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# GMHS Fall PAC

## 10/16/23

# **GMHS Fall Pac 2023**

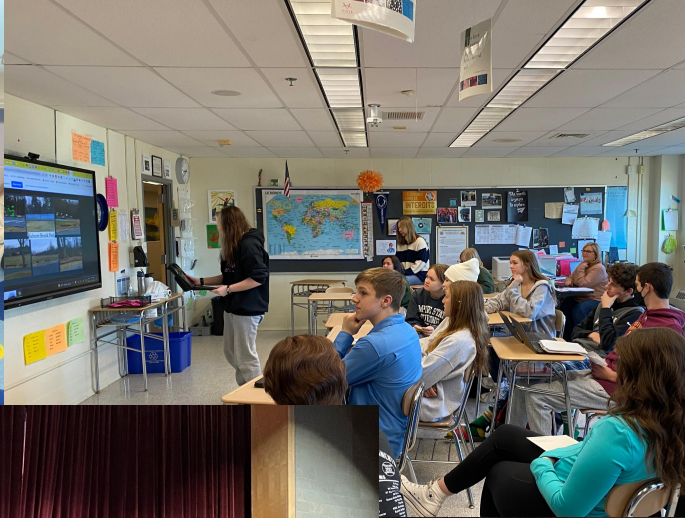
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# ***WE are GMHS!***

- ❖ ***A small town high school with a global vision, blending three communities of Granby, Hartford & Hartland, and cultivating Curiosity, Perseverance, Integrity, Involvement and Respect.***
- ❖ ***We strive to widen minds, hearts and horizons, and to remove barriers inhibiting opportunities.***
- ❖ ***We strive to support each and every learner to contribute positively to our world and succeed in college, career and life.***











# **Celebrations!**

*Contribute to our World*

- 1. 18th in CT US News Best High Schools!**
- 2. Juniors meeting SAT benchmark in Math increased 10% from PSAT!**
- 3. 92% of class of '23 took at least one of our 32 Separate College Credit courses!**
- 4. 85% of AP testers scored 3+, highest % in last 6 years!**
- 5. College/Career Pathways, Partnership Program, CTE Advisory Board and Career Fair!**
- 6. CT finalist Poetry Out Loud, near 100% GMHS students participated**
- 7. Conference champs in Girls Volleyball, 49 Bears All Conference, 12 All State, 5 All NE!**
- 8. Several Graduates earned Seal of Biliteracy!**
- 9. Clubs raised thousands for local causes**
- 10. 5 Whole School Assemblies!**
- 11. Brand New Broadcasting Facility and Bears Broadcasts!**
- 12. Brand New Kitchen, Cafeteria, Music, Tech and Culinary Spaces and Roof!**



# Vision of the Graduate



## Resourceful Learners

- ❖ Ask questions and identify problems or challenges
- ❖ Identify strategies and methods for personal success
- ❖ Explore and connect areas of interest
- ❖ Set goals and persist in achieving these goals
- ❖ Gather and evaluate a variety of sources and perspectives
- ❖ Synthesize information and create solutions
- ❖ Solve complex problems by applying approaches from multiple disciplines

## Effective Communicators

- ❖ Listen closely and respectfully participate in discourse
- ❖ Value diverse voices and viewpoints
- ❖ Prepare a message for an identified purpose and audience
- ❖ Express ideas clearly in a variety of ways
- ❖ Support arguments with evidence
- ❖ Adapt and adjust thinking based on feedback and new learning
- ❖ Use tools and technology flexibly and strategically

## Positive Contributors

- ❖ Develop meaningful connections with others
- ❖ Collaborate for a common goal
- ❖ Exhibit compassion and empathy
- ❖ Make healthy and responsible decisions
- ❖ Use personal talents and knowledge to contribute to society
- ❖ Demonstrate civic responsibility
- ❖ Understand that actions have impact on the local community, the country and our global society

# Up and Coming

## OCTOBER

- M 10-16 - F 10/20 - Homecoming Spirit Week
- W 10/18 - College Fair, CIP at BOE
- T 10/24 - Blood Drive
- Th 10/26 - Picture Retakes, NHS Induction Ceremony
- T 10/31 - Halloween, End of Q1



