

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Glassboro High School

December, 2014

Dr. Danielle F. Sneathen

ATHLETICS

Cheerleading- No banquet scheduled yet

Cross Country- No banquet scheduled yet

Field Hockey- Banquet planned for Dec. 8th, 6pm @ PB Diner. It was recommended that the coach cancel the event due to cost of event. Coach informed all students that they did not have to pay to attend the event. They will not be allowed to eat dinner if they do not pay.

Football- Doing well, varsity 9-2 and JV 6-1-2, Banquet planned for Jan. 12th at PB's Diner

Boys Soccer- end of the banquet is on Dec. 11 at 6pm.

Girls Soccer- Had end of the year banquet on Nov. 20 at PB Diner.

Girls Tennis- No banquet scheduled yet.

Due to the inconsistency in coaches planning individual team banquets a decision has been made to resume having Awards Nights in the evening in the GHS Auditorium. The Winter Sports Awards Ceremony will be held on March 9, 2014 @ 7pm and the Spring Sports Awards Ceremony will be June 4, 2014 @ 7pm.

ACTIVITIES

TCC Boys & Girls Senior All-Star game was held on Nov. 25th and was a very successful event.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health & Physical Education department would like to have the 2/3rds teacher reinstated. This position was cut from the budget a few years ago.

PERSONNEL

Interviews were held on Monday, 11.24.14, for a long-term substitute for Mr. Enuco who will be taking a Paternity leave from 1.1.15 – 3.30.15.

Resumes are still being received for the Special Education Math position at GHS. That posting closes on 12.5.14 and it is our hope to have a teacher in the role for the start of the second semester.

TRANSPORTATION

Athletics buses scheduled with transportation office.

FACILITIES

Requesting gym floor be cleaned every day before after school practices begin at 3pm.

Rehabilitation of softball field at Bowe School is needed.

TECHNOLOGY

The GHS staff continues to request the use of Google Docs for student and staff file sharing. The technology department has offered the implementation of Microsoft 365 as a compromise. Most staff members are not pleased with this solution. Training is needed for either of these programs.

MISCELLANEOUS

In November GHS celebrated Epilepsy Awareness Month. GHS Senior Ashley Kulikowski spearheaded the effort with two short assemblies during Unit Lunch on November 4th and 5th. Ashley also sold t-shirts to raise funds for Clayton's Hope a charity that helps to raise awareness about Epilepsy. Students filled out slips of papers with the fears they were dropping as a result of Ashley's "Fearless Campaign" and these were posted on a large poster in the main hallway. The month culminated with a charity volleyball tournament called "Volley for the Cure" which was held on Tuesday, 11.25.14. Seven student teams participated and one faculty team participated in this fun event.

On 11.10.14, Dr. Sneathen hosted her first "Chat with the Principal." This event was well attended by 7 staff members and 12 parents. Some of the discussion topics were: Unit Lunch, Technology, JROTC, the Referendum, the Late Policy, PSAT's, Freshman Orientation, Back to School Night modifications, and Drivers Education. A spring time chat will be scheduled to keep the lines of communication open.

GHS partnered with a Rowan Fraternity to assist them with their "Stuff the Bus" food drive and it was very successful with the student body bringing in 1,503 items in just four days. Dr. Sneathen turned this into a competition among the 40 or so homerooms in the building with the winning homeroom winning a breakfast. Ms. White's class won with the highest ratio of items to students and they were treated to breakfast at PB Diner by Dr. Sneathen on 11.20.14.

On November 13, 2014, GHS hosted a Veteran's Appreciation Event as our "One Book" celebration in the Gym that was very well attended by the community. The program included student readings, choir and band performances as well as a service dog demonstration and a basic training demonstration by Veteran's. Afterwards there was a reception in the library. An entire committee planned this event for over a month and we were very pleased with the outcome. There is some talk of making this an annual event.

On Monday, 11.17.14, Dr. Sneathen a Capital Needs Meeting held at the Board Office to learn more about the future of referendum in our district.

On Tuesday, 11.18.14, the GHS Guidance Department hosted an 8th Grade Open House for parents interested in learning more about our programs here at GHS. The band and the

cheerleaders performed, as well as a string quartet. Over 40 families attended the evening which was a success.

During the week of November 17-21st, the Friends of Rachel Club held an Operation Christmas Child drive in which homerooms were challenged to fill a shoebox with small gifts for a child in a third world country. Over 45 boxes were donated to the cause as a result of this effort! The F.O.R. Club worked with Mrs. Chadwell, a GHS parent, who was coordinating the effort for the organization referenced below.

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

On November 21, 2014, the Interact Club sponsored a Hats On for Cancer day in which students and staff could pay \$1.00 to wear a hat for the day. Participants received a sticker as proof that they had made their donation. The event was a success with over \$100 being donated to childhood Cancer research.

On Friday, 11.21.14 and Saturday, 11.22.14, the GHS Drama Department held their Fall show, "The Snow Queen" which was a great success. The show was great for young children and included audience participation. Mr. Cusack attended on Friday and Dr. Sneathen attended on Saturday.

