



# Grant Community High School

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## Student of the Month

### *Payton Evans*



The Grant Community High School April Student of the Month is senior Payton Evans, son of Tom and Kim Evans of Ingleside.

Payton's academic achievements include induction into the National Honor Society during his sophomore year and earning Honor Roll each semester. He was selected for the Principal's Advisory Council as a freshman and participated in the NLCC Leadership Conference. He maintains a solid 4.215 GPA.



His extracurricular activities include Theatre, Speech, and Choir. As part of the Theatre program, he has participated in every performance since his freshman year and earned the Excellence in Theatrical Performance award. Within Speech, he has served as one of the Team Captains for this season, and he took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the IHSA Competition as a member of Performance in the Round last season. In Choir, he is the Bass Section Leader, and he received the Most Improved Performer award in 2023/24. He is also part of the Chamber Singers. He was selected to represent Grant in the Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship Essay Contest, where he placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the county.

Payton has participated in numerous volunteer activities arranged by NHS; he has led the morning Pledge of Allegiance, assisted with TEAM Live productions, is a Big Dawg Mentor in a freshman TEAM room, and helps the Bulldog Boosters. He also volunteers at the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County.

Additionally, Payton enjoys theatre, film, music, social work, and writing. This summer, he hopes to work as a counselor at Special Gifts Theatre to share his love for the performing arts and mentor those with special needs.

His plans for the future include earning a double major in Theatre Creation and Social Work at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, where he was awarded the Presidential Scholarship for his academic and leadership achievements.

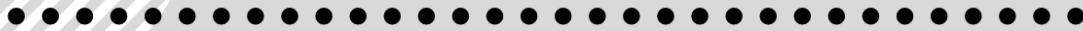
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# BULLDOGS AT STATE



## Special Olympics



Special Olympics Team

Our Special Olympics basketball team had an incredible weekend at State! On Friday, March 7, they came out strong, defeating the Oswego Wildcats Silver 27-12, with Julien Tennyson and James Meeks sinking impressive 3-pointers. On Saturday, March 8, the Bulldogs played their best game yet against Hoffman Flossmoor Red & White, but fell 30-14. Despite facing a fast and aggressive team, they stepped up, pushed themselves harder, and gave it their all. Tennyson knocked down two more 3-pointers, showcasing the team's determination and grit. We are so proud of this team and everything they've accomplished this season! Way to go, Bulldogs!

## Business Bulldogs (FBLA)

It was an incredibly successful State weekend for our FBLA members as they had 15 Bulldogs place in the Top 10 and two qualify for the National competition! Our Business Bulldogs will be heading to Dallas, Texas, at the end of May for Nationals. Wish them luck as they prepare for their final competition!

### National Qualifiers

Kian Korach - 3rd Place in Digital Animation

Miami de la Rosa - 4th Place in UX Design



FBLA State Qualifiers

## Color Guard



Color Guard Team

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 5th-place finish! Not only did they perform their best show of the season, but they increased their score by nine points. Congratulations on your top-ten finish, Guard!

# Social Studies Golden Globe Winner

**Caleigh Houdek is April's recipient  
of the Social Studies Golden Globe Award!**

Caleigh was nominated by her teacher, Mr. Boton, because of her dedication, hard work, and passion for learning. She is taking on the challenge of both AP U.S. History and AP U.S. Government and Politics this semester and excelling in both. Whether stepping into the role of Andrew Jackson or leading as the prosecutor during a simulation of the first Red Scare, Caleigh goes above and beyond expectations.

Mr. Boton expressed that Caleigh is always prepared for class, a result of her strong work ethic and frequent visits to the Social Studies Lab during TEAM. Her enthusiasm for history and government not only helps her succeed but also inspires her classmates to engage more deeply with the material. Her preparation and contributions enhance class discussions and create a positive learning environment.

With her dedication, leadership, and ability to elevate discussions, Caleigh is the perfect recipient of the Golden Globe Award. This is her second time receiving this honor, a testament to her commitment to excellence in Social Studies. Congratulations, Caleigh!



*The Social Studies Department presents Caleigh with the Golden Globe award.*

Parent University is a series of workshops and events designed to support parents, guardians, and caregivers. There are two Parent University sessions coming up in April focused on supporting our students creatively and throughout the financial aid process for college.

## **April 23—Financial Aid Night (Juniors)**

Whether you are new to the financial aid process, halfway through your application, or need help determining the correct educational path, join our School Counselors on April 23 for information about college applications, FAFSA, and more!

For all sessions, the doors open at 6:00 PM for [registration](#). We recommend parking in the student lot and entering through Door 9. Sessions begin at 6:30 PM. Check out the [Parent University](#) section of the Grant website for more event information.



HEY JUNIORS!

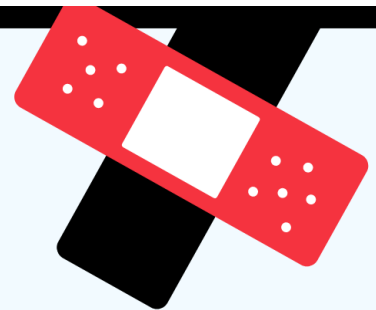
## WE NEED PROOF OF YOUR MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE IS KNOWN AS MCV, MCV4, MENACTRA, OR MENVEO

Did you receive this vaccine after you turned 16?

- ➡ YES - Check with your doctor or pharmacy & get documentation for our Health Office.
- ➡ NO - Get your vaccine! It is required for Senior year.

Questions? Concerns? Contact the Health Office at (847) 973-3452/3453.  
Email proof to [HealthOffice@grantbulldogs.org](mailto:HealthOffice@grantbulldogs.org) or fax to (847) 587-1088.







**Grant's**  
*got Talent*

First Place, Sofia Esparza



Second Place, Maggie & Rosie McManus



Third Place, Derrick Rios



Audience Choice,  
Evelyn Vasey & Audrey Simcoe



We were blown away by the many talented performances on stage for this year's Grant's Got Talent! Congratulations to Sofia Esparza for a well-deserved First Place finish for her rendition of I Will Survive, Maggie & Rosie McManus who earned Second Place for Travelin' Soldier, Derrick Rios who earned Third Place for Can't Help Falling in Love, and Evelyn Vasey & Audrey Simcoe who won the Audience Choice Award for their performance of For Good!

