



# Gardner High School

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT January 2021

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

- The winter athletic season has begun at GHS. Hockey as well as boys and girls basketball practices started the week of December 14th. Mask wearing and other safety protocols created by the MIAA have been reviewed by our District Safety Committee and are being followed closely. We are very excited about the opportunity to have some semblance of a winter athletic season for some of our student athletes, understanding that safety is a priority, and we will continually assess the season day to day. Again, thank you to our AD, Dan Forte, as well as our coaches for their hard work in making this happen.
- The first semester of our Early College Program at MWCC this year has come to close. Although the semester was completely virtual, our students again did a wonderful job with their classes and found great success. Thank you to Melissa Paine in our guidance department for her continued efforts overseeing our Early College Program.
- GHS and GMS will be working with MWCC to apply for a Gear Up grant, which could potentially supply two full time counselors, as well as additional financial support, to two grade levels starting with grades 6 and 7. This grant would follow the students in these grades through their senior year. We are very excited about this potential opportunity.
- GHS is pursuing the Seal of Biliteracy for the first time this year. This credential would be earned by our students who can prove their reading and writing fluency in two different languages by preparing for and taking an exam. We have about ten students who are pursuing this credential this year, and we hope to double that number for next year. Students who are able to acquire the Seal of Biliteracy will be able to acknowledge this on their college and job applications, which adds to their marketability. Thank you to Assistant Principal Sherry Gelinias for organizing this for our students.
- Congratulations to our December High Five Winners: Logan Romard chosen by Mr. Phillips; Sam Hall-Gallant chosen by Mrs. Leonard; James Gray chosen by Dr. Damour; Ivy Lin chosen by Ms. Medero; Eden Ouellette chosen by Mrs. Davis; and Owen Francoeur chosen by Mr. Evans.
- Again, thank you to all our teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication during remote learning. We were able to have a virtual holiday party before we left for our holiday break, and although it wasn't quite the same as our traditional holiday gathering, we had some great give-aways and it was a chance for everyone to have a little fun before a much needed break.

### **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%
November	90.8%	92.5%	89%	88.8%	92%	91.7%
December	90.7%	91.7%	89.4%	89.9%	91.8%	90.6%

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