



Grant Community High School

District Newsletter

March 2025

Student of the Month

Casey McCleery



The Grant Community High School March Student of the Month is senior Casey McCleery, daughter of Jason and Becky McCleery of Volo.

Casey's academic achievements include earning Honor Roll status each semester, taking nine AP courses, and receiving the Scholar Athlete award several times. She holds an impressive 4.447 GPA.

Casey was chosen to be the Student Representative to the Board of Education for the 2024/25 school year and reports to the Board monthly about student activities and issues.

Her extracurricular activities include the National Art Honor Society, where she is currently serving as President. She earned service awards for her volunteerism within the society. She has worked backstage for theater, competed in FBLA, coming in 3rd in state for Journalism Objective Testing, played tennis for the past two years, managed the boys' tennis team, and attended and assisted with summer tennis camp.

Casey has interned with local non-profit Tenth Dems since junior year, assisting with campaigning and fundraising for local candidates. She has volunteered with the Lake Villa Library and Camp Invention summer camp as a counselor.

When she isn't working, Casey enjoys going to the Fox Lake Movie Theater on \$6 Tuesdays, hanging out with friends, playing tennis, video gaming, and writing.

Next year, she will attend Lake Forest College to double major in communications and political science with a minor in English. She intends to work on political campaigns or write for late-night TV.



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Excellence in Education Award Winner

Mallory Whitman is honored with the Excellence in Education Award for her dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to student success. Her profound impact on the school community, particularly within the athletic program, has elevated the quality of education, health, and well-being of student-athletes.



Principal Schmidt, Mallory Whitman, Cory Bowles, & Dave Behm

As an athletic trainer, Mallory serves as more than just a medical resource; she is an educator, mentor, and advocate for students at Grant. Through her approach, she ensures that athletes, coaches, and staff are well-informed about injury prevention, rehabilitation, and overall physical health. Her ability to educate and support students extends beyond physical care, fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment where students feel valued and supported. The relationships she builds with each student reflect her deep commitment to their well-being, both physically and emotionally.

A key testament to Mallory's dedication is the transformation of the athletic training office into a welcoming and educational space. She has developed an outstanding student internship program that allows students to gain hands-on experience as athletic trainers. This initiative not only provides students with invaluable skills but also inspires them to pursue careers in sports medicine, embodying the true spirit of education and mentorship.

Moreover, her broad vision for the role of athletic training motivates her to find opportunities to improve the services Grant provides. Improvements she has been instrumental in include: SWAY baseline concussion testing for all athletes, CPR training of coaches and teachers, collaborating with the Health Office on medical notes, and using Perry Weather technology to make data-based decisions to determine safe athletic conditions.

Mallory's unwavering support of student-athletes is evident in her actions. Whether providing individualized care during practices and games or staying late for post-game evaluations, her work ethic is impressive. She is a constant source of encouragement and guidance, always willing to go the extra mile to ensure that every student receives the care and attention they need.

For these reasons, Mallory Whitman is deserving of the Excellence in Education Award. Her dedication to student success, transformative contributions to the athletic program, and unwavering commitment to education make her a truly deserving recipient and a wonderful model for her peers.

5Essentials Survey

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey window opened on February 18 and will remain open until March 28, 2025. Parents, students, and teachers across Illinois have an opportunity to participate in the statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This opportunity allows stakeholders to share their thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about Grant Community High School. As a parent, we hope you will take this opportunity to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness at Grant Community High School. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. As per state requirements, students and teachers will also be completing the [Illinois 5Essentials Survey](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or 5essentials@uchicago.edu.

BULLDOGS AT STATE

Cheer

Our Varsity Cheer team showed incredible perseverance at the IHSA Cheer State Finals. After an unexpected stop in their first performance, they regrouped, refocused, and prepared to take the mat once again. With the support of the Illinois State University Cheer team in warmups and a roaring crowd behind them, they put their hearts into their final performance, bringing undeniable energy to the floor.

Although they were unable to complete their second routine, they earned an impressive 89.06 and finished 13th in the state! We are so proud of this team and all they have accomplished this season.



