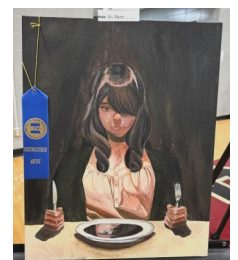
Addi Damptz



A'viance Balog



Malia Henriot



Elaine Molsen

AP Exams

The 2024 AP Exams will be administered in schools over two weeks in May. For paper-pencil exams, students should bring two #2 pencils. For digital exams, students need to bring their school-issued Chromebook fully charged and a charging cord. Students taking a digital exam should open the Bluebook app and take the practice test prior to their exam date to ensure the app is functioning properly.

Morning AP Test Students

Students will report immediately to their testing rooms at the beginning of the school day. **Please arrive no later than 7:40 AM for instructions and preparing the answer documents.** Morning testing begins at 8:00 AM. Morning AP tests are typically completed by 11:30 AM. Students who miss lunch while testing will be provided a pass to the cafeteria when testing is finished. After testing, students will return to their regular schedules. *Please note that Wednesday tests DO NOT follow the GCHS flex start schedule. Wednesday morning exams will begin at 7:40 AM, and students are responsible for their own transportation.*

Afternoon AP Test Students

Students will attend a regular schedule for the morning. **Students should plan on arriving no later than 11:40 AM for instructions and preparing the answer documents.** The exam will begin at 12:00 PM. Testing will end between 3:10 – 3:45 PM depending on the exam. Students should expect to take the 4:05 PM late bus or arrange for a ride home since testing time might vary. The library will be open for students who need to wait for the late bus.

Two Tests on the Same Day

Students will be provided with a pass to eat lunch in the cafeteria between the two testing times, if time allows. If not, they should bring an easy to consume snack to eat between the tests.

Any additional information will be communicated through email, your AP teacher, and morning announcements. Students should check with their individual teachers to make sure they are current with their class work and homework assignments. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Noisey at snosey@grantbulldogs.org.

*Digital Exams

AP Exams	Date	Entry Time	Est. End Time	Locations
United States Government & Politics	5/6/24	7:40 AM	11:10 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Chemistry	5/6/24	11:40 AM	3:25 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Microeconomics	5/7/24	7:40 AM	10:20 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Statistics	5/7/24	11:40 AM	3:10 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B—Last Names A-K & Lecture Hall—Last Names L-Y
*English Literature & Composition	5/8/24	7:40 AM	11:10 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
DC Accounting Final	5/8/24	7:40 AM	10:00 AM	Lecture Hall
Environmental Science	5/9/24	7:40 AM	10:50 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
PLTW End of Course	5/9/24	7:40 AM	10:00 AM	Lecture Hall
Psychology	5/9/24	11:40 AM	2:10 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B—Last Names A-K & Lecture Hall—Last Names L-Y
*United States History	5/10/24	7:40 AM	11:25 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Macroeconomics	5/10/24	11:40 AM	2:20 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Calculus AB/BC	5/13/24	7:40 AM	11:25 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B—Last Names A-K & Lecture Hall—Last Names L-Y
*English Language & Composition	5/14/24	7:40 AM	11:25 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B—Last Names A-L & Room 294—Last Names M-Z
Physics C: Mechanics	5/14/24	11:40 AM	1:30 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	5/14/24	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
*World History: Modern	5/15/24	7:40 AM	11:25 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B—Last Names A-L & Room 289—Last Names M-Z
Computer Science Principles	5/15/24	11:40 AM	2:00 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Music Theory	5/15/24	11:40 AM	2:50 PM	Lecture Hall (to start), Practice Room (near 143), & Room 106
Spanish Language and Culture	5/16/24	7:40 AM	11:13 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Biology	5/16/24	11:40 AM	3:10 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Physics 1	5/17/24	7:40 AM	11:10 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B



SENIOR SHOUT OUTS

CELEBRATING ALL THAT OUR SENIORS HAVE ACHIEVED

Rylan Art

Augustana College
Presidential Scholarship, Housing Award & Meal Plan Award
Aurora University
Trustee Scholarship, Aurora University Grant, & Connection
Resident Award
Carroll University
Trustee Scholarship
Illinois Wesleyan University
Alumni Scholarship & Housing Scholarship
Knox College
Trustee Scholarship & IL Resident Award
St. Xavier University
Presidential Scholarship

Jacqueline Bendfeldt

Bradley University
Presidential Excellence Scholarship

Sean Buchenberger

Boy Scouts of America- Eagle Scout

Kiana Coloma

University of Hawaii at Mānoa
Mānoa Academic Merit Scholarship

Addison Dampitz

Loyola University
Dean's Scholarship

Savannah Dickson

39 Bowling Scholarships

Teya Edwards

Illinois State University
Redbirds Academic Scholarship

Reese Fulhum

Northern Michigan University
Bridge Award, Merit Scholarship, & Presidential Scholarship