## **NOVEMBER**

- **W 11/1 – Start of Q2**
- **T 11/7 – No School / PD**
- **W 11/8 – Veteran’s Day Celebration (11/11 Veterans Day)**
- **Th 11/9 - Career and Technical Education Breakfast**
- **F-S 11/10 – 11/12 - Drama Club’s “A Christmas Carol”**
- **M-F 11/13 – 11/17 World Kindness Week**
- **TH 11/16 – No PLC / ER – PM Conferences**
- **W 11/22 – Early Release**
- **TH 11/23 - 11/24 – No School / Thanksgiving Holiday**

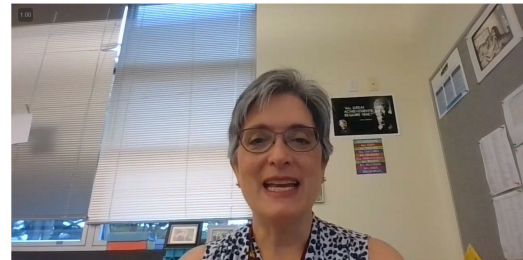
# **GMHS Continuous Improvement Goals**

- **Goal 1A Achievement - Increase % of 9th, 10th and 11th graders at benchmark on PSAT**
- **Goal 1B. Opportunity - Every student enrolls in at least one college credit-bearing course (AP ECE, CCP, HSPP) while in high school**
- **Goal 2: Improve frequency and effectiveness of communication that captures and celebrates our school community**
- **Goal 3 - Collaborate to craft shared expectations and processes to create safe, supportive and inclusive and socially-emotionally responsive school and classroom communities that foster belonging and emotional well-being for all learners**
- **Goal 4 - Manage budget to maximize efficiencies while increasing needed supports for struggling students**
- **Goal 5 - Improve systems/practices to maximize equitable opportunities for all students.**
- **Goal 6 - Develop departmental leader/team capacity to clarify learning outcomes, use protocols to calibrate student work, examine learning evidence, share best instructional practices, and improve feedback and opportunities for revision**





# Communication



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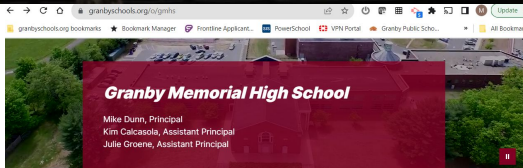
## SAVE THE DATE

### GMHS Career & Technical Education Fall Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
7:15 am – 8:15 am  
GMHS


The CTE Advisory Board is a collaboration between teachers, administrators, the business industry, and the community.

The goal is to collectively share ideas, trends, and expertise in order to best prepare GMHS student for college and career.



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### High School Athletic Schedules

Fall Winter Spring

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### PEP Rally

Pepp Rally Bell Schedule  
10.13.23

click here for schedule

8 days ago, Mike Dunn, Principal

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# Opportunities to Earn College Credit at GMHS

**There are five ways to pursue college credit at the high school:**

1. **College Career Pathway Program (CCP)** through Asnuntuck Community College
2. **College Connections Program** through CT Community College System - @Asnuntuck Community College (manufacturing technology, electronics and welding)
3. **The Partnership Program** Asnuntuck Community College
4. **Advanced Placement** Courses through the College Board
5. **The Early College Experience (ECE) Program** through the University of Connecticut

# Why Pursue College Credits?

- Challenge/rigor in an area of study
- Skills practiced in high school help the transition to college expectations
- Favorably viewed in the college application process
- Financial Savings per credit hour to take classes in high school



## Benefits While in College

- Register for college courses in an earlier cohort or other benefits associated with credits
- Allow student to take less college courses in a semester and not be behind (student athletes, illness, transition needs)
- Potentially graduate early/Obtain an additional minor/major and not add time.



# The Connecticut Community College System

## IMPORTANT UPDATE:

As of the Fall of 2023, Connecticut's 12 community colleges have consolidated into one singly accredited institution to sustain and enhance education quality, affordability and accessibility.

