

OCTOBER ATECH Meeting

Grand Valley High School

October 5, 2023



Please use your Grand Valley email address and check your account regularly. This is how you will receive information about events, tryouts, graduation, college visits, etc.

Please also join the **GVHS Guidance Google Classroom (pgvwwec)** for important information regarding communications from home base. The **Senior Class Google Classroom (v6myopu)** is now up and running. Please see this classroom for important information regarding graduation throughout the year.

Please encourage your families to follow the school's **social media posts** regarding

upcoming events on homebase. Media posts go to our live feed, (X) Twitter, and the school Facebook.

Please watch the **ATECH announcements**. Important announcements posted at homebase are also included at ATECH through your announcement system.

Please view the online monthly calendar found on the Grand Valley Website for updated events and our Year-At-A- Glance Calendar.



Ms. Cozad's Principal News:

"There will be a pep rally at GVHS on Friday, October 6 during the 7th period at GV!

Please make sure your Final Forms are completed to be able to attend, otherwise, you will have to sit in the office until the end of the day. Also, if you plan to attend Homecoming you must have your Final Forms completed as well."



Teacher Announcements:

****Mr. Dawson will collect senior photos and baby photos. Photos are typically due in MARCH. Please be sure to check school emails.**

Senior Class advisors are Mrs. Orosz and Mrs. Newell. Please feel free to reach out to them with questions via email or see their senior classroom (v6myopu).

Jostens will come directly to ATECH to place graduation orders following a visit to GV. (The homebase meeting is being held on October 10th.) Please watch your announcements at ATECH carefully to pick up your JOSTEN's CAP & GOWN packets. Typically the Josten's packets are due in December. Orders can be placed online at jostens.com

PARCHMENT: Parchment is the online tool we use to send out **transcripts**. You will need to have your account registered and up and running. If you would like a transcript sent to a college, technical school, or employer, you will need to make a request for it online. Please find the parchment service at the bottom of our school webpage or access it at: <https://www.parchment.com/>

*Passwords for PARCHMENT & pdf direction packets will be distributed at the ATECH Counselor's meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023.

FSA IDs/FAFSA: GVHS encourages ALL seniors to create their FSA IDs, complete the FAFSA, and to narrow down their college admission options. In November, we will encourage students to complete their college applications. Information on the FSA IDs was also distributed to all seniors closer to the December window of the FAFSA opening for the Fall of 2024 students. Please reach out if you need assistance or see the ATECH ACCESS advisor for a one-on-one.

THE COMMON APP.

Consider completing just ONE college application for multiple colleges with the **Common App**. Directions, info, a list of colleges this will work for, etc. can all be found at <https://www.commonapp.org/>

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: If you fill out the Common App or a college application, please give the teachers a two+ week window to accommodate any recommendations they may need to complete. Also, please be sure to send

them a courtesy email (or talk to them in person) explaining the impending task. :)

Grand Valley will host a Financial Aid Night for all parents & students on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the study hall. We will have a guest speaker, Lisa Jackson, from Kent State University's Financial Aid Office to give a presentation on loans, grants, FSA IDs, the new FAFSA process, etc. She will also host a Q & A series for anyone interested. Appointments for one-on-one help can also be made with Ms. Jackson following the informational session. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Mrs. Brumit's google classroom code (**pgvwwec**) can help you with quick links to many junior and senior resources. Please check this out. It includes a senior checklist timeline, FAFSA info, SAR guidance, links to local colleges for post secondary options, info on applications & the Common APP, scholarships, O*NET, Shout outs, etc.

Mrs. Gibbons asks that you take care of any dues or class fees you may have. Feel free to contact her at michelle.gibbons@grandvalley.school for an update on any fees owed. Diplomas cannot be

issued if you do not pay your school fees and dues.

FEE WAIVERS: If you are on free/reduced lunch, you are eligible for a fee waiver for any college application. Please see your counselor for a fee waiver for the ACT or any colleges you apply to if you qualify for free/reduced lunch.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Volunteer hours need to be turned into Mrs. Gibbons at the beginning of May for recognition at graduation. Students who secure 50 volunteer hours throughout high school will receive special honors at graduation. Students who secure 20 hours will earn the graduation seal for community service at GV. Please submit these hours as you complete them.

