



Gardner High School

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT June 2020

Here is an update on the month of May at Gardner High School:

During the month of May, our faculty and staff have continued working diligently to develop meaningful remote learning lessons, while still supporting the social emotional needs of our students. As we work towards closing out this school year, we are also looking forward to next year. Together, we are considering new and creative ways of delivering instruction remotely, should the need again arise. We continue to collaborate, analyze data, and research curriculum as we make decisions around presenting new material to students and also remediating lagging skills some of our students may have experienced over the past few months. It's our new motto to 'prepare for everything' as we look ahead. We are up to the challenge!

- Congratulations to our May Students of the Month: 8th Grade - Kaelyn McDermott; 9th Grade - Tyler Munier; 10th Grade - Mya Patel; 11th Grade - Mackenzie Taft; and 12th Grade - Alyssa Corral.
- The first year of our Early College Program has officially concluded with great results. We have over 20 GHS seniors graduating this year having completed at least six college classes each, for free. Many completed more than that, and there are still another 25 students who will enter their second year of the program. Those students will have well over a year of college completed when they graduate next year. We are also in the process of enrolling our next group of students entering the program who will start in the fall. Thank you again to Melissa Chisholm for all her hard work with our Early College Program.
- Our senior class bought lawn signs for all seniors, which was a nice surprise for them. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help put out the signs. Thank you also to Patti Bergstrom from the Velvet Goose for organizing and selling other lawn signs supporting our seniors. They look great all around town.
- It's hard to believe, but our seniors are finishing up in May and will be graduating on June 6th, albeit with a very modified graduation ceremony. We are in the process of collecting textbooks and chromebooks from students and handing out caps and gowns. A senior car parade is planned as well as a virtual senior awards night followed by graduation. Although these events were not as we had originally planned, we are excited to be able to hold them in some capacity and to honor our seniors for their hard work.

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