All of our performers did an amazing job and we are so glad you chose to share your talents with us!

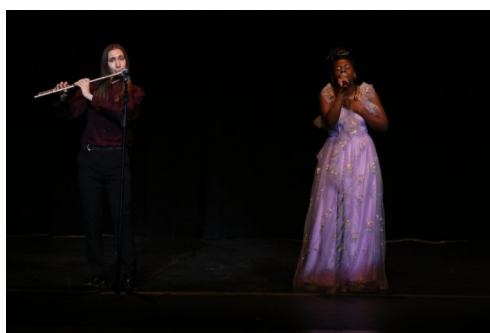
Thank you to NAHS for making this wonderful event a reality, to our Talking Bulldogs who did a great job emceeing all night, and to our audience for all your input on the Audience Choice award!



*Nathanael Contreras-Lock*



*Phoenix Soloveychik, Kyleah Baker, Alexander Georgean, Hannah Schweiss, Olivia Baldwin, & Jay Pole*



*Zen Felipe & Keni Massey*



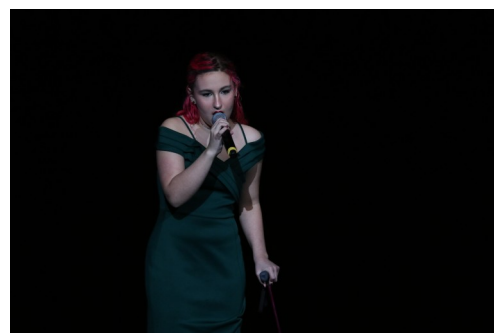
*Cayden Zeller*



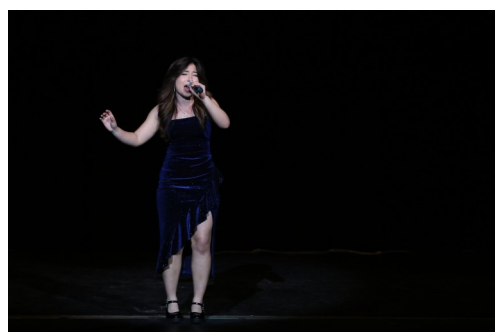
*Kevin Christesen of Basement Brethren*



*Lea & Sara Hawkins*



*Phoenix Soloveychik*



*Emily Coronel*



*Anthony Vanhanselaere*



*Jirah Lanzar*

# Music In Our Schools

For more than 30 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month® (MIOSM®), the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. MIOSM is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community, and to display the benefits that school music brings to students of all ages.



*MIOS Choir Concert Performance*



*MIOS Band Concert Performance*

To celebrate Music In Our Schools Month in our community, the Grant Community High School Music Department hosted the Music In Our Schools (MIOS) Festival on Wednesday, March 5. Since 2007, GCHS has welcomed the music programs of our surrounding middle schools to perform together and celebrate our shared passion for music. 340 band and choir students from Grant, Big Hollow, Gavin South, Palombi, and Stanton came together for an afternoon of rehearsals and an evening concert that featured band and choir performances by students from all schools. During the rehearsal day, students had the opportunity to improve their performance skills, connect with other students who enjoy singing and playing, and work with the music educators from each school. The efforts of

students and directors were showcased in the evening concert, culminating in a grand finale featuring all band and choir students. For those who could not attend or would like to relive the night, we have a full recording of our [MIOS Festival Concert](#).

The GCHS Music Department would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the Boards of Education, Administrators, Music Educators, and Families of students from all participating schools for their support of this event. We are grateful to be part of a community that values Music Education!



