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ADMINISTRATION:

- Staff Evaluations (October)

Tenured Certified Staff	13	
Non-Tenured Certified Staff	4	
Non-Certified Staff	0	

- Walk Through Evaluations (October) 101

- Committee Meetings

10.4.16 SciP Mtg.

10.5.16 Scheduling Comm. Mtg.

10.5.16 Safety Team Mtg.

10.6.16 Construction Mtg.

10.12.16 Student Life Comm.

10.18.16 Faculty Mtg.

10.11.16 Department Meetings

9.20.16 Faculty Mtg.

10.20.16 Administrative Council Mtg.

10.7, 14, 21, & 28 GHS Admin. Mtg.

10.25.16 Glouc./Salem Cty. Principals Mtg.

10.26.16 IR&S Mtg.

10.19.16 BOE Mtg.

10.27.16 PLC Meetings

Meetings were held with the parents of all students who still need to clear for graduation.

- PTO Meetings

10.3.16 After Prom Comm. Mtg.

Professional Development

PLC Meetings

10.20.16 Cyber Bullying Assembly

10.25.16 Tech Tuesday - Frontline

INSTRUCTION / STUDENT NOTES:

Guidance

Total number of Parent Contacts- By Phone: 94

By Email: 82

Parent sessions: 23

Total # of Consultations with Teachers, Administrators and Child Study Team Members: 83

Total # of Conferences with Teachers, Administrators and Child Study Team Members: 47

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Total Number of Contacts with outside Services, Agencies, School: 13

Meetings Attended: I&RS, SCIP, GCPCA, Friends of Rachel, HIB, Rowan Mentor, STEM, PARCC

Training/Additional Activities:

Attended GCPCA Mtg
Rowan Mentors- Graduate level
Harley Flack Mentoring
College Graduate Students working with seniors
Naviance
Harassment/Intimidation Meeting
SAT Registrations
Coordinate SAT Prep Classes
Coordinate 8th Grade Open House
Coordinate HBCU College Fair
Gathered names for Thanksgiving holiday baskets
Attended Unity Day
Met with Seniors for Senior meetings
Organized and implemented the 3 day 8th grade shadowing
Organized and facilitated College and University visits to GHS
Organized and facilitated Armed Service visits to GHS
Promoted and attended the Gloucester County College Fair
Coordinated PSAT Testing for 10th and 11th grade students
Coordinated Anti Bullying Actives for 9th and 12th graders
Coordinated Gloucester County Prosecutor's Cyber Bullying Presentation for all students
Attended Parent Teacher Conference for Test Prep Students

Student Sessions

R. Boyd	M. Mattioli	M. Ragozzino
Total 145	Total- 143	Total 144
12 th – 66	12 th – 63	12 th - 64
11 th - 39	11 th -42	11 th - 38
10 th - 21	10 th -19	10 th - 24
9 th - 19	9 th -19	9 th - 18

Math/Science

STEM:

We had our annual Open House at Rowan and introduced the Bio Med Academy.

GHS Graduation Status:

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For graduation, there are four seniors not cleared in English, three seniors not cleared in math, and five seniors not cleared in either subject. These 12 students will be taking an ASVAB in November and an SAT in December.

Engineering Club competed at Rowan's annual Pumpkin Chunkin. The team placed 7th out of 21 schools (both high school and college teams) competing.

The Chemistry classes with Mr. Youngblood and Mrs. Donnell had their students working with computers to gather information on the History of Atom Theory through the following scientists: J J Thomson, John Dalton, Ernest Rutherford, Robert Milikan and Neils Bohr. They worked in groups of 2-5 students per group. They had two days during class to work on it. They all had to work on the scientist that they picked, making a power point. So, they divided up the work within the group, when they presented it they had to standup in front of the class. When they were done presenting their scientist all the students had to take a quiz on that scientist.

This was a good way to show how a teacher has to prepare for a lesson and how a teacher gains the respect of their students. It also, shows that students can learn from their peers as long as they have all the information to present.

In Biology we are working on an osmosis inquiry lab in which students determine how to set up, run, and analyze an experiment to test the factors that influence the movement of water into and out of a plant cell. Students are given an experimental design guide and list of possible materials. It is their job to figure out what they want to use to investigate which types of environments/solutions will cause either a loss or gain of water from cells of a plant. They will then run their experiment, collect data and analyze their results to explain why they got their results and why this happened.

In Human Anatomy we just completed the Sherlock Bones Activity in which students play the role of forensic anthropologists. They are given four different bones and utilize qualitative observations and quantitative measurements to determine sex, race, height, and approximate age of an individual.

In Contemporary Science students are ready to begin their performance task, How Can We Make Our Environment Healthier? as part of the Environmental Science Unit. For this task, students are taking on the role of members of the Glassboro Environmental Committee. The committee is tasked with making recommendations of how the community can help to make the environment in Glassboro healthier. Students will use the sources given and their knowledge of human impact on the environment to accomplish this task.

