



Grant Community High School

District Newsletter

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Student of the Month

Raquel Babani



The Grant Community High School April Student of the Month is senior Raquel Babani, daughter of Salomon and Melissa Babani of Round Lake.

Raquel's academic achievements include induction into National Honor Society during her sophomore year, she has taken three AP courses and numerous honors classes, she has been on Honor Roll each semester, and she was selected to attend the NLCC Leadership Conference and nominated to attend Girls' State. She received the Seal of Biliteracy, selected as an Illinois State Scholar, received the College Board National Hispanic Recognition award, and is a certified Microsoft Office Specialist. She holds an impressive 5.01 GPA.



Her extracurricular activities include Freshman Class Council-Vice President, Sophomore Class Council-President, Junior Class Council-President, and Canine Connections-President. She was admitted into the Northwestern Discovery Program as a junior, American Sign Language club as a sophomore, and has participated in Color Guard/Winter Guard from grades 9-11 and was awarded Rookie of the Year in Winter Guard as a freshman.

Raquel has volunteered at Pop-Up Food Banks, Fox Lake Holiday Crafts, the Pumpkin Jubilee, and many NHS opportunities such as material pick-up. On her own time, she helps out at Bernie's Book Bank for children that do not have access to books around the country. At GCHS, she has been a Big Dawg mentor, a Dean's Aide, and Spanish Lab Peer Tutor. In addition to all of her activities, Raquel enjoys cooking and baking, movies, music, and spending time with family and friends.

Her plans for the future include earning a degree in biology with the intention to become a veterinarian. She hopes to attend either DePaul University or Northwestern University.

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BULLDOGS

Special Olympics



GCHS Special Olympics Basketball Team

Our Special Olympics team started off their State run with a big win over the STEPS Eagles, taking them down 60-38! Game two against the Ray Graham Tigers was a tougher matchup. Although the Tigers took home the win, our Bulldogs fought for points until the final buzzer sounded. With their good attitude and sportsmanship throughout the day, Julien Tennyson and Katie Pratt were awarded the Ron Kinsley Spirit of the Game Award! At the end of the day, they secured Second Place at State and can hold their heads high knowing they gave it their all. Congratulations to the entire team - we are so proud of you!!!

Makary Sekulich



Makary Sekulich

Congratulations to Makary Sekulich & his teammates on a Third Place finish at State! They started off strong with a 34-22 win over the Chicago Skyhawks, but fell to the Synergy Bulls & the LWRSA Hawks. The team bounced back & ended the day strong to take

down the Peoria Wildcats 23-20. We know there is much more in store for Makary & we can't wait to see him achieve even more during his high school career!

Color Guard

Color Guard is heading to State!

They've been perfecting their performance piece & are excited to compete during spring break. We have six members participating in this year's competition: Janoah Bartels, Madison Eagon, Savannah Eagon, Destinee Green, Abbey Johnson, & Andy Montoya.



GCHS Color Guard Team

The team will be performing on April 1 in Tinley Park at 7:27 PM. Wish them luck as they head into competition!

AT STATE

On Saturday, March 4, students from the Grant High School music department competed in the IHSA State Solo and Ensemble Contest. The contest was held at Harvard High School. Grant sent over thirty singers and instrumentalists who competed in twenty-five events. Each performance was evaluated by a qualified judge and was given a rating score to determine their Division. Grant students earned some of the highest scores and received impressive results. The students were awarded with 23 Division I ratings, and 2 Division II ratings. The following students received a perfect score for their performances: Myles Foreman, Samantha Lopatowski (both her vocal solo and sax duet), and Jacob Tyree. Lionel Carapia and Braden Cornell were recognized by their judge with the "Best of Day Award" for their tenor sax and trombone duet! The complete list of students and their performance results is as follows:

Division I



Amelia Arndt



Allison Bolisay



Sean Buchenberger



Lionel Carapia



Natalie Castellanos



Braden Cornell



Samantha Cruz



Andre DeLuna



Madison Dunski



Savannah Eagon



Myles Foreman



Addison Fugelseth



Reese Fulham



Katherine Glenn-Porter



Andrea Gomez



Stephanie Haro



Linnea Hauser



Samantha Hernandez



Madeline Hurley



Lorelai Jensen



Magdalen Kolar



Zachary Langhoff



Samantha Lopatowski



Hayden Lundberg



Benjamin McKenzie



Jacob Tyree



Abbey Schiller



Michael Sligting



Raniyah Winters



Cayden Zeller

Division II



Payton Evans



Elizabeth Gvozdev

Social Studies Golden Globe Winner

Alvin Ntege is March's recipient of the Social Studies Golden Globe Award!

Alvin was looking to challenge himself this semester and did just that by joining Mrs. Thomas' Honors U.S. History class. In the two months Mrs. Thomas has known Alvin, he has shown her how much he truly cares about his learning experiences. Alvin is a daily participant and even visits Mrs. Thomas during TEAM on quiz days to get an extra review session in before class. During their second unit, Alvin struggled with an essay response but didn't let this obstacle stand in his way. He retook the exam to show himself and Mrs. Thomas that he could do better. His dedication to improving and desire to learn more makes him a great recipient of the March Golden Globe Award.



The Social Studies Department presents Alvin with the Golden Globe award.

The Social Studies Department is proud to award Alvin with this honor. Keep up the excellent work!