*MIOS Choir Concert Performance*



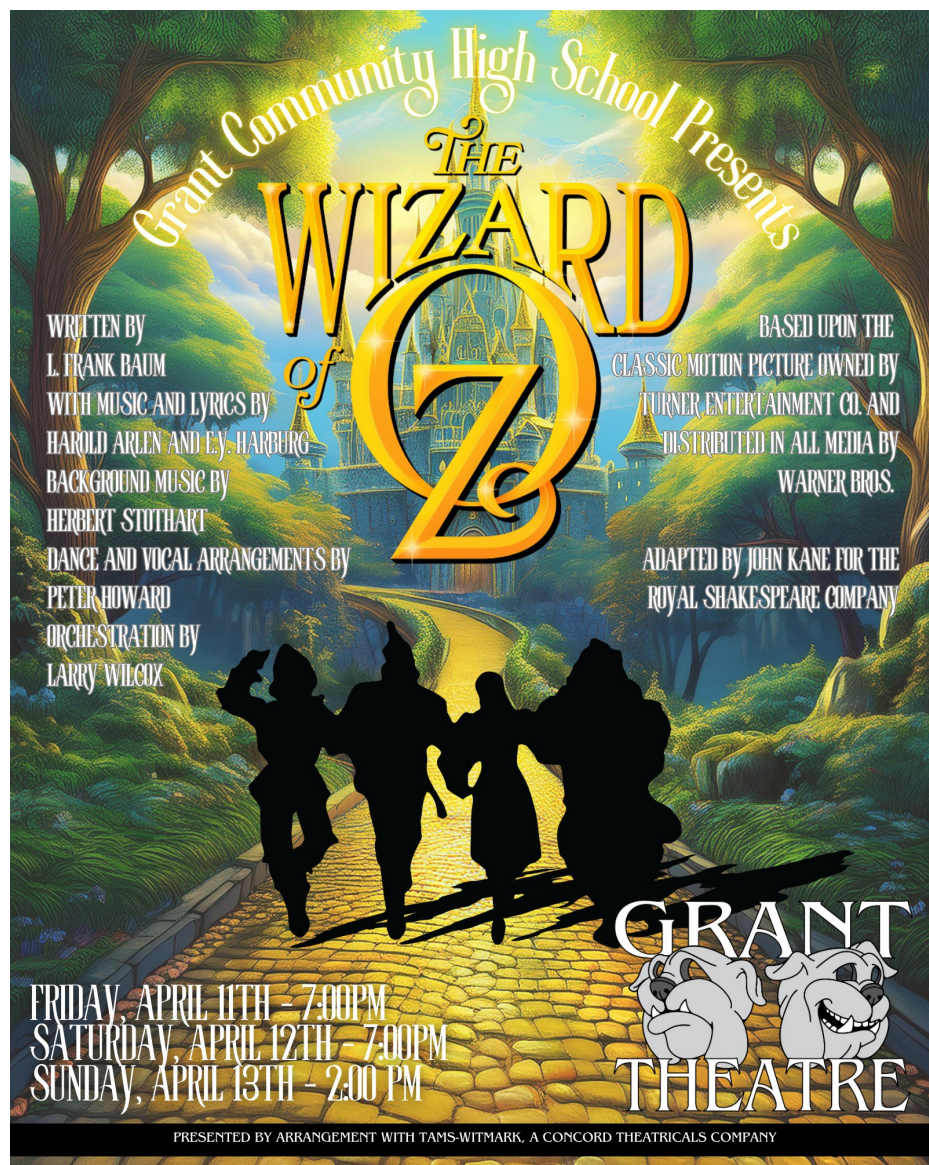
*MIOS Choir Concert Performance*



*MIOS Band Concert Performance*



# Get Ready for a Magical Adventure Down the Yellow Brick Road!



The Grant Theatre Family is proud to present L. Frank Baum's timeless classic, the musical "The Wizard of Oz." Join us in April and allow the Grant Theatre to whisk you away to the fantastical Land of Oz, where anything is possible. Follow Dorothy (Junior, Maddie Mesmer), a Kansas farm girl, as a terrifying tornado transports her and Toto to this vibrant and whimsical world, setting her on an adventure guided by the good witch Glinda (Senior, Allison Bolisay).

This dazzling musical bursts with unforgettable songs like "Over the Rainbow" and "We're Off to See the Wizard," and introduces you to a quirky cast of characters: the Scarecrow (Senior, Sammy Hernandez) yearning for brains, the Tin Man (Senior, Payton Evans) desperate for a heart, and the Cowardly Lion (Junior, Cayden Zeller) seeking courage. Together, they embark on a thrilling journey to the Emerald City to seek the wisdom and power of the Great Oz (Sophomore, Xander Jurgaitis), facing treacherous obstacles and outsmarting the wicked Witch of the West (Senior, Maddy Hurley) along the way.

Through countless hours of hard work, laughter, and pure magic, the Grant Theatre

family has created a show that will transport you to another world. The backstage crew has been diligently working since January, designing elaborate sets, gathering and creating countless props, and handcrafting over seventy-six costumes to bring the stage to life. Our amazing pit orchestra has been practicing tirelessly to bring you every toe-tapping note you remember from the classic musical. Meanwhile, the ensemble cast has been hard at work perfecting over twelve different dance routines and songs. Get ready to be amazed, inspired, and reminded that the greatest adventures often begin within ourselves.

The Wizard of Oz isn't just a fairy tale; it's a mirror reflecting our own lives. Dorothy and her friends embark on a journey seeking something outside themselves – brains, a heart, courage. However, their journey reveals a powerful truth: the answers they seek lie within. In today's world, we often chase shiny objects and forget to look inward. The Wizard of Oz reminds us that true strength, kindness, and courage reside within each of us.

The Wizard of Oz opens Friday, April 11, at 7:00 PM. Tickets are on sale now — purchase yours [online](#) or at the door!







# THE WIZARD of OZ

**20% of sales will be donated  
back to Grant Theatre**

**Purchases can be  
made at the door.**

Single Carnations \$2

Single Roses \$5

Triple Rose Bouquet \$15

Small Seasonal Mix Bouquet \$10

Large Seasonal Mix Bouquet \$20

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ONLINE**

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April 9th



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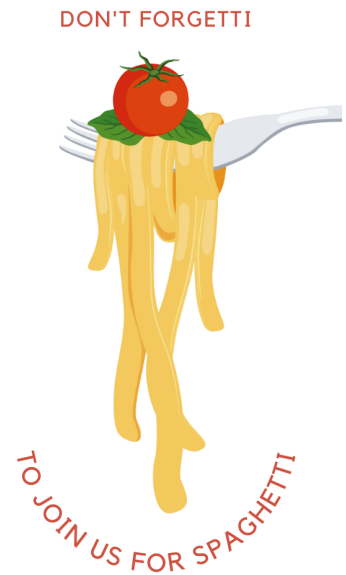


Do you enjoy dining out and catching a show but don't want to pay outrageous prices?

The Grant Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) has a deal for you! Before enjoying the opening night of the spring musical, "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday, April 11, enjoy all-you-can-eat spaghetti, breadstick, dessert, and a drink all for just \$7! Plus, children who are preschool-age or younger eat for free! Takeout is also available.

We will be gladly serving patrons from 4:30 - 7:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased from any member of NHS and can also be purchased at the door.

We look forward to serving you dinner before the show!



## 2025 INDUCTIONS

This month, the Grant Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) is welcoming 62 new members to the organization. The inductees were selected based on their character, leadership, and willingness to serve others. As members, the inductees will be empowered with opportunities to further develop these characteristics and to leave a positive mark on our school and community, all while balancing their academics as they are required to maintain a 3.5 unweighted grade point average and be passing their academic classes.

All NHS members volunteer in a minimum of six hours of ongoing service per quarter. This can include being a Big Dawg mentor during TEAM, a peer tutor in one of the academic labs, or volunteering with a community organization. Members are also expected to volunteer for five separate events throughout the school year. This year, members have served at Back to School Night, Lake Villa Fall Festival, Fox Lake Pumpkin Jubilee, numerous feeder school events, and 8th Grade Enrollment Night among many others. The NHS advisers, officers, and current members look forward to working with the 2025 inductees!



