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Dear Bobcat Family:

The gray skies of winter can make it hard to have a positive outlook, but taking note of all of the great things going on at Grandview Heights High School can make that much easier! Our Winter sports and performance seasons are well underway and are off to another fantastic start. It's hard to believe that we are already in the second semester, but we recently wrapped up the first academic semester successfully with finals week just prior to the winter break.

Believe it or not we are beginning the scheduling process for the 2012-2013 school year. Please spend time talking with your son/daughter about course selection. We are excited about the addition of several new course offerings for the 2012-2013 school year; Theatre I (Elective Semester course), AP Music Theory, Full Year Statistics, AP Macroeconomics, AP Biology, Algebra Extension, along with a few other course adjustments to better meet the needs of all students. These courses will be offered if demand is high enough and current staffing can accommodate request. We will do our best to accommodate each student's course request. Mrs. McNaughton will be working with current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students the first week of February to assist with the scheduling process. If you have questions regarding scheduling please contact Mrs. McNaughton at Jill.McNaughton@ghcsd.org

On February 1, 2012 we will be welcoming the families of the Class of 2016 to Grandview Heights High School for our "Future Bobcat Scheduling Meeting". We hope this meeting will provide parents and students with the "big picture" of the high school experience and all the great things GHHS has to offer!

During the week of March 12-16, 2012, Grandview freshmen and sophomores will take a series of standardized test, as they do each year. The freshmen will take the Terra Nova test (this test gives us information to measure student progress in various academic areas), and the sophomores will take the Ohio Graduation Test. The OGT is a state mandate and is also a graduation requirement for all students. The results from these tests are reflected on our school district's annual report card. Needless to say, the administration of the OGT is a landmark event each school year. Please refer to the enclosed bell schedule for the modified schedule for the week of testing.

I would also like to ask each family to "save the date" on April 19, 2012. On this evening we will be hosting an informational meeting regarding our GHHS AP program and our Dual Enrollment Program. We will be discussing our AP program, AP course offerings and the overall benefits of taking these challenging courses as it relates to college entrance. A representative from The University of Findlay and Central Ohio Technical College will be on hand to explain the advantages to participating in the dual enrollment option while taking some of our courses.

We are anticipating the performance of this year's musical, Oklahoma! March 8-10. I encourage each of you to take time to attend this event and experience the many talents of our students. Ticket information will be forthcoming. Please contact Mr. Grega with any questions. Andrew.Grega@ghcsd.org.

Please contact the school with any questions you may have regarding any of our upcoming events!

GO BOBCATS!

Dawn Sayre, Principal

FROM GUIDANCE

SCHEDULING FOR 2012-2013

Scheduling for the 2010-2011 school year will take place February 6-10, 2012. Please discuss requests for next year with the help of the Program of Studies book. Students need to return schedules to the guidance office by Friday, February 17. If students are failing a course after the second nine weeks, they will be asked to sign up for that course again the following year.

Another option open to juniors and seniors is the **Mosaic Program**, an offering from the Educational Council. Formerly called The Christopher Program, Mosaic is a project-based humanities program that uses the City of Columbus as a teaching tool. Students attend in the p.m. of their junior year and the a.m. of their senior year and earn one credit of English, one of social studies, one half credit of art appreciation and a half credit of cultural studies. The cost of the program is approximately \$4,000. Please call Mrs. McNaughton for more information.

FAFSA FORMS FOR COLLEGE-BOUND SENIORS

After January 1, 2012, parents of college-bound seniors can begin to fill out the FAFSA form. This is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Completion of this form is necessary if you request federal or state aid. You may apply online at www.fafsa.gov. You will also need a PIN (Personal Identification Number), which will identify you. **STUDENTS AND PARENTS MAY APPLY FOR PIN NUMBERS IN ADVANCE OF FILLING OUT THE FAFSA AND IS ACTUALLY A GOOD IDEA TO DO SO AS IT WILL SPEED UP THE APPLICATION PROCESS.** Apply for your PIN today at www.pin.ed.gov.

The PIN is your electronic signature. PINs can be used for years to come. However, they expire with non-use after 30 months. If you have other children who are applying for student aid, your PIN can be used to sign all their FAFSA forms. Your students can also use their PINs to electronically sign loan promissory notes and view information about grants and loans received and the US Department of Education records. If you have questions about completing the FAFSA, call 1-800-4-FEDAID (1-800-433-3243).

WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

Registration is now open for the Women in Engineering Program's WiE Dream event for high school women in the 10th and 11th grades interested in engineering to be held on the OSU campus from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 25th. Meet with current OSU female engineering students, explore the important contributions that engineers are making right now and engage in a series of hands-on activities. Registration is limited. A \$35 participation fee is required. Email Shawna Fletcher: fletcher234@osu.edu You may also register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WiEDREAM2012> no later than February 10th.