Nikolai Gartner

California College of the Arts
Creative Achievement Award

Sebastian Gonzalez

DePaul University
Future Forward Scholarship Program
Illinois State University
Jesse Fell Scholarship
Loyola University
Presidential Scholarship
University of Illinois
President's Award Program Scholarship

Abigail Hobson

Carroll University
Voorhees Academic Scholarship

Melanee Hobson

Iowa State University
First Cyclones Scholarship

Nevada Holm

College of Lake County
Athletic Scholarship

Zuzanna Janicki

Columbia College
Dean's Scholarship & Faculty Recognition Award

Freddie Kunzer

Marquette University
Marquette University Magis Campus Resident Scholarship,
& Père Marquette Scholarship

Chloe Labuca

Concordia University - Chicago
Merit Award & Scholarships
DePaul University
Deans' Scholarship
North Park University
Presidential Scholarship

Zachary Langhoff

DePaul University
School of Music Award
Berklee College of Music
Merit-based Scholarship
Valparaiso University
Board of Directors Scholarship, Signature Artist Scholarship,
& Alumni Heritage Scholarship

Connor Mirocha

Beloit University
Presidential Scholarship & Beloit College Grant
Carthage College
Merit Scholarship, Carthage Endowed Scholarship,
& Legacy Award
Eastern University
Distinguished Merit Scholarship
Edgewood College
Founder's Scholarship & Voyager Award



SENIOR SHOUT OUTS

CELEBRATING ALL THAT OUR SENIORS HAVE ACHIEVED

Diana Ngo

Colorado School of Mines
President's Scholarship

Northern Illinois University
Academic Merit Scholarship

Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville
Cougar Pride Scholarship & Johnetta Haley Scholarship

University of Denver
Chancellor Scholar

Kristin Rose

Hope College
Legacy Award, Road to Hope, Presidential Scholarship,
& Finalist for Hope Forward

Katelyn Rossini

Bryant University
Athletic Scholarship

Alyssa Sandquist

Grand Valley State University
Grand Valley's Award for Excellence

Abbey Schiller

Illinois State University
The Red Bird Scholarship

Will Schubert

Beloit College
Eaton Scholarship

Mikayla Sekulich

Lake Forest College
Presidential Scholarship, Lake Forest College Grant, Campus
Visit Incentive Grant, & Forester Honors Award

Austin Smith

Illinois State University
Jesse W. Fell Scholarship
Marquette University
MU Pere Marquette Scholarship

Grace Sobecki

Western Illinois University
AIM High Western Commitment Scholarship

Angelina Sosa

Carthage College
Carthage Endowed Scholarship, Carthage Founders
Scholarship, & Carthage Cultural Scholarship

Amber Wendt

University of Iowa
National Scholars Award & Honors Program

Food Service Updates for 2024-2025

With the new academic year on the horizon, students, faculty, and parents will notice a slight uptick in lunch prices. Beginning Monday, August 12, a complete lunch meal will now cost \$3.60. Despite the increase, our partnership with Quest Food Management Services allows us to refresh menu options based on school-wide feedback and input from our Principal's Advisory Committee (PAC). With student feedback and input from PAC, Quest Food Management Services will continue to innovate, ensuring that menu options cater to diverse preferences while meeting nutritional standards set by the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the United States Department of Agriculture.

At the start of the new year, parents are welcome to add money to their student's food service account online through [Skyward Family Access](#), by check (made payable to Grant Community High School), or by cash. Please be aware that students may choose to purchase a la carte items for an additional charge.

For those families in need of assistance providing breakfast and lunch for their students, visit our website for the [Income Eligibility Guidelines](#). Both application documents have been attached to this email for easy access but can be obtained through our website as well.

If you have any questions about the NSLP and the free/reduced lunch program, please reach out to Mrs. Katy Rueb (krueb@grantbulldogs.org) or Mrs. Beth Reich (breich@grantbulldogs.org).



SPRING PEP ASSEMBLY



Annie Cast



Prom Court



TEAM representatives compete in final round of Rock Paper Scissors Tournament.

Seniors win the Bulldog Cup!



Tumi Ademola performs winning Grant's Got Talent song.



Seniors show off their Bulldog pride.



Color Guard performs routine.



Boys Track & Field

MOCK INTERVIEWS



GRANT
COMMUNITY
HIGH SCHOOL

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are searching for individuals with hiring experience to help our students learn more about the world of work by volunteering as an interviewer on May 7, 2024.

- ✓ Meet potential employees
- ✓ Have input in the growth of future employees
- ✓ Promote your business

Scan the QR Code and sign-up for a time that works best for you!



