



Gardner High School

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT **April 2020**

Here are some highlights from the month of March at Gardner High School:

- On March 10th we had 25 junior and senior GHS students, along with several students from Gardner Academy, do a guided tour of two local manufacturing companies, New England Wooden Ware and Advanced Cable Ties. This was a great opportunity for our students to see the workings of some of these great companies and to explore potential employment. This tour was preceded by a presentation from MassHire around soft skills and employment skills.
- Also on March 10th we held an informational session for parents of students interested in the Early College Program at MWCC for next year. Attendance was very strong as interest in this program continues to grow. Thank you to Melissa Chisholm in our guidance department for organizing this event.
- On March 11th, Jarrett Krosoczka, famed author of 'Hey Kiddo', presented to students at GHS. His talk around using his artistic and literary skills to reach out to others struggling with familial drug addiction was very powerful and well received by our students. Thank you to Renee Eldredge, our School Based Care Coordinator for organizing this event.
- Most of the winter season athletic banquets were held at the beginning of the month, which gave athletes, coaches and their families the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments.
- Congratulations to our GHS March Students of the Month: Aiden Goyco, Ariana Butler, Kevin Torro, Ny Nguyen and Elijan Cormier.

With the abrupt closing of school beginning on March 16th, the administration, faculty and staff at GHS have been working diligently to reach out to our students to make sure they are doing ok and to provide quality enrichment activities. Tending to our students' basic needs (food insecurities, mental well-being, lack of technology at home, etc.) has been our primary objective. Although this is an unprecedented situation, which is literally changing daily, I am very proud of the work we have done. We will continue doing our best to assist our students and their families during these trying times as we all move forward together.

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