

Welcome to the Grand Island Central School District

Dear Grand Island Families:

Throughout my years as superintendent, I have been continuously impressed with our incredible school system and the wonderful opportunities available to our students. Last year, I had the pleasure of visiting classrooms all across the district to observe our remarkable teachers working with their incredible students. During these observations, I saw students engaged in meaningful learning that is purposely designed to be rigorous as well as developmentally appropriate. Our teachers truly embrace the concept of designing instruction that is differentiated for their students. They also demonstrate instructional leadership in the classroom as facilitators of high quality teaching and learning.

As I begin my seventh year as the superintendent, I have been extremely impressed with this wonderful school system and our amazing community. We have faced immense challenges due to a worldwide pandemic, and I am very proud of our teachers, staff, administration, and students who have all worked exceptionally hard to maintain the best possible educational program. I am pleased to report that our high school student advisory team volunteered last year to work with our social workers and administrators on helping our students find balance and self-regulation skills as it relates to their relationship with their phones and social media. That work will continue as we focus on social emotional skill development.

Thank you for your support as we work to continuously improve as a school system. I hope you and your family have enjoyed the summer and that your children come back in September energized and committed to growing academically, socially, and emotionally. Looking ahead to my seventh year as the superintendent, I am once again filled with excitement and great anticipation as we continue to build a championship school district together.

Sincerely,

Brian Graham, Ed.D. Superintendent

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2022-23 School Hours for Students

GIHS/VCMS

Huth/Kaegebein/Sidway

7:24 a.m. Buses Drop Off 8:50 a.m. Buses Drop Off - Huth/Kaegebein 7:43 a.m. School Begins 8:55 a.m. Buses Drop Off - Sidway

2:28 p.m. Buses Depart 9 a.m. School Begins 3:15 p.m. Buses Depart

Please note that the actual schedule may be revised by no more than 5 minutes either way after the start of school once the bus patterns are established.

Our Points of Pride

- Engaged in a five-year strategic plan initiative involving all stakeholders within the district as we build the foundation of a master plan.
- Caring, supportive faculty and staff focused on student success.
- Outstanding athletic program with a rich history and tradition of success within the Niagara Frontier League, Section VI, and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.
- Named among the Best Communities for Music Education for ten consecutive years.
- Robust curriculum that provides a variety of learning experiences for students.
- District-wide character education that emphasizes responsibility, respect and safety.
- Extended learning experiences through clubs and activities.
- Dedicated registered nurse in every building.

GICSD Telephone Directory

Grand Island Central School District 1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island, NY 14072 District Phone: 773-8800

Central Office Departments

Office of the Superintendent	773-8801
Athletics	773-8812
Business Office	773-8805
Community Education	773-8864
Curriculum	773-8818
Human Resources	773-8822
Facilities Use	773-8800
Food Service	773-8885
Special Education	773-8815
Student Registration	773-8800
Transportation	773-8890







Grand Island High School

Grades 9-12 1100 Ransom Road Grand Island, NY 14072 Hillary Kretz-Harvey, Asst. Principal Jon Lattanzio, Assistant Principal Attendance Office, 716-404-1303 Main Office, 716-773-8820 Nurse's Office, 716-773-8827

Points of Pride

- Rigorous academic program with options for honors, advanced placement, and other coursework through colleges and universities including Niagara University and Erie Community College.
- Advanced technology education in the district's state-of-the-art technology wing.
- The 2021-22 Vikings athletic teams won nine Niagara Frontier League championships and four Section VI championships. Girls soccer, girls hockey, and girls lacrosse all competed at the state tournament.
- GIHS Art Club collaboration with the Town of Grand Island Recreation Department.
- Award-winning DECA business club.
- Travel abroad opportunities through the language program.



Veronica E. Connor Middle School

Grades 6-8 1100 Ransom Road Grand Island, NY 14072

John Fitzpatrick, Principal Adam Buffomante, Assistant Principal

Attendance/Guidance Office, 716-773-8837, 716-773-8844

Main Office, 716-773-8830

Nurse's Office, 716-773-8838

Points of Pride

- WEB, which stands for "Where Everybody Belongs," is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes sixthgraders and makes them feel comfortable in middle school. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed through positive role models, the program trains eighth-graders as mentors and WEB Leaders. A monthly character education program and social emotional learning activities (WEB days) are presented to all seventh- and eighth-graders too.
- Collaboration, teamwork, critical thinking, problem-solving woven into the curriculum and instruction.
- Emerging Leaders Conference for all eighth-grade students to explore and engage with career professionals in an area of interest among the 10 career clusters.



William Kaegebein Elementary School

Grades 2-5 1690 Love Road Grand Island, NY 14072 Dr. Felicia Pallaci, Principal

Main Office, 716-773-8840 Nurse's Office, 716-404-1606

Points of Pride

- Ten raised beds and a pollinator garden in the courtyard.
- Collaboration with Buffalo State on math and science evening.
- Rise and Shine and Read.
- Math and Reading Game Night.
- Video streaming of morning announcements.
- Heart Healthy Night.
- One-to-one technology.
- Award-winning music program.
- Touch TVs/SMART Boards in every classroom.
- School musical and class plays.
- Art and Chamber Music Evening.



Huth Road Elementary School

Grades 2-5 1773 Huth Road Grand Island, NY 14072 Maxwell Pikula, Principal Main Office, 716-773-8850

Points of Pride

• National PTA School of Excellence.

Nurse's Office, 716-404-1706

- Award-winning faculty.
- After-school activities.
- One-to-one technology.
- Touch TVs/SMART Boards in every teaching space.
- Grade-level Field Days.
- Multiple enrichment assemblies throughout the year.
- Strong music program.
- Well-attended PTA fundraisers.