Questions? Contact Blythe Masura at the email address below:



285 E. Grand Avenue
Fox Lake, IL 60020



bmasura@grantbulldogs.org

DID YOU KNOW COMPLETING THE FAFSA IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS?

**JOIN MS. MASURA (COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNSELOR)
ALONG WITH ISAC FOR FAFSA COMPLETION EVENTS**

Our Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Rep is

Emily Coveny
Cell: 847-309-4510
Emily.Coveny@illinois.gov



ISAC's goal is to provide Illinois students with information and assistance to help make education beyond high school accessible and affordable.

Check out ISAC.org for all they have to offer.

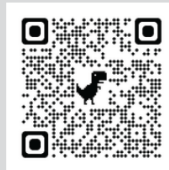
FAFSA OFFICE HOURS

**FOR STUDENTS TO GET HELP AND ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT FAFSA
DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP BEFOREHAND

- February 28
- March 22
- April 26
- May 10

Sign up here



- Times 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

What is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? a form completed by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.

Want to get started? Go to:
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Step 1 : Complete an FSA ID (make sure to have your social security number available for this)

***What you should bring to the workshops and office hours:**

- Computer
- Social Security Number
- 2022 Federal Tax Return
- FSA ID
- Driver's License
- List of colleges you have applied to
- Up to date bank account statements

All events will be in the College and Career Center located in the GCHS Library

Contact Ms. Masura with any questions
bmasura@grantbulldogs.org
847-973-3439

For the FAFSA nonparticipation form scan here:



Freshman Honors Breakfast

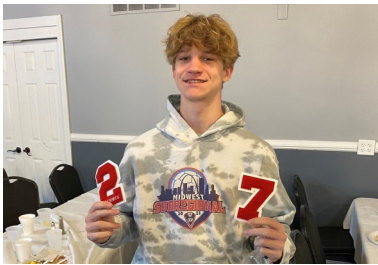
It's a yearly tradition at Grant to celebrate all our Freshman students who have attained a GPA of 3.75 or above during their first semester, and this April, we did just that. With 147 Freshmen reaching this achievement, we gathered our Bulldogs and their families for a celebratory breakfast and enjoyed a morning full of applause, cheer, and appreciation together. Thank you to those who joined us, and congratulations to our honored Bulldogs!



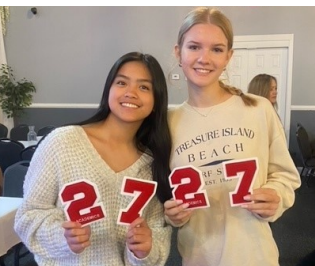
Freshmen and their families celebrate at Freshman Honors Breakfast.



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We have eight more Bulldogs committed to continuing their student-athlete career after high school! After graduation, Will Schubert is heading to Beloit College for Basketball, Ayden Sheppard is heading to St. Xavier University for Football, Rylan Art is heading to Carroll College for Football, Pryde Mendoza is heading to Aurora University for Football, Connor Mirocha is heading to Edgewood College for Baseball, Cole Bush is heading to Baldwin Wallace University for Baseball, Giselle Morales-Cobain is heading to the College of Lake County for Soccer, and Sydney Palladino is heading to St. Norbert College for Softball. We cannot wait to see these Bulldogs achieve all their goals and wish them the best of luck in their post-high school journeys!



Bulldogs commit to continuing their student-athlete career after high school graduation.

Congratulations to our **March Athletes of the Month** - Chloe Labuca, Matthew Warmowski, Kaylin Worley, Nana Adubofour, Malia Henriot, & Zach Glore!

<p>Chloe Labuca Badminton</p> <p>Chloe is undefeated so far on the season at #2 singles including wins over Highland Park, McHenry, & Zion-Benton.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month MARCH</p>	<p>Matthew Warmowski Lacrosse</p> <p>Warmowski tallied up 3 goals and a solid assist in the season opener win.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month MARCH</p>	<p>Kaylin Worley Softball</p> <p>Kaylin has had a terrific start to the season! She has been all over the outfield, defensively making plays, and has been a real force at the plate to start the season.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month MARCH</p>	<p>Nana Adubofour Boys Track & Field</p> <p>During the indoor portion of our season, Nana was a key contributor on both our 4000m and 4x400m relay teams. The 4x200m team took 2nd at the Hanley Invite, 2nd at the Summit Showdown, and 2nd in the NCC. The 4x400m team took 2nd at the Summit Showdown and 4th in the NCC. These teams both ran the fastest times at Grant since 2019. Individually, Nana excelled in the Triple Jump. He opened 4th place in the Hanley Invite, 5th at the Summit Showdown, and 3rd at the NCC. His jumps were also the best at Grant since 2019.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month MARCH</p>	<p>Malia Henriot Girls Track & Field</p> <p>Malia is the definition of a successful athlete and team leader. As one coach said of Malia, "she came out of her shell to become a fierce warrior!" Malia dedicated herself during the off-season and the results have paid off. Her leading triple-jumper (32'7") and one of our top sprinters (1:22 in the 400m) ran 30 seconds in the 200m! Her encouraging and supportive mindset makes her one of the true leaders of the team.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month MARCH</p>	<p>Zach Glore Volleyball</p> <p>Zach is an incredible athlete who has improved tremendously in his past four years in the Boys Volleyball program. He has been a Varsity athlete for three years now, and not only excels in his volleyball skills, but also his leadership skills. Zach has been a Varsity captain for two years, and his teammates look up to him not only as a player, but as a person too. When we think of a great student athlete in the Grant Bulldogs volleyball program, everyone thinks of Zach.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month MARCH</p>
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These Bulldogs have put in a great deal of effort since their season began and have represented their programs well. We look forward to seeing them achieve even more, on and off the court!