Mathletes Qualify for State

After a several-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the ICTM State Math Competition returned to an in-person competition on Saturday, April 22. The Grant Math Team attended the regional competition at Northern Illinois University on Saturday, February 25, with hopes of qualifying their entire team for the state competition. However, despite several incredible performances, the team came up short, earning 2nd Place in a 9-team field, behind Crystal Lake Central. While only the regional champion team qualifies automatically for the state competition, at-large teams are announced in the coming

weeks. Fortunately, Grant scored high enough collectively to be named an at-large qualifier! This will be the team's fourth trip down state, all since 2017. This accomplishes the team goal for the year; seniors on the team had waited patiently for a chance to attend the in-person state competition after having the competition cancelled the past three years, and their patience and diligence was rewarded with an upcoming trip to Bloomington!

Some notable achievements at the regional competition propelled the team toward this at-large bid. Below is a list of those achievements:

Individual medalists: Nicole Sak (2nd - Algebra I), Isabella Raube (2nd - Algebra I), Taiseer Mumin (2nd - Geometry), Jack Polark (1st - Precalculus), Lucas Hauser (8th - Precalculus, 3rd - Oralist)

Event champions: Freshman/Sophomore 8-Person Team (Sak, Raube, Mumin, Annabelle Smith, Joseph Reiner, Colin Noordyke, Jirah Lanzar, & Hunter Seymour)



GCHS Math Team



A NEW MUSICAL
COMEDY

Friday, April 21st 7 pm
Saturday, April 22nd 7 pm
Sunday, April 23rd 2 pm
Grant Community High School Auditorium
285 East Grand Ave.
Fox Lake, IL 60020

"THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL"
is presented through special arrangement with all
authorized performance materials and supplied by
Theatrical Rights Worldwide
180 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 640
New York, NY 10036

Adults: \$7.00

Children: \$5.00

Purchase Tickets online:
www.grantbulldogs.org

Based on Characters created by
Charles Addams
Music & Lyrics by
Andrew Lippa
Book by
Marshall Brickman & Rick Elice



