



Gardner High School

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT October 2019

Here are some highlights from the month of September at Gardner High School. By all accounts the year got off to a great start and we are all excited to see what the rest of the year will bring!

- Our 8th grade arrived on September 3rd and had a fun-filled day working with our awesome Link Crew. Thank you to Monique Leblanc and Ally Mabardy for overseeing our Link Crew Program, and off course to all our awesome Link Crew leaders for supporting our 8th graders as they transitioned to the high school.
- Our Early College Program at MWCC is off to a great start with over 50 students attending morning classes at the college. Many return to the high school and are taking additional classes including AP classes, art, band, chorus, etc. They also are able to participate in all GHS activities including athletics. This program has been going amazingly well and we are excited that all these students will have completed a minimum of 7 college classes (22 credits), some even more, by the end of this school year. Thank you to Melissa Chisholm in our guidance department for putting in many long hours helping organize this program.
- Our athletic season is off and running and our student-athletes are representing our school with great sportsmanship as always. Support for the teams is strong and many have been enjoying our wonderful new athletic facility.
- Our new Bridge Program is in full operation. This program is funded mostly through grant monies from a 10-year grant. The program is designed to support our students who transition from psychiatric or medical placements or are chronically absent from school and assists them as they get acclimated back into the high school. It has a full time clinician, Katie Pryor, and a full-time paraprofessional, Nora Thibault, to support our students. We are excited to be able to offer these services to some of the students who are most in need.
- Thank you to Dr. Yan and Tammi Malloy for bringing their classes to the CAC this month and unloading thousands of pounds of food for the community. This is another example of our school giving back to those in need.
- On September 18th, we held our beginning of the year Safety Assemblies in conjunction with the Gardner Police Department. Thank you to Officer Lawrence for talking with our students and giving them valuable information on what to do in the unlikely event of a school emergency. Safety evacuation drills will follow at a time in the near future.
- Our guidance department held their annual Senior Parent Information Night at which time they disseminated important information to parents regarding upcoming deadlines and events for GHS seniors.

The meeting was well attended. Thank you to Judy Mack and Melissa Chisholm for organizing this important evening.



Early College Program students at orientation at MWCC



GHS students and teachers at Gardner CAC helping unload food for the food pantry

GHS Monthly Attendance Totals:

	All Grades	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
September	96.15%	96.4%	94.38%	97.31%	96.44%	96.22%

GHS Monthly Discipline Comparisons:

September Suspensions 2019-2020			
Student Group	Total	Suspensions	Percentage
All students	690	3	0.43%
ELL	37	0	0%
Econ Disadvantaged	415	1	0.20%
Disabilities	137	1	0.70%
High Needs	575	1	0.17%
Afr American/Black	23	0	0%
Hisp/Latino	130	1	0.76%
Multi Race	74	0	0%

August/September Suspensions 2018-2019			
Student Group	Total	Suspensions	Percentage
All Students	660	1	0.20%
ELL	32	0	0.00%
Economically Dis.	397	0	0.00%
Students w/ Disabilities	127	0	0.00%
High Needs	560	0	0.00%
Afr. American/Black	17	0	0.00%
Hispanic/Latino	115	0	0.00%
Multi-race/Non-Hisp	76	0	0.00%

August/September Suspensions 2017-2018

Student Group	Total Number	Number Disciplined	Percentage
All Students	690	4	0.58%
ELL	19	0	0.00%
Economically Dis.	400	4	1.00%
Students w/disabilities	134	0	0.00%
High needs	553	4	0.72%
Afr. Amer./Black	23	1	4.35%
Hispanic/Latino	100	2	2.00%
Multi-race/Non-Hisp.	45	0	0.00%

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