



# Grant Community High School

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## Student of the Month

### *Nicole Pawlus*



The Grant Community High School December Student of the Month is senior Nicole Pawlus, daughter of Monika Pawlus of Fox Lake.

Nicole's academic achievements include induction into the National Honor Society (NHS) during her sophomore year and earned Honor Roll status every semester. She has taken four AP courses during junior year and is taking an additional four more during senior year. She holds an impressive 4.837 GPA.

Her extracurricular activities include FBLA where she made it past regionals and placed eighth in the state last April. She has played tennis all four years, including at the varsity level. She earned the Scholar Athlete award each year for tennis. She also received the Bulldog Sportsmanship award for tennis and several other recognitions.

Nicole has participated in numerous community service opportunities through NHS. She serves as a Big Dawg mentor to assist this year's freshmen class. She volunteers in her neighborhood by walking her neighbors' dogs and taking care of a stray cat that she eventually found a loving home for.

In addition to all of her activities, Nicole has worked as a pool attendant during the summer of 2023 and this year she has been working as a hostess at the Whistle Stop Cafe. She enjoys learning about her Polish heritage and culture and learning the Polish language.

Her plans for the future include attending the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign or the University of Wisconsin-Madison to pursue a degree in business management, with a global focus. Her desired career path is international affairs analyst.



## Board of Education

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# Alice in Wonderland: Fantastic & Full of Whimsy

This past weekend, the cast and crew of Alice in Wonderland dazzled audiences with three fantastical, wacky performances that brought the whimsical world of Wonderland to life! From Alice's curious journey down the rabbit hole to her triumphant rise as a queen, each scene was filled with colorful characters, clever dialogue, and stunning visuals. A huge congratulations to all our talented performing and tech Bulldogs for their incredible dedication, creativity, and teamwork that made this production unforgettable. Behind the scenes and onstage, you all worked together to create a magical experience that truly showcased the spirit of Wonderland. Bravo on a spectacular show!



*Students perform in the fall play.*

Keep an eye out on the [Grant YouTube channel](#) for the recorded version of our production and head to the [Grant Facebook page](#) for more photos.



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## Spring Musical Information

This year's spring musical will be *The Wizard of Oz*! The directors will host an informational meeting on December 16 for all students interested in performing, creating sets/costumes, and helping the magic happen on stage. More information will be available in the daily announcements. Performances are scheduled for April 11-13.

We hope to see you there!

## HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT

DECEMBER 10 / 7:00 PM  
AUDITORIUM

NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSIONS  
DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED





# Illinois School Report Card

*GCHS Receives Commendable Rating*

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released the annual [Illinois Report Card](#) this month. The Report Card shows how well our school district is progressing on a wide range of educational goals. One component of the School Report Card is the annual summative designation, a descriptor of how well our schools are meeting the needs of all students. The designations recognize schools with strong overall performance across a range of academic and student success indicators. There are five designations a school can receive – Exemplary, Commendable, Targeted Support, Comprehensive Support, or Intensive Support. We are happy to report that Grant Community High School received a COMMENDABLE designation from the State of Illinois!



Multiple areas of growth stand out on this year's School Report Card, including ELA and math proficiency. Our graduation rate, at over 90%, is also above the state average, with 67.3% of students pursuing higher education beyond Grant High School. Chronic absenteeism, which includes excused and unexcused absences, continues to improve, but efforts are still needed to increase the number of days students are in attendance. Having a strong staff is

an integral component of supporting student learning, so we are happy to report a teacher retention rate of 94.3%, with 73.2% of our teaching staff having earned a Master's degree or above.

We are also pleased to report an increase in the number of students taking and being successful in dual credit courses and advanced coursework, earning industry certifications, and completing career internships.

We are proud of our students, faculty, staff, parents, and community as the Report Card demonstrates positive gains on a multitude of academic, cultural, and climate fronts. District 124 thanks you for your continued partnership to ensure the success of each and every student!