On Thursday, 11.27.14, GHS was the host site for a free Community Breakfast. This event was coordinated by Pastor Larry and the C.L.O.W.N. Squad. This event was a success and the attendance was good. GIS and GHS students and staff volunteered their time on Thanksgiving morning. This event may become a tradition.

MATH/SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS

STEM Academy has registered 8 students for the spring semester @ Rowan. We had 4 out of district and 23 Glassboro students apply. We are waiting to hear how many of the 4 open Choice seats will be available to STEM. Last year, STEM could only accept 2 out of district students due to the CAP. We are meeting on Monday to review the out of district applications and essays. We must notify the out of district students by 12/19.

Scores from the October 2014 HSPA will be available on December 19th. Detailed results are posted January 2nd. Any student deemed not proficient at this stage will participate in the January 2015 AHSA. After the January 2015 AHSA, students have two additional opportunities to demonstrate proficiency prior to graduation (March 2015 HSPA & April 2015 AHSA), and one additional opportunity prior to September (July 2015 AHSA).

The Science department is continuing their discussions on re-sequencing courses due to the new NGSS. The Math department is continuing their discussions on renaming and revising the Interactive courses for the new PARCC testing.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Fleece Blankets	3 count
Gloves	1 pair
Hairbands	1 pack of 14
Hand Sanitizer	6 count
Hats	2 count
Journals	2 count
Lip Balm	7 tubes
Lotion	13 bottles
Napkins	2 packs of 160 count
Paper Towels	9 rolls
Playing Cards	3 decks
Ponchos	3 count
Puzzle Books	3 count
Shampoo	7 bottles
Shaving Cream	4 count
Shaving Razors	22 count
Shower Gel/Bubble Bath	21 count
Soap	13 bars
Socks	10 pairs
Soup	2 cans
Thank You Cards	4 packs of 8 count
Tissues	5 boxes 7 small packs
Toilet Paper	23 rolls
Tooth brushes	22 count
Toothpaste	22 tubes
Travel Mugs	3 count
Tuna fish	1 can
TOTAL:	243 items

WORLD LANGUAGE/MUSIC/ART DEPARTMENTS

Band

The GHS Saxophone Quartet had the privilege of performing the National Anthem and other selections for the fifth annual Miles for Medals 5k and Jingle All the Way 3k® held at Rowan University on November 15th. The funds raised through this event benefit Special Olympics athletes.



Members of the GHS Saxophone Quartet are (L-R) Jonathon Meddick (tenor saxophone), Brenden Finley (baritone saxophone), Brianna Lucidonio (alto saxophone) and Jacob Dorfman (alto saxophone).

The Saxophone Quartet is one of several small ensembles from the Glassboro High School Music Department which serve the school and community through musical performances. This ensemble has recently performed at the Pitman Manner and Glassboro Community Thanksgiving Breakfast. The Saxophone Quartet, along with the GHS Marching Band and Brassboro (a small mixed ensemble), will perform at the Boro in Lights tree lighting festivities on December 5th. Both the quartet and Brassboro group will also share music with members of the community at both the Summit Place and Glassboro Senior Center on December 17th.

The GHS Band Program has been very active at both school and community events. The student musicians have been and will continue to represent their program, the school and the community through special performances and school concerts

The GHS Marching Band Events In November

- November 5th – WIC 40th Anniversary Celebration in Glassboro
- November 13th - GHS Veterans Event
- November 18th - GHS 8th Grade Parent Night
- November 29th - Pitman Christmas Parade
- GHS Varsity Football Games

Small Ensemble Performances in November (several Sax Quartet performances were arranged by the students themselves)

- November 15th - Sax Quartet - Miles for Medals and Jingle All the Way Event at Rowan University
- November 27th - Sax Quartet and Brassboro ensemble - Glassboro Community Thanksgiving Breakfast
- November 29th - Sax Quartet - Pitman Manor

The Upcoming Events In December

- December 5th – Glassboro Tree Lighting (Marching Band)
- December 6th - Salem Christmas Parade (Marching Band)
- December 13th - Music Booster Santa Breakfast (Sax Quartet and Brassboro)
- December 16th - GHS Band Concert (Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Sax Quartet and others)
- December 17th - Summit Place and Senior Center Performances (Sax Quartet, Mariachi and Brassboro ensemble)

Three GHS band students are set to audition for the All South Jersey Band on December 13th. Veronica Menna (Jr - Clarinet), Sriram Mohanakanthan (Sr. - Euphonium) and Osazee Nosa (Fr - Alto Sax)

Choir

Four of our high school choir members auditioned and were selected to sing with the All South Jersey Choir. Their names are Briana Bankster (12th), Mykah Hutton (9th), Henry Ottenthal (9th) and Cassie Ferrara (11th). The concerts will take place on Saturday, January 24th 8pm and Sunday, January 25th at 3 pm at Eastern Regional HS. Everyone is invited to this wonderful performance!

French

Instruction:

French II students finished their fashion show performance-based assessment at the end of the unit. French IV Honors students are reading “La Belle et la Bete”. Madame is organizing a trip to Bullock School on Dec. 19th with her French 4 Honors students to present Beauty and the Beast as a puppet show. Following the French puppet show, students will travel to a French Chocolatrium for a full immersion French tour of chocolate making by a French pastry chef.