<p>Precious Tehan Badminton</p> <p>Precious had back to back wins over 3 very good #1 singles players including Barrington, Warren, and Waubesa's #1 players.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month APRIL</p>	<p>Tyler Fleming Lacrosse</p> <p>Tyler has been an incredible leader on & off the field. Tyler recently scored not only the game-tying goal vs. Lakes, but also the overtime game-winning goal. Tyler leads the team in scoring as a junior & looks to continue his run.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month APRIL</p>	<p>Taylor Glover Softball</p> <p>For her outstanding defense at third base, Taylor has made difficult plays look easy on a daily basis.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month APRIL</p>	<p>Chris Kiatoukaysy Tennis</p> <p>Chris puts 100% into every single shot he hits on the court. He is a fearless leader, often competing against the very best competition in the state his role at the top singles position. His tennis pedigree, experience, and way he conducts himself on the court makes him a role model for his teammates that are learning how to be tennis players.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month APRIL</p>	<p>Ayden Sheppard Boys Track & Field</p> <p>In just his second year running, Ayden is already becoming an exception holder. In our first meet at Midway, Ayden earned the Athlete of the Meet by taking 1st Place in the 110m high hurdles, 2nd Place in the 300m intermediate hurdles, and leading our first place 4x100m relay. He improves every competition and will be in contention to be a State qualifier in both the hurdles and our sprint relays in May.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month APRIL</p>	<p>Noelle Patrick Girls Track & Field</p> <p>Noelle's performances this April are direct results of the dedication and grit she has put in. There is no athlete on the team that works as hard as Noelle. As a result of her efforts she ran a 1:38 in the 100m hurdles (State qualifying) and a 4:17 in the 300m hurdles (State qualifying). If she continues to improve, there is no doubt in her coach's mind that we will be operating a State send-off in May!</p> <p>Athlete of the Month APRIL</p>	<p>Josh Lobont Volleyball</p> <p>Josh is leading the conference with kills and won All Tournament at the Palatka/Schaumburg tournament. He is our go-to offensive player who is a threat on the court.</p> <p>Athlete of the Month APRIL</p>
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Congratulations to our **April Athletes of the Month** - Precious Tehan, Tyler Fleming, Taylor Glover, Chris Kiatoukaysy, Ayden Sheppard, Noelle Patrick, & Josh Lobont!

Summer Camp Registration is now available online! When registering online, you can select your desired camp, fill in the appropriate information for your student, and click 'add to cart'. You will use your current RevTrak account, or create an account if you are a new user.

Online registration will close for each camp one business day before the start of camp. Paper forms with registration and check/cash will be accepted up to the first day of camp.

[Online Registration](#)
[Summer Camp Brochure 2024](#)

Please email our athletic secretary, Cory Bowles, cbowles@grantbulldogs.org, with any questions.

Congratulations to our **March Sportsmanship Winners** - Jenny Lin, Colin Noordyke, Jack Hembry, Sydney Palladino, Ben McKenzie, Kennedy Kilmer, & Sebastian Gonzalez!



No matter the situation, these Bulldogs continue to show respect for their coaches, teammates, and opponents, put their best foot forward, and bring a positive attitude with them every day. Thanks for setting an example of what it means to have good sportsmanship and showing your fellow Bulldogs how to Keep It RED!



Congratulations to our **April Sportsmanship Winners** - Kushi Viramgami, Evan Soco, Sammy Mendez, Gabi Bendinelli, Juan Diaz, John Nehmzow, Noelia Huizar, & Armaan Yazdani!

GCHS Hardhat Update

As the academic year progresses, so does the exciting development of our campus facilities. A significant project currently underway is the construction of a state-of-the-art weight room addition adjacent to the Field House, aimed at meeting the growing demand for health and wellness resources among our student body.

