GHS Newsletter

Go Green Wave!

NOVEMBER 1, 2026



November Newsletter

Good afternoon GHS Families,

Fall is in full swing at GHS, and there's no shortage of ways for students to learn, create, and get involved! From the classroom to extracurricular activities and athletics, students continue to impress us with their skills and talents.

It's been exciting to watch our students get involved this school year. The AV Club is busy capturing photos, planning a short film, editing videos, and exploring 3D design, with several new eighth-grade members joining the fun this year. Meanwhile, the Library Club hosted its seventh annual Comic Con on October 27, celebrating students' interests in comics and all things creative.

Thank you to our families, and the entire school community for your continued support!

In this month's newsletter, you will find:

- Important Dates
- GPS Social Media Links
- Important Yearbook Information
- Student Council
- Key Club
- Athletics
- Band News
- Nurse's Corner
- Greenfield Public Library Updates

Mike Browning
GHS Principal

Important Dates

- **November 3 - No School / PD Day**
- **November 6** - End of 1st Quarter
- **November 11** - **No School / Veteran's Day**
- **November 23-24** - Penny Wars
- **November 25 -** Turkey Trot / Lip Sync Battle / Early Release
- **November 25-26** - Thanksgiving Break



Social Media

Join our Facebook and Instagram community where we share even more stories from across Greenfield Public Schools.
Facebook | **Instagram**

Follow us on Social Media!

Important Yearbook Information

Yearbook Deadlines - 26/27

The following information gives you links and timelines to all things "senior" with regard to our 2026/27 GHS Yearbook. If you have any further questions, please email Matt Greene at matgre2@gpsk12.org.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU FOR THE YEARBOOK:

Senior Portraits

This is the picture that will be used in the yearbook as the primary headshot. ***Upload by Friday, December 18, 2026 to Senior Portrait Google Form***

Senior Baby Photos

This form is to submit one entry for the Senior Babies page in the yearbook. ***Upload by Friday, December 18, 2026 to Baby Photo Google Form***

Senior Year Candids

Use this form to submit photos of any students in the class of 2026 during their senior year at GHS.

Upload by Friday, April 30th, 2027 to Senior Candids Google Form

Senior Quotes and Accomplishments

Use this form to submit your senior quote and accomplishments

Upload by Friday, January 30, 2026 to Senior Quote and Accomplishments Google Form

PURCHASING A YEARBOOK OR SENIOR RECOGNITION AD:

Purchasing a Yearbook

Use the link below to purchase a yearbook.
From 10/24 to 11/30, yearbooks will be sold for $55.00, but icons will not be free
From 12/1 to 2/26, yearbooks will be sold for $65.00
From 2/27 to 6/30, yearbooks will be sold for $65.00, but no personalization or accessories will be offered.

Link for Purchasing a Yearbook

Purchasing a Recognition Ad:

Recognition ads are a great way to show pride in your student.

Purchase by Thursday, May 14th, 2026
Link for Purchasing a Recognition Ad

Student Council

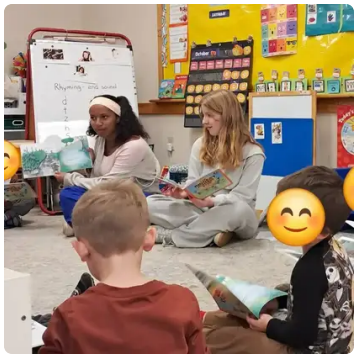
Student Council has many fun events coming up this November, including volunteering in the Veterans Day 5k, and going to the WMASC fall conference to work on leadership skills with other councils in Western Mass. We will also be having our retreat where students will work on teamwork and problem solving as a group.

Student Council is also gearing up for Penny Wars, a school event where all funds go to a selected charity. During Penny Wars, grade levels compete against each other by putting pennies into their own grade's jar and using other coins to sabotage other grades.

Student Council meetings are every other Sunday from 6pm to 7pm in the GHS lecture hall.