Varsity Cheer Performs at State



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Speech



Speech State Qualifiers (Top Row Left to Right: Keni Massey, Joaquin Argueta, Erin Neiwem, Evelyn Vasey, & Kevilee Nurczyk-Fleming. Bottom Row Left to Right: Faith Sobyra, Audrey Simcoe, Lily Sobyra, Dianey Granados, & Maddy Hurley)

The Talking Bulldogs ventured to Peoria for the IHSA Speech State Finals and came home with two Top 15 placements! Dianey Granados represented GCHS for Prose Reading, earning 15th Place, while our Performance in the Round cast secured 11th Place. Congratulations to our Talking Bulldogs on a successful season! With their momentum and constant effort to improve, we are looking forward to seeing what this team will achieve next year and beyond.



Dianey Granados, Prose Reading



Performance in the Round Cast

BULLDOGS AT STATE

Wrestling



Wrestling State Qualifiers (Left to Right: Erik Rodriguez, Vince Jasinski, Christian Wittkamp, Casey Gipson, & Adrian Khi)

The Bulldogs brought the heat at the IHSA Individual Boys Wrestling State Tournament, with all five of our qualifiers leaving it all on the mat!

Erik Rodriguez (138) – 3rd Place, All-State

Rodriguez kicked off his State tournament with a tech fall over 5th-ranked Zimmer (Lincoln-Way Central). After a tough quarterfinal loss, he battled back, defeating Mack (Joliet Catholic) and Matkovich (West Aurora) to secure his All-State status. Rodriguez then powered through Richie (Edwardsville) and, in the black G singlet, dominated Knackstedt (Oak Park River Forest) to claim 3rd place in the 138 weight class!

Vince Jasinski (126) – 4th Place, All-State

Jasinski opened his tournament with a first-period fall over Cochran (Naperville Central) before making a statement with a 9-8 win over returning state finalist Hampton (Joliet Catholic), securing All-State honors. He dropped a tough semifinal match but rebounded with his 35th pin of the season over Durell (Plainfield North). Jasinski faced Hampton once again in his final match, finishing 4th in the 126 weight class.

Christian Wittkamp (Senior, 144) started strong with a tech fall over Fitak (Glenbard North) before a quarterfinal loss. He fought his way through the consolation bracket with another 15-0 tech fall over Testa (Marmion) but fell short in the blood round to Rydwelski (Naperville Central).

Adrian Khi (Senior, 132) & Casey Gipson (Junior, 150) battled hard but faced tough competition, both closing out their State tournaments in the wrestlebacks.

We are incredibly proud of these Bulldogs for their performances at State!



Erik Rodriguez Takes 3rd at State



Vince Jasinski Takes 4th at State



Christian Wittkamp Competes at State



Adrian Khi Competes at State
Photo Credit: Rick Rubenstein



Casey Gipson Competes at State
Photo Credit: Rick Rubenstein

Mathletes Qualify for State



Grant Mathletes at Regional Competition

The Math Team had a strong showing at their Regional competition on Saturday, February 22, placing 5th out of 12 teams. Several Bulldogs secured top finishes and qualified for State, including:

- John McCollom – 8th Place (Algebra I)
- Nicole Sak & Bella Raube – 5th Place (tied) (Algebra II)
- Taiseer Mumin – 4th Place (Precalculus)
- Calculator Team (Mumin, Raube, Shayan Butt, Cayden Zeller, Izabela Podgorski, and Karis Packard) – 2nd Place

Additional at-large State qualifiers may be announced in early March. Congratulations to the Math Team on their achievements,

and best of luck to those advancing to State!

Social Work Month

School Social Work Week: March 2-8

National School Social Work Week is just around the corner in March and serves as the perfect opportunity to celebrate all that School Social Workers do to help us succeed. Although March is National Social Work Month, we spend the first full week of March focusing on School Social Workers. Why? Because school Social Workers are a vital part of the educational team and their unique, graduate-level training in social work enables them to help students achieve goals in every aspect of their lives. Whether a student needs school or home assistance, School Social Workers maintain the ability to understand and interpret the many influences, obstacles, and opportunities available to each student.

Here at Grant, our Social Workers are confronted with challenges, heightened anxieties, and anticipated difficulties. However, they face these challenges with strength and resilience. School Social Workers face these challenges with strength and resilience - supporting their students, families, and school communities.

Spend some time this March to learn a little more about the positive impact this profession has on the world and reach out to celebrate your School Social Worker!



GCHS School Social Workers (left to right):
Ms. Kelley, Ms. Kalk, Ms. Skeels, & Mr. Gaughan



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

Principal Announcement



Blair Schoell

We are pleased to announce that at the February 20, 2025, Board of Education meeting, Mr. Blair Schoell was approved as the next principal of Grant Community High School, effective July 1, 2025.

