



# Gardner High School

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT November 2020

### Here is an update for the month of October at Gardner High School:

- Once again, I would like to thank all the GHS teachers, support staff and administration for a great month of remote and hybrid learning for our students. The work that has been done has been impressive and although it has been challenging, the feedback from students and parents has been very positive. Our transition to hybrid learning on October 26th went very smoothly, and I can certainly say it is wonderful to have more students in the building.
- On October 6th our guidance department held a virtual Senior Parent Information Session to disseminate important information about the college application process, financial aid and other post-secondary options. The session was well attended. Thank you to Judy Mack for organizing this event.
- On October 14th we held our annual GHS Open House, albeit virtually. Parents were able to attend sessions with their student’s teachers via zoom and learn about all the great things being done in their classes.
- We had two great days of professional development with our teachers and staff on October 22nd and 23rd to prepare for hybrid classes. The work put into those days was evident by how well our first week of hybrid classes went, and how pleased students were to be back into the building for the first time in over seven months.
- Our cross country, field hockey and soccer seasons ran extremely well under the circumstances through the months of September and right into October. Although we ultimately made the decision to cut the fall season a little short, the fact that we made it as far as we did without any incidents is quite amazing. We are all very pleased that our students were able to have some sort of semblance of an athletic season under these difficult conditions. Thank you to all the athletes, coaches and parents for making it work, and I big thank you to our Athletic Director, Dan Forte, for all his hard work making this experience as safe as possible for all involved.

### GHS Monthly Attendance Totals:

	All Grades	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
September	96.2%	97.5%	95.5%	93.8%	97.3%	96.9%
October	94%	95.3%	94.4%	92.5%	94.6%	93%

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