Since the initial announcement of this project, construction progress has been steady and promising. Contractors have diligently worked on laying the foundation for the new building, ensuring a solid base for the facilities to come. Now, as we enter May, we are eagerly anticipating the commencement of building wall construction, scheduled to begin in the first week of the month.

The upcoming phase of construction marks a significant milestone in this project, as it will bring the structure of the new weight room into view, showcasing tangible progress to the entire campus community. As we move forward with construction, it's important to note that certain adjustments will be made to accommodate the ongoing work. In particular, the Field House parking lot will be closed starting on May 22. This temporary closure is necessary to ensure the safety and efficiency of construction operations as we work towards completing the project.

For any inquiries or concerns regarding the construction project, please don't hesitate to reach out to Beth Reich, Business Manager/CSBO, at breich@grantbulldogs.org or 847-587-2561.



Field House Weight Room Construction

New Athletic Director

2024-2025

We are thrilled to announce a familiar face stepping into a new role here at Grant Community High School. After a thorough search process, we are proud to promote Mr. Dave Behm as our new Athletic Director effective July 1. With 17 years of dedicated service as a teacher, 15 years at the helm of our baseball program, and four years as a teacher leader, Mr. Behm brings a wealth of experience and a deep-rooted connection to our school.

Mr. Behm's journey with Grant Community High School is one of passion and commitment. As an alum, his ties to our institution run deep, with a family history steeped in the traditions of our school and the greater Grant community. This connection not only speaks to his personal investment in GCHS, but also underscores his understanding of our community's values and aspirations.

During his tenure as a teacher, Mr. Behm has demonstrated exceptional dedication to GCHS students and to their success. In his role as a Teacher Leader, overseeing multiple departments, he has been able to showcase his ability to lead and empower colleagues and foster learning opportunities for students. Under his guidance, programs have flourished, enriching the lives of countless students and preparing them for success far beyond the classroom. As the head baseball coach for the past 15 years, Mr. Behm has not only cultivated a culture of excellence within the team but has also served as a mentor and role model for our student-athletes. His leadership on the field has instilled values of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship in generations of players, leaving an indelible mark on our athletics program.

With his appointment as Athletic Director, we are confident that Mr. Behm will continue to elevate the standard of excellence at Grant Community High School. His deep knowledge of our school community and strong relationships with school stakeholders, coupled with his proven track record of leadership and achievement, makes him the ideal candidate to lead our Athletic Department into the future.

We eagerly anticipate Mr. Behm being a visible, strong leader within GCHS and throughout our broader community. Please join us in congratulating him on this well-deserved appointment!



Mr. Behm—New Athletic Director



SENIOR DECISION DAY THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

WEAR YOUR COLLEGE, CAREER, MILITARY, OR TRADES
APPAREL & TAKE A PICTURE WITH YOUR DECISION
DAY SIGN OUTSIDE OF THE SENIOR CAFE

Strengthening Skills & Building Relationships Within the Community

Our **Transition Program** is dedicated to providing tailored support and opportunities for students with disabilities as they journey toward greater independence beyond high school. With a focus on work-based learning, independent living, and community access, our program offers a supportive environment where students can thrive and grow.

At the heart of our program are our community partnerships, which play a vital role in enriching the learning experiences of our students. We extend our sincere appreciation to the following organizations for their collaboration and commitment to our students' success:

1. Good Shepherd Hospital
2. Wurth Baer
3. Dawg Bowl (Grant Coffee Shop)
4. Grant Kitchen
5. Takeda Pharmaceutical
6. Butera
7. DuBro
8. Antioch Pizza



Good Shepard



Antioch Pizza



Butera



DuBro

Through these partnerships, our students have the opportunity to engage in meaningful work experiences, develop essential life skills, and foster independence in a supportive and inclusive environment. Each student participates in a curriculum tailored to their unique needs, interests, and abilities, ensuring that they receive the individualized support necessary to reach their full potential.

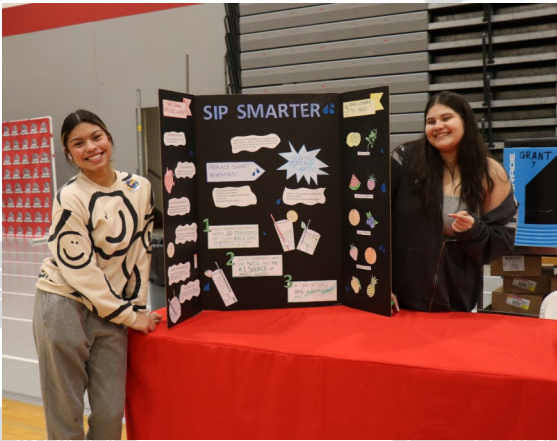
Throughout the semester, students enrolled in our **Career Internship** course have had the invaluable opportunity to gain real-world experience and develop essential skills through partnerships with various community organizations. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to these partners for their dedication to our students' growth and success.

