GHS Announcements

Thursday, April 5, 2018

MISC

The results of the March Madness battle of the books are in. The Boy in the Striped Pajamas won with a score of 68% of the vote. Thanks to all who participated!

It is, perhaps, the perfect video game. Simple yet addictive, Tetris delivers an irresistible, unending puzzle that has players hooked. Play it long enough and you’ll see those brightly colored geometric shapes everywhere. You’ll see them in your dreams. Alexey Pajitnov had big ideas about games. In 1984, he created Tetris in his spare time while developing software for the Soviet government. Once Tetris emerged from behind the Iron Curtain, it was an instant hit. Nintendo, Atari, Sega―game developers big and small all wanted Tetris. A bidding war was sparked, followed by clandestine trips to Moscow, backroom deals, innumerable miscommunications, and outright theft. In this graphic novel, New York Times–bestselling author Box Brown untangles this complex history and delves deep into the role games play in art, culture, and commerce. For the first time and in unparalleled detail, Tetris: The Games People Play tells the true story of the world’s most popular video game.

Meningitis vaccination for 2018/19 seniors:  Iowa law now requires all students who will be enrolling in 7th and 12th grades, to receive a meningococcal vaccine prior to the first day of school.   There is no grace period to get the vaccination after the start of school.  Any student entering 12th grade (born after 9/15/1999) and does not have the required vaccination or a certified exemption on file with the school, will be UNABLE TO START SCHOOL IN THE 2018/19 SCHOOL YEAR.  Vaccinations can be received by making an appointment with your local family doctor’s office or through Grinnell Public Health at 236-2385.  Further information can be found on the G-N CSD website located under the Parents & Students/Health Information tab.

Love Community? Love Education? Love to make a difference? Apply for the 2018 Grinnell AmeriCorps Partnership Summer AmeriCorps Positions! 40 Summer Learning Corps member positions now available. Join the Summer Learning Corps Team and make a difference in the lives of Grinnell kids. Submit an application and a resume by Friday, April 6 to [americorps@grinnell.edu](mailto:americorps@grinnell.edu" \t "_blank) Click here for applications & information: [Summer Learning Applications](https://www.grinnell.edu/about/offices-services/community-enhancement/grinnell-americorps-partnership" \t "_blank). Questions??? Contact [Liz Hansen](mailto:hansenel@grinnell.edu" \t "_blank) at the Grinnell AmeriCorps Partnership.

SENIOR PARENTS: It’s not too late to purchase a Recognition Ad for your senior. Please contact Janet Ahrens for details on prices and materials at [janet.ahrens@grinnell-k12.org](mailto:janet.ahrens@grinnell-k12.org" \t "_blank). Checks can be made payable to GHS Yearbook—the deadline is April 6th.

PROM will be held in The Steve Kriegel Gym on April 21st. The Dance starts at 9:00pm, following Promenade. Tickets are $10.00 each. We Will be set up outside of the cafeteria the week of Prom on Wednesday - Friday during lunch hours or you may contact Shelly Lacina at [shelly.lacina@grinnell-k12.org](mailto:shelly.lacina@grinnell-k12.org" \t "_blank) or Kasandra Moore at [kasandra.christina@grinnell-k12.org](mailto:kasandra.christina@grinnell-k12.org" \t "_blank). We are asking any Junior/Senior students and/or parents to volunteer their time to help setup and decorate the week of Prom. Please contact Shelly or Kasandra for information on times to volunteer. We really want this to be an unforgettable, fun and safe night for all and would like for students and parents to be involved in making this happen! Thank you!

Make your plans with your group to attend the GHS Prom Dinner will be held at the Joe Rosenfield Center, 8th Avenue, on the Grinnell College campus the evening of Prom, April 21.  The social time begins at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner is from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  Tickets will be sold the week prior to Prom and will be $20 each.  It’s going to be a great time that you won’t want to miss!  Tables are set up for parties of 8.  This is a popular event and SPACE IS LIMITED!  Get your groups together so that you are ready to reserve your table! RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED to attend and the table selection will be available in the office AFTER SPRING BREAK.  Watch for further announcements! If you have any questions, contact Nancy Guinane at [guinanen@grinnell.edu](mailto:guinanen@grinnell.edu" \t "_blank).

ATHLETICS

~ GIRLS & BOYS TRACK & FIELD - 4:30 @ Nevada HS. Buses leave at 2:30. Please dismiss Teams at 2:15.

~ GIRLS TENNIS 4:15 @ Saydel. Bus leaves at 2:30. Dismiss Team at 2:15.

~ BOYS TENNIS 4:15 - HOME

~ BOYS SOCCER 4:30 @ South Tama. Bus leaves at 3:00. Dismiss Team 2:45.

~ GIRLS SOCCER 5:00 - HOME. Meet will be held at Ahrens Park Soccer Fields.

Attached is the T-shirt order form for the Girl's Soccer team. They are due by Wednesday, April 11th by 5:00pm and can be turned in to Awards Unlimited.

COUNSELING OFFICE

New!  Local - Donald & Carol D. Kaisand Scholarship - $500. Applicants must attend Iowa State University and possess financial need. The recipient must successfully complete his/her first term at ISU.  To receive the scholarship money, the recipient must show proof of continued enrollment to a GPCF representative at the Ahrens Foundation.  Due - May 7, 2018.  Application is available in the Counseling Office or can be printed from the Counseling webpage.

U.S. Service Academy Open House on Mon., April 30 at (5-7 p.m.) at the Cedar Rapids Library.  Joni Ernst will be in attendance. Students must be have a congressional nomination to be considered.  The Service Academies are highly selective colleges:  US Air Force Academy; US Naval Academy; US Military Academy; and US Merchant Marine Academy.  (US Coast Guard Academy does not need a nomination)  It is important to start EARLY (Sophs & Juniors) if you are considering a Service Academy.  Contact your counselor for more info about the Open House (and how to RSVP).

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Iowa Girl's High School Athletic Union Good Sportsmanship and Good Citizen Award is a $250 Scholarship for a graduating female senior who displays good sportsmanship/citizenship. Application is available in the Counseling Office or can be printed from the Counseling webpage. Please return to the GHS Counseling Office by May 7, 2018.

CLUBS/ACTIVITIES  
HELP TAKE AWAY HUNGER! Please help the Outdoor Adventure Program put together a 12-person team to participate in Take Away Hunger day on April 15th.  This is an opportunity to package meals that are sent to areas in need.  These meals will be sent to the hurricane areas of Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.  This is a great opportunity for community service.  Anyone interested, please sign up at Ms. Meyer’s room.  Our group will be packaging from Sunday, April 15th at 1:45-2:30 at the Elks Lodge.