



Greenwich Central School Board of Education Calendar

- May 10** *Meet the Candidates*
6:30 p.m., High School Media Center
- Budget Hearing*
Immediately following
- May 17** *Regular Board of Education Meeting*
7:00 p.m. High School Media Center
- May 18** *Budget Vote & Election of Board of Education Members*
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Primary Cafeteria
- June 14** *Regular Board of Education Meeting*
7:00 p.m. High School Media Center

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Matthias E. Donnelly

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George Niesz
Assistant Principal, Secondary
Ben Cronin

Elementary Principal
Benjamin A. Pisani

Director, Pupil Personnel Services
Alison Neary

Business Administrator
Wesley Clark

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Greenwich Central School
Spring Newsletter
April, 2010

A Message From Mr. Donnelly



Keith Mann and McKenzie Bassett from GCS "Guys and Dolls"

Despite tough economic times, our staff is still committed to the improvement of our programs for our students. During our recent Superintendent's Conference Day most of our staff was working hard at a process called "curriculum mapping". In fact, we partnered with Argyle Central School to bring Heidi Hayes Jacobs to meet with us. Dr. Jacobs is an internationally recognized expert in the fields of curriculum and instruction. She has served as an education consultant to schools nationally and internationally on curriculum mapping, dynamic instruction, and planning for 21st century learning. In fact, following our meeting she was leaving to work in China for an extended period.

In "mapping" our curriculum, each teacher enters what is actually taught in real-time during the school year, in contrast to having an outside or separate committee determine decisions. Once this process is complete, teachers can electronically share their work which allows them to view, both K-12 and across grade levels and subjects, what is being taught in order to be informed and to revise what they teach.

What this means to our school is that we will become part of a large community of educators and develop and teach to the highest standards. We are in the second year of a multiyear development plan that will eventually have all of our teachers sharing what is being taught in our classes while being linked to standards developed by our state, federal and international learning communities. This, in turn will help us to revise what we do to be more effective in how we teach.

We already have several teachers who have stepped forward and received advanced training in curriculum mapping. I am confident that as our staff becomes more comfortable and expert in developing and sharing their maps our students will benefit from the coordinated effort.

We will be making a presentation to the Board of Education on our progress so far on curriculum mapping at the regular June 14th meeting. Please come to learn about where we are going with our school's curriculum.

For Learning,

Matthias E. Donnelly

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Superintendent of Schools



**Greenwich High School
Student Art Exhibit**

Thursday May 27, 2010
4:30pm - 7:30pm

668 Cambridge-Battenville Road
Greenwich, New York



Making College More Affordable!

In these tough economic times, it is important that students who plan to attend a college or university after graduating from GCS maximize their opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. Greenwich Junior-Senior High School offers a full slate of courses (see below list) that can result in the granting of college credits. These courses allow our students to be challenged academically with college level coursework for a fraction of the cost (sometimes no cost). Students that are successful in AP and college classes also dramatically enhance their resume' for the college admissions process. Students and parents that are interested in more information regarding the college level and AP courses offered at GCS should speak to their school counselor or Mr. Niesz.

GCS Advanced Placement Courses

- AP Biology
- AP United States History
- AP World History
- AP Environmental Science
- AP English Literature
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP United States Politics and Government

University in the High School Courses

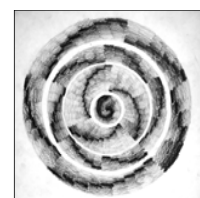
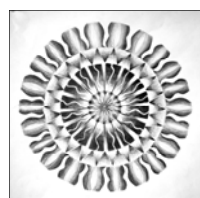
(offered through SUNY Albany)

- UHS Spanish
- UHS French
- UHS Authentic Science Research

Adirondack Community College Courses

- Introduction to Business 101
- Word Processing and Windows 100

**the running of all courses is subject to final enrollment numbers*



Scholarship Opportunities

Seniors should stop in the Counseling Office on a regular basis because new scholarships are arriving weekly.

Greenwich Community Scholarship Award

Applications for the Greenwich Community Scholarship Award are now available in the Counseling Office. The scholarship application must be postmarked no later than Saturday, May 22, 2010. If seniors have any questions, please see Mr. Zwirn or Mrs. Facin.

Pedagogical Scholarship

The Pedagogical Scholarship is a monetary award made to a senior at graduation by the Greenwich Teachers' Association. Any senior planning a career in preschool, elementary, or secondary education may apply. Applications are available from the Counseling Office or by visiting: http://www.gcsta.org/other_notables.htm. Complete the application and return it to the Counseling Office by the first school day in June.

Student Teaching Stipend

Sponsored by the Greenwich Teachers' Association, the student teaching stipend is a monetary award made to Greenwich alumni who are beginning their student teaching. Alumni of GCS who are enrolled in a teacher prep program and beginning their student teaching are eligible. To apply, write a letter advising that you are enrolled in a teacher prep program and beginning your student teaching. Mail it to the Greenwich Teachers' Association, 10 Gray Avenue, Greenwich, NY 12834, Attention: Brenda Lee Saunders, President.