Our students have had the privilege of working with the following organizations:

1. Good Shepherd
2. Athletico
3. Village of Fox Lake
4. Fox Lake Animal Hospital
5. Grant Community High School with Cassi Reid, Mark Jolcover, Julia Lightbody, Carmen Terselic, Mallory Gizowski, and Alex Sullivan
6. Maravela's Banquets & Catering
7. Graff Realty
8. Big Hollow School District for Occupational Therapy
9. Gordy's Boats

These partnerships have provided our students with hands-on learning experiences, mentorship opportunities, and exposure to diverse career paths. We are immensely grateful to our community partners for their generosity, support, and commitment to nurturing the next generation of professionals. Together, we are empowering our students to thrive in their future endeavors and make meaningful contributions to their communities.

Bulldog



We held our annual **Wellness Fair** last month and our students provided their fellow Bulldogs with tons of health-related information. Stations included the benefits of flavored water, the negative effects of opioids and alcohol, and much more!



Bulldogs eagerly gathered in their classroom, equipped with protective glasses and excitement, to witness the awe-inspiring phenomenon of a **solar eclipse**.



The **spring band concert** marks the culmination of a year filled with dedication and growth for our talented musicians. As they took the stage for the final concert of the year, audience members were able to witness the remarkable progress and passion displayed by each member of the band, showcasing their dedication to musical excellence and the journey they've embarked upon throughout the year.

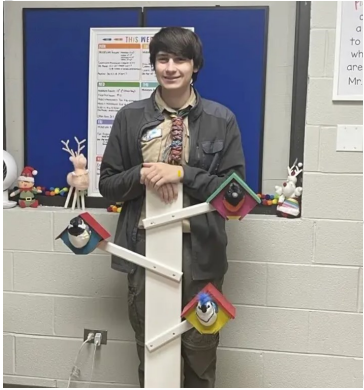
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We held our first-ever **Writers Expo** this April, and the auditorium was bursting with creativity! Between published authors Peter Dankelson and Toya Wolfe providing insight into their journeys as writers, staff sharing personal stories, and students contributing to the day with original work, there was so much to learn about the writing process and how writing can impact those far beyond the author.

Thank you to Peter, Toya, and all our creative Bulldogs for partaking in our inaugural Writers Expo! We were so pleased to hear your stories and can't wait to see what other works of art come from this event.

Happenings



Sean Buchenberger, a dedicated member of Lake Villa Boy Scout Troop 188, has achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout while leaving a lasting impact on the Round Lake Area Park District's Children's Neighborhood Museum.

Motivated by his childhood memories of visiting the museum, Sean approached Dena Krieger, Recreation Supervisor for the museum, last January with a heartfelt desire to give back to the community. Together, they brainstormed ideas, eventually settling on the creation of a puppet theater for the STEAM room and a charming birdhouse tree decoration.

Over the course of a year, Sean meticulously planned and executed his Eagle Project, collaborating with fellow Scouts to bring his vision to life. With unwavering dedication and determination, he oversaw the construction of the puppet theater and the crafting of the birdhouse tree decoration, ensuring that both items were not only functional but also aesthetically pleasing additions to the museum.

In December, Sean proudly presented the completed project to the Park District, marking the culmination of his hard work and dedication. The puppet theater and birdhouse tree decoration now stand as symbols of his commitment to serving his community and leaving a positive impact on future generations of museum visitors.

In January 2024, Sean officially earned his Eagle Scout Rank. His achievement serves as a testament to his leadership, perseverance, and passion for making a difference. His exemplary dedication to the values of scouting and community service has not only enriched the Children's Neighborhood Museum but has also inspired those around him to strive for excellence in their own endeavors.



Mr. Nenni ran the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 19, and we are so excited to share that he finished the race in 3 hours 31 minutes and 33 seconds! The Boston Marathon is just over 26 miles and Mr.

Nenni averaged 8 minutes and 5 seconds per mile - that's crazy impressive! Congratulations on a great run and for completing the Boston Marathon with a fantastic time, Mr. Nenni!



Honors Biotechnology

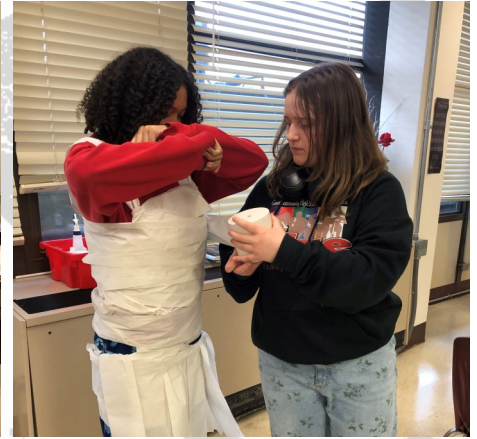
students have been busy researching current topics related to their field and submitted posters detailing these topics for the Teen Biotech Challenge hosted by UC-Davis. In April, they shared all their hard work with peers and staff, sparking lots of conversations about how biotechnology impacts our society.