After an extensive selection process beginning in November that included administrative-led interviews as well as panel interviews with students, parents, faculty, and non-certified staff members, it became clear that Mr. Schoell's deep dedication to our school, commitment to student success, and strong leadership vision make him the ideal choice to lead Grant into the future.

With over twenty years of experience in education, Mr. Schoell has served in multiple leadership roles. Most recently within our district, Mr. Schoell has acted as the Divisional Administrator for Art, CTE, Health and Wellness, Driver's Education, Music, and World Languages. In this role, he led long-term planning initiatives that expanded student opportunities, introduced dual-credit courses, strengthened industry partnerships, and improved curriculum rigor. Specifically, Mr. Schoell has worked diligently to build curricular advancements, internship opportunities, and improvements in technology, infrastructure, and data collection. Moreover, through his work facilitating site visits to learn from model schools and joining the College of Lake County's Dual Credit Advisory Committee to offer more dual-credit opportunities, Mr. Schoell has led efforts to provide enhanced academic pathways, increase student engagement, and elevate educational outcomes.

Mr. Schoell believes deeply in the potential of Grant students and is passionate about creating a welcoming, high-expectations learning environment. He has worked tirelessly to build programs that empower students with real-world skills and experiences, and his leadership has already made a lasting impact on our school. As principal, he is eager to continue this work at a school-wide level, collaborating with students, staff, and families to build on traditions and continue to elevate the standard of excellence.

Stay connected to upcoming District newsletters, social media posts, and the school website, as Mr. Schoell will be attending multiple events and activities in the coming weeks to meet with staff, parents, students, and community members.

Please join us in welcoming Principal Schoell into his new role. We look forward to his leadership and to his continued efforts to develop opportunities for Grant's students to attain the attributes in Grant's Portrait of a Bulldog.



National School Breakfast Week



Busy weekday mornings make it a challenge for many families to find time for a healthy breakfast. Fortunately, Grant Community High School offers nutritious school breakfasts, complete with fruit and low-fat or fat-free milk, to ensure students are fueled for learning every school day.

The 2025 NSBW campaign theme, “Clue In to School Breakfast,” reminds the entire school community that school breakfast provides a healthy and energizing start to the day for students. Studies show that students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert
- Maintain a healthy weight

School nutrition professionals and students will be encouraged to show their enthusiasm for school breakfast from March 3-7 as the district celebrates NSBW with special menus, activities, and more.

Breakfast Menu - March 3-7

Monday - Pancake-wrapped Sausage on a Stick

Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza

Wednesday - Hot Apple Strudel

Thursday - Mexican Scramble & Potatoes

Friday - Breakfast Tacos

Introducing

FIRST GEN BULLDOGS

A group created to assist first generation students in the college going process

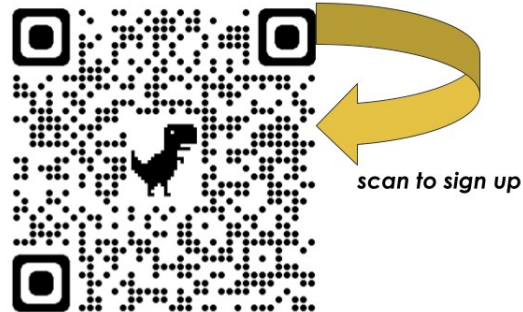
Would you like to be the first in your family to go to college?

Have you started to think about what you want to do after high school, but don't know where to start?

First Generation (adjective) Student:

A students whose parent(s) or guardian(s) have not completed a post- secondary degree.

OPEN TO CURRENT JUNIOR FIRST GEN STUDENTS



**Meeting Dates: Feb 13, March 4, April 1, May 6
10th period - LECTURE HALL**

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR GRANT BULLDOG BOOSTERS

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD | 5-9PM
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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **8CNZ7XC**
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For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS CONCERT

5 MARCH 2025
7:00 PM
GCHS FIELDHOUSE

Featuring:
The Choirs & Bands of GCHS

with special guests:
The Choirs & Bands of Big Hollow, Gavin South, Palombi, & Stanton

NLCC Honor Band



Grant Band Members

The 7th annual NLCC Invitational Honor Band Festival was held on February 10 and 11 at Wauconda High School. Eleven Grant Band students were selected to participate in it! The students prepared an extremely advanced repertoire. The two bands that performed at the Invitational Concert were the Ninth & Tenth (9 & 10) Grade Honor Band and the Eleventh & Twelfth (11 & 12) Grade Honor Band.