Miscellaneous:

Madame continues to advise the French Club. She met with officers during Unit Lunch and after school with the entire French Club. The November meetings revolved around Thanksgiving. Students participated in French challenges using vocabulary for Thanksgiving in French as well as physical challenges.

Madame continues to organize the France Trip for 2015 by checking on registrations with EF Tours and communicating with students. There are 14 students traveling this year. Madame is meeting with students during unit lunch checking on their passports, reviewing French, safety guidelines, and all other important information.

As dual credit coordinator with CCC, Madame has submitted registrations for the fall semester to Camden County College. We currently have a total of 16 students registered for dual credit for French, Italian, Spanish, or Early Childhood Education.

Madame and Mr. Beaver work together as advisors to the Class of 2016. The class is running a weekly bake sale after school on Wednesdays as a fundraiser. The officers and senators met during Unit Lunch weekly and afterschool.

ENGLISH/SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Wood's Honors English I: Students recently completed Literature Circles, or group projects designed to allow students to work at their own pace with group members to study a novel of their choosing. Popular selections included *Brave New World* and *All Quiet on the Western Front*. Students also analyzed Marcus Luttrell's *Lone Survivor* and explored ways in which the various factions of the American media can interpret the same events.

Mr. Wood's CP English I students completed Literature Circle projects at the beginning of the month – complete with a day of food that students found in their books and then prepared for their classmates to taste. We also studied narrative writing by reading and analyzing the dramatic plot development of three short stories, which included satire and science fiction.

M. Morrison's CP English I class finished *The Odyssey* and completed an Electronic Hero High Yearbook showing comprehension and motivation of characters in an Epic Poem.

M. Morrison's Language Arts I read a novel and completed mini research projects to answer questions they had after reading.

M. Morrison's English Language Learners read the novel, *The Circuit* and began reading *Enrique's Journey*. (non-fiction)

Mr. Wood's CP English II students began studying argumentative writing techniques in depth. They learned various ways advertisers can be persuasive -- including appeals to ethos, pathos, and logos. At the end of the month, students began outlining a formal persuasive essay which will be delivered to the class using visual aids and practiced public speaking techniques.

Mrs. Hartman's Honors English III students completed a unit on human trafficking. They analyzed the speeches of Frederick Douglass for persuasive and rhetorical techniques, conducted group discussions on the novel *Sold* by Patricia McCormick and wrote essays proposing a solution that high school students could adopt for a specific form of trafficking. SAT prep and vocab development continue.

Mr. Preston: Students in both AP Literature and CP English IV class have been working with British Romantic poetry, reading such prolific poets as Keats, Wordsworth and Coleridge. Most recently, students completed a reflective study and analysis of Coleridge's *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*. The AP Literature class will be working to create a Romantic Poem (a ballad, lyric poem, narrative poem, Petrarchan sonnet), hopefully inspired by an upcoming trip to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA.

Christina Duffey's English 3 Resource Room class just completed their children's books. They learned about the elements of a story, and then had to develop a story with those elements for second-third grade readers.

Over 200 people attended our Veterans Appreciation Event on Nov 13th which was inspired by this year's One Book Glassboro reading selection *Until Tuesday* by Luis Carlos Montalvan. Special thanks to Dr. Sneathen and English and Social Studies teachers who spearheaded the event with help from many other departments: Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Baldissero, Mrs. Morrison, Ms. Evans Ms. Callahan, Mr. Cino and Ms. Jones. Mr. Hemmes, Ms. Syvertsen, Ms. Abrams, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Spadafora, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Myers and Ms. Keating were also very helpful in preparing for the event.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	Board report- GHS nurse	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
41	attendance calls outgoing		5	2	0								
42	parent/guardian conferences/communication		19	5	8								
43	guidance/CST/I&RS conferences		3	3	4								
44	health Classes taught		0	4	0								
45	Reports submitted		2	1	1								
46	HIB meetings		1	1	2								
47	Staff												
48	health office visits	2	29	24	13								
49	Trainings/teaching		0	0	0								
50	Workman's comp claims initiated	2	2	2	1								
51	referrals	1	1	1	0								
52	Education of student medical needs		11	2	1								
53	Meetings/Workshops/Activites												
54	Teacher inservice		0	0	0								
55	Faculty	1	1	1	1								
56	Departmental (Nurse, Health/PE) saftey		1	1	2-trainer								
57	I&RS		1	1	1								
58	Drills		2	2	2								
59	Nursing Continuing ED/workshops		0	0	1								
60	Other												
61	Free/reduced lunch forms		114	14	3								
62	Review emergency cards		550	24	5								
63	Substitute plans		1	1	1								
64	bulitin boards		2	0	1								
65	Blood drive		date plicked	1 meeting	3meeting &assembl								
66	Volunteering/fund raisers/mentoring		0	1	0								
67	Back to School night		1	0	0								
68	Student Nurse		2days	3days	2								
69	Reflection		0	1	*3								
70													

*sport physicals, concussion assessments, tracking causes.