# HOLIDAY CHOIR CONCERT

**FEATURE  
PERFORMANCES  
BY TREBLE CHOIR,  
BASS CHOIR,  
CONCERT CHOIR,  
ADVANCED  
TREBLE CHOIR, &  
CHAMBER SINGERS.**

December 12 / 7:00 PM  
Auditorium

No charge  
for admissions  
Donations will be  
gladly accepted

**We hope you can  
join us for an  
evening of  
holiday cheer!**



DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED  
DECEMBER 2-13, 2024



DONATE NEW TOYS TO GRANT'S

## TOY DRIVE

SPREADING CHEER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Toys priced \$20-\$25  
Ages K-18

Support the Antioch Traveling Closet &  
bring joy to children in our community.



## Final Exam Schedule

Additional information will be available on our website - [www.grantbulldogs.org](http://www.grantbulldogs.org)

### Wednesday, December 18, 2024

1st Period: 7:40 - 8:55 AM  
3rd Period: 9:02 - 10:17 AM  
4th Period: 10:24 - 11:39 AM  
Makeup: 11:46 AM - 1:01 PM

### Thursday, December 19, 2024

5/6/7 Period: 7:40 - 8:55 AM  
7/8/9 Period: 9:02 - 10:17 AM  
10th Period: 10:24 - 11:39 AM  
Makeup: 11:46 AM - 1:01 PM

### Friday, December 20, 2024

11th Period: 7:40 - 8:55 AM  
Makeup: 9:02 - 10:40 AM

Save the date to celebrate Homecoming with your Bulldog family next year! Homecoming 2025 will be the week of September 15, 2025. We hope to see many of you there throughout the week. When the 2025-2026 school year begins, keep an eye out for more information on Homecoming week festivities including Dancing with the Dogs, our annual block party, Powderpuff game, football game, and Hall of Fame celebrations.







# STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

Michael Nava Hernandez - Automotive Service I  
Miguel Domínguez - Game Programming & Virtualization  
Brianna Lund - Early Education & Teaching I  
Etta Diedrick - Cosmetology II  
Peyton O'Brien - Automotive Service I  
Koen Diedrick - Industrial Technology II  
Abigail Hauschild - Construction Skills & Management I  
Dovydas Bobimas - Construction Skills & Management I  
K'Amore Gadson - Multimedia Design II  
Stone Ligeza - Multimedia Design I  
Kya Kirksy - Certified Nurse Assisting  
Cooper Schiller - Welding/Fabrication I  
Keira Parmley - Certified Nursing Assisting  
Anahi Prieto - Medical Assisting

The Lake County Technology Campus released its "Student of the Quarter" list and we are excited to share that 14 Bulldogs were selected for First Quarter!

Each instructor at the Tech Campus has the opportunity to select a program "Student of the Quarter." The criteria for selecting this student include; academic achievement, good attendance, demonstration of various employability traits including possessing a positive work ethic and attitude, active participation in program activities, and involvement in Tech Campus extra-curricular activities.

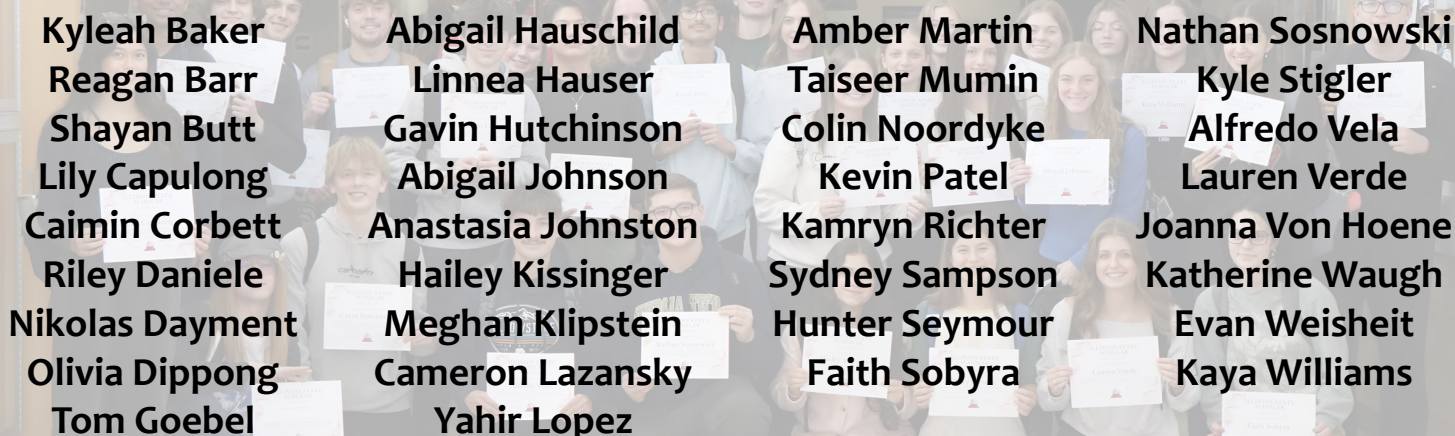
Congratulations to our Bulldogs - keep up the great work!