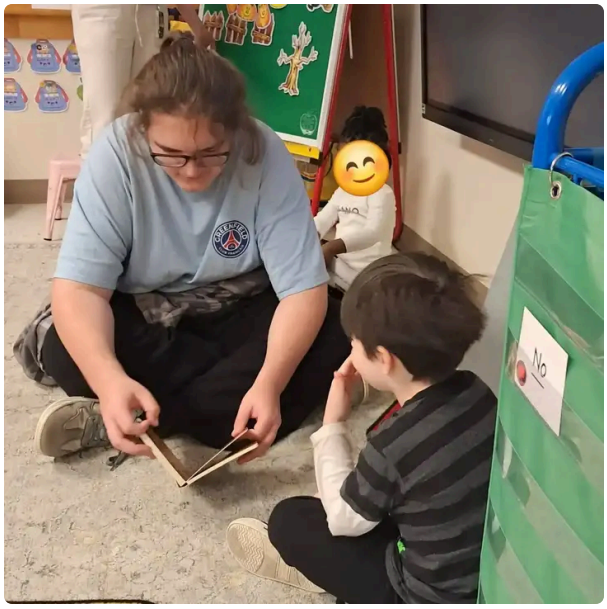


Key Club



Key Club students had a great time reading and playing with students at AEL as part of the Read Learn Succeed program. Our next visit is scheduled for December. We are hosting a Food Drive throughout November until the Thanksgiving break and donations from the community are always welcome in our lobby. And we're looking forward to hosting our annual Turkey Trot with a run/walk, games, and hot apple cider!





Athletics

November is here! Where has the time gone? Our fall teams are in full throttle! Let's get out and support our teams! All schedules are on **Arbiterlive.com**

GO GREEN WAVE!

Girls Field Hockey Stick It to Cancer Game
The Girls Field Hockey Team raised a total of $3,209.43 during their Stick it to Cancer game yesterday! Thank you to everyone who showed up, donated, and supported our athletes as they raised money for the **American Cancer Society**.




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GHS Band News



The GHS Marching Band has been having a busy and fun fall! Led by this year's Drum Majors Jane Schofield and Derek Scotera, the band marched in the Franklin County Fair Parade in Greenfield on Sept. 10 and earned second place among school bands in the parade. On Sept. 18, the GHS Marching Band headed down to the Big E in West Springfield to perform in that fair's parade.

On Friday, Sept. 25, the GHS Marching Band debuted its 2026-2027 field show theme of David Bowie, featuring "Changes" and "Modern Love," at the first GHS home football game. Senior Night is Oct. 30 – please come to the football game and help us recognize our band seniors! And, catch the marching band at the annual Greenfield Rag Shag Parade on Main Street before the game!

Students once again participated in the spectacle that is UMass Band Day on Saturday, Oct. 3. The energy was high as the GHS Marching Band performed at the UMass football game's halftime show right along with the UMass Marching Band (UMMB) and dozens of other high school bands from all over Massachusetts. Making the moment even more special is the fact that the UMMB includes several GHS alums, including April Rooney Adams, GHS Class of 2026, who sang the National Anthem before kickoff. After the game, fans and our students were treated to a high energy post-game show by the UMass Marching Band. Throughout the day, GHS band students were able to mingle with several GHS alums who attend UMass or other local colleges. It was such a fun day!

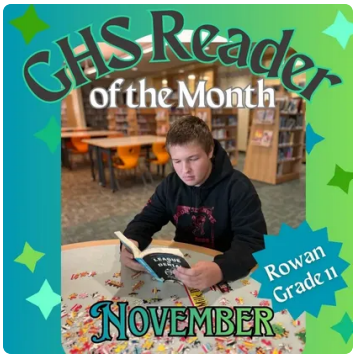
Our band went back to UMass on Oct. 16 for Multibands Day, a showcase held in the Fine Arts Center of more than 700 UMass student performers in 13 ensembles plus the UMass Marching Band!

We'd like to give a shoutout to the band's 2026-2027 leadership team that includes Schofield and Scotera, the drum majors, along with Megan Bacigalupo, clarinet section leader, Ciara Price, flute section leader, Sophie Rushing, saxophone section leader, Ellie Gleason, percussion section leader, and Henry Anhalt, brass section leader.

The band will next march in the Greenfield Veteran's Day Parade on Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. Looking ahead, the GHS Concert and Jazz Band are getting ready for concert season. The Winter Concert will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Greenfield Music Parents Association monthly meetings are scheduled for Nov. 9, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7. Please email ghsmusicparentsassociation@gmail.com to get the link to join the meetings.





Green Wave Reads

Reader of the Month

Rowan Lewis, Grade 11

By Ms. Pollock, Librarian

When Rowan gets home after football practice, he heads to his room and reads for 20 minutes. He has made it a habit because it helps him wind down after a long day and helps him keep up with his required reading for school. Rowan credits GHS English teachers, Mr. Carlino and Mr. Garland, for helping him develop an appreciation for reading. Mr. Carlino was his teacher for three consecutive years, in grades 6-8, and helped him increase his focus while reading. In his current AP Language and Composition, Mr. Garland requires students to read narrative nonfiction books of their choice, which has worked out well for Rowan as it is the type of reading he enjoys most. Currently, he's finishing up League of Denial: the NFL, Concussions, and the Battle for Truth by Mark Falnaru-Wada and Steve Falnaru. The book is written by an ESPN employee who exposes how the NFL tried to hide how many concussions were happening in the sport and their severity. Rowan has appreciated reading this book because it is about something he loves, that is a big part of his life as a member of the GHS football team. Rowan says the book helped him make the decision to wear a Guardian Cap during practice, which helps reduce concussion risk. Based on what he learned from League of Denial, Rowan thinks all youth athletes should be required to wear Guardian Caps to protect their developing brains, and he recommends all athletes read League of Denial. Rowans's favorite book was the first book in the Hunger Games trilogy. Although he watched the movie first, he felt he got a lot more out of reading the book as it added more to the story; he also believes this book made him start reading more. When not engrossed in a good book or playing football, you can find Rowan wrestling for the co-op team at Mohawk, or participating in Student Council. Thank you for sharing your reading interests, Rowan!