Charlotte Sidway Elementary School

Early Childhood Center Grades K-1 2451 Baseline Road Grand Island, NY 14072

Michael Antonelli, Principal Main Office, 716-773-8870 Nurse's Office, 716-404-1504

Points of Pride

- Recipient of National PTA School of Excellence designation.
- New PBIS Program focuses on the Viking Values, "Be responsible, be respectful, be safe and compassionate."
- New school mascot, "Sid Kid Viking," encourages our students to do things the "Sid-Way."
- New school-wide murals featuring Sid the Kid showing off the Viking Values.
- Yearly Fine Arts Show and Ice Cream Social.
- Annual kindergarten and firstgrade musical performances.
- New multi-age playground.
- Book vending machine purchased through PTA fundraising to be used as part of PBIS rewards.



Addison Bulera, Grade 2



Anna Vincent, Grade 2



Register for the Parent Portal

Parent Portal is a web-based tool that provides parents/guardians access to timely and secure information about their child's academic progress and school records. The Parent Portal is open for parents of middle school and high school students. For instructions, visit the district website or scan this QR code.

Student Registration

We welcome all new students to the district. Our district uses a central registration system that starts with completing the Registration Enrollment Packet, available in print at the District Office, 1100 Ransom Road, or online at www.grandislandschools.org.

Please call 716-773-8800 (ext. 0) to set up an appointment to register your child. You must bring all of the required documents listed in the enrollment packet. Registration is by appointment only. After registration is completed at District Office, please call the building your child will attend to schedule an appointment for enrollment.

Grand Island School Food Service School Food Service Breakfast & Lunch Program

Welcome Back. We look forward to a great school year.

Children need healthy meals to learn. The Grand Island Central School District offers healthy meals every school day.

Meal Pricing for the 2022-23 School Year.

Breakfast:	K-12	\$1.50				
Lunch	K-1	\$2.50	2-5	\$2.75	6-12	\$3.0

**Children from households that meet federal income guidelines may be eligible for free or reduced meals status. Each school year, a new meal application is required to be filled out. If you think you may qualify for the Free or Reduced Meal Program, it is very important that you fill out a meal application. The application can be found on the Food Service's page under Departments on the Grand Island website, www.grandislandschools.org.

Pre-Pay Student Meals

- 1. Online prepayments can be made by creating a MySchoolBucks account if you do not already have one. MySchoolBucks is a safe and convenient way for you to pay for your child's meals and review your child's meal history.
- 2. Send in a check or exact amount of cash to be deposited into your child's account. Please make checks payable to Grand Island Food Service with your child's name in the memo section.
- 3. Mail check or cash to: Grand Island Food Service Department at 1100 Ransom Road. Grand Island, NY 14072. Please include the child's name with all prepayments.

If you have any questions please contact Patrick Smith at 716-773-8885 or at patricksmith@gicsd.org.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 25 New teacher orientation, GIHS freshmen orientati 29 BOE meeting and works 30 VCMS Sixth Grade Orien 31 Superintendent Conference	on, 5:30-7 p.m. shop, GIHS Professional Deve ntation, 8 a.mnoon	lopment Room, 7:30 p.m.	Superintendent Conference Day No School Kaegebein Elementary Open House/supply drop-off, 5-7 p.m.	2 No School	3	
4	5 Labor Day No School	First Student Day Sidway Back-to-School Meet and Greet with Mr. Antonelli, 9:45 a.m.	GIHS Academy of Finance Kick-off BBQ, Casey's Counter, 2:30-3:15 p.m.	8	9	10
11	BOE meeting and workshop, GIHS Professional Development Room, 7:30 p.m.	PTSA meeting, GIHS Library, 5:30 p.m.	GIHS Open House, 6:15-8:30 p.m. Sidway Mum Sale orders due	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 GIHS Fall Spirit Week	22	23	24
		Blood Drive, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 a.m2 p.m. Sidway PTA meeting, 4:15 p.m.	Sidway Mum Sale pick-up	VCMS Open House, 6:30 p.m. GIHS Powder Puff football game, Masters Field, 7 p.m. Sidway Mum Sale pick-up	Homecoming Pep Rally	Homecoming Dance, GIHS gym, 7-10 p.m.
25	26 BOE meeting and	27	28	29	30 GIHS wall signing/senior	
	workshop, 7:30 p.m.				luncheon	Scan Me

Natalie Alderman, Grade 5

Dexter Klutkowski, Grade 2

Student Busing Information

The Grand Island Central School District Transportation Department is utilizing a digital solution to distribute student busing information. We will be maintaining Versatrans e-Link® for parents/guardians to gain access to their child's busing information. Versatrans e-Link is an online student transportation parent portal, which enables parents to access their student's transportation information and bus schedules at any time.

More information can be found on the district website under the Transportation Department section.

The Grand Island Central School District's Transportation Department provides excellent service throughout your child's educational journey. Our school bus safety program, mandatory safety drills, and exceptional transportation staff work hard at ensuring student safety. Working together with parents, we strive to maintain a high level of safety.

In order to assure safe transportation to and from school, proper behavior must occur while riding the bus. Misbehavior that distracts the driver is a very serious hazard to the safe operation of the bus, and as such, jeopardizes the health, safety and welfare of all the passengers.

Acceptable items to carry on the bus include books, small back packs, small book bags, lunch boxes. Students are not allowed to take photos or videos on the bus with an electronic device. High school and middle school students may walk up to five-tenths (.5) of a mile to a bus stop. Students in grades 2-5 may walk up to three-tenths (.3) of a mile to a bus stop; kindergarten and first-grade students may walk up to two-tenths (.2) of a mile to a bus stop.