## Illinois State Scholars

We are incredibly excited to share that 38 Bulldogs have been designated as Illinois State Scholars! The State Scholar Program is awarded to high school seniors based on ACT or SAT scores, sixth-semester class size, unweighted class rank, and GPA.

Each student designated as a State Scholar has received a congratulatory letter and a Certificate of Achievement for this amazing feat! To be named an Illinois State Scholar is an outstanding accomplishment, and we are so proud of these Bulldogs for what they have achieved.



Kyleah Baker	Abigail Hauschild	Amber Martin	Nathan Sosnowski
Reagan Barr	Linnea Hauser	Taiseer Mumin	Kyle Stigler
Shayan Butt	Gavin Hutchinson	Colin Noordyke	Alfredo Vela
Lily Capulong	Abigail Johnson	Kevin Patel	Lauren Verde
Caimin Corbett	Anastasia Johnston	Kamryn Richter	Joanna Von Hoene
Riley Daniele	Hailey Kissinger	Sydney Sampson	Katherine Waugh
Nikolas Dayment	Meghan Klipstein	Hunter Seymour	Evan Weisheit
Olivia Dippong	Cameron Lazansky	Faith Sobyra	Kaya Williams
Tom Goebel	Yahir Lopez		

## Upcoming **Boys Basketball** Home Games:

- \*December 3 vs. Woodstock
- \*December 7 vs. Round Lake
- \*December 11 vs. North Chicago
- \*January 6 vs. Clinton
- \*January 11 vs. Grayslake Central
- \*January 24 vs. Grayslake North
- \*February 4 vs. Antioch
- \*February 7 vs. Wauconda
- \*February 14 vs. Lakes

## Upcoming **Girls Basketball** Home Games:

- \*December 6 vs. Round Lake
- \*December 10 vs. North Chicago
- \*January 7 vs. Grayslake Central
- \*January 14 vs. Grayslake North
- \*January 18 vs. Palatine
- \*January 27 vs. Vernon Hills
- \*January 29 vs. Antioch
- \*February 1 vs. Wauconda
- \*February 8 vs. Wilmet Union
- \*February 10 vs. Lakes

## Upcoming **Boys Bowling** Home Games:

- \*December 3 vs. Stevenson
- \*December 5 vs. Grayslake Central
- \*December 10 vs. Barrington
- \*December 21—Tournament
- \*January 9—Tournament
- \*January 14 vs. Warren

## Upcoming **Girls Bowling** Home Games:

- \*December 5 vs. Round Lake
- \*January 11—Tournament
- \*January 16 vs. Grayslake Central
- \*January 23 vs. Grayslake North
- \*January 29 vs. Johnsburg
- \*January 31—Tournament
- \*February 4 vs. McHenry

## Upcoming **Cheer** competitions:

- \*December 21 @ Rolling Meadows H.S.
- \*January 4 @ Lakes Community H.S.
- \*January 18 @ Grayslake North H.S.
- \*January 20 @ Grayslake North H.S.
- \*January 25 @ Fremd H.S.
- \*January 26 @ Huntley H.S.

## Upcoming **Dance** competitions:

- \*December 8 @ Crystal Lake Central H.S.
- \*December 21 @ Amos Alonzo Stagg H.S.
- \*January 5 @ Huntley H.S. & Lakes Community H.S.
- \*January 17 @ Grayslake Central H.S.