We're excited to announce the launch of The Dawg House podcast, a brand new way to celebrate the incredible stories from our Bulldog community. Each episode will highlight the achievements, journeys, and unique experiences of our students, staff, and teams. So far, our hosts (Izzy Ellington, Gainele Muntu, & Noah Patrick) have interviewed State-qualifiers from Dance, Cheer, Wrestling, and Speech teams. In their most recent episode, our hosts sat down with Dr. Noisy and Mrs. Lukemeyer to chat about ACT and Test Your Best

Week. Make sure to follow The Dawg House on [Spotify](#) and subscribe to our [YouTube](#) channel, and help spread the amazing stories from our community.





## ACT Testing

On Tuesday, April 8, Grant Community High School students in grades 9-11 will take the state mandated ACT (Juniors), Pre-ACT Secure (Sophomores), or Pre-ACT (Freshmen) test at school. This assessment opportunity gives our students a chance to measure their academic achievement and readiness for college and career, whether they're going to college or into the workforce. All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are expected to be in attendance on that day for the exam. The ACT exam is a part of the state graduation requirements. Seniors will not report to school, and are encouraged to use the day to explore future options.

Buses will run typical routes on the morning of April 8. The school day will begin at 7:40 AM with students reporting to their assigned testing locations. Freshmen and sophomores should finish testing at 11:00 AM and will be released with buses running typical routes. Juniors will complete testing at 12:00 PM, and normal bus transportation home will be provided at that time. Students with accommodations will be released at different times, which the office of special education will

communicate individually with those families.

After spring break, students will receive a letter identifying the classroom and teacher for their assessment day. All room assignments will also be posted in the hallways on the day of testing. Juniors will be given directions to create a MyACT account as part of their non-test experience the week of March 31. Please encourage your student to complete all questions, including listing up to four colleges where they can send their scores for free, before the test.

Materials needed for testing day include:

- Student ID
- Fully charged Chromebook
- Chromebook charging cord
- A calculator. If you are not sure that your calculator is a type that is permitted, please check the [ACT website](#).

Parents and guardians can help students do their best on the test by encouraging the following:

- Attend school and be on time on the day of testing
- Get a good night's sleep before testing
- Eat breakfast on the morning of testing

Please remind them why taking the ACT matters: it can help them measure academic growth; it gives them information on careers they might enjoy; and their scores can lead to scholarship and financial aid opportunities for college.

We want all students to have a positive experience with the test. If you have questions about the required testing, contact the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment at (847) 973-3800. You can also visit the [ACT website](#) for more test-taking tips, and free practice tests can be found on [ACT Practice Test](#) section of their website.

*Good luck on testing day, Bulldogs!*



# TEST YOUR BEST WEEK

## SPIRIT DAYS

**MARCH**  
**31**

**MISMATCH MONDAY**  
stripes with polka dots? yes, please!

**APRIL**  
**1**

**TEAM SPIRIT TUESDAY**  
rep your favorite team

**APRIL**  
**2**

**WHOA-TIVATIONAL WEDNESDAY**  
make them say "whoa" & shine bright  
in your favorite colors

**APRIL**  
**3**

**THROWBACK THURSDAY**  
we're going back in time

**APRIL**  
**4**

**FAN FRIDAY**  
make Spike proud with all your Bulldog gear

**APRIL**  
**7**

**MAKE IT HAPPEN MONDAY**  
show off your future plans

**ACT<sup>®</sup>** WITH CONFIDENCE - ACHIEVE YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL



# Schmadeke Contributes to National Cold War Exhibition



Will Schmadeke

We are proud to celebrate Will Schmadeke, a dedicated member of our Social Studies Department, for his contributions to a historical exhibition on The Cold War. Developed by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, this project features educational panels that will be displayed in museums and schools across the country.

As the writer for the exhibition, Mr. Schmadeke played a key role in shaping how this critical period in history is presented to students and the public. His work helps bring the complexities of The Cold War to life, providing valuable insight into one of the most defining global conflicts of the 20th century.

We are excited to see his hard work pay off and honored that he was selected to contribute to this significant project. His passion for history and commitment to education set a great example of what it means to be a lifelong learner.

Check out the [exhibition guide](#) to explore more about this important historical project!

## AP Exams

*The 2025 AP Exams will be administered in schools during the first two full weeks in May: May 5-9 & May 12-16.*

### AP Exam Schedule—May 2025

Week 1	Morning 8:00 a.m.	Afternoon 12:00 p.m.
Monday, May 5	Biology	Microeconomics
Tuesday, May 6	Chemistry	United States Government & Politics
Wednesday, May 7	English Literature & Composition	Computer Science A
Thursday, May 8	Statistics	World History: Modern
Friday, May 9	United States History	Chinese Language & Culture Macroeconomics
Week 2	Morning 8:00 a.m.	Afternoon 12:00 p.m.
Monday, May 12	Calculus AB & Calculus BC	
Tuesday, May 13		Environmental Science
Wednesday, May 14	English Language & Composition	Physics C: Mechanics
Thursday, May 15	Spanish Language & Culture	Computer Science Principles Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Friday, May 16	Physics 1: Algebra-Based	Psychology

# Canine Connections Club Hosts Fido Fest Adoption & Fundraising Event

THE CANINE CONNECTIONS CLUB  
PRESENTS:



## Adoption and Fundraising Event

**SAT. APRIL 26, 2025**  
**11:00 AM-2:30 PM**  
**GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**EAST GYM**

**All fundraising proceeds will  
benefit our four featured rescues:**

 **American Brittany Rescue**

 **Love Hope Believe Galgo  
Adoption**

 **Save-A-Pet**

 **Young at Heart  
Sr. Pet Adoptions**

**Human Guests only, please leave your  
dogs at home!**

### Rescues

Get to know the personalities and stories of adoptable dogs from the rescues on-site. Learn about the adoption process and which dog would best match your home.

### Fundraising

Check out our dozens of raffle baskets, painted rocks, dog treats, face painting, and more. Cash only please.

### Demos

Be wowed by the workings of a K9 team, impressed with the discipline required for Rally-O, amused with the antics of a trick dog, or acquainted with information regarding canine nutrition.

### Vendors & Family Fun

Our canine-related vendors will have the latest and greatest services and gear for you and your pet. Kids can have some doggone fun with our free crafts and games.

