



Gardner High School

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT November 2021

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

- Congratulations to our October Wildcat Winners: Sofia Lamarque Millan, Jake Cochran-Cardolino, Alexander Boivin, Kevin Torro and Anais Roman Torres. Thank you for being such great GHS citizens and representing our core values. (Community, Appreciation, Responsibility and Excellence).
- Our fall teams are having a great season and many have pending playoff games. Led by their great coaches and our awesome Athletic Director, Dan Forte, they continue to represent our school with great athletic ability and good sportsmanship. Seniors on all the teams have been acknowledged throughout the month.
- Our guidance department in conjunction with MEFA held our annual FAFSA Information Night to disseminate information about completing the FAFSA. The annual Senior Parent Information Night was also held in October. Thank you to Judy Mack and Melissa Chisholm from our guidance office for assisting seniors and their families with this important information about post-secondary planning.
- GHS continues its work with the second phase of the Portrait of a Graduate Grant. We have several teachers and staff members who have jumped on board to assist with this. We will carry on the research related to how best to prepare all our students for life after high school. Thank you to MWCC for partnering with us with this project.
- Our Best Buddies Program held a Chopped event where groups of students were challenged with creating a dessert, and they were judged by a panel of staff members. This was a very fun event and all involved had a great time. Thank you to our Best Buddies Club for organizing this and to Arvid Tenney, our special education administrator, for overseeing this club and its activities.
- We held our first pep rally in two years in October. We did the rally outside in the stadium, which worked out very well. It was great to get all the staff and students together for recognition of our athletic and band programs and to participate in some fun activities. A good time was had by all.
- Our marching band and Color Guard performed well in the MICCA competition this year. Although we are in a growing phase with our music program right now, they have been doing a great job performing all fall. We were also able to have our fall concert this year where our marching band and two chorus groups were able to showcase their skills. Thank you to Joanne Landry and Doug Lepisto for leading these wonderful groups.
- Congratulations to Amber Cameron and Jonathan Hasting for being selected to HOBY this year; Abby Saner for being selected as our DAR recipient; and to Kelsey Mitchell for being chosen as our Project 351 Ambassador.. This is some great recognition to some of our hardworking students.
- We celebrated STEM week in October with some fun learning activities in our STEM related classes.



STEM Week at GHS

2021-2022 Monthly Attendance Tracker						
	All Grades	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
September	93.39%	93.04%	91.24%	92.27%	95.51%	94.87%
October	92.12%	92.12%	91.5%	90.7%	92.3%	94%

October 2021-2022 Suspension Data			
Student Group	Total Students	Number Suspended	% of Suspensions
All Students	742	13	1.7%
High Needs	506	12	2.3%
Economically Disadvantaged	440	10	2.2%
Students with Disabilities	150	6	4%
Hispanic/Latino	127	2	1.5%
African American/Black	30	0	0%
Multi-Race/ Non-Hispanic	116	0	0%
ELL	24	0	0%

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