Parents/guardians of K-1 students are requested to meet their children at the bus stop to help ensure their child's safety.

After-school/late run buses

Please have your child notify you in advance that they plan to stay after school, the reason or event, and the expected time home. Each after-school late run bus has a large area of the Island to cover with an abbreviated service. Drop-offs may not be the same as the regular A.M.-P.M. bus stop. Additionally, drop-off times may vary each night, depending on how many students are on the bus and where they live.

Work for a Great District!

We continuously recruit substitute teachers, bus drivers, cleaners, and food service staff. Interested applicants should visit the HR Personnel page under the Departments and Services tab on the district website.

VIKING PRIDE: VERONICA CONNOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTES SERVICE LEARNING THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL. IN PARTICULAR, SEVENTH-GRADE STUDENTS AT VCMS ANNUALLY RAISE MONEY TO BUILD A FRESH WATER WELL IN SOUTH SUDAN, AN ENDEAVOR INSPIRED BY THE BOOK "A LONG WALK TO WATER" BY LINDA SUE PARK. CURRENTLY, VCMS STUDENTS HAVE ONE WELL DEDICATED TO THEIR SCHOOL.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Scan Me		Ethan Vincent, Grade 2				1
2	3	Instrumental Booster meeting, GIHS band room, 7 p.m. WNY College Consortium, GIHS large cafeteria, 8:45-9:30 a.m. GIHS midpoint of quarter 1	5	6	7	8
9	Columbus Day No School	BOE meeting and workshop, Charlotte Sidway Elementary, 7:30 p.m.	12	13	14	PSATs, GIHS, 7:30 a.m1:30 p.m.
16	17	Sidway PTA meeting, 4:15 p.m.	19	DECA induction, GIHS large cafeteria, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	VCMS musical, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sidway Trunk or Treat (rain date Friday, Oct. 28)	VCMS musical, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7:30 p.m.
30	31	25	High School String and Choral Concert, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 8 p.m.	103rd NYSSBA Annual Convention & Education Expo Syracuse	28	29

Audrey Stockinger, Grade 8

Katie Stieringer, Grade 8

Public Access to School Records

School district records are open for public inspection and copying. Access is limited to the extent that it would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Requests to inspect and/or copy district records can be made through any administrator. If you need assistance locating information, the district office staff will assist you. Copies of documents are 25 cents per page.

Kindergarten

The full-day kindergarten curriculum emphasizes the Learning Center approach. It helps individualize learning experiences while capitalizing on student curiosity and interests. Youngsters are involved in directed and free-choice activities encompassing reading, mathematics, social living, science, art, music and motor activities.

Use of School Facilities

The Board of Education encourages community groups to use school facilities that are not in use for school programs. Groups desiring to use school facilities should make their requests well in advance by filling out appropriate application forms. To obtain these forms, call 773-8800 (ext. 0). An up-to-date insurance form must accompany the completed application before consideration can be made for scheduling of the facility.

Partnering with Our Community

Staff and students at all buildings are involved actively supporting our community throughout the school year. Especially active during holiday times, district-wide food collections through the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation assist families in need. Our local veterans partner with the district on several projects. Our district and its community partners raised substantial funds for the new John R. Oishei Children's Hospital and had a Grand Island Community Room dedicated on the hospital's 10th floor. We are proud of the strong ties we have built with the business community through the Grand Island School & Business Alliance (GISBA).

Staying Connected

To stay connected with community, the district uses several media avenues:

- On social media, follow the district's Twitter account, @GrandIslandCSD.
- The Bridge newsletter, published four times a year, is mailed to all district homes.
- Bookmark the district website, www.grandislandschools.org, to stay abreast of events and news from the buildings.
- The Board of Education meetings are recorded and available for viewing on the BOE webpage.

VIKING PRIDE: THE GRAND ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY OF FINANCE WAS APPROVED AS A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM BY NYSED, THEREBY GIVING STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO EARN DISTINGUISHED CREDENTIALS UPON GRADUATING.

November 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Junior High Aı Akron Hiç	rea All-State at gh School
		Instrumental Booster Meeting, GIHS band room, 7 p.m.	GIHS Band Concert, Grand Viking Theater, 7:30 p.m.			SATs, GIHS, 7:30-1:30 p.m.
6	7	Superintendent Conference Day No School GIHS Senior Class of 2023 pulled pork dinner fundraiser, GIHS senior cafeteria, 2-6 p.m.	PTSA meeting, GIHS library, 5:30 p.m. Huth Road Elementary Band Concert and Elementary String Concert, Huth Road Elementary Auditorium, 7 p.m.	10 GIHS end of quarter 1	Veteran's Day No School	12
13	BOE meeting and workshop, Huth Road Elementary, 7:30 p.m.	VCMS Sixth Grade Fall Concert (6 Band, 6 Chorus, 6 Orch.), GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m. Sidway PTA meeting, 4:15 p.m.	Kaegebein Elementary School Band Concert, Kaegebein Elementary School, 7 p.m.	K-5 Parent/Teacher Conference Day (half day K-5 ONLY) VCMS 7th/8th Grade Fall Concert (Band 7/8, Chorus 7/8, Orch. 7/8), GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	K-5 Parent/Teacher Conference Day (No School K-5 ONLY) Senior High Area All-State at Fredonia	Senior High Area All-State at Fredonia
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Recess	25	26
		Academy of Finance Mock Interview Day, Class of 2026, 2:30 p.m.				
27	School Resumes VCMS/GIHS Parent/ Teacher Conference Day (No School MS/HS ONLY)	29	30	Natalie Marshall, Grade 8	Lily Buckingham, Grade 8	Scan Me

Julianna Haynes, Grade 3

Gianna Spiesz, Grade 3

Emergency Weather Closings

As a matter of policy, schools will remain open whenever possible. However, when school must be closed because of weather conditions or other situations endangering the health or safety of children, announcements will be made over local media stations. We always strive to make this decision in a timely manner so that all families can make alternate arrangements, if needed.