The Canine Connections Club is thrilled to announce the return of our Fido Fest Adoption and Fundraising Event on Saturday, April 26, from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. This exciting, free event is open to the community (humans only, please) and will take place at Grant in the East Gym. Guests are encouraged to enter through the auditorium door.

This year's event promises to be even more special with the return of our beloved rescue animals and many favorite vendors, along with several new vendors and an additional speaker.

Families can enjoy a variety of fun activities, including face painting, crafts, and games for both children and adults.

Food options will be plentiful, featuring our Dawg Bowl concession area and Nothing Bundt Cakes available on-site. As an added treat, 7 Brew Coffee will be donating 150 free iced drinks around noon.

We encourage attendees to bring cash, as we will be offering fantastic fundraising deals. Spoil your pup with delicious treats made by our Transitions program, or purchase

dog-themed quotes on paw-shaped magnets. Whether you have a dog or not, we have a wide selection of painted rocks to beautify your home, workplace, or yard. A highlight of the event will be our raffle basket sales, featuring over 70 baskets with prizes ranging from fast food and fine dining to entertainment items, beauty products, books, toys, games, numerous dog-related items and more. All profits from our fundraising efforts will be shared among the four rescues we are hosting.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to this community event!



Event Info:  
Grant Community High School  
285 East Grant Ave.  
Fox Lake, IL 60020  
ctrevithick@grantbulldogs.org  
847-973-3705

Sponsored by:





# Hall of Fame

## Nomination Information

The Hall of Fame has been established to recognize and showcase outstanding graduates and dedicated staff as part of our efforts to promote excellence and achievement for learners in Grant Community High School District 124.

The Hall of Fame was designed to honor exemplary individuals who have achieved distinction, outstanding accomplishment, or significant contribution within their professions, communities, schools, families, or personal lives.

### Nominations

Nominations will be accepted for the Hall of Fame, Class of 2025, until April 25, 2025. Visit [GCHS Hall of Fame](#) for the nomination forms.

### Criteria to be Considered for Alumni

- Graduates of Grant Community High School are eligible for consideration, provided that graduation occurred at least ten years prior to the year in which they are nominated.
- Graduate has made a significant contribution within their profession, community, school, family, or personal life.
- Graduate positively promotes Grant Community High School.

### Criteria to be Considered for Staff

- Staff of Grant Community High School are eligible for consideration if they have a minimum of twenty years of service to District 124 and provided they are either retired or have ceased active employment at least three years prior to the year in which they are nominated.
- Staff member has made a significant contribution at Grant Community High School, in their community, family, or personal life.
- Staff member positively promotes Grant Community High School.

### Procedures for Nominations

- Nominations may be made by families, friends, alumni, faculty, staff, administration, and community members of District 124.
- In order to be considered, the nomination form should be fully completed and submitted as outlined on the form.
- Nominations will be kept on file and considered for a total of five years following submission. After five years, a candidate may be re-nominated.

### Selection of Inductees

- The selection committee is comprised of a member of the Board of Education, administration, staff, alumni of Grant Community High School District 124, and community members.
- Selected inductees will be contacted by July 1, 2025.

### Induction

- New members of the Hall of Fame will be inducted at a ceremony during Homecoming Week 2025.
- New members will be asked to participate in a variety of Homecoming activities, including a reception and awards ceremony at a meeting of the Board of Education, an all-school pep assembly, the varsity football game, and the Homecoming parade. While the intent of this program is to honor graduates and Grant staff, it is also to provide positive role models and inspiration for current students.

GCHS PRESENTS  
PROM 2025

# A Splash of Elegance

MAY | 2 | FRI  
5:30 PM - 12 AM

**BELVEDERE BANQUETS  
ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL**

## TICKET INFORMATION

**\$80**

**SALES APRIL 10 - APRIL 17**

Tickets are nonrefundable and non-transferable.  
Out-of-school guest forms are due no later than Wednesday, April 9th.

This year's Prom, A Splash of Elegance, is quickly approaching! Prom is Friday, May 2, and the destination is the Belvedere Banquets in Elk Grove Village, IL. In order to attend Prom, students must be a Junior or Senior currently enrolled at GCHS. Students wishing to bring a Freshman, Sophomore, or out-of-school guest are allowed. Students bringing an out-of-school guest will need to complete the [Grant Dance Guest Approval Form](#). Out-of-school guest forms must be completed and turned in to the Deans by Wednesday, April 9.

Tickets to the event will be sold at \$80.00 per ticket. Prom tickets will be on sale online or in the Bookstore from April 10 through April 17. Only check and cash payments can be made in the Bookstore. All GCHS Senior and Junior Students must purchase tickets individually. Senior and Junior Students may not purchase two tickets under the same ID#. If you are purchasing a ticket for your date who is an underclassman (Sophomore/Freshman) or out-of-school guest, you must use that student's name and student ID#. Seniors/Juniors who are bringing a guest are responsible for their guests. When purchasing tickets for you and your guest, please select the appropriate ticket purchase. Students who have been approved to bring an outside guest will select the Senior/Junior taking an out-of-school guest ticket. If your guest has not been pre-approved, the student will not be allowed to attend.

Prom is a school function; all school rules and regulations, as stated in the Student/Parent Handbook, apply to all students attending prom. Students who behave improperly will be referred to a GCHS administrator and parents will be notified. All students and guests will be required to ride school-sponsored bus transportation to and from Prom. This bus transportation is included in the price of the ticket and is mandatory. Students are not allowed to utilize private transportation to or from Prom. Students who do so will not be admitted to Prom.

Prom check-in will begin in the Field House at 4:45 PM on Prom night. Students must present their ticket and current ID upon check-in to the Prom. Outside guests must present a valid state-issued photo ID to be admitted to Prom. Students who do not have proper identification will not be allowed to board a bus. Buses will depart beginning at 5:30 PM. All students must be present for the entire school day on Friday, May 2, in order to attend Prom. No absences, tardies, or passes off campus will be excused for students attending Prom.

