

## Student Report to School Committee – September 13, 2023

**Student Council** - The student council held a lock-in Sept 3 into the 4th. It was a night filled with team bonding activities, event planning, lip sync making, dodgeball playing, and memory making. 32 students were able to attend and had a wonderful time.

Now our attention is focused on planning for homecoming which will be Saturday, Sept 30. We will also be helping with the Green River Clean-up on Sept 23. On Monday, we held elections for the open positions for class officers in grades 9-12. We will hold elections for 8th grade in the coming weeks.

**French Club** - French Club welcomed over a dozen new members at our first meeting of the year! We're looking forward to apple picking later this month and a Fall informational meeting for our April 2024 trip to France. We're also selling pies and cookie dough through October 2nd to help fund this trip, and are actively looking for scholarship sources to allow more students access to this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Please see any current member to support our fundraising efforts. Our next meeting is Monday, October 2nd after school in Madame's room— new members always welcome!

**Green Room** - will be starting E-sports soon. Any student interested should contact Dan Sullivan in the math hallway or [dansull1@gpsk12.org](mailto:dansull1@gpsk12.org)

**Music Dept.** - band had another amazing year at band camp. They worked on their march skills and learning new music. They took 1st place in the Franklin County Fair Parade. They were bummed to miss out on the football game last week, but look forward to providing pep music this Friday at the game.

**Library Club** - Library Club will have its first meeting today to elect officers and plan a fun year ahead. We welcome new members and anyone who is interested can email the GHS librarian, Jessica Pollock, at [ghslibrarian@gpsk12.org](mailto:ghslibrarian@gpsk12.org).

**Yearbook** - seniors should be getting their senior pictures ready to send into the yearbook. Any local businesses that would like to sponsor an ad in the yearbook should contact Wil Carlino at [wilcar1@gpsk12.org](mailto:wilcar1@gpsk12.org)

**Spectrum** is looking forward to having our first meeting soon!

**Art Club** - We had our first meeting this year. We are looking forward to another great year.

**Key Club**-Our first project will be a campus cleanup at GHS and athletic fields. In October we will be participating in the YMCA Trunk or Treat Event . We will be choosing our book title and gearing up for the United Way Reading Program and the annual Green Wave Turkey Trot in November.

**Student life** - Wednesday, August 30th marked the beginning of the year for Greenfield High School students. We held an open house the prior Monday to allow new students, especially incoming eighth graders, to locate their classes and briefly acclimate to the year and environment ahead of them. It was great to see so many new faces and individuals ready to move into the school year.

The following Wednesday, September 6th, YONDR pouches were re-implemented in the building. While it comes as no surprise, students have expressed their dismay of the system's return, and are eager to see a new means of phone regulation implemented.

Last week also stands as a physically uncomfortable beginning to the year, as temperatures regularly climbed into the 90 - degree range. As a result classrooms became incredibly hot, especially those on the south - facing corners of the building. Some classrooms by the end of the day read 87 degrees on their interior thermometers, and others had to move to cooler rooms such as the computer labs or library in order to avoid the severe heat.

Historically schools have only been confronted with a couple of weeks of high heat, spread out across the beginning and end of the year. That seems to no longer be the case as temperatures continue to rise, and students and staff are subjected to high temperatures more frequently. For those stuck in these rooms reaching upwards of eighty degrees, learning, especially at the onset of the year, is hindered. For years it has been voiced by students that temperature control systems, especially air conditioning, are needed throughout the building. As this pattern continues, it is a continuously expressed concern of members of the building not in the few rooms with AC.