Michael Sligting



Phoenix Soloveychik & Sage Klubertanz

GRANT'S GOT TALENT



Lorelai Jensen



Kristin Rose



Cayden Zeller



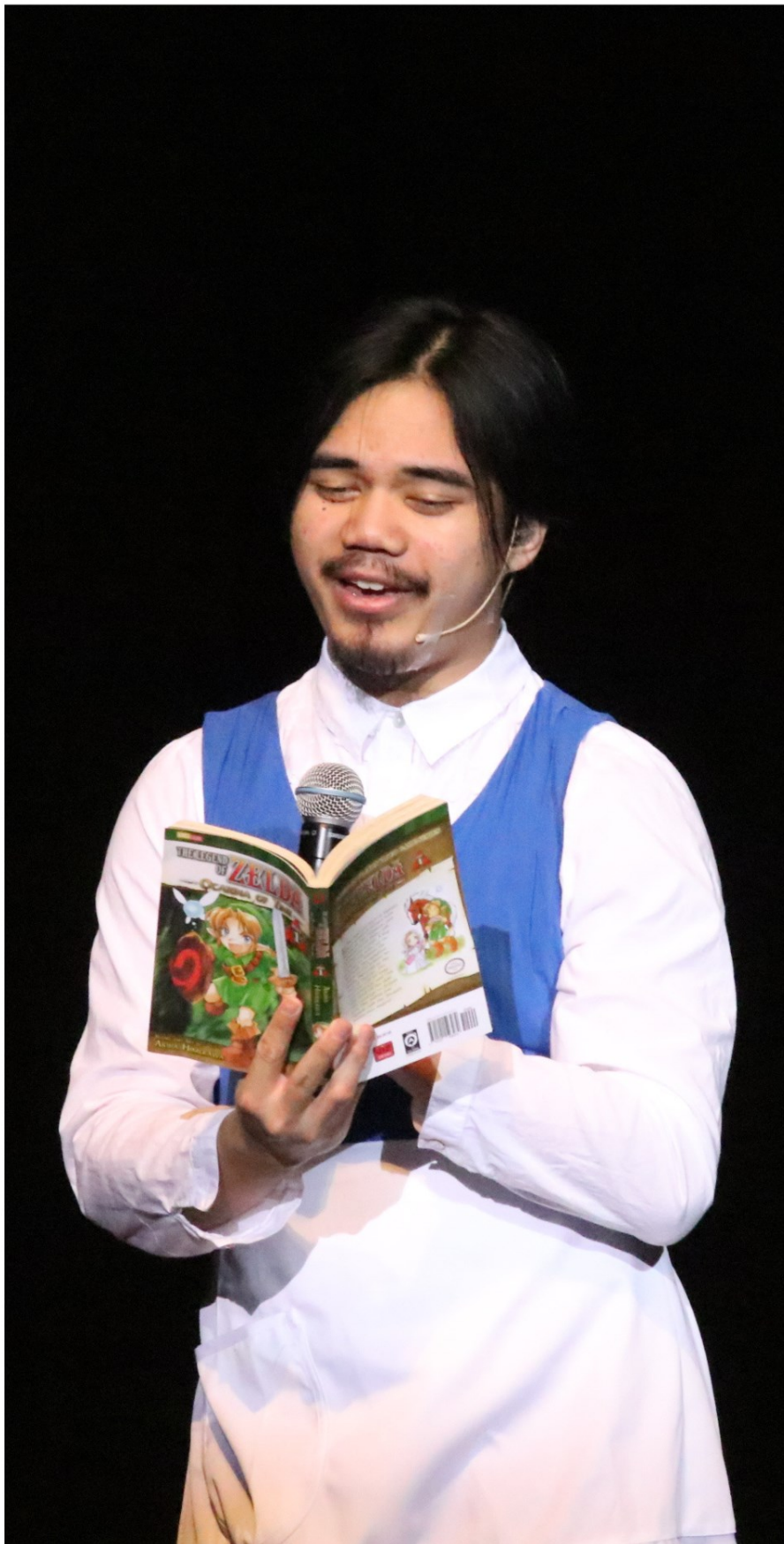
Addie Fugelseth



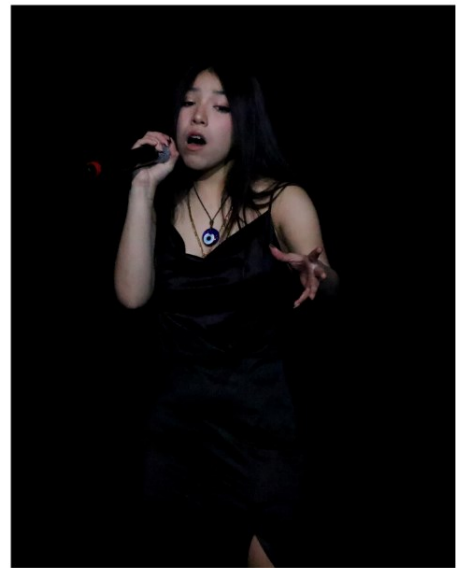
CALL



Natalie Castellanos



First Place, Andre DeLuna



Second Place, Sofia Esparza



Third Place, Zach Langhoff



Audience Choice,
Allison Bolisay & Andrea Gomez

Hall of Fame

Nomination Information

The Hall of Fame has been established to recognize and showcase outstanding graduates and dedicated staff as part of our efforts to promote excellence and achievement for learners in Grant Community High School District 124.

The Hall of Fame was designed to honor exemplary individuals who have achieved distinction, outstanding accomplishment, or significant contribution within their professions, communities, schools, families, or personal lives.

Nominations

Nominations will be accepted for the Hall of Fame, Class of 2023, until April 21, 2023. Visit [GCHS Hall of Fame](#) for the nomination forms.

Criteria to be Considered for Alumni

- Graduates of Grant Community High School are eligible for consideration, provided that graduation occurred at least ten years prior to the year in which they are nominated.
- Graduate has made a significant contribution within their profession, community, school, family, or personal life.
- Graduate positively promotes Grant Community High School.

Criteria to be Considered for Staff

- Staff of Grant Community High School are eligible for consideration if they have a minimum of twenty years of service to District 124 and provided they are either retired or have ceased active employment at least three years prior to the year in which they are nominated.
- Staff member has made a significant contribution at Grant Community High School, in their community, family, or personal life.
- Staff member positively promotes Grant Community High School.

Procedures for Nominations

- Nominations may be made by families, friends, alumni, faculty, staff, administration, and community members of District 124.
- In order to be considered, the nomination form should be fully completed and submitted as outlined on the form.
- Nominations will be kept on file and considered for a total of five years following submission. After five years, a candidate may be re-nominated.

Selection of Inductees

- The selection committee is comprised of a member of the Board of Education, administration, staff, alumni of Grant Community High School District 124, and community members.
- Selected inductees will be contacted by July 1, 2023.

Induction

- New members of the Hall of Fame will be inducted at a ceremony during Homecoming Week 2023.
- New members will be asked to participate in a variety of Homecoming activities, including a reception and awards ceremony at a meeting of the Board of Education, an all-school pep assembly, the varsity football game, and the Homecoming parade. While the intent of this program is to honor graduates and Grant staff, it is also to provide positive role models and inspiration for current students.

Music In Our Schools

For more than 30 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month® (MIOSM®), the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. MIOSM is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community, and to display the benefits that school music brings to students of all ages.



MIOS Choir Concert Performance



MIOS Band Concert Performance

To celebrate Music In Our Schools Month in our community, the Grant High School Music Department hosted the Music In Our Schools (MIOS) Festival on Wednesday, March 8. Since 2007, Grant has welcomed the music programs of our surrounding middle schools to perform together and celebrate our shared passion for music. This year marks the long-awaited return of the MIOS Festival after a four year hiatus due to the pandemic. Over 300 band and choir students from Grant, Big Hollow, and Gavin South came together for an afternoon of rehearsals and an evening concert that featured band and choir performances by students from all schools. During the rehearsal day, students had the opportunity to

improve their performance skills, connect with other students who enjoy singing and playing, and work with the music educators from each school. The efforts of students and directors were showcased in the evening concert, culminating in a grand finale featuring all band and choir students. For those who could not attend or would like to relive the night, we have a full recording of our [MIOS Festival Concert](#).

The Grant Music Department would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the Boards of Education, Administrators, Music Educators, and Families of students from all participating schools for their support of this event. We are grateful to be part of a community that values Music Education!



MIOS Choir Concert Performance



MIOS Band Concert Speaker



MIOS Band Concert Performance

AP Exams

The 2023 AP Exams will be administered in schools during the first two weeks in May: May 1-5 & May 8-12.