The district will send out a recorded message on the Rapid Response System. If you have not received a call from this system during a school closing, it may be that we do not have current contact information. Please review the information provided to the school on a regular basis and send in a signed note with any changes, corrections, or additions. If no announcement is made between 6 and 9 a.m., you can assume that school will be open as usual. The following is a list of the local media stations contacted by the school district. Please consult your local stations for information regarding school closing.

- AM radio stations: WGR 550, WBEN 930, WNED 970, WUFO 1080, WECK 1230, WHLD 1270, WLVL 1340
- FM radio stations: WBUF 92.9, WBLK 93.7, WJYE 96.1, KISS 98.5, WHTT 104, WYRK 106.5, WNSA 107.7
- Television stations: WGRZ Channel 2, WIVB Channel 4, WKBW Channel 7, YNN Channel 9

Administering Medications

These procedures must be followed for all prescription and over the counter medications. This includes cough drops, lozenges, lip balms, skin creams and analgesics, etc.

- 1. All medications must be brought to school by the parent. Students are not permitted to transport prescription or over the counter medication on the bus.
- 2. Written orders signed by a healthcare provider and instructions by the pharmacist must accompany the medication. These instructions must include the student's name, the name of the medication, the dosage, the route (the way it is given), time interval, the duration, possible side effects, etc. (A pharmacy label does not constitute a written order from a physician.)
- 3. The medication must be kept in a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy, doctor or manufacturer. Parents may wish to ask the pharmacist to split the prescription into two labeled containers, one for home and one for school.
- 4. Written permission must be submitted by the parent and kept on record in the health office, requesting that the school district comply with physician's orders. A copy of the prescription and over-the-counter medication request form is available in the health office and on the district website.
- 5. Students assessed by their licensed healthcare provider as being self-directed may carry and self-administer an inhaler or epi-pen once written permission is on file.

SENIORS EARN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS
THROUGH THE GIHS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, WHICH ENCOMPASSES
SCHOOL CLUBS. COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND MEMORIAL FUNDS.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	tt, Gr	Todaro, G		Col	nference All-State (mu	sic)
Scan Me	Kinsley Gutt, Grade 2	Rocco Tod		Huth Road Elementary Choral Concert at High School, 7 p.m.	Spotlighters "Tales for Tots," GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 6:30 p.m.	Spotlighters "Tales for Tots," GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Conference All-State (music)		Instrumental Booster Meeting, GIHS band room, 6:30 p.m. Instrumental Beginner Concert at High School, 7 p.m.	Kaegebein Elementary School Choral Concert, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	Huth Road Elementary School Choral Concert, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
DECA Regionals, 8 a.m2 p.m.	BOE meeting and workshop, Kaegebein Elementary, 7:30 p.m.		Huth Road Elementary Third Grade Concert, Huth Road Elementary Auditorium, 7 p.m. GIHS midpoint of quarter 2	GIHS Winter Concert, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7:30 p.m.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		VCMS Winter Fest (8th Grade Band, Chorus, Orchestra), GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.			Huth Road Elementary Third Grade Chorus/5th Grade Band/Orchestra Holiday Assembly, 10 a.m. Kaegebein Elementary School Musicale	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			Winter Recess			

Emerson Loncar, Grade 2



Victoria Brau, Grade 4

Communication Between Home and School

Good communications are the basis of understanding that unites home and school efforts in support of youth. We will do our best to keep you informed of your child's progress, instructional offerings, proposed program changes and general levels of student achievement through report cards, parent conferences, notes and phone calls, open house programs, board meetings, news releases and advisory councils.

If you have a concern with your child's education, or with any aspect of the school system, we invite you to call the individual most closely associated with your concern. Initially your concern should begin with your child's teacher. When a problem relates to a building, call the principal; if it is a bus problem, call the transportation supervisor; if you are concerned with the appropriateness of your child's educational placement, call the director for curriculum and instruction. If you have not been able to resolve your concern at those levels, then call the superintendent of schools. If you still feel your communications are unsatisfactory, contact the board of education.

Remember, there are two sides to every story. To bypass the classroom teacher, the building principal or the superintendent of schools, it discredits them and is not fair to school personnel, yourself and your child.

Child Abuse Hotline Notification (NYSOCFS)

School districts are required to provide this information to the community. If you suspect abuse or maltreatment, report it now! Call the NYS Office of Children and Family Services statewide toll free telephone number 1-800-342-3720 or access the website here: http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/ If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TDD/TTY at 1-800-638-5163 or have your Video Relay System provider call 1-800-342-3720. If you believe that a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police department.

Pesticides

If you would like a 48-hour prior notification of the application of pesticides that are scheduled to occur in your school, please contact the facilities office at 773-8824 or e-mail jamesrozler@gicsd.org to receive the request for the pesticide application notification form.

AHERA Annual Notification

Under EPA regulations, the school district is required to notify all employees and occupants that asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) are present in each of the schools. The location of asbestos in each building can be found in the asbestos management plan located in the main office of each school. In order to protect the health and safety of every person who comes into the schools, the District has conducted periodic surveillances to detect any problems. Trained personnel continue to maintain the asbestos in a condition that will provide a safe environment for everyone. If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact the business office at 773-8805.