9 & 10 Honor Band members include:

Freshmen: Nathan Booth, Abbie Domke, Dan Hayes, Teagan Lord, Ryan Miller, and Embry Tucibat

Sophomores: Zen Felipe, Chase Muir, and Cole Tellez

11 & 12 Honor Band members include:

Junior: Cayden Zeller

Senior: Linnea Hauser

The students had the incredible opportunity of working with guest clinicians as well as preparing and performing advanced band repertoire with students from the following schools: Antioch, Grayslake Central, Grayslake North, Lakes, Round Lake, Wauconda, Waukegan, and Zion-Benton. We could not be more proud of these students!



Student Representative to the Board of Education

Beginning with the 2022/23 school year, a student representative has participated as a non-voting representative to the Board of Education. The goal of the student representative is to give input on matters that affect all students and work together with the Board of Education to promote open communication between the Board and the students of District 124. The student representative serves as an “ex officio member,” meaning they are encouraged to participate in discussions, but may not vote on them.

The District 124 Board of Education is a policy-making body responsible for selecting the superintendent and adopting and enforcing all necessary rules for the management and governance of the school district. The Board of Education consists of seven elected members. Additional information regarding the Board of Education may be found on the [Board of Education section](#) of our website.

All interested students should apply through the [Student Representative to the Board of Education Application](#). Applications must be received by 3:30 PM on Friday, March 14, 2025.

[Student Representative to the Board of Education Position Information](#)



This year, a committee of GCHS staff will be choosing the graduation ceremony speeches and any interested Senior on track to graduate is invited to submit a speech for consideration. The first round of applications is to write a speech and submit the draft through the [Graduation Speech Google Form](#). The firm deadline for submissions is March 5, 2025. After the first round is evaluated, students selected to move forward to the next round will present their speech to our Graduation speech committee in April. Those interested in submitting a speech should check their student email for speech guidelines.

If you have any questions regarding submitting a speech, please contact Mrs. Lesperance at slesperance@grantbulldogs.org or Mrs. Frett at nfrett@grantbulldogs.org.



Keep It RED



Being on time is something we all strive for. It's a simple concept but can sometimes be tough to achieve. Whether it's two or ten minutes, being late to class disrupts learning for more than just the tardy student. For the sake of our students' success, we ran another Be On Time challenge to encourage the importance of being on time. Students were incentivized with the possibility of winning an ice cream party for their grade and Bulldog Cup points. The Senior Class held onto the lead for the entire challenge and secured the win after three weeks! It's quite an impressive feat and we hope this upperclassmen win sets an example for all our Bulldogs.



Seniors Class at the Be On Time Challenge Ice Cream Social

THE NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY PRESENTS

Grant's *got Talent*



**FRIDAY
14 MARCH**

7 PM

Don't forget to bring spare change to help
vote for the Audience Choice.
The act with the most change will win
Audience Choice!

English 9 Students Shine in Poetry Unit

Curriculum Highlight

Our Freshmen poets have been honing their poetry skills, crafting powerful and creative pieces that showcase their unique voices. As part of their recent unit, they explored different poetic forms and techniques, resulting in some truly standout work.

"What is Loneliness" by James Robison

Loneliness is...

While you sit on the bench watching the water flow and the flowers dance in the wind, there is no one to sit next to you.

It's like you go somewhere but nobody is there for you.

When you sit at each lunch or dinner but nobody is there to eat with you.

You walk home alone but when you walk through the door with no "welcome home" or "how's your day been," Not even a hi or hello,

Thinking nobody is there to help you with anything at all.

Almost like a single candle in a dark room or one mountain surrounded by plains, You seem to be all by yourself.

At one point in life loneliness will come; it can last a few months, years, maybe even a whole lifetime,

But it is always bound to happen.

"What Peace Really Is" by Alexandra Grotowski

Peace is...

Listening to the ocean whisper to you while laying in the warm sun.

Knowing that you have someone you can trust.

The first week of summer break, feeling as free as a bird.

Sailing on the water, leaving all your problems on land.

Living with someone like two harmonious melodies, without violence.

Starting anew, free from toxic ties.

A warm blanket on a cold night, wrapping the world in comfort.

Listening to your favorite song and feeling calm after a stormy day.

Being yourself, without fear of judgment.

Peace is a world full of where every soul finds its calmness.

"PCOS" by Cheyann Laske

A silent struggle only few will know.