AP Exams are going to be here before we know it. Here are some important reminders about our upcoming exams:

- All exams are taken in paper/pencil version unless noted as a digital version (see table below).
- All exams must be taken here at school according to the College Board schedule.
- For all exams, the starting times are 7:40 a.m. for a morning exam or 12:00 p.m. for an afternoon exam.
- The end times are approximate. If a testing session starts later than planned due to technical issues, the test session may run slightly behind schedule. For testing that ends after the school day, students should arrange transportation, or plan to take the activity bus.

Exam	Date	Entry	End
AP United States Government and Politics	5/1/2023	7:40 AM	11:10 AM
AP Chemistry	5/1/2023	11:40 AM	3:25 PM
AP Environmental Science	5/2/2023	7:40 AM	10:50 AM
AP Psychology	5/2/2023	11:40 AM	2:10 PM
AP English Literature and Composition (Digital)	5/3/2023	7:40 AM	11:10 AM
AP Macroeconomics	5/4/2023	7:40 AM	10:20 AM
AP Statistics	5/4/2023	11:40 AM	3:10 PM
AP United States History (Digital)	5/5/2023	7:40 AM	11:25 AM
AP Microeconomics	5/5/2023	11:40 AM	2:20 PM
AP Calculus AB/BC	5/8/2023	7:40 AM	11:25 AM
AP Computer Science Principles	5/8/2023	11:40 AM	2:00 PM
AP English Language and Composition (Digital)	5/9/2023	7:40 AM	11:25 AM
AP Physics C: Mechanics	5/9/2023	11:40 AM	1:30 PM
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	5/9/2023	1:30 PM	3:35 PM
AP Spanish Language and Culture	5/10/2023	7:40 AM	11:13 AM
AP Biology	5/10/2023	11:40 AM	3:10 PM
AP World History: Modern (Digital)	5/11/2023	7:40 AM	11:25 AM
AP Physics 1	5/11/2023	11:40 AM	3:10 PM
AP Music Theory	5/12/2023	7:40 AM	10:50 AM

Please feel free to contact your student's teacher or Dr. Noisey, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, if you have any questions regarding the Advanced Placement program. On behalf of our faculty and administration, we would like to wish all of our students good luck as they continue to prepare for these important exams.

Enchanted Garden

Prom 2023

This year's Prom, Enchanted Garden, is quickly approaching! Prom is Friday, May 5, and the destination is the Grand Geneva in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. In order to attend Prom, students must be a junior or senior currently enrolled at GCHS or an early graduate of the current graduating class. Students wishing to bring a Freshman, Sophomore or out of school guest are allowed. Students bringing an out of school guest will need to complete the **Grant Dance Guest Approval Form**. Out-of-school guest forms must be completed and turned into the Deans by Tuesday, April 19.

Tickets to the event will be sold at \$75.00 per ticket. Prom tickets will be on sale online or the Bookstore from April 10 through April 19, 2023. Only check and cash payments can be made in the Bookstore. All GCHS Senior and Junior Students must purchase tickets individually. Seniors/Juniors who are bringing a guest are responsible for their guests. When purchasing tickets for you and your guest, please select the appropriate ticket purchase. Students who have been approved to bring an outside guest, will select the Senior/Junior taking an out of school guest ticket. If your guest has not been pre-approved, the student will not be allowed to attend.

Prom is a school function; all school rules and regulations, as stated in the Student/Parent Handbook, apply for all students attending prom. Students who behave improperly will be referred to a GCHS administrator and parents will be notified. All students and guests will be required to ride school-sponsored bus transportation to and from Prom. This bus transportation is included in the price of the ticket and is mandatory. Students are not allowed to utilize private transportation to or from Prom. Students who do so will not be admitted to Prom.

Prom check-in will begin in the Field House at 5:00 PM on Prom night. Students must present their ticket and current ID upon check-in to the Prom. Outside guests must present a valid state-issued photo ID to be admitted to Prom. Students who do not have proper identification will not be allowed to board a bus. Buses will depart beginning at 5:30 PM. All students must be present for the entire school day on Friday, May 5, in order to attend Prom. No absences, tardies, or passes off campus will be excused for students attending Prom.

All questions can be directed to event organizers Ms. Highley at (847) 973-3742, thighley@grantbulldogs.org, or Ms. Crambes at (847) 973-3455, tcrambes@grantbulldogs.org.

HEY JUNIORS!

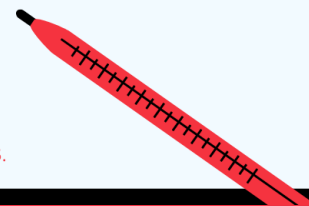
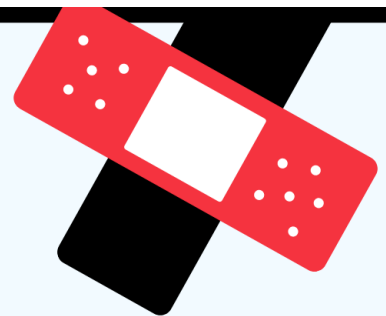
WE NEED PROOF OF YOUR MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE IS KNOWN AS MCV, MCV4, MENACTRA, OR MENVEO

Did you receive this vaccine after you turned 16?

- YES - Check with your doctor or pharmacy & get documentation for our Health Office.
- NO - Get your vaccine! It is required for Senior year.

Questions? Concerns? Contact the Health Office at (847) 973-3452/3453.
Email proof to HealthOffice@grantbulldogs.org or fax to (847) 587-1088.



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

From April 24-28, Student Council will be raising money for the Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault.

Bracelets (\$2) and Chromebook stickers (\$3) will be sold in the bookstore.