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Year's Day	Winter Recess	School Resumes				Elementary Instrumental, Junior High Vocal, Instrumental Jazz All-County auditions
8	BOE meeting, VCMS, 7:30 p.m.	10 Blood drive, GIHS Grand Viking Theater stage, 7 a.m2 p.m. PTSA meeting, GIHS library, 5:30 p.m. Academy of Finance Information Night, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Instrumental Boosters Meeting, GIHS band room, 7 p.m.	Beginner String Concert, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	12	13	Junior High Instrumental All-County Auditions
15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School	17 Sidway PTA meeting,	18	19	20	21 Senior High Inst. Vocal Jazz
22	23	24	25	26	27	All-County Auditions 28
			GIHS Rege	ents Exams		
					GIHS end of quarter 2	
29	Joint BOE/GITB meeting, GIHS Professional Development Room, 7 p.m.	31		Cooper Gutt, Grade 4	Katy Sheehan, Grade 4	Scan Me

Olivia Chang, Grade 3

Jackson Galloway, Grade 3



Gracie Myers, Grade 3

Title IX

The Grand Island Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap. Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to the Title IX coordinator, Section 504 coordinator, or special education director: Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services Cheryl Cardone, 1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island, NY 14072 (716-773-8815, cherylcardone@gicsd.org). Complaint procedure: A parent, student or employee who wishes to complain about a violation of rights may do so by written complaint mailed, or delivered, to the official designated above.

Section 504

504 plans aren't part of special education. So, they're different from IEPs. 504 plans and IEPs are covered by different laws and work in different ways. But the end goal is the same: to help students thrive in school.

504 plans are formal plans that schools develop to give kids with disabilities the support they need. That covers any condition that limits daily activities in a major way.

These plans prevent discrimination. And they protect the rights of kids with disabilities in school. They're covered under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. This is a civil rights law.

Children with Disabilities

A child with a disability means a student under the age of 21 who is entitled to attend public schools and who, because of mental, physical, or emotional reasons can only receive appropriate educational opportunities from a program of special education. A child is not considered as having a disability if his/her educational needs are due primarily to unfamiliarity with the English language; environmental, cultural, or economic factors; or lack of appropriate instruction in reading or mathematics.

If the State Education Department finds the district has inappropriate policies, procedures or practices resulting in a significant disproportionality by race/ethnicity in the suspension, identification, classification and/or placement of students with disabilities, the district will ensure that it publicly reports on the subsequent revisions to those policies, procedures, or practices.

The Board of Education recognizes the existence of individual differences in the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of children attending school in the district. In recognizing these differences, the board supports a system of services offered in the least restrictive environment for children with disabilities.

VIKING PRIDE: THE GRAND ISLAND MUSIC DEPARTMENT WAS SELECTED AS A "BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION" FOR 2021! THIS MARKS THE TENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT THE GRAND ISLAND COMMUNITY HAS RECEIVED THIS HONOR!



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Sun	day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
D Scan	1 Me	Emily Vincent, Grade 4		1	GIHS High School Musical, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	GIHS High School Musical, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	GIHS High School Musical, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 6 p.m.
5		6	7 Instrumental Booster Meeting, GIHS band room,	Academy of Finance LinkedIn seminar, Class of	9	10	11 GIHS Winter Ball, GIHS
			7 p.m.	2024, GIHS Library			gym, 7-10 p.m.
12		BOE meeting/first budget input session, GIHS, 7 p.m.	14	Huth Road Elementary, 6, Concert Band Concert-All Island No. 1, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	String Kaleidoscope Concert, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	17	18
19		20	21	22	23	24	25
				Mid-Winter Recess			
26		27 School Resumes	28		Brynn Rowley, Grade 4	Katelyn Meyer, Grade 3	

Family Support Services

Grand Island School District Family Support Services (FSS) program is excited to offer a variety of programs to families with students in need of mental health support. FSS is a joint endeavor of the Grand Island Central School District Board of Education and the Grand Island Town Board.

FSS has partnered with a variety of providers from the WNY community to offer students opportunities to engage in individual counseling sessions during the school day, at the District Office, or within their school building. A clinician from Horizon Health Services is available on Mondays and Thursdays (at District Office) for students 13 and over. We will have a clinician from Mobile Counseling of New York at Huth and Kaegebein on Tuesdays to meet with students of any age. We have another clinician from Gateway on Fridays at Huth and Kaegebein to service our elementary students. We have a private practitioner on Tuesday afternoons to service all of our students. Lastly, we have a private practitioner from Family and Child Services on Fridays, at District Office, to service all of our students.

Information and referrals to additional outside agencies and resources are also available in order to meet the needs of students and their families. Needs may include, but are not limited to, behavioral concerns, mental health issues, parenting, marital issues, and alcohol and/or substance abuse. FSS is also able to link families with temporary support for basic needs such as food and clothing.

These services are coordinated by the counselors, psychologists, and school social workers within each building and Jessica Hutchings, the district social sorker. Family Support Services will accept referrals from faculty, staff, students, and families.

If families are inquiring about counseling or other resources for their children, they should contact the appropriate social worker or counselor directly.

It is our hope that Family Support Services will continue to expand and provide easier access to essential support services for both our students and their families in an effort to further promote healthy families and academic success.

Please see the list below to determine who to contact if you are interested in counseling for your child.