Business

DECA has selected their officers for the 2016/2017 year: Co-Presidents are Frank Fazzolari and Gulden Ozdemiir, Vice President is Christina Rodriguez. and Dylin Acri is Secretary and Treasurer.

DECA will be collecting new socks, gloves and cash to help support our campaign to provide these items to families, in need, in our community.

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MOUS students have completed the curriculum for Microsoft PowerPoint and almost completed Microsoft Word.

On November 3, 2016 students were able to take the Certification Exam for Microsoft PowerPoint and the following students became MOS Certified: Owen Anderson, Sade Bradshaw, Aaron Harrison, Matthew Taylor, Aaron Torres, Alicia Petranj and Amani Waters!

DECA has selected the 2017 Consumer Bowl Team: Gulden Ozdemir (Captain), Megan Lord, Kendyl Tranchina, Dylan Aciri, and Aaron Harrison (Alternate)

Several members from the Black Culture Club participated in unity by displaying artwork and poetry.

Nine students and four staff members from the Black Culture Club volunteered at the Glassboro police department's annual Paws for the Cause Event in various capacities. All students were given letters for community service. The club also received a thank you letter that is posted on our bulletin board outside of guidance. Mr. Gallon also made a video of the events highlighting the student volunteers.

Several members from the Black Culture Club and one staff member, participated in the Glassboro Unity Walk from Emmanuel Baptist Church to the Glassboro Municipal Building. This event was sponsored by Glassboro pastors in partnership with the Glassboro Police Department.

English/Social Studies

Mrs. Baldissero's English I and Honors English I class read *The Odyssey* while analyzing character development. The students tracked the words of Odysseus and how those words resolved conflicts and continued other conflicts within the plot. To set the scene of war, Officer Rawles came to class as a guest speaker to discuss his time in the military while stationed in Afghanistan. Officer Rawles was able to bring the theme of Journey of the Hero and the aspects of war to life through this visuals and personal story. After the discussion, the students were able to make connections about the progress made by society since *The Odyssey*. The Honors English I class extended the study of *The Odyssey* by completing visual interpretations and character analysis letters inspired by textual evidence and references.

Ms. Faulkner's CP English II classes read *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* and discussed character development throughout the fiction novel. During this unit, students created an Instagram for one of the characters. They found textual evidence that described their assigned character. Throughout the month of October, the students prepared for the PSAT as well and are currently reading *Night*.

Ms. Evans is winding down the holocaust/genocide unit. In her Honors English II class. Publications/Yearbook is tackling the fall deadline.

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Mrs. Hartman and Ms. Faulkner's CP English III and Honors English III classes read several texts about education and watched a few TED Talks including the following: "The Vision of Education Reform in the United States" (Arne Duncan), "Kids Need Structure" (Colin Powell), "Hackschooling Makes Me Happy" (Logan LaPlante), *Notes on the State of Virginia* (Thomas Jefferson), and *Dr. Montessori's Own Handbook* (Maria Montessori). The students identified main ideas in each text and composed an essay in which they described the best education system for the 21st century student while incorporated textual evidence from their sources. Students also joined the Google Classroom and began a short research project on historical background for the Salem Witch Trials in preparation to read *The Crucible*. Students continue with weekly vocabulary study. Honors English III also completed a reaction paper on their Article of the Week non-fiction article.

Mr. Wood's AP Composition class completed an expansive unit on theories of justice including works from Cicero, Frederick Douglass, and feminist suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Students practiced timed writing assignments. Additionally, students learned and employed over 15 different rhetorical devices using a variety of prompts. AP Literature students read and discussed the theme of Post Colonialism using seminal texts such as Chinua Achebe *Things Fall Apart* and other non-fiction primary sources as well as supplemental poetry related to the theme.

Miss Ciocco's US II history classes have made the transition from the bustling, glamorous life of the 1920's to the dismal stock market crash and Great Depression. Through primary source documents and photo analysis, students have been able to identify the major causes of the stock market crash, how this led to the Great Depression, and the effects that this devastating time had on Americans. By the end of this month students finished the 1930's with FDR's New Deal and the relief, recovery, and reform efforts that were put into place in order to repair our country after the devastating effects of the Depression. Students used white boards and the game Kahoot to learn and stay engaged.

Yearbook is tackling the fall deadline

Ms. Ciocco and Mr. Dapp helped Mr. Cino coach the Mock Trial team.

Lynn Hartman, Susan Evans, Maureen Morrison and Linda Rorer conducted a book talk and film trip to support the summer reading novel *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. 25 students saw the film on October 11th.

Susan Evans and Lynn Hartman attended the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival in Newark NJ on Oct. 20, 2016.