Resources:

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

- Text "LOVE" to 22555
- Chat online at loveisrespect.org
- (866) 331-9474

RAINN National Sexual Violence Hotline

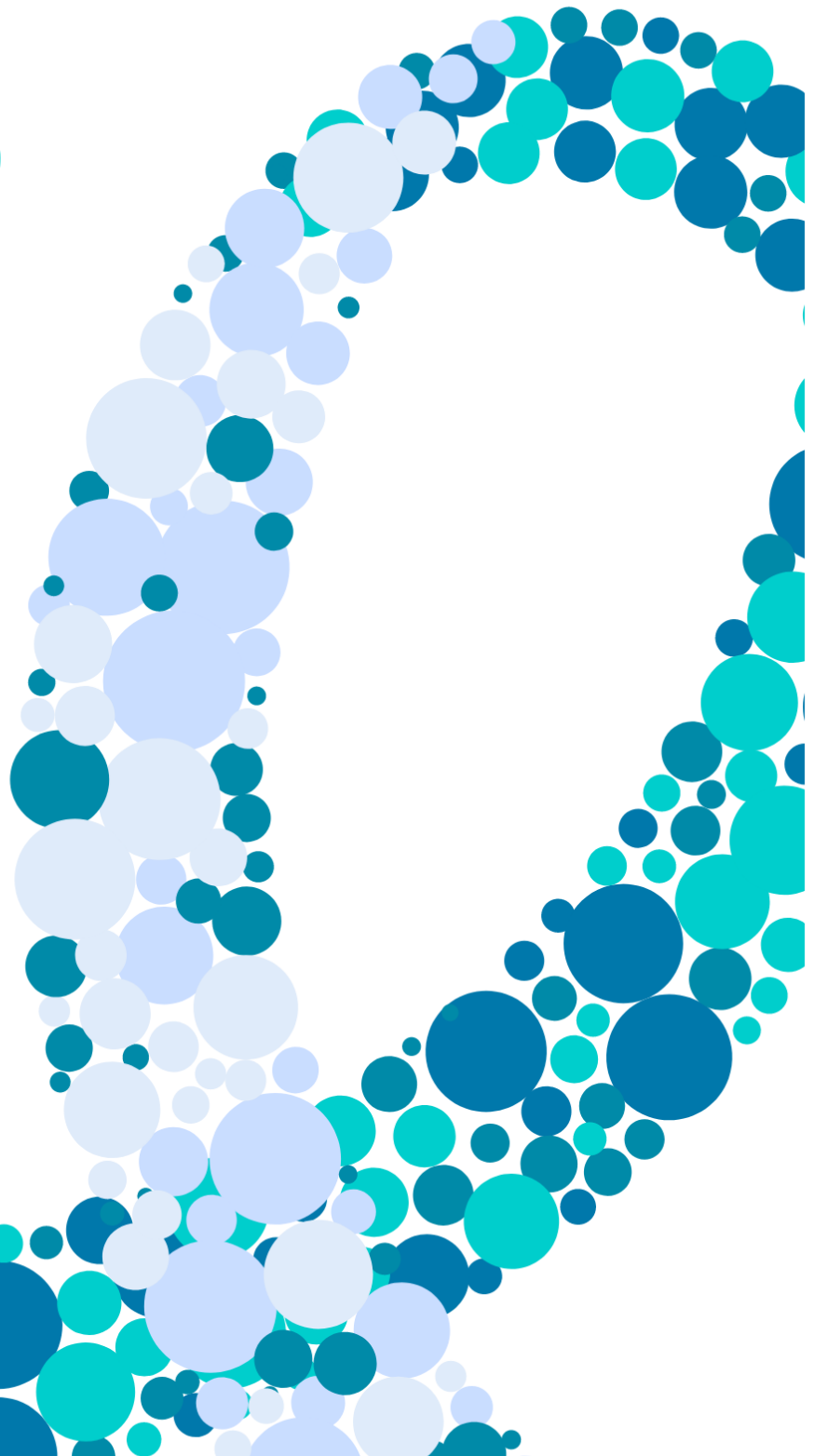
- (800) 656-4673

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center

- (847)-872-7799
- Chat online at zcenter.org

Male Sexual Abuse and Assault

- Chat online at 1in6.org



PROCESS FOR REPORTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

On-Campus Reports

If a student reports an instance of a sexual assault that occurred on campus, parents are immediately notified, as well as the police/authorities and our Students Services Team (SST). While our SST members legally cannot discuss specific details about the accusation, they work to support the student involved and address the trauma associated with the accusation. Police take on the role of notifying the advocacy center for the victim to set up an interview to protect the integrity of the investigation. In Illinois, when there is an allegation of child sexual abuse or severe physical abuse, children are referred to a local Child Advocacy Center (CAC). There, an interview is conducted in a child-friendly environment by a trained professional who knows the right questions to ask in a way that does not re-traumatize the child. If the alleged sexual assault occurred on campus or at a school-sponsored event, the District would consult and coordinate with local law enforcement. The district's own internal investigation can not interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation. If the authorities can prove misconduct took place on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event, consequences are issued at a school level and in accordance with District 124 policies and procedures. GCHS always has and will continue to adhere to all court orders and any legal rulings affecting the students involved.

