

# MARCH

## ATECH Meeting

### Grand Valley High School

March 8, 2024



**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:

**The winter formal was a huge success! It was great to see all of you who attended. Spring break is coming up, the sun is shining, and we are getting closer and closer to the end of the school year. Please make sure you stay in contact with Grand Valley as we come close to the end of the school year. Don't forget, your attendance at ATECH is just as important as it is when you attend**

**Grand Valley. The month of March kicks off spring sports so if you are interested in participating in spring sports, don't forget that you still have the right to come back to Grand Valley and be an athlete after your school day at ATECH. If I don't see many of you before spring break I hope you get an opportunity to relax, enjoy some sunshine, and some time with your families.**

**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. Mr. Dawson sent out an email in February to all seniors explaining how to access the Google Shared Folder. He also included a video on how to upload your senior and baby photos. If you submit a baby photo, he asks that you put your name on the file when you upload it to ensure they know who it belongs to. Please check your email for these specific**

**directions. (The email thread is attached to this flyer in a print out.) Mr. Dawson said that if you are having trouble feel free to email him separately with the photo AND your name.**

**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). They recently emailed all seniors and posted to their google classroom for important upcoming dates:**

**BACCALAUREATE: May 13**

**SENIOR PICTURE/  
BREAKFAST/REHEARSAL/ SCHOLARSHIP  
CEREMONY: May 17**

**GRADUATION: May 19**

**Jostens orders for seniors should be complete.** Orders can be placed online at [jostens.com](https://www.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 received FSA Id help the week of November 6th during 3A.) All

seniors received 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.**

**\*FAFSA is experiencing some delays. Please plan accordingly when managing**

## **scholarships and your final decisions on your college search.**

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.

**COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS:** To participate in the CCP program, you need a letter of intent completed each year by April 1st for the following school year. The letter of intent is currently available for the 2024-2025 school year. Please be sure to complete one if you are considering participating in this program.

**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. We take a final count of community service forms at the start of May each school year.

## **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

**Youth Opportunities** is an enrichment program in Ashtabula County available for students ages 14-24. They work to provide life skill incentives and eliminate barriers inhibiting success for young adults. As we conducted a YO! Drive in December, we are

still able to get you an application at any time. YO! can assist with monetary incentives for attendance or grades, help with driver's education fees, VLA coursework fees, finding a job, building a resume, transportation ... the list is endless. If you could benefit from this organization or have questions, please reach out to Miss M at the Mustang Stable for assistance and a referral. (Contact information can be found in the preceding paragraph.)

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

Mrs. Gibbons does a great job posting scholarship opportunities in the guidance office. **Applications are rolling in.** Please feel free to see the Guidance Google Classroom section on Scholarships for a full list of national/local scholarships which you may be looking at currently if you are a senior. If you are at ATECH, please see your school counselor for help with those which they may only have available in their buildings. 

## **ACT**

The last day to register for the April 13, 2024 ACT test is March 8, 2024. Late registration is still available. 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. Seniors who have not secured the test scores needed for **OPTION 1** graduation pathway will need to explore an alternative pathway according to the career, CCP, military, or ACT pathways available to you. 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 homepage. 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:

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