



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, February 9, 2026

The February trait of the month is Compassion.

As we celebrate Black History Month, today we recognized Gordon Parks. Gordon Parks is known as one of the most groundbreaking figures in 20th century photography. His documentary photojournalism from the 1940s until the '70s revealed important aspects of Black American culture, civil rights, poverty, U.S. race relations and urban life.

Not only was he a prominent documenter of the Civil Rights Movement, but in 1969, Parks became the first African-American to write and direct a major Hollywood film, *The Learning Tree*, based on his 1963 semi-biographical novel of the same name.

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Applications for the Granite City Federation of Educational Professionals - Local 743 scholarships are currently available.

Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded this year to graduating seniors of Local 743 members.

Six \$500 scholarships will be awarded to GCHS graduating seniors.

To be eligible, applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5/5.0 or a 2.75/4.0.

Email Mrs. Bell, sara.bell@gcsd9.net, for the scholarship application or stop by room 217.

Any questions, email Mrs. Bell or Dr. Baileygaines.

The deadline for submitting completed applications is Friday, March 27, 2026.

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Debaters! Mr. Brent Nicholson will be with us today from McKendree University. Please email Coach Pennell-Davis if you will not be in attendance from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

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It's love season!! Student Council is selling Valentine's Day grams in the cafeteria during lunch hours now through February 11th! Stop by the table to send a friend or a loved one a nice treat for Valentine's Day. We will also have a "build your own bouquet of flowers" station next Friday! Spread some love!!

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Come join the Chess Club at our next meeting right after school on Monday, February 9th in room 156. Chess Club is a fun, welcoming group. Don't worry if you know how to play or not! Everyone is welcome.

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ASL Club Meetings are every Thursday from 2:30 - 3:00 in Room 53. Bring a friend!

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Thursday night, 10 outstanding senior boys took the stage for the annual Mr. Warrior Pageant, bringing their talent, charm, and Warrior pride to a packed house! Each contestant put on an unforgettable show, and we couldn't be prouder of their dedication, spirit, and sportsmanship. A huge round of applause for all 10 participants—you made this event a night to remember!

After an evening of impressive performances and tough competition, the Winners are:

🥈 2nd Runner-Up: Mr Band, Jacob Guithues

🥉 1st Runner-Up: Mr NHS, Caleb Schaefer
And being crowned our 2026 Mr Warrior is Mr Foreign Language Club, Santiago Huerta.

Congratulations to all of our contestants for putting on an amazing show! Mr. Warrior isn't just about the title—it's about celebrating our seniors, their talents, and the community that makes our school so special.

Thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and cheered on these incredible contestants.

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On Saturday 2/7/26 the Granite City Speech Team attended the IHSA Regional Tournament at Belleville West High School.

The team competed in all 15 events and advanced 10 events to Sectionals on 2/14/26 in Bloomington IL. The team placed fourth overall.

Congrats to the following students who advanced:

- Tournament Champions Dylan Patrick and Lucy Roberts in Dramatic Duet Acting
- Tournament Champion Bug Wise in Extemporaneous Speaking

Other qualifying events include:

- Daniel Douglas and Grant Daily in Humorous Duet Acting,
- Bug Wise in Impromptu Speaking,
- Joshua Barnett in Oratorical Declamation,
- Jay Banks in Original Oratory,
- Madilynn Wineburner in Poetry Reading,
- Daniel Douglas in Prose Reading,
- Lucy Roberts in Radio Speaking,

Ava Ghirardi, Delaynie Carnahan, Landon Phillips, Jesus Atilano, Peyton Shipley, Lily Booker, Gabriela Guitierrez, Hailey Jensen, Khloe Nicol, Brooke Babillis, Mackenzie Garcia, Madyson Talley and Abby Huniak in Performance of the round directed by Mrs. Amy Pennell-Davis.

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Do you want to pick the next flavor of boba at the Grounds City Cafe? This week only, for every dollar you spend at the Grounds City Cafe, you will receive one vote for the next boba flavor! Will we stick with strawberry or will sour blue raspberry or peach take the win??

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NOW IN SPORTS NEWS:

Hey, hockey fans!! Playoffs resume TONIGHT with round 2 action starting at 7:30pm as Varsity faces Edwardsville at East Alton Ice Arena. Be there as the GC Warriors take on the Tigers. Game theme: White Out. See YOU at the rink!!

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Girls soccer strength and conditioning has been cancelled today due to unexpected circumstances. Sorry for the short notice.

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