Library

Jigsaw Puzzles

Do you have jigsaw puzzles you no longer want? Consider donating them to the GHS library. The puzzles that work the best in our communal space are 1,000-piece puzzles that have distinct sections, like those from White Mountain puzzles, as it is easy for someone to work on just a part of the puzzle for a short period of time. Puzzles with a lot of the same colors and softer lines (like landscapes) tend to be less successful for our drop-in style of puzzling.

The puzzle table in the library is extremely popular with students and staff, and it offers numerous benefits for student learning. Jigsaw puzzles help students develop foundational skills including:

Cognitive Skills

- Visual-Spatial Reasoning
- Problem-Solving
- Strategy Development
- Short-Term Memory
- Attention to Detail

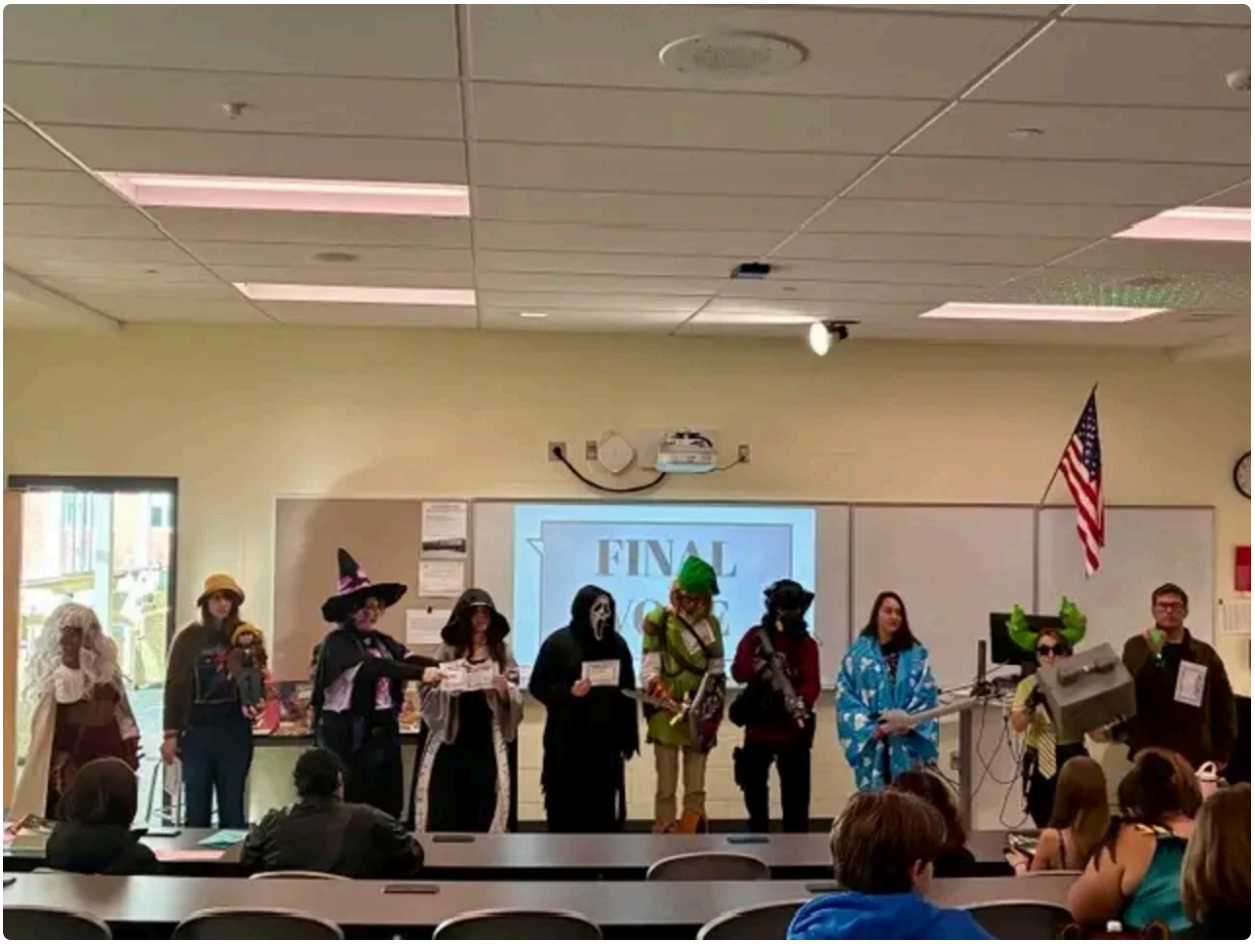
Physical Skills

- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand-Eye Coordination
- Gross Motor Skills