## Upcoming **Wrestling** Home Meets

- \*December 1 vs. Marist
- \*December 2—Quad
- \*December 5 vs. Round Lake
- \*December 7—Quad
- \*December 12 vs. Joliet Catholic Academy
- \*December 13 vs. North Chicago
- \*December 17—Quad
- \*December 23—Invitational
- \*January 11—Invitational
- \*January 16 vs. Grayslake Central
- \*January 20—Invitational
- \*January 23 vs. Round Lake





Coach Blaszczyk & the Girls Tennis Team

Congratulations to Luke Blaszczyk on being selected as the **Illinois High School Tennis Coaches Association's (IHSTCA) 2A Assistant Coach of the Year!** Coach Blaszczyk, who joined the Bulldog family this year, was nominated for this honor by Head Tennis Coach Max Boton after an incredible first season with our tennis program.

Reflecting on his first coaching experience, Coach Blaszczyk shared, "It was an outstanding group of girls that I had the pleasure of coaching, and learning tennis alongside them was a blast. We had a fantastic season with lots of fond memories. I hope the girls learned not just about tennis, but also about making

new friends and carrying important lessons forward with them."

Coach Blaszczyk's dedication and positive impact on the program will be formally recognized at the IHSTCA Winter Workshop on February 7. We're proud to have him as part of our team—congratulations, Coach!

We had two Bulldogs represent Grant at the IHSA **Swimming** Sectional meet at Stevenson High School on Saturday, November 9. Livia Yaras and Nicole Kubiak did an outstanding job, making us all proud! Both competed in the 50-yard freestyle, with Livia also swimming the 100-yard freestyle, and Nicole competing in the 100-yard breaststroke, where Nicole earned an impressive 5th place overall! Congratulations to both swimmers on a fantastic season!

## Volunteer with the Boosters

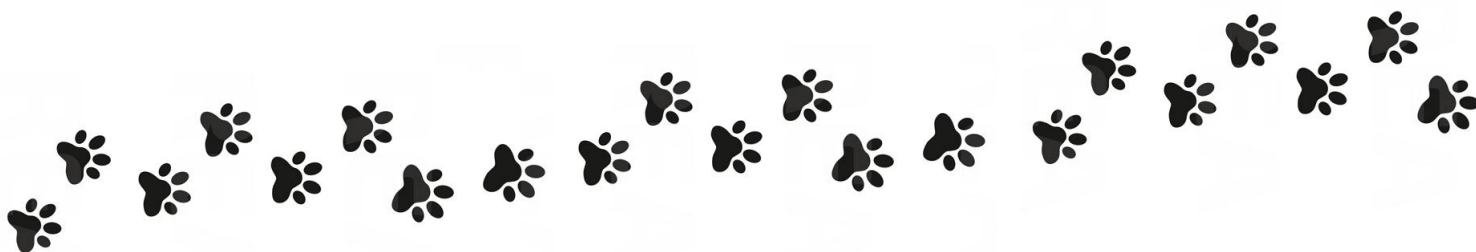
The Grant Community High School Booster Club is an organization made up of parents, faculty, students, and community members. The goal of the Bulldog Boosters is to support GCHS and to enhance the experience of every Grant Student. The Boosters accomplish this through donating to the school wish list and providing scholarships for Grant students. They

raise the funds needed to do this through fundraising, concessions, spirit wear sales, and membership dues. Over the past years they have been able to donate \$40,000 directly back to student activities and athletics.

Annual membership to the Boosters is \$20.00 for September through August. You can become a member by going to the Grant web store and paying your fee on RevTrak just ask us at the concession stand or events when we are selling spirit wear. Benefits include one punch card worth five free admissions to home games during the current school year, and a magnet.

**There is always a need for volunteers in the Booster club even if it is for 1 or 2 hours - ANY help would be greatly appreciated.**

Check out the [Bulldog Boosters](#) section of the Grant website for more information. We hope to see you during the year and thank you for your continued support!





# Honoring Veterans Through Music & Stories

Grant students had the privilege of participating in two meaningful Veterans Day events, each designed to honor and learn from those who have served our country.

## Chamber Singers' Tribute

Our Chamber Singers performed for residents at Leisure Village during their Veterans Day celebration. Their heartfelt renditions of the national anthem, America the Beautiful, and God Bless America created a moving tribute to the veterans in attendance. The singers brought joy and reflection to the Fox Lake residents, emphasizing the profound connection between music and gratitude.



