



# Gardner High School

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT February 2021

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

- We are thrilled to welcome students back into the building for hybrid learning after being out for remote learning for the past few weeks. It was great to see students in classrooms again.
- The winter athletic season continues with all our safety protocols in place. Although we have had a few situations where we have stopped play for a time for certain teams in accordance with our Covid policies, we have been able to resume practices and games and continue on with the season.
- Congratulations to our January High Five Winners: Elsie Ayala Santiago, Jenna Albert, Avah Zelesky, Connor Basterache, Noah Johnson, Jackie Gerard, Jayden Lebron and Mena Aziz.
- We held a virtual senior class meeting on January 12th and were able to begin conversations around possible senior activities and graduation. The seniors are excited to be working on ideas that could be possible under current Covid restrictions, and also about planning for their graduation in June. Knowing what we were able to pull off last year, we are confident we can at least do the same if not something even closer to a traditional graduation this year.
- We continue conversations with MWCC on expanding our Early College Program and incorporating other existing programs. This is very exciting as this allows us to continue offering college level classes to our students, free of charge, before they graduate from GHS with the goal of some students earning a full associate's degree by the time they graduate.
- Congratulations to Emma Dessureau and Abby Saner for their nomination last month for a "duet scene" in the TAMY competition hosted by Theatre at the Mount.
- We are very excited about receiving substantial funds from the Rockwell Grant for a major renovation for Landry Auditorium. Monies from the grant along with some additional district money will go towards replacing all the auditorium seating and also new carpeting.
- In light of the unfortunate situation we recently had with the email distribution of inappropriate material to many of our students, staff and parents, I want to thank the GHS Crisis Team (guidance, admin, support staff) for their ongoing professionalism and support for our GHS community. The work they did with handling this incident was done very quickly and in a caring way, which involved many, many hours of weekend work, which certainly also carried over to the school week. We are lucky to have such a great group of people at the high school.

**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%
January	90.6%	93.7%	88.3%	86.9%	91.1%	92.8%

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