Emotional & Social Skills

- Patience
- Perseverance
- Stress Reduction
- Mindfulness
- Collaboration
- Teamwork

Mostly, though, the puzzle table offers students and staff a chance to connect and unwind when they have a few free moments. You may drop off your jigsaw puzzle donations at the main office between 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you in advance for your donation


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Library Club

Comic Con 7

Library Club hosted the seventh annual Comic Con on Tuesday, October 27th. The keynote speaker was Emily Brewster, lexicographer and definer for Merriam-Webster. GHS students led sessions on the best YA fantasy books, the history of the videogame The Legend of Zelda, how to make origami monster bookmarks, and the art of tattoo design. Other presenters included our French teacher, Madame Hartmann, a recent GHS grad, and two students from Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The cosplay contest winners were:

Best Hero/Protagonist: Nox Noyes from Mohawk Trail Regional High School as Boombox from the videogame Phighting

Best Villain/Antagonist: Ellie Gleason from GHS as Ghostface from the Scream film franchise

Best Sidekick/Miscellaneous: Hawley Lord from GHS as Pitaya Dragon Cookie from the videogame Cookie Run Kingdom

Best Overall: Ace Lowther from Mohawk Trail Regional High School as Azure from the Roblox videogame Forsaken

Thank you to all of the guest, student, and staff presenters for taking time out of their day to make Comic Con a fun and successful event. We would like to give a big thank you also to the Library Club VIPs, who have put hard work into planning and running this event over the past weeks and months, and to the GHS and GPS admin and staff who supported the event. Thank you also to the Recorder for covering the event, and stay tuned for an upcoming article in the paper.

Nurse's Corner

Flu Vaccine Reminder for Families:

As we enter flu season, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older receive a flu vaccine each year. High school students are no exception! Annual flu vaccination helps reduce the risk of illness, serious complications, and spreading the flu to others—especially those with chronic health conditions. Please consider scheduling your student's flu vaccine with their healthcare provider or local pharmacy to help keep our school community healthy this season.

Nurse Allyson
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GPS Library

Attached is the Greenfield Public Library's youth program listing for October, including information about:

- GPL Teens: Half Day Halloween Craft Fest (with pizza)
- *Sunrise on the Reaping* Book Club & Hunger Games Fan Fest
- GPL Young Professionals: a job club for young adults 25 and under
- Tween LEGO Club
- Franklin County Community Baby Shower,
- Family Costume Parade

Individual flyers are available for all of October's programs; the Children and Teen program calendars are attached.

Teen Programs Calendar
GPL Youth Programs for October 2026

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you,
Pamela

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Greenfield PUBLIC LIBRARY

TEEN PROGRAMS - OCTOBER 2026

Teen Programs are intended for ages 12-20

Generously funded by: Friends of the Greenfield Public Library

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	Open 9:30am-8pm	Open 9:30am-8pm	Open 9:30am-8pm	Open 9:30am-5pm	Open 9:30am-5pm	Open 9:30am-2pm
HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS THIS MONTH: **Sunrise on the Reaping Book Club** - Check out a copy of Suzanne Collin's latest book (and Haymitch's origin story!) in the teen room today. We'll be going to see the movie in November at The Garden. **GPL Young Professionals** - Brought to you by MassHire, the Young Professionals Club will meet monthly to help teens and young adults on their search for a job.				1	2	3
4 	5	6	7 Jeni's Watercolor Painting Workshop (drop-in) 2:30-4:30 	8	9 Half Day Halloween Craft Fest (with pizza) 11:30-2:30 	10
11	12 LIBRARY CLOSED	13 Teen Room Lo-Fi Lounge 2:30-4:30 	14	15	16 	17
18 	19 GPL Young Professionals Club (Conference Room) 3:30-4:40 Manga Club 3:45-4:45 	20	21	22 Sunrise on the Reaping Book Club & Hunger Games Fan Fest 3:30-4:30 	23	24
25	26	27	28 Comic Con at GHS	29	30 Teen Room Halloween Hang Out 2:30-4:30 	31 

For more information, contact Teen Librarian Francesca at 413-772-1544 x5120 or francesca.passiglia@greenfield-ma.gov
These are not school sponsored events.

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