*Chamber Singers perform at Leisure Village.*

## Veterans Day Panel

Students attended a Veterans Day panel featuring veterans from diverse branches and generations. The panelists shared personal stories of their military experiences, their motivations for serving, and the challenges they faced during and after their service. Students engaged in discussions, gaining a deeper understanding of the sacrifices made by these individuals and the importance of supporting veterans in our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the veterans who joined us, enriching our students' perspectives and strengthening our school community.

Panelists include:

- Jeff Austin, Army, GCHS Teacher
- Allan Ayers, Marine Corp
- Angelo Celedon, Marine Corp
- Dick Dzwonkiewicz, Army
- Nick Fanella, Air Force, GCHS Class of 2013
- Tom Farrell, Marine Corp, GCHS Class of 1965
- Erik Fries, Marine Corp
- Leland Gagnebin, Army, GCHS Class of 1965
- John Jared, Navy, Current GCHS Board Vice President
- Stephanie Klitzka, Army Military Police, GCHS Class of 2005
- Branden Koonce, Marine Corp
- Ramarro Lamar, Marine Corp
- Fred Loffredo, Marine Corp, Former GCHS Teacher & Coach, GCHS Hall of Fame
- Darren Melvin, Navy
- Katherine Murphy, Army
- John Passanante, Marine Corp
- Liz Rohrbach, Army, GCHS School Counselor
- Taylor Schmit, Army, Class of 2000
- Jon Swearengen, Air Force, GCHS Teacher
- Ginny Voelker, Army, GCHS Teacher
- Joanna Leigh Witte, Marine Corp



*Veterans Day Panelists*

These events highlighted the significance of honoring those who have served and provided our students with valuable opportunities to learn, give back, and connect with veterans in meaningful ways. On behalf of everyone at Grant, we thank all veterans for their service and sacrifices.





# FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE

**IN ILLINOIS, THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS. THE FAFSA IS A KEY STEP IN APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID AND OTHER RESOURCES, INCLUDING: THE ILLINOIS MONETARY AWARD PROGRAM (MAP) AND PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

## **FAFSA WORKSHOP**

**12/10/24 – 5-7 PM**

**LOCATION: COLLEGE  
AND CAREER CENTER  
(ENTRANCE THROUGH  
THE LIBRARY (DOOR 4))**

**TO HELP FAMILIES GET  
STARTED OR ASK ANY  
QUESTIONS ON THE FAFSA**

**CONTACT MRS. MASURA WITH  
ANY QUESTIONS  
BMASURA@GRANTBULLDOGS.ORG  
847-973-3439**

**FOR ALL FAFSA EVENTS YOU  
WILL NEED:**

**COMPUTER  
SSN  
2022 FEDERAL TAX RETURN  
FSA ID  
DRIVER'S LICENSE  
LIST OF YOUR COLLEGES  
UP-TO-DATE BANK STATEMENT**

## **FAFSA OFFICE HOURS**

**12/11/24  
10:30 AM TO 1:30 PM**

**LOCATION: COLLEGE &  
CAREER CENTER**

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

**\*STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP  
BEFOREHAND. SIGN UP FOR THE EVENT  
ON SCHOOLINKS**



# Journey to College

## Tips for creating your FSA ID

Visit <https://studentaid.gov/> to get started.

### You will need your:

- ✓ First and last name (must match exactly what is on your SSN card)
- ✓ Date of birth
- ✓ Social Security number (must have an SSN to create an FSA ID)
- ✓ Email address (email address cannot be shared or used for multiple FSA IDs)
- ✓ Physical address
- ✓ Mobile phone number

NOTE: Your session will time out if you aren't active for 5 minutes. Gather all of your information before you start this process.

### Step 1

From the Federal Student Aid homepage, click "Create Account" then select the "Get Started" button at the bottom of the webpage.

For helpful tips while creating your FSA ID, click on the question mark (?) after each answer.

### Step 2

Enter your name, birth date, and Social Security Number. It's important that your Social Security Number, name, and date of birth match exactly what is on your SSN card.

### Step 3

Choose a username and password and enter your email address. It's important to have access to your email address in order to receive the authorization code. Be sure to use an email address you'll have access to for years to come, NOT a school email address. Your email address cannot be associated with another FSA ID so students and parents cannot use the same email address to create their FSA IDs.