Off-Campus Reports

When students report instances of sexual assault occurring off campus, the police/authorities are notified immediately, and an interview is set up with the advocacy center. In Illinois, when there is an allegation of child sexual abuse or severe physical abuse, children are referred to a local Child Advocacy Center (CAC). There, an interview is conducted in a child-friendly environment by a trained professional who knows the right questions to ask in a way that does not re-traumatize the child. When reports of sexual violence are made, our SST members are available to support students, connect students with community resources, and provide supports and options for students to consider while the criminal investigation is ongoing, including a modified school day, modified schedule, etc. All students do have equal access to public education, and all individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty. The District will strictly adhere to court orders and any legal rulings affecting the students involved.

Additional Resources for Students

To help bridge the gap of trust and support for our students, we have a standing partnership with the Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center (ZCenter). ZCenter seeks to provide quality, comprehensive, client-centered services to survivors of sexual assault and abuse. Students needing additional support outside of SST, can reach out to their Red Team members for more information or visit zcenter.org to connect with a Zacharias member. In addition, we are always willing to change schedules, provide tutoring, set up safe routes, allow students to leave class early, etc., and to provide other support to the student while cases are pending.

Law Enforcement Non-Emergency Lines:

Fox Lake Police Department: 847-587-3100
Lake Villa Police Department: 847-356-6106
Lakemoor Police Department: 815-385-4111
Round Lake Police Department: 847-546-8112
Round Lake Heights
Police Department: 847-546-9704

Round Lake Beach Police Department: 847-270-9111
Spring Grove Police Department: 815-338-2145
Lake County Sheriff's Office, serves unincorporated
areas: Business Hours: 847-377-4000
Non-Business Hours: 847-377-4188

1 While the investigative process is consistent in every situation, consequences may differ depending on the outcome of each individual investigation.

Grant Community High School District 124 is committed to providing an educational environment free of verbal, physical, or other conduct or communications constituting harassment based on sex as defined and otherwise prohibited by state and federal law. As stated in School Board Policy 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited) and School Board Policy 2:265 (Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure), students are encouraged to report claims or incidences of bullying, intimidation, harassment, sexual harassment, or any other prohibited conduct to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Principal, Assistant Principals, Deans, a Complaint Manager, or any staff member with whom the student is comfortable speaking. GCHS also complies with Erin's Law (Illinois Public Act 097-1147) by providing sexual abuse prevention education for all students enrolled in Health classes.

LAKE COUNTY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LCRA)



Do You Need Help Paying Your Rent?

Are you unable to afford your housing costs in Lake County, Illinois because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? If so, you can get help paying your rent.

Who is Eligible?

In order to qualify for help:

- » You must pay rent in Lake County, Illinois.
- » You must have a financial hardship during COVID (job loss, furlough, reduced hours due to school closures, unexpected medical or other expenses).
- » You must be at least one month in arrears (behind in your rent).
- » You must be at risk of homelessness or housing instability.
- » Your household must have a current annual household income below the following amounts:

Size of household	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
	\$36,500	\$41,700	\$46,900	\$52,100	\$56,300	\$60,450	\$64,650	\$68,800

Who Can I Contact to Apply?

You can fill out the application online at LakeCountyIL.gov/RentHelp. If you have questions or need help with your application, please call 211 or text your zip code to 898211 for more information and a referral to an agency that can help. You will need to fill out an application and provide evidence of your income and expenses. If you are approved, the money will be sent to your landlord.

Additional Information for Landlords:

Landlords, if your tenant may benefit from this program, please forward this flyer or let them know they can call 211 or text their zip code to 898211. You will need to fill out a form online as part of your tenant's application. Once approved, the LCRA provider will pay you directly.



STREP THROAT: FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS



WHAT IS STREP THROAT?

Strep throat is an infection in the throat and tonsils that can cause throat pain, fever, and swollen glands in the back of the neck. Anyone can get strep throat; however, it's more common in children ages 5-15 years old. People can get strep throat more than once.

HOW DOES STREP THROAT SPREAD?

The bacteria that causes strep throat can spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes. You can get sick if you breathe in those droplets, or touch something that has the droplets on it and then touch your nose or mouth.

A SIMPLE TEST GIVES FAST RESULTS

There are two types of tests for strep throat: a rapid strep test and a throat culture. Untreated strep can lead to serious illnesses like damage to the heart, brain, kidneys, and other organs.



ANTIBIOTICS ARE USED FOR TREATMENT

People with strep throat should stay home from work, school, or daycare until they: are feeling better with no fever AND have been on the right antibiotics for at least 12 -24 hours.



PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid sharing eating utensils with someone who is sick with a sore throat.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, upper sleeve, or your elbow.
- Clean your environment and high-touch surfaces, especially things touched by a child with strep throat.
- Avoid contact with open wounds or people with weakened immune systems while still infectious.
- Check with your provider if you or other household members who have been exposed may need treatment and testing, especially if your child's symptoms return after treatment.
- Your child may be advised to stay home for a longer period during outbreaks clusters or recurrent cases



2023 INDUCTIONS

This month, the Grant Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) is welcoming 26 new members to the organization. The inductees were selected based on their character, leadership, and willingness to serve others. As members, the inductees will be empowered with opportunities to further develop these characteristics and to leave a positive mark on our school and community, all while balancing their academics as they are required to maintain a 3.5 grade point average and be passing their academic classes.