- Brodie Kaiser high school social worker
- Jessica Hutchings middle school social worker
- Alyssa Cino and Rebecca Conlan elementary school counselors
- Brocton Funke high school/Sidway social worker

FSS also runs an educational series on emotional wellness. Parents will have many opportunities throughout the school year to participate in these events virtually or in-person (when COVID-19 guidelines permit). Please visit the FSS Virtual Office to see when upcoming events are scheduled.

FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records. Educational records subject to this protection include all academic, attendance, health, guidance and special service reports. FERPA requires schools to inform parents and students annually of these rights. For the entire FERPA policy, please see the Annual Notifications webpage under the Community tab of www. grandislandschools.org

Under FERPA, parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") have the rights to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days from the date in which the school receives a request for access; to request the amendment of the student's educational records that the parent or eligible student believes to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA; to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without their consent.

Generally, schools must have written permission/consent from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education records. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions to a school official with a legitimate educational interest (i.e., the official needs the record to fulfill his or her professional responsibility); to another school district to which the student seeks or intends to enroll; to specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes; to appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student; to organizations conducting certain studies on behalf of the school; to accrediting organizations; to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena; to appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and to state and local authorities, within the juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

In addition, schools are also permitted to release information, without prior written consent of the parents or eligible student, which has been appropriately designated as "directory information" by the district. Grand Island Central School District has designed the following information as "directory information" used in honor roll, merit roll, annual yearbook, playbills and graduation programs: student's name, address, telephone listing, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, date and place of birth, grade level, enrollment status, the school most recently previously attended if not Grand Island.

If you do not want Grand Island Central School District to disclose "directory information" from your child's education records, you must notify the building principal in writing that you do not want "directory information" disclosed. The written notice to the principal about photo/directory information must be received no later than 14 days after the date of publication of the notice (or within 15 days of newly enrolling in the district).



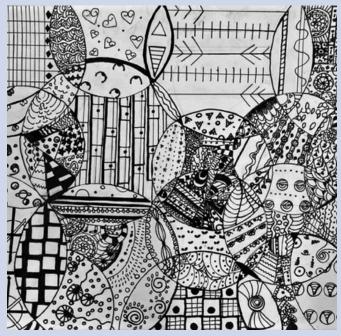
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Uliette Itzo, Grade 8	1	2	3 Distinguished Alumni	4
Scan Me		Juliet	PTSA meeting, GIHS library, 5:30 p.m.	Distinguished Alumni Reception	Assembly, GIHS Grand Viking Theater	Elementary All-County rehearsal
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			DECA	State Conference, Roo	cnester	
	KA, 7, 8, Wind Ensemble Concert - All Island	Choral Kaleidoscope (No. 1-H, 7, GIHS Choir and Concert Choir; No. 2-K,		Kaegebein Elementary School, 7, 8, Wind Ensemble Concert-All Isl #2, 7 p.m.	Junior High All-	Jazz Festival County Festival
	#2-K,6,8 and Concert Choir 6:30 and 7:45 p.m., GIHS Grand Viking Theater	6, 8 and Concert Choir), 6:30 and 7:45 p.m., GIHS Grand Viking Theater		VCMS 7/8 Band, Singcopations, 7/8 Orch. Elem. Tour	Superintendent Conference Day No School	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	BOE meeting/second budget input session, GIHS Professional Development Room, 7:30 p.m.	Instrumental Boosters meeting, GIHS band room, 7 p.m. GIHS midpoint of quarter 3	Elementary All-County Rehearsal	All-Island Jazz Concert, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	K-5 Parent/Teacher Conference Day (1/2 Day K-5 ONLY) Elementary All-County Rehearsal	Elementary All-County Concert
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			SIHS Spring Spirit Wee	k		
			Kaegebein Elementary		Senior High All-	·County Festival
	GIHS PTSA Annual Plant and Flower Sale preorder begins	Sidway PTA meeting, 4:15 p.m.	School Chamber Recital, Kaegebein Elementary School Auditorium, 7 p.m.		Clash of the Vikings, GIHS gym, 6:30-9 p.m	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Sic	dway Kindergarten Sh	ow		
	BOE meeting/third budget input session, GIHS Professional Development		,			
	Room, 7:30 p.m.				GIHS end of quarter 3	

Grand Island Central School District and Building Dignity Act Coordinators

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Cheryl Cardone773-8815
High School
Hillary Kretz-Harvey, Jon Lattanzio773-8820
Veronica E. Connor Middle School
John Fitzpatrick, Adam Buffomante773-8830
Huth Road
Maxwell Pikula
Kaegebein
Dr. Felicia Pallaci773-8840
Sidway
Michael Antonelli773-8870



Tessa Marsala, Grade 7

Student Rights and Responsibilities

All students are entitled to exercise their constitutional rights as long as they do not interfere with the rights of others, or the orderly process of the school. The school has the right to adopt reasonable regulations in order to provide an orderly school environment. We demonstrate that we value our rights by behaving in a responsible manner. For the entire Code of Conduct, consult the district website.

A. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RIGHT TO:	B. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO:
Attend school in this district when residence requirements are met.	Attend school daily, except when ill, and to be on time to all classes.
Dress in such a way as to express his or her personality.	Dress so as to not endanger others' health and safety, or to distract others.
Expect that the school will be an orderly place for all students to gain an education.	Be aware of all rules and expectations regulating student behavior and to conduct himself/herself in an orderly manner.
Be given due process in cases of disciplinary action, including suspensions and/or expulsion.	Supply information of importance in disciplinary cases.
Be represented by an active student government selected by free school elections (Grades 6-12).	Take an active part in student government by running for office, conscientiously voting for the best candidates and/or making his/her problems known to the representatives.
Be granted equal educational opportunities.	Take advantage of all programs in order to develop abilities to the fullest.
Be afforded the opportunity to participate in athletic teams and extra-curricular activities regardless of gender.	Be physically fit and have an aptitude for the athletic event(s), and be aware of all rules and expectations governing participation and to conduct him/her in accordance with these guidelines.
Have access to information concerning drug and alcohol abuse, and to individuals or agencies capable of providing direct assistance.	Be aware of the information and services available in order to seek assistance in dealing with personal problems.
Have his/her student records available for inspection upon request.	Be aware of the right to inspect student records and the process to be followed.
Retain a reasonable degree of privacy.	Be aware of actions, which constitute serious and dangerous wrongdoing and not commit such acts.
Be given a formal grievance process.	Try to resolve grievances informally before moving to the formal stage.
Be free from discriminatory practices.	Refuse to join in any discriminatory practices against others.
Be respected as an individual who is entitled to his/her personal dignity and integrity.	Demonstrate appreciation for the dignity and integrity of all.
To be protected from intimidation, harassment, or discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, or religious practice, sex, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability, by employees or students on school property or at school-sponsored event, function or activity.	To respect one another and treat others fairly in accordance with the District Code of Conduct and the provisions of the Dignity Act. To conduct themselves in a manner that fosters an environment that is free from intimidation, harassment or discrimination. To report, and encourage others to report, any incidents of intimidation, harassment or discrimination.



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			Spring Recess				
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	Spring Recess	School Resumes					
		Instrumental Booster Meeting, GIHS band room, 7 p.m.					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
		BOE meeting/budget adoption/E1B budget vote and election, GIHS Professional Development Room, 7:30 p.m. Districtwide PTA meeting, GIHS large cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.		Huth Road Elementary Grade 3 Chorus Concert, Huth Road Elementary Auditorium, 7 p.m. Spotlighters performance, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	Spotlighters performance, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m. GIHS PTSA Plant and Flower Sale preorder ends	Spotlighters performances, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 2p.m. and 7 p.m.	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30				Grand Island PTA Council Celebration of Inspiration, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 6 p.m. Huth Road Elementary Band Spring Concert, Huth Road Elementary Auditorium, 7 p.m.			

Amaya Lunduist, Grade 7



Addison Kineke, Grade 7



Natalie DeCourcey, Grade 8

Student Dress Code

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. A student's dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up and nails shall:

- Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- Recognize that extremely brief garments such as tube tops, halter tops, midriffs, plunging necklines (front and/or back) short shorts, muscle shirts/tank-tops and see-through garments are not appropriate.
- Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing.
- Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is deemed inappropriate and/or a safety hazard as determined by the Administrator will not be allowed.
- Not including the wearing of hats in the classroom and/or building except for a medical, religious or relevant instructional purpose.
- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
- Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
- Jewelry shall not be worn during the participation of athletic events and physical education including, but not limited to, any body piercing.

A listing of what is considered acceptable as well as unacceptable clothing is disseminated to students and their parents periodically throughout the year and in the High School Student-Parent Handbook and the Middle School Agenda, which is given to all students. Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so or who repeatedly fails to comply shall be subject to discipline.

School District - Town Board Wellness Committee

The Grand Island Central School District and the Grand Island Town Board have established a wellness committee as a joint effort to look at wellness, mental health, community health initiatives and options to renew the Family Support Center. Currently, the district is contracting with Horizons, Family and Children Services, Gateway Longview, Erie County Social Services, Mobile Counseling of NY, and Amy Close (private practitioner) for mental health services for our students.

Growing Readers

The Growing Readers book project, spearheaded by the Grand Island Central School District and involving many community organizations, has given hundreds of books to babies ages two months to 24 months. Through the initiative started in 2018, babies will receive a brand-new book each time they have a well visit, up to 24 months, at Grand Island Pediatrics. The goal of the program is to give babies and their parents a head start on reading together and building a bond through books. Parents are also given a library application and a milestone language sheet that outlines voice, speech and language milestones that babies should reach within their first two years of life. The committee has chosen board books written by Sandra Boynton, including "A-Z, Doggies," "Opposites," "Horns to Toes," "Blue Hat Green Hat," "Moo Baa La La La," "The Going to Bed Book," and "But Not the Hippopotamus." At two months of age, the Tana Hoban book "Black & White" is given.



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			GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 6 a.m3 p.m.				
Scan Me		Instrumental Booster Meeting, GIHS band room, 7 p.m.	Instrument Demonstration Day,-third grade, 10 a.m. Business Marketing Honor Society induction, GIHS large cafeteria, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Huth Road Elementary School Choral Spring Concert, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.		SATs, GIHS, 7:30 a.m1:30 p.m.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	BOE meeting/budget hearing, GIHS Professional Development Room, 7:30 p.m.	Blood drive, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 a.m2 p.m. GIHS National Honor Society induction, Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.		Kaegebein Elementary School Choral Spring Concert, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	GIHS PTSA Plant and Flower Sale pickup	GIHSJuniorProm, 6-10p.m.	
14	15	16 Annual budget vote and BOE election	17	18	19	20	
		District K-12 Art Show, GIHS Viking Mall					
	Annual District K-12 Art Show Opening, GIHS Viking Mall, 6-8 p.m.	GIHS Small Ensemble Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m. PTSA meeting, GIHS library, 6:30 p.m. Sidway PTA meeting, 4:15 p.m.	Kaegebein Elementary School Band Spring Concert, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	4-8 String Spring Fling, GIHS Grand Viking Theater,7 p.m.			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
		Sidway 1st grade Patriotic Assembly			Memorial Day observance		
	Beginning Instrumental Parent Night, GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	VCMS Spring Band Concert (Band 6, 7, 8, Jazz), GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	GIHS Orchestra Spring Concert, Grand Viking Theater, 7:30 p.m.		No School		
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	Memorial Day No School Memorial Day performance, DeGlopper Memorial, GIHS Wind Ensemble, 10 a.m.	Joint BOE/GITB meeting, Grand Island Town Hall Court Room, 7 p.m.	GIHS Choral Concert, Grand Viking Theater, 7:30 p.m.	Salem Al Hajjaji, GIHS	Gabe Agnello, GIHS		