### Step 4

Enter your permanent address and phone number. It is recommended to set up a mobile phone account recovery. This option is used to help you restore access to your account by sending you a code via text message if you are locked out.

### Step 5

Choose your communication preferences to receive required and informational communications related to your federal student aid and student loan process.

### Step 6

You will be asked to answer four challenge questions. When answering your challenge questions make sure the answers will be easy to remember and always select the "Show Answer" box to ensure accuracy.

If you do not remember your username and password, you can retrieve your information via your verified email address or by successfully answering your challenge questions. However, this process is not always instantaneous. It is best to choose a username and password that you will easily remember.

### Step 7

Your last step will be to review your information for accuracy, accept the FSA ID terms and conditions, and set up multi-factor authentication. A confirmation will be sent to the email address and cell phone number you provided. You can also download an authenticator app which is the most secure option. It's important that you do not close the email verification page during this process. Open another browser to login to your email account to receive your six-digit code to verify your account creation. You will also receive a backup code which you MUST write down or save at this time. This code lets you access your account in the event that you cannot use any other two-step verification method.

Once you have verified your information, you can now log on with your username, password, and verification code (from email, text, or app) to start your FAFSA.

**If you are a dependent student, at least one of your parents will need an FSA ID in order to sign your FAFSA. To determine if you're a dependent student for the 2023-2024 FAFSA, visit <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid fafsa/filling-out>.**



## SAVE THE DATE FOR FIDO FEST



### Adoption and Fundraising Event

The Canine Connections Club would like you to save the date for their 2nd Annual Fido Festival Adoption and Fundraising Event on Saturday, April 26.

The Fido Festival will be held in Grant's East Gym from 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM.

The Canine Connections Club will be joining forces with several other clubs and programs to raise money for the four dog rescues that will be on-site that day. All proceeds from the sale of raffle baskets, dog treats and toys, face painting, and painted rocks will go directly to these rescues. There will also be several vendors, animal-related organizations, and food available through the Dawg Bowl. Additionally, there will be a different dog demonstration each hour.

Mark your calendars now for this family-friendly event and watch for more details to come as we get closer to the date!

## Bulldog Happenings

### AP Psychology Study Night



AP Psychology Study Night offers a fun and collaborative way for students to prepare for their exams outside regular school hours. Guided by Mrs. Notriano, the group reviews key concepts through teamwork and engaging games, helping students tackle any lingering questions.

While the focus is academic, the evening also includes sweet incentives like cupcakes and ice cream sandwiches, making the experience even more enjoyable. A big shout-out to the dedicated students who carve time out of their busy schedules to ensure they're ready for test day!

### Bulldogs Vote



Mr. Boton's Government classes recently engaged in a hands-on learning experience by participating in a mock election. Before casting their votes, students learned about the positions on the ballot and discussed their roles and responsibilities in government. Mr. Boton also guided them through the ballot process, ensuring they understood how it works.

To prepare, students researched candidates and policies, supplementing in-class discussions with independent investigation. While not all students were eligible to vote in the actual election, this activity gave them valuable insight into the democratic process. The collective voting results allowed them to see how their class as a whole approached the election.

This exercise not only reinforced the importance of informed voting but also gave students a firsthand look at the impact of civic participation.

# Bulldog Happenings

## World History Students Dive Into the Wonders of Ancient Greece



Students in Ms. Radtke's World History class recently explored the fascinating legacy of Ancient Greece by delving into the six themes of World History: geography, religion, achievements, politics, economy, and society. Using a station-based approach, students examined how Ancient Greek innovations and cultural developments influenced their own society and continue to impact modern civilizations.

This hands-on activity required students to independently manage their time and follow detailed instructions while completing tasks at each station. From interpreting historical texts to assembling creative components, students practiced critical thinking and fine motor skills. Their efforts culminated in a collaborative project where the knowledge from all six stations merged to create a model of the Parthenon—a symbol of Ancient Greek architectural and cultural brilliance.

This immersive approach not only deepened students' understanding of Ancient Greece but also fostered important life skills such as time management and self-reliance. It was an enriching and memorable way to connect with history!

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## Canine Connections Art Installation

Austin Hammond, Class of 2027, designed and installed a wall sticker featuring the Canine Connections Club which is not displayed outside the conference rooms where they meet. It's great to see our students blend their passions and add artwork to our halls.