During the month of October, Mrs. Baldissero and Ms. Ciocco started planning the Renaissance PJ Party with Santa. This included finding a Santa, organizing stations, rooms, and food for the party. This is the Renaissance Club's service celebration for the community.

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Music, Arts, and World Language

French

Madame Meeks continues to teach French 3 Honors and French 1 College Prep this semester. Students in the honors level are learning about speaking in the past, about their daily routines, and travel vocabulary related to hotels. French 1 students are learning how to speak about school life.

October 4th & 5th Madame judged daily skits during homecoming week.

October 4th Madame held an instructional unit lunch for colleagues offering them assistance with Power Teacher.

October 5th Madame attended the district's first meeting of the Secondary Scheduling Review Committee. Madame is serving on the Research subcommittee.

October 12th Madame held a student meeting with the Quebec Trip participants. Students were encouraged to begin getting passports and other information to Madame.

October 17th Madame met with fellow members of the Research subcommittee on scheduling and we looked into where to find good research.

October 19th Madame held a French Club Halloween meeting where students teamed up and decorated pumpkins in French themes. Twenty students participated in the contest.

October 27th Madame served lunch detention duty.

October 31st Madame concluded mentoring the long-term Art substitute teacher, Jaime Cook. She was a great addition to GHS and did a wonderful job with the art students.

Dual College Credit Coordination: Madame continues to be in communication with the world language teachers and Early Childhood Education teacher about dual credit with CCC for this year. Application materials were distributed Oct. 31st

Spanish

College Prep Spanish Level 1

Student learned about el Dia de los Muertos and are learning how to describe nouns.

Honors Spanish Level 3

Students are learning about Mexican artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. They are also learning how to express past actions in Spanish.

Foreign Exchange Club

Club meetings are held every Wednesday during lunch. The meetings so far have been informal. We are in the process of finding 23 homes for our Spanish guests who are coming in the spring. Club members have been discussing strategies on how to promote this experience.

Ms. Yanez and her Spanish counterparts are working on the itinerary and compiling our guests' information to begin the student/family matching process.

New Spanish Teacher

Ms. Yanez will meet with our new Spanish teacher during her prep on 11/4 to meet and discuss students' level of proficiency and contents taught this far.

TV Tech and Multimedia Courses

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As soon as Ms. Yanez's transfer was approved by the Board and once Mr. Gallon (GHS retiree) became the sub for the TV Tech classes, he and Ms. Yanez made a general assessment of the current condition of the equipment available in the TV studio, control room, editing room, and classroom. On 11/4 they will be meeting with Mr. Derrick Sage from Total Video Corporation to quote the repairs and maintenance needed.

Since then, Ms. Yanez been able to have some interaction with her future students. During Mr. Gallon's absence from subbing, and approved by Dr. Sneathen, Ms. Yanez was creating and overseeing lessons for both Spanish and TV Tech/Multimedia. Mr. Gallon's subs would rotate with her in such a way that she could continue to guide her Spanish students' learning as well as assess her new students' knowledge and lay the foundation of positive rapport with them to ensure a successful transition for all.

Ms. Yanez created a lesson in which TV tech students collaborated with the Spanish students on their PBAs (mini-dialogue skits). Classes were held in the 9/10 cafeteria those days. The idea behind this was to get a feel for students' filming skills, Spanish proficiency skills, and experience cross-curricular lessons.

Upon Mr. Gallon's return, Ms. Yanez has taken the initiative to spend as much time as possible during her prep period with the upper levels of TV Tech and Multimedia. This has been a great opportunity to touch base, collaborate, and learn from Mr. Gallon.

Digital Video services

Mr. Gallon and Ms. Yanez facilitated the recording of Glassboro Idol auditions during lunches and prep periods and edited the footage which was then shared with the audience as part of the show.

Italian

College Prep Italiano I

Students have been learning to introduce and speak about themselves. Comparing/contrast the school system in the USA and Italy, and all vocabulary needed for this lesson.

We have celebrated Italian Heritage month by introducing an Italian or Italian-American per day, with a festa at the end of the month.

Honors Italiano III

Students have been speaking more in the target language, they are able to speak about actions that already happened. Played the dating game in italiano.

For Italian Heritage month we have been "traveling" through various Italian cities, using information and pictures of our previous trip to Italy. We also celebrated with a festa at the end of the month.

Italian Club/Dance group

We have been extremely busy practicing our dances during Bulldog Block. We have enjoyed meeting new people and using our language outside the classroom. We have been asked to perform to various activities in and out of the community, some of the activities include:

Columbus Day Parade(Philadelphia)

Filitalia, Passyunk Ave (Philadelphia)

Unity Day (Glassboro)

Amici Lodge/Sons of Italy (Gloucester Township NJ)

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St. Micheal (Atlantic City, NJ)

Art

Welcome back Mrs. Abrams!

