



Middle School Matters

November 22, 2019

Monday 11/25 Day 6	Tuesday 11/26 Day 1	Wednesday 11/27 NO SCHOOL	Thursday 11/28 NO SCHOOL	Friday 11/29 NO SCHOOL
Monday 12/2 Day 2	Tuesday 12/3 Day 3	Wednesday 12/4 Day 4	Thursday 12/5 Day 5	Friday 12/6 Day 6

Dates to Make Note of:

- Nov. 22** - Heritage Fest
- Nov. 27-29** Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec. 2** - Classes Resume
- Dec. 5** - German Trip - Christmas Village - 9AM-2PM
- Dec. 6** - 7th & 8th Grade Winter Dance - 7-9PM
- Dec. 11** - PATRIOT PRIDE
- Dec. 12** - Winter Choral Concert - 7PM - Gym
- Dec. 14** - Robotics Comp. - Gym & Dining Rm. -7:30AM – 4PM
- Dec. 17** - 8B Constitution Center Trip - 9AM - 1:45PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

- Grade 6:** Christopher Georgopoulos, Matthew Balmer & Nina Ginelli
- Grade 7:** Danica Bergen, Gavin Stewart & Owen Peters
- Grade 8:** Colin Glynn, Mason Segarnick & Reagan Grobe

The 7th grade Social Studies Department recently hosted Signe Wilkinson, a Pulitzer Prize winning syndicated Political Cartoonist, who spoke to the students about the history of political cartoons as well as her inspiration and artwork in the field. Ms. Wilkinson explained the process she goes through from generating and sketching ideas to creating a final cartoon. She also led students in a few guided cartoon drawings. The 7th grade Social Studies classes are preparing to create their Political Cartoons to finish up the Political Science unit and Ms. Wilkinson's expertise was invaluable.

A few 7th grade Art classes also had the opportunity to hear and watch Ms. Wilkinson demonstrate the art of cartooning and gave the students techniques she uses in her craft that they could certainly benefit from.

Thank you Ms. Wilkinson!



Great Valley Middle School was one of four middle level schools to earn the Distinguished Keystone Council Award at the 83rd Annual Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils State Conference held on Nov. 7-9. Great Valley was recognized in the following categories: excellence in leadership development, council organization, activities, evaluation, financial procedures, community outreach, and communication.



PASC, The Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils, has been developing, engaging, and celebrating leaders since 1932. The mission of PASC is to engage and recognize student leaders and advisors in leadership training, networking, community service, school improvement, personal development opportunities, and civic engagement in the 21st century.

Points of Interest

- **Committee Forming to Redesign Website**
For more information, please visit www.gvmsd.org/webcommittee.
The application deadline is November 22!
- The Student Council sponsored **Winter dance is Friday, December 6, from 7:00PM-9:00PM**. The dance is for current 7th and 8th grade GVMS students. The cost for the dance is \$5.00. Canned soda and bottled water will cost \$1.00. Proceeds from the soda and water sales will be donated to the Four Diamonds Foundation. Thank you to the GVMS PTO for donating the snacks.



Patrick Li, a student at Great Valley Middle School and his dance partner & sister Alika Li, a student at Sugartown Elementary, qualified for the US National Team in the 2020 U.S. Ice Dance Final held on Nov. 12-16, 2019 in Hyannis, Massachusetts by U.S. Figure Skating. Juvenile, intermediate and novice athletes earn a spot through their placement at U.S. Dance Final. Top 9 teams nationwide were selected to attend the US National High Performance Development team in January 2020. Patrick and Alika ranked 7th out of 18 dance pairs nationwide at the Juvenile level.

Awarding Teachers with Heart

Citadel recognizes teachers who go above and beyond. That is why we teamed up with the Chester County Intermediate Unit 19 years ago to create the Citadel Heart of Learning Award.

The Citadel Heart of Learning Award is a teaching excellence award for Chester County teachers. Each year 15 finalists and 3 overall winners are selected for their outstanding contribution to the community through teaching.

Students, parents, teachers, administrators, or anyone in the community can nominate a teacher at:

CitadelHeartofLearning@CitadelBanking.com.

Nominations are open through December 31, 2019.



The Great Valley Middle School staff hopes this Thanksgiving is a happy one for all of you filled with family, friends and many happy memories.