Bulldog



Our Bulldogs participated in a **youth advisory council** with State Senator Craig Wilcox to learn more about the opportunities available within local, township, county, and state-level government.



Theatre Arts students showcased their creativity by crafting their own props using unconventional materials like toilet paper. With resourcefulness and imagination, they transformed everyday items into essential elements of their productions, demonstrating the ingenuity and versatility inherent in the theatrical arts.



Social Studies students engaged in a re-enactment of the three estates during the French Revolution, embodying the roles of the clergy, nobility, and commoners. In the simulation, the top two estates exercised their authority by taking away money and food (candy), from the commoners. This experiential activity provided a vivid illustration of the socio-economic disparities and power dynamics that fueled the revolution, fostering a deeper understanding of the grievances that led to one of history's most significant social upheavals.



Mrs. Suehr's classes embarked on an exciting field trip to watch "Billy Elliot the Musical," immersing themselves in the captivating world of theater. Experiencing the electrifying performances and poignant storytelling firsthand, students gained valuable insights into the power of artistic expression and the transformative impact of live performance on both individuals and society.

Happenings



The **Fido Festival**, hosted by the Canine Connections Club on April 20, was a paw-some inaugural event that kicked off with a bark! Attendees were treated to exciting dog demonstrations by the 4-H Club, Wisconsin-Illinois Agility Group, and the Lake County Sheriff's K-9 Unit. Local vendors and organizations provided a variety of dog-related products and services, while fundraising activities such as painted rock sales, dog toys, and face painting added to the fun. Generous donations poured in, with funds raised going to support deserving causes including the American Brittany Rescue, Love, Hope, Believe Galgo Group, Save-A-Pet, and Young at Heart Senior Pet Adoptions. It was a tail-wagging success that brought together dog lovers and for a day of joy and giving back to the community.



BPAC's Multicultural Festival, held on Saturday, April 27, was a vibrant celebration of diversity and heritage, bringing together families to share the richness of their cultures. Attendees were encouraged to showcase elements of their cultural identity, resulting in a colorful array of traditions, cuisines, and attire from around the world. From mouthwatering dishes to lively music and captivating dance performances, the festival provided a joyful platform for cultural exchange and appreciation. It was a heartwarming reminder of the beauty and unity found in embracing our differences and celebrating our shared humanity.



SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY™



Between preparing healthy food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, Grant nutrition professionals have a lot on their plate. To celebrate their hard work and commitment, Grant Community High School will celebrate School Lunch Hero Day on Friday, May 3. This day, celebrated annually since 2013, was designated School Lunch Hero Day provides an opportunity for parents, students, school staff, and communities to thank those who provide healthy meals to nearly 30 million of America's students each school day.

All across the school district, school nutrition professionals will be honored and recognized by students, school staff, parents, and the community. Federal nutrition standards ensure that school cafeterias always offer low-fat or fat-free milk, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein. School meals also meet limits on calories, sodium, and unhealthy fats. The importance and nutritional value of school meals are well documented. For many children, school lunch is the most important and nutrient-rich meal of their day.



KEEP IT RED



3rd Quarter Bulldog Buck Winners



April Bulldog Buck Winners

We are excited to share that our PBIS @ GCHS video earned First Place in the 15th Annual PBIS Film Festival for School Engagement! Thank you to all the students and staff who helped us create this video and show what it means to Keep It RED at Grant!

[PBIS @ GCHS Video](#)



Counselor's Corner

Summer School

Summer School registration is currently open on the Grant website for Credit Recovery. If your student needs to recover a credit from a class they previously did not pass, that is a graduation requirement, Summer School Credit Recovery is a great option to make up credits. More information about enrichment and credit recovery summer school options can be found on our website: [Summer School 2024](#).

Transcript Requests for Seniors

Grant has partnered with Parchment to make ordering transcripts a breeze! Seniors needing their final transcripts should submit their requests in Parchment. An email will be sent to the students' school email with a link to register their account (pro tip: after registering, students should update their account information with their personal email address in order to maintain access after graduation). There is a [playlist](#) of helpful videos to guide students through every step, including the process of creating an account and placing your first order. If you have any questions about transcript requests, please contact our Registrar, Ms. Katie Kauth, at kkauth1@grantbulldogs.org, or at (847) 973-3425.

Note for IEP/504 Students: A student's transcript does not include any accommodations or other information found in their IEP/504 Plan, and the IEP/504 Plan does **not automatically get sent to a student's college. To request a copy of your IEP/504 Plan records, students must fill out a separate Records Request Form. Copies of this form are available in the Main Office or via PDF on our school website under "[Transcript Requests](#)."*

Financial Aid Information:

It is required for the graduating Class of 2024 to complete the 2023-2024 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) OR complete a waiver that states your student will not be filing a FAFSA.