All NHS members volunteer in a minimum of six hours of ongoing service per quarter. This can include being a Big Dawg mentor during TEAM, a peer tutor in one of the academic labs, or volunteering with a community organization. Members are also expected to volunteer for five separate events throughout the school year. This year, members have served at Back to School Night, Lake Villa Fall Festival, Fox Lake Pumpkin Jubilee, the local Rotary Holiday Party, and 8th Grade Enrollment Night among many others. The NHS advisers, officers, and current members look forward to working with the 2023 inductees!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Do you enjoy dining out and catching a show but don't want to pay outrageous prices? NHS has a deal for you! Before enjoying the opening night of the spring musical, "The Addams Family," on Friday, April 21, enjoy all-you-can-eat spaghetti, bread stick, dessert, and a drink, all for just \$7! Plus, preschoolers and younger eat for free! Takeout is also available. We will be gladly serving patrons from 4:00-7:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased from any member of NHS. We look forward to serving you dinner before the show!

**X.Y'all!
come eat**

TAKE A VOW OF SILENCE FOR THE DAY



Participating students go through the school day without speaking, ending the day with a Breaking the Silence party in the Lecture Hall. Pick up your participation card by either attending the GSA meeting on 4/11 or stop by Mrs. Schroeder's office by 4/13.

GLSEN Day of Silence is a national student-led demonstration where LGBTQ+ students and allies take a vow of silence to protest the harmful effects of harassment and discrimination of LGBTQ+ people in schools.



APRIL 14, 2023





PSAT TESTING

Grant Community High School will be administering the **state-required** SAT Suite of Assessments to all Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. **This WILL NOT be a flex start day.** The school day will begin at 7:40 AM with students reporting to their assigned testing location. All testing will be completed around 1:00 PM, and normal bus transportation home will be provided at that time. The test that a student will take depends on the student's grade level.

On Thursday, April 6, Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior students will receive a notice through their TEAM room that indicates the test the student is scheduled to take, the testing room location to report to that morning, and the necessary materials the student needs to bring for testing. Parents should make sure their student has received that information. Below you will find some more specifics about the tests the students may be taking.

Seniors – *Most seniors will not be in attendance on Wednesday, April 12. Only those Seniors who have been notified that they need to take the school-day test to meet*

graduation requirements will attend. We strongly encourage seniors to use these two days for college visits, finishing up college entrance paperwork, job shadowing, or job searches.

Juniors – All Juniors are required to take the state-required SAT with essay exam as a graduation requirement. This is a college-reportable SAT score. The make-up date for Juniors to take the SAT exam will be on Tuesday, April 25.

Sophomores – All Sophomores are required to take the PSAT 10 from the College Board to better prepare them for the SAT exam they will take next year as part of the state-required college and career readiness exam. The make-up date for Sophomores to take the PSAT 10 exam will be in the afternoon of Wednesday, April 26.

Freshmen - All Freshmen are required to take the PSAT 8/9 from the College Board to better prepare them for the SAT exam they will take their junior year as part of the state-required college and career readiness exam. The make-up date for Freshmen to take the PSAT 8/9 exam will be Monday, April 24.

For all three of these exams, students should bring their Grant Student ID, a calculator and two number 2 pencils on the testing day of Wednesday, April 12.



IDOT Construction & Tree Removal



In the coming months, the Illinois Department of Transportation will begin a planned road construction project at Route 59 and Grand Avenue. The project includes realigning Washington Street to meet Route 59, south of Grand Avenue, at what will be a new intersection. The new intersection, with a red light, will also serve as a new exit from our student parking lot onto Route 59.

As they begin to get the area ready for construction, you will see contractors removing trees that border our campus. The removal of these trees is a necessary part of the construction process and will be done in accordance with local regulations and guidelines.

We are excited about the safety and traffic improvements to this intersection, for both students and the broader community. Additional details about the construction project may be found on [Lake County's website](#).

Bulldog Brews Coming Soon

We are excited to announce that a new coffee shop will be opening on campus in the fall of 2023! This coffee shop will be located in the concession stand across from the East Gym and will be staffed by Quest Food Services and our very own Transition Program students.



Illustration of Potential On-Campus Coffee Shop

The coffee shop will be a great addition to our campus and will provide a convenient and delicious option for students and staff to grab a quick cup of coffee or snack in the morning, in between classes, or after school. A system for students to access the coffee shop during the school day is being developed. Whether you're looking for a morning pick-me-up or an afternoon treat, the coffee shop will have something for everyone.

We are especially excited to have our Transition Program students involved in this project. This program focuses on teaching life and work skills to students with disabilities and we look forward to the coffee shop providing valuable real-world experience and training.

The coffee shop will offer a variety of coffee drinks, teas, and snacks. Quest Food Services will ensure that all items meet nutritional guidelines and are affordable for students and staff. We hope that the coffee shop will become a popular spot on campus and a place where students and staff can connect and recharge. We look forward to welcoming you to the new coffee shop in the fall of 2023!

Bulldog Happenings



Katelyn Rossini

Katelyn Rossini was a stand-out hitter during the Grant Girls' volleyball season and is now taking her talents overseas! As part of her club's spring break schedule, Katelyn will be playing against top teams from Italy and will have the opportunity to play and train at the Italian Olympic Training Center. We know she will represent herself, her club, and the Grant community well. Buona fortuna, Katelyn!

It was a historic season for the Grant Varsity Dance team, and although their competitive season is over, 8 Count Audio still had one award to give out - Coach of the Year. Between the passion she has for dance and the love she has for each of her athletes, it's no surprise to us that **Vicki Shifley** was the chosen recipient of this year's award! Whether you were dancing for her or supporting the team from the sidelines, you can see the commitment she has to our Dance program. Congratulations on your well-earned and deserved award, Coach Shifley!



