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Dear Bobcat Families:

It is hard to believe we are preparing for Winter Break! What a tremendous first semester we have had at GHHS! Please make sure you review the exam schedule included in this newsletter. The exam schedule can also be found on Page 5 of the student planner. Semester Exams begin on Monday, December 19th and conclude on Wednesday, December 21st. In preparation for semester exams, please encourage your son or daughter to ask for help if they are unsure about anything related to exams or the academic class in general. Enclosed you will find some general test taking tips for students to utilize.

As we look toward a New Year, I am reminded of what a strong school community we have and how fortunate we are to be able to work together to positively impact the lives of our students! Thank you for all your support and I wish each family a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

GO BOBCATS!
Dawn Sayre, Principal

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Band Concert	December 12	Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
Vocal Music	December 16	Auditorium	7:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A special congratulations to members of our 2011 Football Team for earning All-Ohio Honors: Oliver Rouch - 1st Team All- Ohio, Andy Treasure-2nd Team All-Ohio, and Jason Franks -Honorable Mention All-Ohio! As many of us know in the Grandview Community, we have one of the most motivated, talented and passionate head coaches in high school football. It is nice to know that others recognize this also, it is with great pride that I share the news that Coach Jason Peters was named 2011 Ohio Coach of the Year!

DECEMBER FACULTY MEETING

The December faculty meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8 at lunch. Lunch schedule for the faculty meeting is from 11:25 until 12:28.

OHIO GRADUATION TESTS/TERRA NOVA TESTS

This coming spring the Ohio Graduation Tests will be given to sophomores and the Terra Nova tests will be given to the freshmen during the week of March 12 through 16, shortly before spring break. If you have sophomore or freshman students, please make certain they attend that week and they do not begin spring break early. Passing the OGT tests is a graduation requirement.

EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday, December 19	Period 1 Exam	8:00 - 10:00
	Period 4 Exam	10:15 - 12:15
	Lunch	12:15 - 1:00
	Period 7 Exam	1:00 - 3:00
Tuesday, December 20	Review	8:00 - 9:00
	Period 2 Exam	9:00 - 11:00
	Lunch	11:00 - 12:00
	Period 5 Exam	12:00 - 2:00
Wednesday, December 21	Review	8:00 - 9:00
	Period 3 Exam	9:00 - 11:00
	Lunch	11:00 - 12:00
	Period 6 Exam	12:00 - 2:00

GUIDELINES FOR EXAMS

- Students will remain in their class for the entire examination period. Please plan accordingly.
- The cafeteria will be open for lunch each day.
- Students are not required to be at school until 9:00 a.m. on days when Review is available. Teachers will be available beginning at 8:00 a.m. for review.
- Students are permitted to not attend study hall if they have a note from their parents on file with the attendance office the day before. Students are not permitted to be in the hallways during the examination period.

Strategies to Help Increase Success BEFORE the Test:

Tip #1- Make sure you get a good night of sleep the night before (at least 8 or 9 hours). Research has shown that when your brain does not receive enough sleep, the portion of your brain responsible for thinking and processing does not function as well as when it has had adequate sleep.

Tip #2- Eat a breakfast of carbohydrates and protein. Carbohydrates will provide immediate energy, and proteins can be broken down to sustain your energy level. If you do not eat, your brain will be busy sending electrical signals to your digestive system to stimulate hunger cues, like a growling stomach. This growling will be distracting to you of course, but your brain will also be distracted from its thinking processes.

Tip #3- Dress in layers on test day. Room temperatures are beyond your control, but if you have on layers, like a sweatshirt over top of a tee shirt, you can adjust to the temperature of the room. If the room is too hot, you can take off a layer. If the room is too cold, you can put a sweatshirt on. When you are too hot or cold, your brain will be busy sending messages to your body to begin sweating or shivering. Your brain should be focusing on the test, and yes, it can multi-task, but doing several things at once will cause some things to not be done well. For example, I can watch television and iron at the same time, but when I do, I sometimes burn holes in my clothes.