- This waiver is referred to as the FAFSA Non-Participation Form and is available in both English and Spanish. If your student will be

completing this form, they need to turn it in to their School Counselor upon completion. Below are the links to the FAFSA and both versions of the Non-Participation Form. Reach out to your student's School Counselor with any questions.

- [English Non-Participation Form](#)
- [Spanish Non-Participation Form](#)

College & Career Center

- FAFSA Office Hours are available to students during the school day to get help and ask questions about the FAFSA. Office Hours will be located in the College and Career Center.
 - Please sign up for a time that works best for you, study halls and lunches are preferable. Mrs. Masura will send a pass on the day of the event for the workshop.
 - To help you be prepared, please bring your Chromebook, Social Security Number, Tax Returns, and an already created FSA ID. To create your FSA ID if you have not already done so visit [FSA Student Aid](#).
- Every year our Junior English classes have a Mock Interview lesson for the students. During this lesson students learn about what to expect in an interview along with the Do's and Don't's. The curriculum ends with a Mock Interview so students are able to experience a real interview and get real expert feedback. If you are interested/available to help with the Mock Interviews please sign up through our [Mock Interview Sign-Up](#).
- if you are planning on attending CLC next year make sure you are contacting Jenny Landmann our CLC CCN to determine your next step and sign up for your classes for next year.





Grant Community High School District 124



CALENDAR

2024

- Aug. 7 Freshmen Orientation
- Aug. 8, 9 Institute Days, No Student Attendance
- Aug. 12 1st Day of Student Attendance
- Aug. 14, 21, 28 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
- Aug. 27 Back to School Night
- Sept. 2 Labor Day, Legal School Holiday
- Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
- Sept. 11 Progress Report
- Sept. 20 Homecoming
- Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 School Improvement Meetings, 9:25am Flex Time Start
- Oct. 11 Institute Day, No Student Attendance
- Oct. 14 Columbus Day, Legal School Holiday
- Oct. 15 Progress Report
- Oct. 22 PSAT/NMSQT Testing
- Oct. 24 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00 to 8:00 pm
- Oct. 25 Parent/Teacher Conf., 8:00am-Noon, No Student Attend.
- Nov. 5 Election Day, No School
- Nov. 6, 13, 20 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
- Nov. 18 Progress Report
- Nov. 27, 28, 29 Thanksgiving Recess, No School
- Dec. 4, 11 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
- Dec. 18, 19, 20 Semester Exams
- Dec. 23 - Jan 3 Winter Break

2025

- Jan. 6 School Resumes, 2nd Semester Begins
- Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
- Jan. 20 Martin Luther King's Birthday, Legal School Holiday
- Feb. 5 Progress Report
- Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
- Feb. 14 Institute Day, No Student Attendance
- Feb. 17 Presidents' Day Observed, No School
- Mar. 5, 12, 19 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
- Mar 11 Progress Report
- Mar. 24-28 Spring Break
- Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
- Apr. TBD PSAT/SAT Testing
- Apr. 17 Progress Report
- Apr. 18 No School
- May 7 & 14 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
- May 2 Prom, 1:35pm Early Release
- May 13, 14 Senior Final Exams
- May 16 Graduation Practice, 1:35pm Early Release
- May 18 Graduation
- May 20, 21, 22 Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior Final Exams
- May 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 - Emergency Days, if necessary
- May 26 Memorial Day

◇ Freshmen Orientation
 ☆ First Day of School ○ Parent/Teacher Conf. ✕ No Student Attendance △ Flex Time Start-9:25am □ End of Semester ⚙ Graduation

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Calendar is subject to revision
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C A L E N D A R

May

May 1	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
May 3	School Lunch Hero Day Early Release, 1:35 PM Prom, 5:00 PM
May 6	AP Exams begin
May 8	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
May 9	Senior Decision Day
May 10	FAFSA Workshop
May 14	Spring Choir Concert
May 14-15	Final Exams (Seniors)
May 16	Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM
May 17	Final Exams (Freshmen/Sophomores/Juniors)
May 19	Graduation, 2:00 PM
May 20	Final Exams (Freshmen/Sophomores/Juniors)
May 21	Final Exams (Freshmen/Sophomores/Juniors)
May 22	Field House Parking Lot Closed
May 27	Memorial Day

June

June 10	Semester one of summer school begins, 8:00 AM
June 20	Board of Education meeting, 7:00 PM
June 27	Last day of semester one of summer school

July

July 1	Semester two of summer school begins, 8:00 AM
July 4	Fourth of July, no summer school & office closed
July 18	Last day of semester two of summer school