**THE FUTURE IS NOW  
MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGER TIPS**

**HOW IT WORKS: (IPHONES AND ANDROID PHONES)  
USE YOUR CAMERA TO SCAN THE QR CODE**

**THE LINK WILL POP UP AT THE TOP OF THE SCREEN**



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TO 741741**



**TEEN LINE  
TEXT "TEEN" TO  
310-855-4673**



**THE TREVOR  
PROJECT  
TEXT "TREVOR"  
TO  
202-304-1200**

**YOUTH FRIENDLY RESOURCES  
RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH**



**YOUNG WOMEN'S  
HEALTH**



**YOUNG MEN'S  
HEALTH**



**MINDFULNESS  
FOR TEENS**



**MOOD 24/7**



**SHINE TEXT**



**GO ASK ALICE**

**BREAKING THE STIGMA AND  
HELPING A FRIEND IN NEED BY  
OFFERING:**

**Elyssa's Mission ACT:**

**Acknowledge - Care - Tell**

**Acknowledge:** Listen to your friend,  
don't ignore threats

**Care:** Let your friend know  
you care.

**Tell** a trusted adult.



**REACHING OUT TO SCHOOL  
STAFF CAN BE THE FIRST STEP**

**YOUR POSITIVE SUPPORT GROUP CAN  
CONSIST OF:**

**COUNSELOR, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST,  
SOCIAL WORKER, SCHOOL NURSE**

**Text A Tip: text "LAKECO" to 844-823-5323**

**BULLDOGS KEEP IT RED BY TAKING CARE OF MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS**



# KEEP IT RED



With the passing of Thanksgiving, we are officially in the home stretch of first semester! Although we had a shortened month due to Thanksgiving Break, we celebrated 32 students through our weekly Bulldog Buck drawings. From attending scheduled meetings on time to participating in clubs/activities to volunteering as the student example, these Bulldogs are great examples of what it means to Keep It RED. Check out our RED X account ([@KeepingItRED](#)) and stay up-to-date about all the awesome things our students are doing.

Last month, we put together a video for students reminding them of the various resources available to them on campus. With everything that our Student Services team provides, there are so many avenues our students can take to work through problems and overcome obstacles. Outside of Student Services, there are an incredible number of staff members here to support students on a social, emotional, and educational level. We know school can be stressful and we want to ensure that every student can find an adult to confide in. If your student is in need of extra assistance, please encourage them to reach out to their Red Team or send us an email and we will connect with them. Remember, we are one Bulldog family.

With that being said, we wish all our Bulldogs good luck as they finish out the semester and tackle finals! 2025 is just around the corner, and we are excited to see how students Keep It RED in the new year.





# C A L E N D A R

## December

Dec. 4	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Parent University: Mental Health Awareness
Dec. 7	Math Team Invite
Dec. 10	Holiday Band Concert
Dec. 11	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
Dec. 12	Holiday Choir Concert
Dec. 16	Spring Musical Informational Meeting
Dec. 17	Last Day of All-Student Attendance (First Semester)
Dec. 18-20	Final Exams
Dec. 19	School Board Meeting
Dec. 20	Final Day of First Semester
Dec. 23 - Dec. 31	Winter Break

## January

Jan. 1-3	Winter Break
Jan. 6	School Resumes, Second Semester Begins
Jan. 8	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
Jan. 11	NLCC Speech Competition
Jan. 15	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
Jan. 16	School Board Meeting
Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, legal school holiday
Jan. 22	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Parent University: What parents need to know (online)
Jan. 23	8th Grade Enrollment Night NLCC Math Conference (Grayslake Central)
Jan. 29	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Scholastic Bowl (Lakes)

## February

Feb. 5	Progress Reports School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
Feb. 7	Speech Showcase
Feb. 8	Speech Regionals
Feb. 10-11	NLCC Honors Band Festival (Wauconda)
Feb. 12	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
Feb. 14	Institute Day, no student attendance
Feb. 17	President's Day, no school
Feb. 18	NLCC Choir (Antioch)
Feb. 19	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Blood Drive Sign-Up
Feb. 20	Best Buddies (Grayslake North)
Feb. 26	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Parent University: Career & Technical Education
Feb. 28	Blood Drive