AP COURSES

Students who are in AP courses and plan to take AP exams in May must turn in the \$87 test fee by Wednesday, March 1 to Judy Hauenstein in the main office.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

BEST BUY SCHOLARSHIP

Best Buy is offering 1,200 scholarships worth \$1000 each.

- Deadline is February 16th.
- Students need a transcript and list of activities, paid work and volunteer experiences
- Go to www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com to apply

WILLIAM SQUIRES EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

This is a need based scholarship which offers 15 students \$3,000 a year. These are renewable for 4 years. Family EFC (Expected Family Contribution) must be less than \$8,000).

- Need transcript
- GPA of 3.2
- Two letters of recommendation
- FAFSA – student aid report
- Deadline is April 5, 2012
- Application on website at www.wmdsquiresfoundation.org

BIO-OHIO ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP - A one time scholarship for one-time \$1,300 is offered.

- Must want to pursue bioscience related studies at an Ohio School. Students need:
- Transcript
- Statement of activities
- Two letters of recommendation
- Essay of 500 words on your contribution of this field
- Deadline is March 12, 2012

Bio-Ohio Annual Scholarship application can be accessed online. See your counselor for the website.

ALPHA RHO LAMBDA FOUNDATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP is offering two scholarships.

Alpha Merit - an annual renewal scholarship for four years. Three students will win either \$1000, \$750 or \$500

Alpha Start Book Scholarship - a one-time \$250 book scholarship will be awarded.

All applicants must fill out applications in black ink.

- Provide a transcript
- Two letters of recommendation – 1 from school – 1 from the community
- Activity log / resume
- 500 word essay on your thoughts regarding Martin Luther King, Jr.'s statement, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and critically. Intelligence plus character – that's the goal of true education."
- Complete in black ink.
- No GPA requirement
- Deadline is Thursday, March 15, 2012

Applications are available in the guidance center

KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN (KFC) COLONEL'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Up to \$5,000 is available for tuition, books and room and board. The scholarship is designed to help students with financial need

- Need 2.75 GPA or higher
- For use at a 2 or 4 year college
- FAFSA form required
- Deadline is February 8, 2012 with semifinalists selected in March
- Demonstrate financial need
- Complete all information at www.kfcscholars.org

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA is offering two \$750 scholarships to students who are going into teaching as a career.

- Must have a 3.0
- Must have two letters of recommendation
- Must submit a 2-page autobiography
- Deadline is April 14, 2012
- Get application in Guidance Office

CREDIT UNION OF OHIO VIDEO CONTEST – 1st Place - \$5,000; 2nd Place - \$1,500; 3rd Place - \$1000. For students accepted at Ohio State University ONLY.

- Must join Credit Union of Ohio (www.cuofohio.org)
- Prepare a video up to 2 ½ minutes in length with list of production credits
- Up to five people can participate and award spirit among participants
- Topic is: "How Credit Unions can help students manage their money."
- All entries become the property of the Credit Union
- Judged on: Creativity, Accuracy of information presented, Reflection of theme, Overall execution
- Deadline: Thursday, February 23, 2012
- Go to: <http://www.cuofohio.org/scholarship.html>

THE BUILDER'S EXCHANGE (BX) is awarding up to \$2,000 to students entering the field of construction with majors ranging from architecture to engineering to landscaping. Students need to complete an application, which can be picked up in the Guidance Office.

- One letter of recommendation is needed
- One page essay that describes career plans and future goals
- A transcript
- Deadline is Friday, February 24, 2012

BUCKEYE CHAPTER OF AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS is offering a scholarship up to \$4,000 for students going into business, finance, computer science or public administrations.

- Application must be typed
- Three letters of recommendation
- 250 word essay on career goals and academic need
- Deadline is February 27, 2012
- Applications are available in the Guidance Office

DUBLIN IRISH FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Students must show documented support of the Dublin Irish Festival as a volunteer or performer
- \$1,000 award, non-renewable
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of how money will be used
- Essay – 500 words on how Dublin Irish Festival influenced you
- Get application in the Guidance Office

BUICK ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This program is for students who plan to major in a field that focuses on engineering, technology, design or business with an interest in the automotive field.

- Awards range from \$2,000 to \$25,000 a year and are renewable if a student maintains a 3.0 in college
- Must provide transcript, list of activities and service and parents' FAFSA statement
- Deadline is February 29, 2011
- Go to website for application: www.buickachievers.com

CAREER OPPORTUNITY – VETERINARY EXPLORATION CONFERENCE

A Veterinary Exploration Conference will be held on Saturday, February 25th, for current juniors and seniors interested in pursuing vet medicine. Registration is limited to the first 300 students.

