November School Committee Student Report

Student Council - Student Council has many fun events coming up during the month of November which include volunteering in the Veterans Day 5K, WMASC fall conference to work on leadership skills with other councils in Western Mass, hosting a retreat where students will work on teamwork and problem solving as a group, Penny Wars, where students put pennies into their own grade's jar, and use other coins to sabotage other grades. The money will be donated at the end to a selected charity. 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. The group will be going back in December. Again this year, the group will host a Food Drive throughout November until the Thanksgiving break and donations from the community are always welcome in the GHS lobby. Lastly, the group is hosting the annual Turkey Trot with a run/walk, games, and hot apple cider!

Athletics - We started our Brad's Place Athlete of the Month program winners. Congratulations to September winner, volleyball player Amy Mihailicenco. What Coach Given says: Not only has she been an amazing asset to the volleyball team on the court, but she has shown to be an amazing co-captain to her teammates too. The last few games we have had, she has taken complete control over the ball and shown how good of a player she really is, between her consistent and amazing hits, her serves, and her sportsmanship for everyone that walks into the gym has been incredible to see. She doesn't hog the ball when on the court either, she sets up her teammates so they can hit, she encourages everyone on the team to do their best, and brings people up when they get in their head.
Amy gets along with everyone on the team, including the Jv and Freshman girls too. She shows her leadership in so many ways, including helping mentally and physically for her teammates to succeed in this sport. She has shown up to every practice and every game with a smile on her face and ready to play, she is the definition of being on that court to play volleyball and leaving everything else at the door.

For October was field hockey player Bella LaFleur!
What Coach Thayer says about Bella: Bella LeFleur is a senior defender, sometimes a midfielder who shows up on time and ready to go everyday! She gives 100% in everything she does. When asked to go out of her comfort zone, she does it!! I have watched her grow SO much over the past 6 years. She may be quiet but has become a player who has a silent confidence that shines through! So PROUD of you Bella!!

MIAA Playoffs. Seeds come out for volleyball and field hockey November 2nd. Keep an eye out on Arbiterlive for placement in the tournament!

Winter sports start November 30.

Student Spotlight -

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. 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 guests, 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.

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.

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!

Digital Wellness from Librarian Ms. Pollock -
In August, Meta (the parent company of Facebook and Instagram) settled (for $17 billion) a lawsuit claiming that their social media sites were designed with addictive features that are harmful to children and teens. (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health) This is both alarming and hopeful as social media platforms will now have to redesign their platforms to address the negative impacts we have been seeing in teens.

At GHS I have seen far fewer phones out among students this year, as teachers and administrators work to enforce the no phones policy set by the School Committee. I have encouraged students to see the no phone policy less as a restriction, but instead as an opportunity to have full access to their education and to the attention of their friends in real time while at school. In the first quarter of school, I've seen more students having conversations with each other, laughing together or helping each other with schoolwork. I believe that students may actually find that they have improved mental health and academic performance from having time off their devices during the school day.

Band - Marching band is beginning to wind down after a busy season of performances and making memories. We started our season at the Franklin County Fair Parade, performed our halftime show at 4 football games, took a few trips to UMass and The Big E, and showed our Halloween spirit at the RagShag parade! We only have one marching band performance left for the season in the Veterans Day parade. We'll be changing gears to get ready for concert season!

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.

AV Club - AV Club is off to a great start with several new 8th graders. Some are taking photos during club time, some are planning a short film, some are editing videos, and some are working with 3D design.

Artist of the Week -