That sometimes doesn't show

Barren fields where life should spring,

Echoes of a song I cannot sing.

Hopes and dreams,

Ripping at the seams

a tender plea,

For a future that's not meant to be

Yet in this space, love still resides,

In hidden corners where it quietly hides.

Strength in sorrow, courage in pain,

Finding beauty in the heavy sharp rain.

For even without a child's sweet face,

There's a heart, full of grace



3rd Hour—Best Poems



4th Hour—Best Poems



8th Hour—Best Poems

BERNIE'S BOOK DRIVE

FEBRUARY 3RD – MARCH 14TH

**TEAM ROOM WHO DONATES THE MOST
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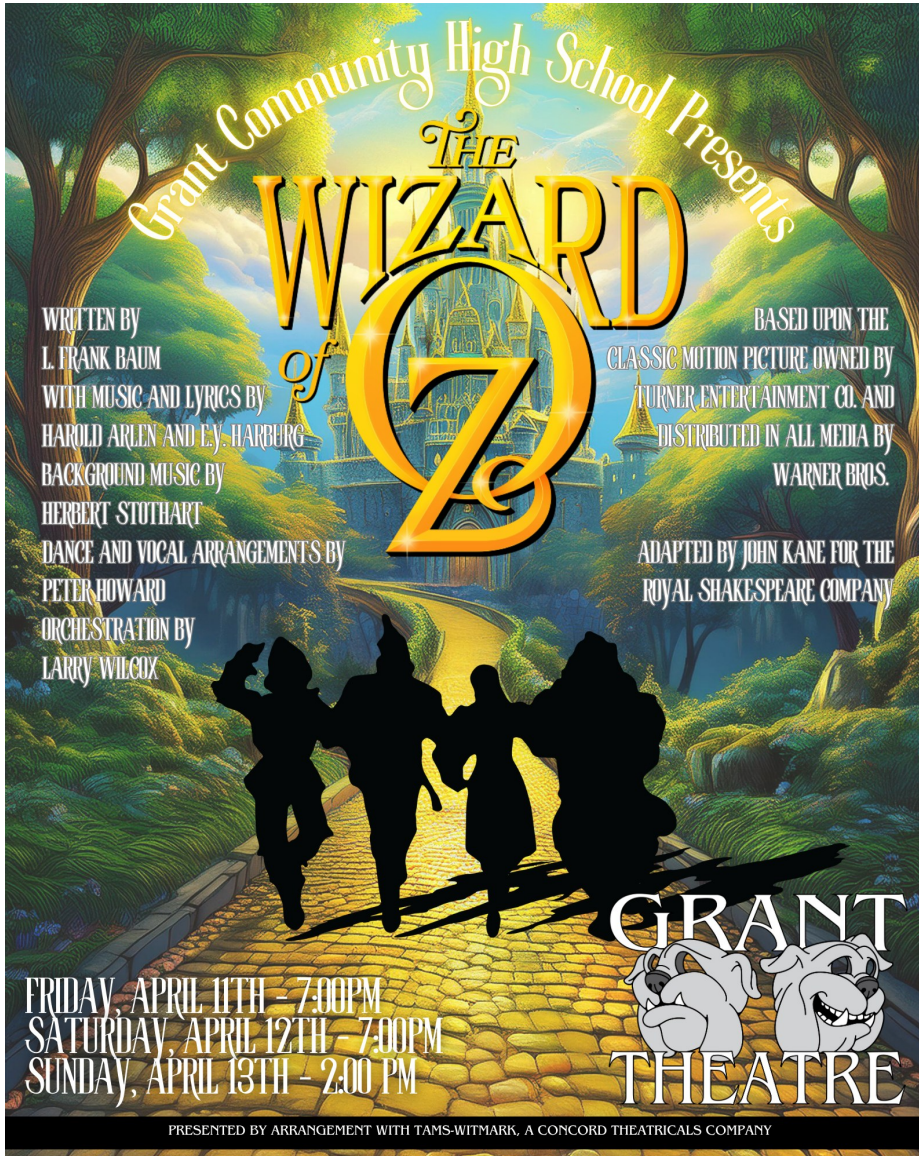
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**SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY'S LITERACY NEEDS
BY DONATING NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOKS
FOR KIDS AGED 1-12.**

**SPONSORED BY FRESHMAN CLASS COUNCIL
SEE MRS. BARKER WITH QUESTIONS**

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 will go on sale soon.

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.