All questions can be directed to event organizers Ms. Highley at (847) 973-3742, [thighley@grantbulldogs.org](mailto:thighley@grantbulldogs.org), or Ms. Crambes at (847) 973-3455, [tcrambes@grantbulldogs.org](mailto:tcrambes@grantbulldogs.org). For more information on Prom, visit our Prom 2025 headline on the Grant website.



Badminton Program

## April Home **Badminton** Matches:

- \* April 8 vs. Zion-Benton @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 14 vs. Streamwood @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 16 vs. Lake Forest (JV & Varsity) @ 4:45 PM
- \* May 1 vs. McHenry (JV & Varsity) @ 4:45 PM



Varsity Baseball Team

## April Home **Baseball** Games:

- \* April 2 vs. Vernon Hills (Varsity & JV2) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 4 vs. Hononegah (JV & JV2) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 5 vs. Palatine (Varsity) @ 11:00 AM
- \* April 7 vs. Fremd (JV & JV2) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 8 vs. Round Lake (Varsity) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 9 vs. Round Lake (JV) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 10 vs. Stevenson (JV2) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 11 vs. Round Lake (Varsity) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 12—JV Double Header @ 11:00 AM
- \* April 14 vs. Burlington (JV) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 17 vs. Johnsburg (JV) @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 19 vs. McHenry (JV & JV2) @ 11:00 AM
- \* April 22 vs. Antioch (JV & JV2) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 23 vs. Antioch (Varsity) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 25 vs. Antioch (JV & JV2) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 29 vs. Wauconda (JV & JV2) @ 4:45 PM
- \* April 30 vs. Wauconda (Varsity) 4:45 PM



JV Baseball Team



JV2 Baseball Team



Varsity Lacrosse Team



JV Lacrosse Team

## April Home **Lacrosse** Matches:

- \* April 4 vs. Palatine @ 4:30/6:00 PM
- \* April 11 vs. Mundelein (Varsity) @ 5:00 PM
- \* April 12—Varsity Tournament @ 9:30 AM
- \* April 14 vs. Stevenson (Varsity) @ 5:00 PM
- \* April 16 vs. Grayslake Co-op @ 4:30/6:00 PM



Varsity Boys Tennis Team

## April Home **Boys Tennis** Matches:

- \* April 1 vs. Woodstock North @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 2 vs. Crystal Lake Central (Varsity) @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 3 vs. Warren (JV) @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 8 vs. Dundee Crown (JV) @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 9 vs. McHenry (Varsity) @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 10 vs. Round Lake (JV) @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 15 vs. North Chicago @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 17 vs. Antioch (JV) @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 22 vs. Wauconda (JV) @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 24 vs. Grayslake Central (Varsity) @ 4:30 PM
- \* April 28 vs. Mundelein (Varsity) @ 4:30 PM



JV Boys Tennis Team





Varsity Girls Soccer Team



JV Girls Soccer Team



JV2 Girls Soccer Team

#### April Home **Girls Soccer** Matches:

- \*April 5 vs. Crystal Lake South (Varsity) @ 10:00 AM
- \*April 8 vs. Waukegan (JV2) @ 4:45 PM

- \*April 10 vs. Prairie Ridge @ 4:30/6:15 PM
- \*April 15 vs. Richmond Burton (JV & Varsity) @ 4:30/6:15 PM
- \*April 16 vs. North Chicago (JV2) @ 4:30 PM
- \*April 17 vs. Round Lake @ 4:30/6:15 PM
- \*April 22 vs. North Chicago (Varsity) @ 5:00 PM

#### April Home **Softball** Games:



Varsity Softball Team



JV Softball Team

- \*April 1 vs. Cary-Grove (JV) @ 4:45 PM
- \*April 3 vs. Jacobs (JV) @ 4:30 PM
- \*April 4 vs. Richmond Burton (Varsity) @ 4:30 PM
- \*April 7 vs. Belvidere (Varsity) @ 4:30 PM
- \*April 10 vs. Zion-Benton (Varsity) @ 4:45 PM
- \*April 11 vs. North Chicago (JV) @ 4:30 PM
- \*April 12 vs. Dundee Crown @ 10:00 AM/12:00 PM
- \*April 15 vs. Antioch (Varsity) @ 4:45 PM
- \*April 17 vs. Wauconda (Varsity) @ 4:45 PM
- \*April 19—Varsity Triangular @ 9:00 AM
- \*April 22 vs. Grayslake Central (JV) @ 4:45 PM
- \*April 24 vs. Lakes (Varsity) @ 4:45 PM
- \*April 26—Varsity Triangular @ 9:00 AM
- \*April 29 vs. Grayslake North (JV) @ 4:45 PM



Boys Track & Field Program



Girls Track & Field Program

#### April Home **Track & Field** Meets

- \*April 7 vs. Grayslake Central @ 4:30 PM
- \*April 14 vs. North Chicago @ 4:30 PM



Varsity Boys Volleyball Team



JV Boys Volleyball Team



JV2 Boys Volleyball Team

#### April Home **Boys Volleyball** Matches:

- \*April 3 vs. North Chicago (JV & Varsity) @ 5:00/6:00 PM
- \*April 7 vs. Lake Zurich @ 5:00/6:00 PM
- \*April 15 vs. Grayslake Central @ 5:00/6:00 PM
- \*April 17—Varsity Lake County Invitational @ 5:00 PM
- \*April 19—Varsity Lake County Invitational @ 9:00 AM
- \*April 22 vs. Grayslake North @ 5:00/6:00 PM
- \*April 24 vs. Round Lake @ 5:00/6:00 PM
- \*April 28 vs. Cristo Rey (JV & Varsity) @ 5:00/6:00 PM

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Kaya Williams



Kooper Williams

**Kaya and Kooper Williams** competed at the S3DA State Tournament in Wisconsin continuing their family tradition in archery! Kaya dominated the Young Adult Female Open, taking 1st place, while Kooper put up an impressive performance, tying for 2nd place before finishing 3rd in the tiebreaker.

Congratulations to both on their hard work and success! We can't wait to see where their dedication to the sport takes them next.