Tip #4- Bring extra pencils and wear a watch. Bring peppermints if you are allowed to. Peppermints have been proven to heighten alertness. If you find yourself, getting sleepy or not focusing, pop a mint in your mouth. It will wake up your brain.

Strategies to Help Increase Success DURING the Test:

Tip #1- Read all of the directions. Do you want to be the student who fails because you did not follow the instructions? I wouldn't want to.

Tip #2- Stay relaxed and confident. Tell yourself that you are well prepared and are going to do well. If you feel anxious, take several slow deep breaths.

Tip #3- Read all passages and information that goes with the question. Take notes on the passage or circle key points made in the reading that you think may help you answer a question later. Pretend that you are making up the questions on that reading. What would you ask someone? Write down the answers to your questions off to the side of the reading. And, when you are ready to answer the real questions, keep the following points in mind:

ALL TEST QUESTIONS

- Read and follow directions closely.
- Read each question carefully to make sure you understand what it is asking.
- Pay special attention to emphasized text. (Bold, italics, uppercase, underlined)
- Study any pictures, charts, graphs, tables and captions presented.
- Answer all questions on the test. Do not leave any answer blank.
- Underline or circle important information.
- Budget time appropriately.
- Check answers carefully.

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

- Read all answer choices before choosing your response.
- Think about the answer before selecting the answer from the choices.
- Look at the answer choices and determine the information and/or procedures needed to find the solution.
- Be sure to fill in the bubbles correctly. Do not make any stray marks around answer spaces.
- Change your first answer choice only if you are certain it is incorrect.
- When changing answers make sure to erase completely.
- Use approximately one minute for each item answered.

EXTENDED RESPONSE QUESTIONS

1. Read each part of the question carefully.
2. Be sure to understand what the question is asking you to do.
3. Recall what you know about the science that is presented.
4. Think about what you have learned in class and/or by doing activities, practice or experiments.
5. Determine the science principle and procedures that apply to the situation presented.
6. Remember that multi-part questions require multi-part answers. Answer each part of the question.
7. Formulate and write a complete answer using scientific terms and concepts.
8. Clearly explain all relationships.
9. Keep your writing and drawings inside the box.
10. Show all work.
11. Appropriately label charts, graphs, tables, and illustrations.
12. Make sure answer is clear, accurate, and thorough.
13. Use scientific terminology correctly.
14. Avoid restating information provided in prompt and/or question.
15. Use approximately 5 minutes to answer short response items.
16. Use approximately 10-15 minutes to answer extended response items.
17. Lists, bullets and one-word answers may be used for specific parts of answers. Complete sentences are not necessary.

FROM GUIDANCE

Several great opportunities for scholarships are available from the Upper Arlington Rotary. These are offered to former graduates of GHHS and parents of current GHHS students. The first is called the Ambassadorial Scholarship and it provides \$25,000 to students currently in college who are considering graduate school or extended study after college. Though a fairly rigorous application process, students can go anywhere in the world where there is a Rotary Chapter and pursue graduate studies. All that is asked is that the student be in contact with the Rotary Chapter and promote goodwill between the chosen country and the United States. Because the process takes about a year, students must apply in their junior year of college. Some years ago a Grandview student won this and continued her studies in Oxford, England. It's a great opportunity. Another Rotary opportunity is the non-traditional scholarship for parents in the community. This \$1,000-\$2,000 scholarship is for retraining or additional education to make that career jump to the next level. For both of these scholarships, go to www.uarotary.org or see Mrs. McNaughton.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

Seniors who start and operate their own small business are encouraged to apply for a scholarship online. Visit www.NFIB.com/YEA for more information

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND HERFF-JONES are offering over \$125,000 in scholarships to student leaders across the country. All information, instruction and criteria can be downloaded from nassp.org/pla. The deadline is December 2, 2011.

ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST

Monetary rewards go to the top 3 entries in the Columbus and Dayton areas. Students are asked to write a 500 word essay in reference to MLK's "I have a Dream" speech given in 1963. Students must write about what Dr. King's message means to them and then describe how they will meet the challenge of making Dr. King's dream real. See Mrs. McNaughton for other details. Deadline is January 6, 2012.

