



# WOLVERINE NEWS

Griswold Public Schools Monthly Newsletter

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From the Office of the Superintendent:

Dear Families & Friends:

November is a busy month. In addition to the shift to cooler temperatures, we have many fun-filled activities in our district, including homecoming, spirit week, and activities planned by a newly formed Griswold Public Schools Alumni Association. You will be hearing more about his wonderful organization in the upcoming months. If you are a GPS alum and you want to know more about this organization, please reach out at [griswoldalumni@gmail.com](mailto:griswoldalumni@gmail.com).



Be sure to review our calendar as November is also a month with a few "no school" days for our students. In addition to the Thanksgiving Break, there is no school for students on Election Day and Veterans Day.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe, happy, Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sincerely yours,

Sean P. McKenna,  
Superintendent of Schools

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Griswold Public Schools would not be successful without the continued support of all parents and community members, so thank you!

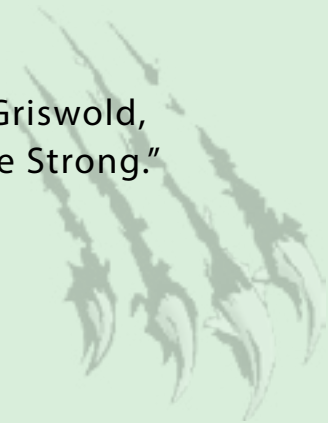
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to communicate with your child's school or with Mr. McKenna's office directly.

Mr. McKenna can be reached by calling 860-376-7600 or via email at [smckenna@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:smckenna@griswoldpublicschools.org).

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/04: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/06: Professional Development Day, no school. Also, it's Election Day
- 11/12: Veterans Day, no school
- 11/13: BOE meeting, 6pm, GMS Library Media Center
- 11/12-11/16: American Education Week
- 11/14: District Partnership Advisory Council, 7pm, GMS Media Center
- 11/18-11/24: National Family Week
- 11/21: Early Dismissal-Thanksgiving Break begins
- 11/22 & 11/23: Thanksgiving Break--no school
- 11/26: BOE meeting, 6pm, GMS Library Media Center

"We are Griswold,  
Wolverine Strong."



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## GES NEWS

Dear Families:

We want to thank you all for a successful Parent Teacher Conference turn-out. Our strong partnership with you, the families, contributes greatly to the success of your child and therefore, the success of our school. Our participation numbers were close to 90%. That is outstanding!

With autumn upon us, and winter around the corner, the weather turns colder very quickly. Please note that proper attire is necessary for outside play. It may be beneficial to dress your child in layers.

WE ARE GETTING IN THE SPIRIT at GES!

The 2018 National Red Ribbon Week theme is: "Life Is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free.™" The National Family Partnership organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign. NFP provides drug awareness by sponsoring the annual National Red Ribbon Campaign™. Since its beginning in 1985, the Red Ribbon has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. GES will celebrate with our Spirit Week.

Specific dates of meetings and other GES events can be found on our website; to the GES homepage, click [here](#).

Mr. B and Ms. Love

"We, try our best, to do our best, to be our best"

### GES DATES AHEAD

11/21	Half Day - Early Dismissal 1:10pm
11/22 & 11/23	Thanksgiving Break - No School



## GMS NEWS

Dear GMS Families:

GMS recently held our 21st annual spirit week and Red Ribbon Rally. It was a great event which had guest speaker, Resident Trooper Cote, talk about making good decisions and committing to being drug and alcohol free. Former GPS student Dan Johnson also put on a performance for our school that sent a positive message to our students.

Our next big event at GMS was the Veteran's Day Assembly on 11/9. Veterans and current enlisted members of our military who are related to anyone at GMS will be honored that day. We hosted a nice breakfast in the cafeteria followed by a great ceremony in our gymnasium. It's always a pleasure honoring those who have risked their lives for our country.

On 11/16, we will have our annual "Walk Your Can a Mile" event where our students bring in canned goods that will be donated to a local food pantry. The whole school will be walking around campus to get donations and also to build a sense of community.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on 11/14 and 11/15 this year. Both of those days will be half days for students. On 11/14, conferences will be from 12:30-2:30 pm. On 11/15, conferences will be from 12:30-2:30 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

Lastly, Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching and we here at GMS are so thankful for our students and families, our staff, and community. Please enjoy the upcoming holiday and reach out to us if you ever need anything.