Coach Vicki Shifley



Landon Schultz

Landon Schultz has been working his way up the ranks and recently completed his Eagle Scout project. His project focuses on suicide awareness and will serve as a memorialization for those looking to add their loved one's name to the pillar. In addition to bringing the community together and remembering those we have lost, Landon is spotlighting the AnnMarie Foundation. This foundation was established with the mission to prevent youth suicide and bullying, and increase internet safety through awareness. Landon's creation will be on display at the Lakefront Building located at 71 Nippersink Blvd. in Fox Lake.

Keep It RED

Throughout Lake County, Illinois, and the U.S., there has been a rise in students vaping. When teens vape, they may not think about all the harmful effects and chemicals entering their body. They're more focused on what their friends are doing and sticking with the "status quo." We want to help break that cycle of thinking and empower our students to say "no" to vaping.

E-cigarette devices contain a lot of nicotine, which is very addictive. Nicotine addiction can make it harder for teens to focus and concentrate. These devices contain additional chemicals that can cause cancer and serious lung problems. Unlike regular cigarettes, e-cigarettes don't have a strong smell and can often go unnoticed. Another device we have seen come into schools is THC pens, or dab pens. The use of marijuana in any form is concerning because it affects the adolescent brain differently. According to the CDC, "the teen brain is actively developing and often will not be fully developed until the mid 20s," and using before that time "can have permanent effects" such as poor coordination, damage to learning, memory, and problem solving, and the ability to pay attention. Vaping marijuana is associated with a dangerous lung disease (EVALI), stomach issues, and seizures. Since coming back from winter break, we have shown our students various videos detailing these topics and even got students involved so we could hear their input. We hope that all students can find this information valuable and move forward in a healthy direction.

Bulldog Bucks & Bulldog Pride Winners



Counselor's Corner

Junior Week will be occurring during the week of April 17. Students will be able to sign up and participate in a variety of activities to explore their post secondary options ranging from college representative visits, College 101 presentations, college fair, career speakers, and more. This month's Parent University will focus on financial aid and will be offered for students and their families the evening of April 20.

Financial Aid Information:

It is required for the graduating Class of 2023 to complete the 2023-2024 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) OR complete a waiver that states your student will not be filing a FAFSA.

- This waiver is referred to as the FAFSA Non-Participation Form and is available in both English and Spanish. If you student will be completing this form, they need to turn it in to their School Counselor upon completion. Below are the links to the FAFSA and both versions of the Non-Participation Form. Reach out to your student's School Counselor with any questions.

- [English Non-Participation Form](#)
- [Spanish Non-Participation Form](#)

Career Center News:

- [April Newsletter](#)
- CLC Open House: April 15, 10:00 AM—1:00 PM
- Field trips:
 - CLC—April 12
 - Johnsburg College Fair—April 20
 - Law Day—April 21
 - Northern Illinois University—April 26

Upcoming College Visits:

- Missouri State—April 10
- Ripon College—April 10
- Bradley University—April 11
- University of Wisconsin—Whitewater—April 13

JUNIOR WEEK SCHEDULE



Sign up for ALL events here

4/17

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College Day

College Rep Visits

Lake Forest College, Dominican University, University of Missouri, University of Illinois-Springfield
Lunch periods in Commons

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College of Lake County Day

College Rep Visits

UW-Parkside & Augustana College
Lunch periods in Commons

College of Lake County Presentations
College and Career Center - During ALL lunch periods

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Military Day

Air Force

Lunch periods in Commons

Army Presentation

11th period Lecture Hall

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Career Day

Johnsburg College Fair

Johnsburg High School 12:00-2:30pm

Career Rep Visits

UTI, CLC Apprenticeship Program, Scot Forge
Lunch periods in Commons

Parent University - Financial Aid - Auditorium 6:30pm

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College & Career Day

College & Career Rep Visits

Michigan Tech University & Sports Official Finders
Lunch periods in Commons

Law Day

Lake County Courthouse - All Day Event

College 101 Presentation- 10th period Lecture Hall



C A L E N D A R

April

April 3	School Resumes
April 4	LEAP English Class
April 5	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 am Flex Time Start
April 7	Day of Non-Attendance
April 10	Prom Ticket Sales Start
April 11	LEAP English Class
April 12	PSAT/SAT Testing
April 13	Athletic Signing
April 14	Day of Silence
April 18	LEAP English Class
April 19	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 am Flex Time Start
	Progress Reports
	Out-Of-School Guest Forms & Prom Ticket Sale Deadline
April 20	Parent University: Financial Aid Night (Juniors)
April 21	Hall of Fame Nominations Due
April 21-23	Spring Musical—The Addams Family
April 22	ICTM State Math Competition
April 25	LEAP English Classes
April 26	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 am Flex Time Start

May

May 1	AP Exams Begin
May 2	LEAP English Class
May 3	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25am Flex Time Start
May 5	Early Release, 1:35pm
	Prom
May 9	LEAP English Class
May 10	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25am Flex Time Start
May 12	Final AP Exam
May 16	LEAP English Class
May 16-17	Final Exams (Seniors)
May 18-19	Final Exams (Freshmen/Sophomores/Juniors)
May 21	Graduation
May 22	Final Exams (Freshmen/Sophomores/Juniors)
May 23	LEAP English Class
May 30	LEAP English Class