PSAT SCORE REPORTS

PSAT scores will be distributed in English classes the week before winter break. Ask your child to share them with you over the holidays.

AP COURSES

Students who are in AP courses and plan to take the AP exams in May must turn in the \$87 test fee by Wednesday, February 29th to Judy Hauenstein in the main office.

GUIDANCE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Mark your calendars now! On Thursday, January 26 the guidance department will present their annual Financial Aid night at 7:00 p.m. in the Brotherhood of Rooks Media Center. Faith Phillips from OSU Newark will walk parents through the FAFSA form and answer questions regarding various financial aid programs. This meeting is not to be missed if you are a junior or senior parent and you are interested in receiving federal/state funds for college.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS DEADLINES

A reminder to parents of senior students -- many colleges have a January 15 deadline for submitting applications to their school. Please encourage your sons or daughters to get with their counselor to make sure that applications are turned in by Friday, December 2nd at the latest. Turning them in after that date will not insure them getting out by winter break.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES

Sometimes students are not always ready to go to college in the fall after graduation. Often termed "gap year" or prep year, these opportunities are primarily service oriented and provide students with enriching experiences that help to round out individuals and broaden their lives. Some are paid positions and some are connected to organizations like Americorp, Habitat for Humanity and City Year. Please contact your guidance counselor for more information.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

The National Youth Leadership Forum provides honors level students the opportunity to explore careers in Law, Medicine, National Security, Engineering and Technology, Business, Environment, International Relations or Music and the Arts. Typically students spend a week in the summer in one of several cities and engage in discussions, attend seminars and meet with top officials, research heads and business leaders. The cost is approximately \$3000 but the experience is life changing and the friendships everlasting. Contact your counselor for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

ESA Scholarship

Thirty-two scholarships are available and can be found at the following website:

www.esaintl.com/esaf/. Click on scholarship applications; click on lists of scholarships by state (Ohio); click on scholarship applications. A variety of different criteria apply and the scholarships range from \$500-\$2000.

US Bank Scholarship Program

Forty \$1000 scholarship are awarded in a random drawing. No essay. Deadline is March 31, 2012. Apply online at usbank.com/scholarship

Columbus/Grove City Elks Lodge - Most Valuable Student Scholarship - Awards range from \$4000 - \$6000.

- Deadline is January 2, 2012
- Application packages sent to:
Columbus/Grove City Elks #37
Box 642
2140 Sonora Drive
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Applicants must provide:

- Transcript
- Letters of recommendation
- Parent financial statement
- Evidence of leadership

Complete instructions available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars

US SCI Senate Foundation Scholarship - Fifteen scholarships of \$1000 awarded

- Students must choose either academic or need-base scholarship. Second and third places will be awarded lesser amounts
- Up to five letters of recommendation accepted
- Must be typewritten
- Awards and activities documented
- Transcript needed
- Personal statement (100-300 words) explaining chosen field of study
- Applications available in guidance center
- Deadline is January 6, 2012

Mensa Education and Research Foundation

- Must enroll in Post-Secondary Educational Institution in fall of 2012
- Essay required (no more than 550 words) describing applicant's career, vocational and educational goals
- Double spaced, one inch margins all around
- Deadline is January 15, 2012
- Applications available in guidance center

Central Ohio Chapter of Ohio Credit Union League is awarding six scholarships of \$1000 . After winning locally, students can compete for four statewide scholarships \$2500 each. Two short answer questions and one essay is required (up to four pages) about the state of the economy and credit unions. Deadline is February 10, 2012. Send completed application which can be found at www.cocc.org to Dave Cottone, 3955 West Dublin Granville Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

BURGER KING SCHOLARSHIPS

One national award of \$25,000

Five regional awards of \$5,000

Additional awards of \$1,000

Additional awards as determined by the Have It Your Way Foundation.

To be eligible students must have a 2.5 GPA and going to a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution.

- All applications must be completed online using Foxfire, Internet Explorer (IE 7 or 8) or Safari
- Needs list of work experiences
- Transcript of grades (counselor will send)
- All applications must be completed with standard capitalization of names, streets, states etc.
- Deadline for submission is January 10, 2012

Apply at www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html

WalMart Dependent Scholarship

This is a scholarship for dependents of WalMart employees. The amount is \$13,000 over 4 years.