Make sure to mark your calendars for an un-fur-gettable experience at Fido Fest!
Follow the Canine Connections Club on Instagram ([@grant_canine_connections](https://www.instagram.com/grant_canine_connections)) to check out the raffle baskets that will be available, learn more about the rescues, and more.

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.



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

Sponsored by:





Players Cheer on Their Teammates

The **Boys Basketball** program closed out their season with hard-fought battles, individual milestones, and team accomplishments that showcased our Bulldogs' dedication. The team hosted Antioch, where Varsity led for most of the game but fell in the fourth quarter, 52-47. The Sophomore team continued their dominance, securing another win and maintaining an undefeated NLCC record. A major highlight came on February 11 when Braylon Gray reached the 1,000 career points milestone—an incredible achievement with games still left to play.

Varsity bounced back with a 67-60 win over Lakes before traveling to Grayslake North, where the program secured multiple victories. The Sophomore team ended their season in dominant fashion, finishing with

a perfect 14-0 NLCC record and an impressive 23-4 overall record. Varsity added another conference win, taking down the Knights 61-54. In the postseason, Varsity faced Warren in the first round of Regionals, ultimately falling to the Blue Devils 64-39. Despite the tough ending, the Bulldogs showcased resilience and growth throughout the season, setting a strong foundation for the future. Congratulations to the entire program on a great year!

The Varsity **Girls Basketball** team wrapped up their season with competitive battles and standout performances. The Bulldogs took down Lakes with a 46-38 victory, setting the tone for a strong finish. Carrying that momentum into their matchup against Grayslake North, the team secured another win, fueled by a stellar performance from Madelyn Dunsdis, who racked up 23 points, including four three-pointers. The Bulldogs closed out their season in the first round of Regionals against a tough Carmel squad, falling 67-29. Despite the outcome, the team showcased determination and progress throughout the season. Congratulations to the Bulldogs on their hard work and dedication!



Dunsdis Fights for Ball Control



Desi Dickson

After an impressive showing at Regionals, Desi Dickson represented Grant at **Girls Bowling** Sectionals, delivering a standout performance. She knocked down 1,107 pins, earning a 9th-place finish among tough competition. Although her season concludes just shy of a State appearance, Dickson showcased incredible skill and determination on the lanes. We are proud of her accomplishments and can't wait to see what she achieves next year!

Fresh off their 8th-place finish at the IHSA Dance State Finals, the Varsity **Dance** Team traveled to Florida to compete at Nationals, where they secured an impressive 14th-place finish in the nation! Congratulations to the team on a remarkable season and for representing Grant with talent and pride on the national stage!



Varsity Dance Team Takes 14th at Nationals

Bulldog Happenings



Students Create Valentine's Day Cards

English students put their writing skills to heartfelt use by creating Valentine's cards for seniors in our community. With thoughtful messages and creative designs, the students aimed to brighten someone's day and spread a little extra love this season.

This small act of kindness reflects the power of words and the importance of connecting across generations. Thank you to our students for sharing their time and creativity to make a difference!



*Freshman & Sophomore Class Council Volunteer
at Feed My Starving Children*

The Freshman and Sophomore Class Councils teamed up for a volunteer session at Feed My Starving Children! With enthusiasm and teamwork, they packed meals for those in need, celebrating each milestone with a Bulldog cheer. Their hard work paid off—they helped fill 70 boxes, providing enough food to sustain 41 children for an entire year. Way to go, Bulldogs, for making a real impact in the lives of others!

C A L E N D A R

March

March 3	Bulldog Boosters Chipotle Fundraiser
March 5	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Graduation Speeches Due Music In Our Schools Concert
March 9	Pickleball Tournament
March 11	Progress Report
March 12	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
March 14	Student Representative to the Board of Education Applications Due Grant's Got Talent
March 19	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Career Fair
March 20	Board of Education Meeting
March 24-28	Spring Break
March 31	School Resumes

April

April 2	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start NHS Induction
April 8	ACT Testing
April 9	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Activity & Athletic Fair—Class of 2029
April 11-13	Spring Musical, The Wizard of Oz
April 16	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start
April 17	Progress Report
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)
April 26	Fido Fest
April 30	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start

May

May 2	Early Release, 1:35 PM Prom
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	Senior Final Exams Spring Choir Concert
May 14	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Senior Final Exams
May 16	Early Release, 1:35 PM Graduation Rehearsal
May 18	Graduation
May 20-22	Freshman, Sophomore, & Junior Final Exams
May 26	Memorial Day