**Makary Sekulich**'s season has been nothing short of extraordinary, and his journey continues as he prepares to compete at NWBA Nationals in Richmond, VA, from April 3-7. Fresh off a competitive run at his conference tournament in Kansas City, Sekulich and his team are looking to finish strong and clinch a spot among the top five teams in the nation!

Throughout the season, Sekulich has been a force on the court, contributing with points, assists, and rebounds, and significantly improving his three-point shooting—already sinking eight this season compared to just one at last year's Nationals! He'll also be competing in the three-point contest at Nationals, adding another exciting challenge to his journey.



Makary Sekulich

We are incredibly proud of Makary's journey and can't wait to see what he accomplishes at Nationals and beyond!

Interested in joining the **Grant Cheerleading** program? Join the coaches at their April and May open gyms to prepare for tryouts. They will be holding open gyms for all incoming 8th graders and current Grant students (Freshmen-Juniors) from 4:15-5:30 PM in the West Gym on April 2, 10, 23, and 30, and on May 7. Tryouts are scheduled for May 9 and 10. There will be a pre-tryout parent/athlete meeting on May 6 at 5:00 PM in the Lecture Hall. Tryout paperwork and requirements will be posted on Cheer's social media. Reach out to [Coach Kelley](#) with any open gym or tryout questions.

In addition to the Cheer opportunities provided to incoming and current Bulldogs, our Cheer program will be hosting a youth skills clinic on Sunday, April 27, for student-athletes in K-8th Grade. Participants will work with the GCHS cheerleaders to learn a sideline cheer, as well as tumbling, jumps, and stunting techniques. Participants will also learn a small routine and perform it at a showcase for family and friends. Registration forms must be turned in by 2:00 PM on April 22 in order to receive a t-shirt. Registrations after April 22 will be accepted, but athletes will not receive a t-shirt. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Grant Cheer Youth Skills Clinic Registration](#)

Are you interested in joining the **Grant Dance** family? Make sure to mark your calendars and join the coaches on April 24, 25, 28, and 29 for tryouts! They will be hosting strength and conditioning sessions from 3:30-4:30 PM every Monday and Wednesday in the weight room through April 23. For more information on conditioning and tryouts, reach out to [Coach Shifley](#).

# College & Career Center News

With so much happening in the world of higher education and in our workforce, make sure to check out the [College & Career Center Newsletter webpage](#) every month for assistance with navigating the opportunities available to you. If you are looking for guidance regarding your post-high school plans, contact Mrs. Masura and set up an appointment today.

COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY

## ADVISING DAYS: FRIDAY APRIL 11TH & FRIDAY APRIL 25TH

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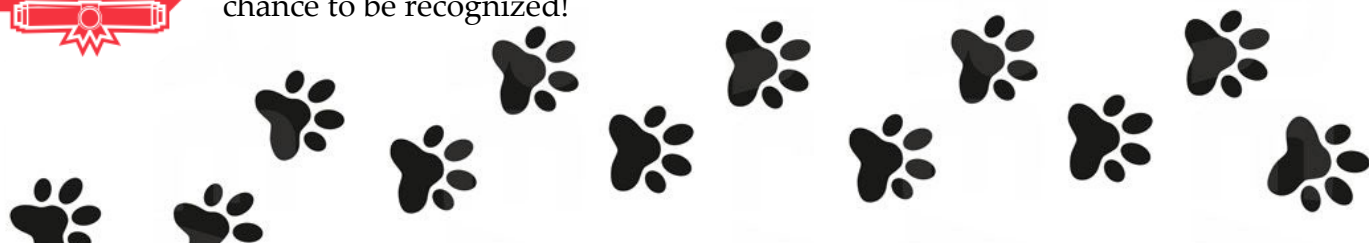
- Sign up during your lunch period to speak with a CCN and pick out classes
- Advising Days will be located in the College and Career Center
- You will receive a reminder pass

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT MRS. MASURA - [BMASURA@GRANTBULLDOGS.ORG](mailto:BMASURA@GRANTBULLDOGS.ORG)  
OR MS. LANDMANN - [JLANDMANN1@CLCILLINOIS.EDU](mailto:JLANDMANN1@CLCILLINOIS.EDU)

**\*\*This is meant for students who have all of their documents in, have taken any tests that are needed and are ready to be advised on classes**



Seniors, have you received a scholarship or award outside of the Grant Community Scholarships? We want to celebrate you! Email Mrs. Schroeder with your accomplishments by April 18 to be included in our senior shout-outs. Don't miss your chance to be recognized!





# Bulldog Happenings



*Jirah Lanzar & Samantha Collins*

After reviewing their qualifications, we are excited to share that Jirah Lanzar and Samantha Collins have officially been added to our list of Illinois State Scholars!

We held our annual career fair on March 19 and had many wonderful representatives present to speak with our students. From Scot Forge to Northern Illinois University to Chicago Pipefitters, this fair proved just how many career possibilities are available to our students. Thank you to all the professionals who joined us and helped share career knowledge with our Bulldogs!



*Career Fair Presenters & GCHS Alumni (left to right): Kyle Gebeck (University of Illinois Springfield), Jennifer Hunt (JH Events & Flowers INC), Harry Masuta (Lake County Forest Preserves) Stephen Murphy (Nypromold) Officer Bobadilla (U.S. Army National Guard), & Rich Steuber (Nypromold)*



*NAHS Spring Paint Night*

Our National Art Honor Society (NAHS) chapter recently hosted a Spring Family Paint Night, bringing together students, families, and community members for a fun and creative evening. NAHS artists led step-by-step instruction, helping everyone create a painting they could be proud of. It was a wonderful night filled with creativity, laughter, and artistic expression. We loved seeing our talented NAHS artists in action and can't wait for their next event!

Our first-ever Pickleball Tournament was a huge hit! With 31 teams competing and over \$1,500 raised in entry fees and donations, it was an incredible day supporting scholarships for our first generation students. It was great to see so many people from the greater Bulldog community come together for a great cause! Congratulations to our Championship Teams: Cory and Erik, Noob and a Half, Team J, and Ballin Boz's!