OUR ACCESS CORNER:

INFO FROM MRS. SMOLINSKI, Our ACCESS Advisor:

Please see the COLLEGE INFO on our school website.

Kent State is offering Flash Medical Day on October 13, 2023. Please see the Ashtabula branch website to register if you are interested in a healthcare field.

ACCESS is hosting the College Fair on October 6, 2023. Please see your ACCESS advisor for more information.

EVENTS NEWS:

Homecoming:

Homecoming weekend is being held October 6 & 7. Friday night will host the parade, crowning, & homecoming game. Saturday, the dance will take place from 7-10 in our auditoria. Tickets are \$10 each or 2 for \$15. Please bring exact change or write checks to Grand Valley Local Schools. Mrs Tager can assist all ATECH students with ticket sales or guest permission forms at the front desk before the ATECH bus takes off. Mrs. Rowland is our Student Council advisor (carrie.rowland@grandvalley.school) if you have any specific homecoming-related questions.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2023 HOMECOMING COURT:

9th: Lydia Prah & Hunter Costlow

10th: Harmony Gibbs & Trenton Murduck

11th: Scarlet Morse & Sammy Goforth

12th: Jasmine Easton, Abbey Eland, Chloe Freeman, Makayla Hopes, Kristen Mooney, & Alyssa Younker; Aiden Baker, Kamden Cotrell,

Teagan Fenton, Damien Malecki, Jerry Schultz, & Logan Zirzow

THE GV DISTRICT PEP RALLY will be held on Friday, October 6th at 1:45 p.m. WEAR YOUR BLUE & WHITE!!!

SPORTS NEWS:


Informational sessions have been scheduled for those interested in boys' basketball (Mr. Turk), girls' basketball (Mr. Sirriner), and indoor track (Mr. Fisher & Mr. Cardaman). Please reach out to Mr. Hall, our athletic director, if you have any questions about our upcoming sports opportunities.

THE MUSTANG STABLE CORNER:

If you should need any assistance with clothing, hygiene products, resource connections, school supplies, household supplies, support groups, or community engagement, please feel free to reach out to Miss M, our Mustang Stable's Community Liaison. You can call her at 440-805-4565 or email the stable@grandvalley.school

Scholarship Opportunities

Mrs. Gibbons does a great job posting scholarship opportunities in the guidance office. **Most applications do not come to our local office until January.** Please feel free to

see the Guidance Google Classroom section on Scholarships for a full list of national scholarships which you may be looking at currently if you are a senior. 

ACT

Last day to register for the October 28, 2023 ACT is Friday, October 6, 2023 WITH A LATE FEE. The last day to register for the December 9, 2023 test is November 3, 2023. Remember students on free and reduced lunch can qualify for two free vouchers for taking the ACT. See Mrs. Brumit or your ATECH counselor for help. Registration can occur at: <https://www.act.org/>

End-of-Course Exams & Credit Detail

Please check to see if you have passed all the necessary assessments to graduate. You must acquire a 684+ on the ELA II and Algebra required end-of-course exams, earn 2 seals, as well as complete all required coursework. Please see your testing coordinator or email Mrs. Brumit (carrie.brumit@grandvalley.school) if you would like an update.

FINAL FORMS: If you have not completed your FINAL FORMS documents, please do so immediately. Information regarding FINAL FORMS has been sent to your email address.

COMMUNICATION:

Please share all information discussed

in our ATECH packet with your families at home.

Information from our monthly meetings and pertinent announcements can be found on the bulletin board assigned to GV in your lunchroom. The ATECH announcement portal also rotates our important announcements from homebase. Finally, please check your GV email frequently as this is how you will access important information.



A Message from Mrs. Brumit, GVHS School Counselor:

Please reach out to me via email or phone if there is anything I can do to help you or anything you might need.
(carrie.brumit@grandvalley.school or 440-805-4547)

Stay safe and stay positive. Wishing each of you well! :) Mrs. Brumit