Middle School Matters

JANUARY 16, 2023

Monday 1/16 **NO SCHOOL**	Tuesday 1/17 Day 5	Wednesday 1/18 Day 6	Thursday 1/19 Day 1	Friday 1/20 Day 2
Monday 1/23 Day 3	Tuesday 1/24 Day 4	Wednesday 1/25 Day 5	Thursday 1/26 Day 6	Friday 1/27 Day 1

Dates to Make Note of:

Jan. 16 - NO SCHOOL/MLK DAY
Jan. 18 - PATRIOT PRIDE
Jan. 18 - Spelling Bee, 2:40PM, Library
Jan. 21 - Robotics Event, Gym
Jan. 24 - Schuylkill Valley Music Trip, 9AM-1:15PM
Jan. 26 - Last Day of 2nd Marking Period
Jan. 26 - Schuylkill Valley Music Trip, 9AM-1:15PM
Jan. 27 - First Day of 3rd Marking Period

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Grade 6: Carlos Camargo Herrera, Juliana Pawlik, and Julianna Mrochko
Grade 7: Evelyn Yuhasz, Arya Datta, and Liam Benzig
Grade 8: Shruthi Shankar, Hanna Giber and Andrew Beers

****New Student Registration for the 23-24 School year will open in February (K) and March (1-5).**

Order Your Yearbook

You can still preorder your **2023 GVMS Yearbook** at Jostens.com until the end of February. Books sell out fast, so preordering is the only way to guarantee a copy for your student in June.

Congratulations to the members of the Great Valley Quiz Bowl team. On Saturday they competed in a high school level tournament with the intent to just get some extra play time in. The students did a phenomenal job playing against much older players. The A team only had 2 losses out of 11 matches and the B team only had 4 losses, one of which was to our own A team. A team members were Atharva Singh, Rohan Kundra, Anirudh Ventakash, Joey Becker, and Atharv Nunemunthala. The B team consisted of Niti Singh, Alyson Maguire, Neel Rege, Smeet Thaker and Shaurya Mathur.

Excellent playing everyone. GVMS is excited to see how you will play in an actual Middle School level tournament next time!

The **GVMS PTO** has kicked off the first community sponsor field trip fundraiser! We will be fundraising to reduce the field trip costs for all 7th (Cape Henlopen) and 8th (Amazing Race) grade students, which cost almost $100,000. You can support this initiative by sharing the sponsorship letter and form with your local business contacts. Please see the PTO sponsorship page at Field Trip Sponsorship — Great Valley Middle School PTO for details. Contact the PTO at info@gvmspto.org with any questions. Thank you for your support!

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 to 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_xCyy9ZyevUxtNv0v35le8QtDfCvma85x_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/west chester** The Fun Fitness Class will include fun, interactive fitness activities for the GVMS kids. Cost is $25/child (includes use of ACAC facitlies 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**
- This is an update regarding the **NJHS Ornament Sale**: The NJHS is pleased to announce that the Ornament Sales Fundraiser earned $750 to purchase grocery cards for our GVMS families this season. We would like to thank Mr. Ruckelshaus for the idea and for creating the ornaments. Thank you to all who contributed to this fundraiser!
- The NJHS is excited to announce a **Winter Fundraiser** to benefit **CHOP** - Pajama Days on Friday, February 17th and Thursday, March 9th. All students who wish to participate will buy a bracelet for $1 on each of these days and then they can enjoy their pajamas that day. We hope to make this our most successful fundraiser with the help of the entire GVMS family!
- The **GVMS PTO** has several fundraisers and events taking place during the next few weeks. Please visit the PTO website at: **https://www.gvmspto.org/** to read about all of these exciting events and fundraisers!

Groundhog Day on February 2 is when we ask are we in for six more weeks of Winter? Only a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil knows for sure. Originating with German settlers, who came to Pennsylvania in the 1700s and brought their seasonal superstitions with them, legend has it that if Phil sees his shadow on February 2, the winter chill will continue. Groundhog Day is a tradition to be cherished.

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