Scholar Athlete Teams

The Greenwich Junior-Senior High School community is proud of our school's long tradition of excellence in athletic activities. The GCS student-athletes that participated this winter and fall have once again made our community proud, earning multiple league, sectional and even New York State championships.

What makes these athletic achievements all the more noteworthy is that six of the seven varsity teams that GCS fielded in the fall earned recognition as Scholar Athlete Teams by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. To achieve this designation, our teams must have had the required number of athletes (it varies based on the number of players on a given team) earn a grade point average of 90% or higher.

The Scholar Athlete Team designation objectively demonstrates that many of our students are fulfilling our school (and community's) purpose of producing well rounded, active, healthy, and motivated young adults ready to achieve at the highest level when they move on from our school. Congratulations to the students, coaches, and teachers whose hard work and commitment to excellence led to these honors!

Below are the teams that earned (or are projected to earn) the NYSPHSAAA Scholar Athlete Team designation.

Fall Sports

Girls' Cross Country, Field Hockey, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Soccer, Boys' Soccer, Football

Winter Sports

Girls' Basketball, Indoor Track

Student Services Web Page

Posted on the Greenwich Central School District Home Page (www.greenwichcsd.org) is a link to our Student Services page (www.greenwichcsd.org/studentservices.html). On our page are listed a number of links to organizations and/or items that could be helpful to our students and their families. Next time you are "surfing" the net we encourage you to check out the Student Services page on the GCS web page so that you and your son/daughter are aware of some of the services available, both in our school and in our community.



First TechYES – GenYES Students Receive Certification



On Wednesday, March 3, 2010 four students achieved TechYES Certification.

7 th Grader:	Cole Furman
8 th Graders:	Warren Dennis Jonathon Askew Devlin Kennedy

The TechYES Program is part of the New York State Student Technology Leaders model that was developed to ensure students are technology literate. To achieve their certification students completed two technology projects (i.e. a PowerPoint, a webpage, a video, etc) of their choice which were then critiqued and approved in the TechYES system. The students completed these projects as part of the GCS Technology Club and are currently working to achieve GenYES Team status. The GenYES team will work within the school assisting other students with technology as well as teachers. Students within the 7th and 8th grade will be working towards TechYES Certification in specific courses over the next year. The Technology Club meets every Thursday in Mrs. Belden's room. Any student in 7th or 8th grade is invited to attend! Advisors are Mrs. Belden and Mrs. Saunders, Business Department Teachers.

FBLA Wins Spring District Competitions

Eight members of the Greenwich FBLA Chapter (Future Business Leaders of America) attended the 2010 Spring District V meeting held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at The Spiritual Life Conference Center in Easton. In attendance were members Ryan Beck, Emilee Boddery, Cameron Cox, Kaitlyn Culbertson, Christopher Herbst, Ian Kelly, Jillian Parker, and Matt Shissler accompanied by their advisors Mrs. Belden and Mrs. Saunders. The conference provided members with the opportunity to network and test their business skills in competition with those of approximately 100 fellow members within the five-county district from eight area schools. It was an excellent way for FBLA members to gain valuable leadership experience, and it was a great motivating experience for all.

Congratulations to the following members who placed in various competitive events:

Emilee Boddery	4 th place FBLA Principles & Procedures
Kaitlyn Culbertson	4 th place Job Interview
Christopher Herbst	2 nd place Business Law and 4 th place Sports Management
Jillian Parker	2 nd place Microsoft Word
Matt Shissler	4 th place Personal Finance

A special thanks to the following individuals who volunteered to be judges for the FBLA District V New York State elimination events: Marie Danish, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher from Greenwich Central School District; Teresa Mumby, Business & Technology Teacher; and Tom Vishneowski and Richard Spiezio both of the Fort Miller Company.

FFA Brings Home Awards

Over 80 FFA members, judges and volunteers participated in the District 3 FFA Leadership Contests held at Greenwich High School on Friday, February 26, 2010. FFA members represented Greenwich, Granville, Argyle, Salem, Schuylerville, Hartford and Chateaugay FFA Chapters. The top district contestants will travel to Greenville High School on Saturday, March 20, 2010 for the sub-state competition and the right to compete at the NYS FFA Convention in May.

The Greenwich FFA members are working hard to perfect their presentations for Sub-State Competition with hopes to earn a spot at the NYS FFA Convention in May at SUNY, Cobleskill.

Henry Edwards	1 st Place Junior High Extemporaneous Speaking
Quinn Saunders	4 th Place Senior High Extemporaneous Speaking
Mary Foote	2 nd Place Prepared Speaking with her speech titled, <i>A Growing Problem</i> .
Briana Scribner	2 nd Place Creed Competition
Easton Murray	3 rd Place Creed Competition
Bethany Sloan	1 st Place People in Agriculture Contest
Brandon Callahan	2 nd Place Job Interview

Team Competitions:

2nd Place Agricultural Issues Team with the topic "Quality Dear Management": Regina Gillis, Tim Norton, Japhid Moses, and Christian Stilwell

2nd Place Parliamentary Procedure Team: Aleatha Dennis, Mandy Scheeren, Dylan Rogers, Keesha Maynard, Alicia Anuszewski and Suzanne Foote