Taylor Moore created a poster for Unity Day. Anyone who attended the event was able to take pictures inside the polaroid style artwork.

Rebekah Toy created a poster for the After Prom Committee illustrating a goal-thermometer. The thermometer can be filled in with color by the committee as they raise money.

GHS Visioneers Vice President and Mock Trial Courtroom Artist Team Member, Seyda Emanet is attending Ms. Clements' Intro to Painting Class at Rowan Univ. as a guest student to experience the college art studio setting and rigor of a college level painting class.

Seyda Emanets' painting of Einstein made the cover of ALLUSIONS the GHS literary magazine.

Casey McCord is studying the figure with oil painting at Studio Incamminati on the weekends.

Anna Haltiwanger and Marysa Dais are taking art courses at the University of the Arts on Saturday mornings.

Four of our Art Academy students, Anna Haltiwanger, Marysa Dais, Alex Resnik, and Dominique Khieu are taking a drawing course at Rowan University this semester.

Rebekah Toy and Seyda Emanet are preparing portfolios to apply for the Art Academy.

Visioneers Art Club Members are working on their "Master Copy" Paintings for the upcoming "GHS Pop Up Art Show"

Art Intro. students are working projects titled, "What Are You Made Of?". Students will have a mock gallery show in class of their work the day before Thanksgiving.

Students in Graphic Design 2 have been creating digital story panels using Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator. They have modeled their work after the artist, Kara Walker and used vector style landscape to create finished portfolio pieces.

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Band

The band program at GHS will once again be offer students many varied opportunities to perform in and out of the school. Visits to the senior center and assisted living homes are tentatively scheduled for December. Preparations for the band concerts and Black History Celebration are being made as well.

The Marching Band had the pleasure of serving its school, the Glassboro Community through various performances in October. The group participated in the GHS Homecoming Parade on October 8th and performed for Glassboro Unity Day on October 15th, the Glassboro Town Square ribbon cutting ceremony on October 25th and the Glassboro Unity Walk on October 29th. The group also marching in the annual Alloway Halloween Parade on October 29th.

The Marching Band will participate in the Vineland HS Cavalcade of Bands Festival on November 5th.

The Jazz Ensemble performed at the Glassboro Idol singing competition. The ensemble is also making plans to perform at Rowan University and several Cavalcade of Bands sponsored HS Jazz Festivals.

OPERATIONS: None

Personnel: Our new Math/SPED teacher, Ms. Rulon, started on 11.1.16. Ms. Abrams returned from leave on 10.31.16. Our new Security Guard, Michael Massi is cleared to start, date TBA. Our new Spanish teacher will be starting on 11.21.16.

Vacant athletic positions- HS boys tennis, Middle school wrestling
Interviews conducted and recommendation will be made soon.

FACILITIES:

Referendum projects continue in and around the building.

NURSE: Attached

COMMUNITY:

10.3.16 Rotary Club Blood Drive
10.3-7.16 Spirit Week
10.4.16 Powder Puff Game
10.4, 5, & 6th Grade Shadowing Days
10.8.16 Homecoming Festivities
10.13.16 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
10.15.16 Unity Day
10.20.16 Glassboro Idol
10.24.16 NHS Induction Ceremony

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10.27.16 Rowan University – Mock Interviews

10.27.16 1:1 Laptop Parent Meetings

ATHLETICS:

Recommend approval of new volunteer club (Philosophy Club) advisor- C. Wood.

Currently Physical Education teachers are teaching:

9th grade- teaching units on flag football unit.

10th grade- teaching driver's education unit

11th grade- Recreational Games unit

12th grade- Currently teaching a football unit.

Middle School Wrestling Program

Student sign up meeting conducted. 10 students signed up, (8 boys & 2 girls).

Only 2 students returned parent permission forms and 1 student submitted physical form.

Suggesting that if program is run, it should be a club sport with only scrimmages and/or practice sessions scheduled against another school.

OPERATIONS (FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION)

Buses continue to be late picking up teams for away athletic events and practices.

Tennis courts- will they be leased to the borough, so they can have the repairs made? When will the courts be repaired so they can be used for physical education classes and by tennis teams?

Home stadium bleachers still do not have proper railings as per Utica Insurance.

Visitors bleachers need riser boards to bring them up to code as per Utica Insurance.

Soccer field was improperly lined for a state play-off game. Mr. Cusack purchased 6 cans of field paint and had to re-paint lines at half-time of the game himself as no grounds crew personnel are scheduled after 3PM..

Track surface continues to break down. Cracks are getting larger and the top coating is wearing away.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11.7.16 After Prom Committee Mtg. 6PM GHS Library

11.15.16 8th Grade Parent Night 6:30PM GHS Auditorium

11.18 & 11.19 Fall Drama Production of *A Christmas Carol* 7:30PM GHS Auditorium

