

DECEMBER ATECH Meeting

Grand Valley High School

December 8, 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 (pgvvwec)** 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:

I know this is a busy time of the year. Wishing you, and all those close to you, the very best as you close out this year and approach the holiday season!

I am looking forward to the approaching annual REINDEER GAMES, which will be held on Wednesday, December 20th at 1:45. Mark

your calendar and wear your Christmas sweater.

See you soon and happy holidays!

Sincerely,

Ms. Cozad

Teacher Announcements:

****Mr. Dawson will collect senior photos and baby photos. Photos are typically due on March 15th. You will need your Grand Valley google log in to access the folder to submit your photo.**

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 orders for seniors should be complete. Orders can be placed online at jostens.com following these steps:

1. Go to *jostens.com*
2. Select *Find My School/Group Store*
3. Select *Grand Valley, Ohio*
4. Click *Graduation "Shop"*
5. Select Shop All

6. Select *Cap & Gown Unit \$31.00*
7. Select "*No thanks*"
8. Add to cart & finalize payment (\$33.09)

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 were distributed at the ATECH Counselor's meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023 and earlier in that week at GV homebase.

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. ATECH students will receive an FSA Id session on their campus. (GV

homebase seniors will receive FSA Id help the week of November 6th during 3A.) All seniors will receive the FSA ID steps document for how to create an account. 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. :)

Anyone needing assistance with the FAFSA can schedule a one-on-one session with Lisa Jackson from Kent State Ashtabula's Financial Aid Office. You do not need to be attending Kent in order to receive the office's free assistance.

Mrs. Brumit's google classroom code (**pgvvwec**) 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.

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

The last day to register for the February 10, 2024 ACT test is January 5, 2024. 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.

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

SAFETY NUMBERS:

CALL	Emergency: 911 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988 Ashtabula Area Resources: 211
TEXT	Crisis Text Line: Text - 4hope to 741741
TWEET	The Lifeline: Twitter - @800273TALK