*Pickleball Participants & Staff*



*Students present at Envirothon.*

AP Environmental Science students competed in the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon and had a great time discussing this year's theme - Roots and Resiliency. Each group had the chance to listen to professionals in their assigned topic's field and was then challenged to complete a written test and lab practical. They also gave a presentation on their renewable energy scenario.

# Bulldog Happenings



*Students attend Youth Summit at UW-Milwaukee.*

A group of Bulldogs recently attended the 2025 Male Leadership Summit at UW-Milwaukee, where they joined young men from across the region for a day of learning and growth. Through workshops on college readiness, financial literacy, career pathways, and personal development, they gained valuable insights to navigate both their academic and personal lives. We are proud to see our Bulldogs seize this opportunity to grow as leaders and look forward to the impact of their experience!

Student Council members recently hit the road, visiting our feeder schools to give future Bulldogs an exclusive look at student life. During our Bulldog Buzzfeed event, they shared information on the many activities and athletics available at Grant, giving the Class of 2029 a preview of the opportunities that await them. With the Activity Fair coming up on April 9, this visit was a fun and engaging way to build excitement and help incoming students learn how to balance academics and extracurriculars.



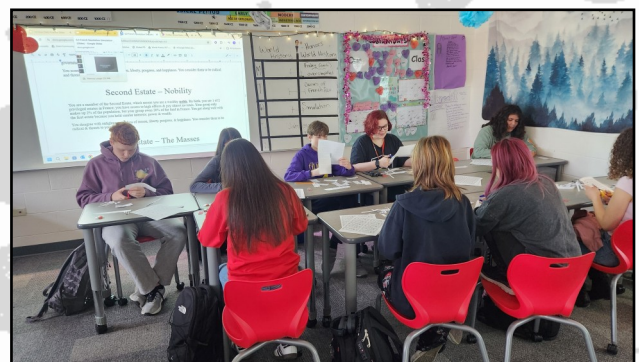
*Student Council members visit Big Hollow.*



*Kira Richards presents to Science students.*

Current Science students had the opportunity to hear from a special guest - Ms. Kira Richards! Ms. Richards stopped by to share her experiences working on sPHENIX, a nuclear physics experiment funded by the Department of Energy. She provided insight into the cutting-edge projects being developed in the field and the real-world applications of physics research. Beyond learning about her work, students gained a deeper understanding of the many science career pathways available after high school. Ms. Richard's visit was an inspiring reminder that the skills and knowledge gained in the classroom can lead to incredible opportunities in the future.

Our World History students traveled back in time to pre-Revolutionary France as they participated in a hands-on simulation of the Three Estates class system. Students took on roles as either peasants/commoners or members of the privileged upper classes to better understand the social and economic inequalities that fueled the French Revolution. This interactive lesson gave students a deeper appreciation for the frustrations that led to the revolution and helped bring history to life in an engaging way.



*World History students participate in Three Estates simulation.*



# DO YOU KNOW THAT CANNABIS TAKES MANY FORMS?

Cannabis is widely available. It can be ingested (in food or drink) or inhaled (smoke/vape). Parents need to be aware of this when discussing cannabis with their children and teens. Knowing what to look for can be a challenge! Awareness of the many forms of cannabis can help prevent its use.

## > **Adults need to set a good example.**

Adolescent cannabis use affects the safety, learning, and development of underage persons. If you use, keep all cannabis items safely stored and away from youth who live or visit where you use. Visit [www.prevention.org/lets-talk-cannabis/the-law/](http://www.prevention.org/lets-talk-cannabis/the-law/) to learn more about the nuances of cannabis use.

## > **Myths abound.**

Do you want to verify cannabis “facts” that your teen has told you to make sure they are accurate? For instance, is cannabis addictive? (It is.) Are you curious to know the short-term versus long-term effects of cannabis use?

For more information, including drug data, check out the website of the National Institute of Health’s (NIH) National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA):

<https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/cannabis-marijuana>.

## > **Even plants can be harmful.**

THC is tetrahydrocannabinol, the main psychoactive ingredient in cannabis that makes a person feel “high.” Cannabis plants are now being grown with a much higher concentration of THC in them than there has ever been. THC content in the 60s to the 80s was less than 2 percent. Since then, it has increased by more than 200 percent (17 percent–28 percent THC).

Sources: [www.sciencenews.org/article/marijuana-cannabis-edibles-health-issues](http://www.sciencenews.org/article/marijuana-cannabis-edibles-health-issues); [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/wr/mm7228a1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/wr/mm7228a1.htm); [www.nytimes.com/2023/03/24/well/family/weed-cannabis-parents-teens.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2023/03/24/well/family/weed-cannabis-parents-teens.html); [www.prevention.org/lets-talk-cannabis/the-law/](http://www.prevention.org/lets-talk-cannabis/the-law/); <https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/cannabis-marijuana>; [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6312155/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6312155/)  
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**Tell** a trusted adult



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

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

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



# C A L E N D A R

## April

April 2	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start NHS Induction Ceremony
April 8	PreACT/ACT Testing
April 9	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Activity & Athletic Fair—Class of 2029
April 10	Prom ticket sales begin
April 11-13	Spring musical—The Wizard of Oz
April 16	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
April 17	Progress Report Final day of Prom ticket sales
April 18	No School
April 23	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Freshman Honors Breakfast Wellness Fair Parent University: Financial Aid Night (Juniors)
April 24	Board of Education meeting
April 25	NLCC Art Show (North Chicago) Hall of Fame nominations due
April 26	Fido Fest
April 30	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start

## May

May 2	Early Release, 1:35 PM Prom, 5:00 PM
May 5	AP testing begins
May 6	Spring band concert
May 7	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Senior Honors Night
May 13	Final Exams (Seniors) Spring choir concert
May 14	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Final Exams (Seniors)
May 15	Board of Education meeting
May 16	Early Release, 1:35 PM Graduation Practice
May 18	Graduation
May 20-22	Final Exams (Freshmen/Sophomores/Juniors)
May 26	Memorial Day

## June

June 2	Semester one of summer school begins
June 12	Board of Education meeting
June 18	Last day of semester one of summer school
June 23	Semester two of summer school begins