Individual campuses remain such as Asnuntuck (Enfield), Manchester or Capital (Hartford) however all are referred to as the Connecticut Community College.

# College Board Advanced Placement: AP Program



- Courses offered at the high school
- Students sit for the AP exam the first two weeks in May
  - Financial aid available for students who qualify
- Exam graded on a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high)
- Consult with individual college/university re: AP test policy.
- Generally speaking, students need to earn a grade of 3,4, or 5 on the AP Exam in order to qualify for college credit.

# **Advanced Placement Program “AP Courses”**

**GMHS is proud to offer 22 different AP courses across the curriculum.**

**AP Portfolio, AP Music Theory**

**AP Capstone Seminar, AP Capstone Research**

**AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics**

**AP English Language, AP English Literature**

**AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics**

**AP French, AP Spanish**

**AP European, AP US History, AP Comparative Gov't and Politics, AP US Government & Politics, AP Psychology**



# College Connections Program CT Comm College @ Asnuntuck

- Tour the college to explore the program in spring of sophomore year and apply for junior and seniors years. [LINK](#)
- Select from one the following technical areas: electronics and mechatronics, machining, or welding.
- Granby pays the college tuition for students
- Applicants must be in good academic standing with credits/requirements
- Students attend GMHS periods 1-5, and attend the college periods 6-8
- Earn high school credits *and* college credits.
- College credits can be applied towards an associate degree following high school

# College Career Pathway Program thru Asnuntuck•

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College credits can be earned through Asnuntuck by enrolling (and earning an 80 or better in grades 10, 11 or 12 in the following articulated GMHS courses:

Application is free, student must submit application in the semester the 2nd course is completed---no exception! Can't pull thru credit after the fact.

• *Intro to Business and Personal Finance – 3 credits*

• *OR*

• *Intro to Business and Marketing – 3 credits*

• *Environmental Science 1 and 2 – 3 credits*

# Partnership Program through Connecticut Community College System

An opportunity for a high school to take a an entry level level course (up to four credits each semester) held at the community college.

**Qualifications:** high school junior or senior years with a high school average of B (80) or higher.

The course is *free of tuition and fees* but the family is responsible for the transportation to/from the college and the cost of books and materials.

Students earn college credit for a grade of C or better. This opportunity occurs at the beginning of the college fall and spring semesters.

Fall-Late August

Spring-January

# UConn Early College Experience Program



- Courses are offered @GMHS
- Student registers for the course in June of previous school year on the UConn ECE Website and pay the tuition & fees
- [LINK](#)
- Student must earn a grade of C or better to receive university credit
- Credit is highly transferable to other colleges/universities across the USA “portable credit”



# Current UCONN/ECE Course Offerings at GMHS

COURSE TITLE	Credits
AP/ UCONN ECE United States History	6
AP/UCONN ECE English Language and Composition *College Credit earned for either UCONN ECE English in grade 11 or 12 (ENG 1007)	4*
AP/UCONN ECE English Literature *College Credit earned for either UCONN ECE English in grade 11 or 12 (ENG 1007)	4*
Honors/UCONN ECE American Studies	3
AP/UCONN ECE Spanish V	6
AP/UCONN ECE French V	6
Honors/UCONN ECE Economics	3
AP/ECE Music Theory	3

# Career Exploration/ Preparation Activities

- [Job Shadow Day](#)
- [Career Exploration and Job Shadow Field Trips](#)
- [Junior Achievement](#)
- Cooperative Work Education
- [ACE Mentoring](#), [Ensign-Bickford Aerospace & Defense](#)
- Mentorships/ Internships ([UEL](#)P)

# Other “Real World” Opportunities

- [DECA](#)
- [Senior Capstone Project](#) (Outside Expert Requirement)
- [Introduction to Business Final Project](#)  
(Business Operations Research)
- Practical Arts Courses ([CTE](#))
  - Business Education, FACS, Technology



# **Future Topics, partnership with GMMS & FVHD**

- **Student Mental Health and Wellness**
- **Social Media and Cell Phones**
- **Grading, Homework and Feedback**
- **FY25 Budget Overview - Spring**

# Questions?