



# Middle School Matters

JANUARY 2, 2023

Monday 1/2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Tuesday 1/3 Day 2	Wednesday 1/4 Day 3	Thursday 1/5 Day 4	Friday 1/6 Day 5
Monday 1/9 Day 6	Tuesday 1/10 Day 1	Wednesday 1/11 Day 2	Thursday 1/12 Day 3	Friday 1/13 Day 4

## Dates to Make Note of:

- Jan. 3 - Classes Resume!
- Jan. 4 - Patriot Pride
- Jan. 5 - PTO Meeting, 1PM
- Jan. 5 - Winter Choral Concert, 7PM, Gym
- Jan. 7 - Robotics Event, 7AM-5PM
- Jan. 10 - Keystone Exams
- Jan. 11 - Keystone Exams
- Jan. 11 - Science Fair
- Jan. 12 - Winter Instrumental Concert, 6:30PM, Gym
- Jan. 16 - NO SCHOOL/MLK DAY
- Jan. 17 - Science Fair Snow Date
- Jan. 18 - Spelling Bee, 2:40PM, Library
- Jan. 26 - Last Day of 2nd Marking Period
- Jan. 27 - First Day of 3rd Marking Period

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!**  
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 ★ **Grade 6: Sofia Bratz, Isha Hariharan and Anna Coetzee** ★  
 ★ **Grade 7: Ksenya Wong, Anna Villarreal Sanchez and Charlotte Cashman** ★  
 ★ **Grade 8: Vivaan Tolani, Greeshma Gunnu and Sydney Levine** ★  
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## Citadel Heart of Learning Award is in full swing!

Every year, Citadel Credit Union is committed to serve those who work every day to build a better future for everyone. Each year, Citadel honors teachers across the local area with an award. Now through January 15th, they will be accepting nominations for this prestigious award. If you know a teacher who goes above and beyond the call of duty and truly makes a difference in their student's lives, **please submit a nomination**. Winners will receive a glass award and at least \$1000 to spend in their classroom. Please follow this link to enter your nomination: <https://www.citadelbanking.com/giving-back/citadel-heart-of-learning/citadel-heart-of-learning-nomination-form>

### A friendly reminder from the Nurse's Suite:

**Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders:** Please send in a state mandated 6<sup>th</sup> grade physical for your student if you have not done so this year. A physical dated after 8/25/2021 is accepted. Keep in mind for entry into 7<sup>th</sup> grade students need to have a Tdap and MCV (meningococcal) vaccination prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade.  
**Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> graders:** Please send in a state mandated dental exam. A dental form dated after 8/25/2021 is accepted.  
**Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** Please send in physicals or dentals if you have not done so during your students 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> year. Forms can be found on the GVMS web site under forms: <https://www.gvms.org/domain/38>  
 Please reach out with any questions.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

- **PTO AMAZON SMILES & WISHLIST** Amazon Smile makes donations to the GVMS PTO easy! 1st when you shop on the AmazonSmile the Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products of the charitable organization of your choice (GVMS PTO). There is no cost to you. Please visit the website for further information: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_xCy9ZyevUxtNv0v35le8QtDfCvma85x\\_4XnGzd7sE/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_xCy9ZyevUxtNv0v35le8QtDfCvma85x_4XnGzd7sE/edit)
- The **Schoolwide Spelling Bee** will take place on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023** after school in the library at 2:40pm. The "snow date" will be Thursday, January 19th. Any 6th, 7th or 8th grader who is interested in participating is welcome! Students can begin to study by downloading the **Word Club App** for free in the App Store or **Google Play Store**. More information can be found on <https://spellingbee.com/>. If you have any other questions, please see your Language Arts teacher or Mrs. Bedell in Room 207.
- The **GVMS PTO** is delighted to announce that **ACAC of West Chester** has generously offered to host a fun fitness class for the kids of Great Valley Middle School on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 12PM. [www.acac.com/westchester](http://www.acac.com/westchester) The Fun Fitness Class will include fun, interactive fitness activities for the GVMS kids. Cost is \$25/child (includes use of ACAC facilities by one adult who must stay on the premises during the class). Spots are limited! 100% of the proceeds go to the GVMS PTO! We are also hosting a giveaway to support the GVMS PTO. Each \$5 ticket provides one chance to win a cool health and wellness themed prize! For more information or to register - <https://gvmspto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/216088>
- All the donations for the **November School Psychology Food Drive** have been counted. The total number of non-perishable food items was 706. All items were donated to People's Pantry in Malvern. Our school goal was to fill 10 bins with donations and our school exceeded that goal! Thank you to all the students, teachers, staff, and families who provided donations, and helped collect and sort, and deliver the donations to People's Pantry! Thank you to NJHS and Student Council Reps for your support!
- The **NJHS Winter Fundraiser** was a BIG success! Handcrafted wooden ornaments were sold each morning when students arrived at school. The grand total of money raised was in excess of \$650! This money will go to families in our district who are in need of assistance.



### Rubik's Cube Competition

On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the GVMS Student Council sponsored a Rubik's Cube competition. Seven students participated to help raise funds for local families in need this holiday season. The winner of the competition was Satvik Sharma who completed the competition with an average solve time of 15 seconds! Satvik received a gift card as a prize. Congratulations!