- Deadline is January 14, 2011

Students apply online at www.walmartfoundation.org

CAREER CENTER AWARDS – 1st QUARTER

Perfect Attendance Award – Downtown Career HS

Corey Delpra, Culinary

Emma Walters, Cosmetology

Academic Achievement Award

Fort Hayes

Allie Meyers, Art Portfolio

Hayley Meyers, Art Portfolio

Downtown Career HS

Corey Delpra, Culinary

Emma Walters, Cosmetology

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

WINTER BREAK – Thursday, December 22nd through Wednesday, January 4th. School reopens Thursday, January 5th.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., DAY - January 16th – NO SCHOOL

SPRING BREAK IS APRIL 2 THROUGH APRIL 9. School reopens April 10th.

EXTRA, EXTRA.....READ ALL ABOUT IT!

OCTOBER CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as Citizens of the Month for November, 2011. Students were treated to lunch at the Knotty Pine Restaurant .

9th Grade

Meredith Cox
Willis Day

11th Grade

Corey Delpra
Molly Goodykoontz

10th Grade

Halli Bair
Adam Hale

12th Grade

Kyleah Burton-Smiles
Tyler Wernet

TARGET REWARDS

Remember when you shop at Target let them know that the school you support is Grandview Heights High School. The funds we receive from Target are used for various student organizations. Thank you

TOP DRIVER EDUCATION

Top Driver is again offering driver education classes at Grandview Heights High School this school year. The first class of the year is now underway but there will be three more sessions throughout the year. The next two sessions have been scheduled for January 17th through February 10th, and March 15 through April 7. These classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and meet in Room 121. The cost of the classes are based on which package you choose.

If you are interested, please call Top Driver at 1-800-374-8373 for more information.

CHECK IT OUT.....from Mr. Johnson

Check out The Word (grandviewschools.org/word), our school news and video website produced by Journalism students.

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**GRANDVIEW CIVIC WELFARE CLUB LUMINARY SALE**

Members of the Grandview Civic Welfare Club will be selling luminary supplies in the Grandview Heights Public Library on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the last two weekends before Christmas. The proceeds from the Grandview Civic Luminary sale will fund scholarships for Grandview seniors. Grandview Civic awarded three \$1000 scholarships last year.

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DATES FOR 2011-2012

- Holiday Band Concert: December 12 – 7:00 p.m.
- Vocal Holiday Concert: December 15 – 7:00 p.m.
- Mid-Term Exams: December 19-21
- Professional Development Day – December 22
- FAFSA Night (Financial Aid): January 26, 7:00 p.m.
- Late Start/Professional Development: February 2, 8:00 - 10:15a.m.
- Band Concert: February 15
- “Oklahoma!”: March 8-10
- OGT Testing - March 12-17
 - Make-up March 19-23
- Band Cake Walk: March 23 – 6:30 p.m.
- Spring Break - April 2-9
- NHS Induction Ceremony: April 12
- Band Concert: April 18
- Prom: April 21-Amelita Mirolo Barn-4395 Carriage Hill Lane
- Cap & Gown/Senior Group Picture: May 4 – 8:50 a.m.
- High School Honors Ceremony: May 6 – 7:00 p.m.
- AP Testing - May 7-11 and May 14-18
- Homeroom Olympics: May 11
- 5th Grade Camp: May 9-11
- Spring Vocal Cabaret: May 12, 7:00 p.m.
- Senior Walk: May 16
- Senior Scholarship Night: May 16 - 7pm
- Senior Finals: May 17-18
- Spring Vocal Concert/Awards Night: May 17 – 7:00 p.m.
- Senior Trip (Cedar Point): May 14-15
- Senior Scholarship Night – May 16 -7:00pm
- Senior Service Day: May 22
- Star Mothers’ Band Concert: May 24
- 6th Grade Camp: May 22-25
- Graduation Practice: May 25
- Graduation: May 27

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