Sincerely,

Mr. LaBossiere & Mr. V.

### GMS DATES AHEAD

11/14	½ Day - 12:30-2:30 PT Conferences
11/15	½ Day - 12:30-2:30/6:00-8:00 PT Conferences
11/16	Walk Your Can a Mile
11/21	½ Day, Thanksgiving Break
11/22 & 11/23	Thanksgiving Break - No School

# GHS NEWS

Dear Parents and Families:

We close out the month of October and enter November celebrating GHS with our Spirit Week. We had a successful pep rally, parade, football game, and Homecoming during this period. It has been exciting to see student and staff participation in Spirit Week!

November 2nd marked the end of our first quarter! It is hard to believe we are through the first quarter already; it is important to continue to work together to foster high academic expectations in preparation for post-secondary success. We are strategic in holding Parent-Teacher Conferences following the close of the first quarter (to be held November 14th and 15th). Please take the time to schedule appointments with teachers -- we especially want to collaborate with you if your child is having challenges in his/her courses. Please contact the main office if you need more information (information was sent in the memo dated Friday, 10/26/2018).

Please come and support GHS students in our Fall production of *Heaven Can Wait*. The show will run on Friday, November 9th and Saturday, November 10th at 7 p.m. in the GHS Auditorium. We hope to see you there!

We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving as we enter this holiday season. We are most thankful for this Griswold community.

## Important Dates Ahead:

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| 11/14 & 11/15: | Parent-Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal Days at noon |
| 11/21:         | Half Day  |
| 11/22-11/23:   | Thanksgiving Break  |

Most Sincerely,

Mrs. Palonen & Ms. Macrino



## SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Medicaid Reimbursement for Griswold Public Schools! Every Penny Counts!

Griswold Public Schools participates in the Connecticut Medicaid School Based Child Health Program. This program allows school districts to receive funding for services that are provided to eligible students who receive special education related services listed in their IEP and qualify for Medicaid (HUSKY) benefits.

Examples of these services are Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Therapy, Hearing services, Psychological services, Social Work, and Nursing.





COFFEE  
& CHAT

*With the*  
SUPERINTENDENT

All are welcome to join Superintendent Sean McKenna and other stakeholders at a “Coffee & Chat” session. These sessions are held at 6pm in the Superintendent’s office in Griswold Middle School. The “Coffee & Chat” sessions are held an hour before our District Partnership Advisory Council meetings on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 14th

Wednesday, February 13th

Wednesday, March 13th

Wednesday, April 10th

Wednesday, May 8th

Wednesday, May 22nd



## CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW GHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES



**GMS ANNUAL VETERANS DAY  
CELEBRATION  
THANK YOU, VETERANS!!!**

## **GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

Our Board of Education meetings are usually the second and fourth Monday of each month. When there is a long weekend with a Monday holiday, that BOE meeting would shift to a Tuesday. During the budget season, the Board of Education meets more frequently.

November 13th (Tuesday), 2018  
November 26th, 2018  
December 10th, 2018  
January 14th, 2019  
January 22nd (Tuesday), 2019  
January 28th, 2019  
February 4th, 2019-Public Hearing  
February 11th, 2019  
February 25th, 2019  
March 11th, 2019  
March 25th, 2019  
April 8th, 2019  
April 22nd, 2019  
May 13th, 2019  
May 28th (Tuesday),2019  
June 10th, 2019  
June 24th, 2019



**Our District Partnership Advisory Council is a district-wide, community group that welcomes students, parents, caregivers, faculty and staff, and community stakeholders. Our First Selectman, Todd Babbitt, and other town officials frequently attend our meetings and we value their support. DPAC (for short) aims to build district and community connections.**

**We will meet in the GMS Media Center from 7pm to 8pm on the following dates:**

**Wednesday, November 14th, 2018  
Wednesday, February 13th, 2019  
Wednesday, March 13th, 2019  
Wednesday, April 10th, 2019  
Wednesday, May 8th, 2019  
Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019**

**We look forward to your attendance, contributions, and partnership.**



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