Patriotism, Citizenship Education

The Board of Education recognizes and affirms the importance to students of learning to appreciate the sanctity of life and the dignity of the individual. In order to promote a spirit of patriotic and civil service and obligation, as well as to foster in students of the District moral and intellectual qualities which are essential in preparing them to meet the obligations of citizenship, the Board requires students over the age of 8 who are attending District schools to attend instructional courses in patriotism, citizenship, and human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery and the Holocaust. The Board also directs that all students attending District schools in grades 8-12 receive instruction in the history, meaning, significance of the United States Constitution, the New York State Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

PPRA affords parents and students who are 18 or emancipated minors (eligible students) certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas (protected information survey) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):

- 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
- 2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
- 3. Sex behavior or attitudes:
- 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- 5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
- 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
- 8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;

Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:

- 1. Protected information surveys of students;
- 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above;
- 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum

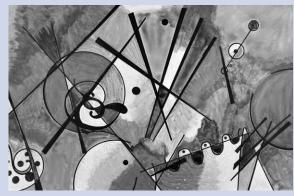
Code of Conduct Summary

The goal of DASA is to create a safe supportive school climate where students can learn and focus, rather than fear being discriminated against and/or verbally and/or physically harassed. All public elementary and secondary school students have the right to attend school in a safe, welcoming, considerate and caring environment.

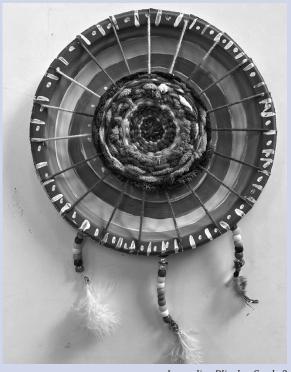
The Board of Education of the Grand Island Central School District has adopted and implemented a written policy on school conduct and discipline designed to promote responsible student behavior.

In accordance with the Dignity for All Students Act, School District policy and practice must ensure that no student is subject to discrimination or harassment, based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity, or sex by school employees or students on school property, on a school bus, or at a school function. The Dignity Act emphasizes the creation and maintenance of a positive learning environment for all students. In addition, the amended Dignity Act requires the development of measured, balanced, progressive and age-appropriate responses to discrimination, harassment, and bullying of students by students and/ or employees. Remedial responses should place the focus of discipline on discerning and correcting the reasons why discrimination, harassment and bullying occurred. They should also be designed to correct the problem behavior, prevent another occurrence of the behavior, and protect the target of the act.

For the entire code of conduct, consult the district website.



Katie Stieringer, Grade 8



Jacqueline Blinzler, Grade 3



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	July 10 Reorganization meeting, 7 p.m. BOE meeting immediately following. GIHS Professional Development Room		Scan Me	GIHS Regents exam VCMS Spring Choral Concert (Chorus 6, 7, 8, Singcopations, MoM), GIHS Grand Viking Theater, 7 p.m.	2	3
4	Tenure and retiree reception/BOE meeting and workshop, 6:30 p.m.	6	GIHS Spring Band Concert, Grand Viking Theater, 7:30 p.m.	8	GIHS Senior Class Day and Senior Picnic	10 GIHS Senior Prom
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0.11.0				GIHS Regents Exams		
GIHS Academy of Finance Senior Presentations, Class of 2023, GIHS Library		GIHS end of quarter 4				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Juneteenth observation			ents Exams		
	No school	BOE meeting and workshop, GIHS Professional Development Room, 7:30 p.m.		Last student day	Last teacher day GIHS Regents exam reading day	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
GIHS Graduation, 10 a.m., Kleinhan's Music Hall						



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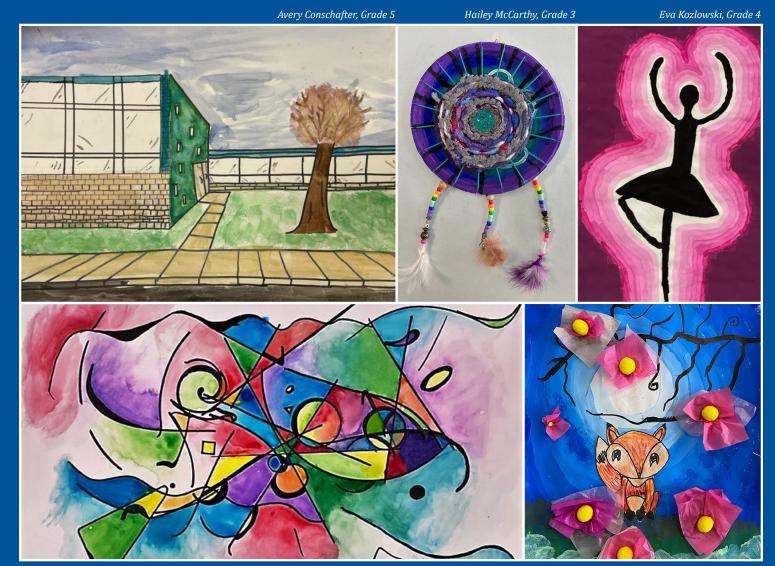
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