- Hyatt Regency Hotel Ballroom (350 N. High St.)
- \$10 Registration Fee – 9:45 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.
- Apply on-line at www.mvcinfo.org under the “Events” tab
- Deadline is February 17th
- Registration forms are also available in the Guidance Office

Veterinary services include research labs, zoos, dairies, pharmaceutical companies and livestock industry, to name a few.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

STONE LABORATORY

Stone Laboratory is located on the 6.5-acre Gibraltar Island, The Ohio State University’s island campus, and is the oldest biological field station in the country. These one-week introductory courses give a glimpse into the field of biological and physical sciences. From capturing and preserving insects to examining lake and river sediments, students experience first hand what it is like to be a scientist. Open to advanced high school students, these two-semester hour courses are held throughout the summer. Courses cost just under \$1,300 (includes room and board) and students can test for two semester hours of college credit at the end of the week. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, March 19th. For a complete course listing and to download an application, go to www.stonelab.osu.edu/applynow

Listed below are one-week courses:

- EEOB 1930: Introduction to Aquatic Biology (June 10-16, July 22-28, July 29-Aug. 4)
- ENR 2360: Conservation of Birds (June 10-16)
- EDU PAES 1140.07: Lake Erie Sport Fishing (June 10-16)
- ENTMLGY 1260: Introductory Insect Biology (July 29-Aug. 4)
- EARTH SCI 1107: Field-Based Introduction to Oceanography (July 22-28)

As many of you are aware, our GHHS maintenance staff have been working on renovating the GHHS entrance to provide a more secure environment for our school. This project should be completed within the next few weeks. The old attendance office/Dr. Watkins office is now the entrance point for the high school. When visitors enter the building, they will turn immediately right into the new space. Once signed in and obtaining a visitor pass, visitors will be permitted to enter the main part of the school. Mrs. Walton and the attendance office will return to this space once renovation is complete. A special “thank you” to Mr. Brett Bradley and our GHHS maintenance staff for all the hard work they have put in to get this project completed! We hope you enjoy our new entrance as we continue to strive to provide the safest learning environment possible for students and staff.

THE ANNUAL CAKE WALK WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd FROM 6:30-9:30 IN THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL GYM. THERE WILL BE A DECORATED CAKE CONTEST, CAKE AUCTION, GAMES, MUSIC AND FUN!!!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS EXCITING EVENING.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Future Bobcat Scheduling Night – Feb 1, 6:30pm (Current 8th grade students)
- Late Start/Professional Development: February 7, 8-10am
- Band Concert- February 15
- NO SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS OR STUDENTS – February 20
- “Oklahoma”: March 8-10
- OGT Testing- March 12-16
 - Make-up Testing – March 19-23
- Band Cake Walk – March 23- 6:30pm
- Spring Break – April 2-9
- NHS Induction Ceremony – April 12
- AP/Dual Enrollment Night – April 19 – 6:30pm GHHS Auditorium
- Band Concert – April 18
- Prom – April 21- Amelita Mirolo Barn – 4395 Carriage Hill Lane
- Spring Fling – April 29
- Senior Scholarship Night – May 3, 7:00pm
- Cap & Gown/Senior Group Picture – May 4 – 8:50am
- High School Honors Ceremony – May 6, 7:00pm
- AP Testing – May 7-11 and May 14-18
- Homeroom Olympics – May 11
- 5th Grade Camp – May 9-11
- Spring Vocal Cabaret - May 12, 7:00pm
- Senior Walk – May 16
- Senior Finals – May 17-18
- Spring Vocal Concert/ Awards Night – May 17, 7:00pm
- Senior Trip (Cedar Point) – May 20-21
- Senior Service Day – May 22
- Star Mother’s Band Concert – May 24
- 6th Grade Camp – May 22-25
- 9th, 10th, 11th Grade Exams – May 23-25
- Graduation Practice – May 25
- Graduation – May 27

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EXTRA, EXTRA.....READ ALL ABOUT IT!

DECEMBER CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as Citizens of the Month for January, 2012. Students were treated to lunch at the Knotty Pine Restaurant.

9th Grade

Emma Hecker
Tristen Rose

11th Grade

Maddie Bolzenius
Jacob Wolfe

10th Grade

Phoebe Baker
Tim Murphy

12th Grade

Hallie Kerr
Lindsey Swihart

DRIVER EDUCATION

The next Top Driver classes will be held from January 17 through February 10. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 until 6:15. Students are encouraged not to miss any classes. The class will meet in Mr. DiSabato's room (room 121). If your child is interested, please have him/her stop by the main office to pick up a flyer which has more information or contact Top Driver at 1-800-374-8373 or Topdriver.com.

CAREER CENTER NEWS – Visits in February

Downtown Career Center Visit	February 9 th , 2012 – 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
1 st Round Applications Due to Mrs. France by 3:00 p.m.	February 15 th , 2012
Evening Open Houses for Students and Parents	February 1 st , 2012 – 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Ft. Hayes and Downtown Career Centers	February 16 th , 2012 – 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please contact Christine France if you have questions, 485-4010 or chris.france@ghcsd.org

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### **REMINDER:**

**LATE START – FEBRUARY 7 – 10:15 a.m. - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS**

**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20.**