



Gardner High School

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT October, 2022

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

- Congratulations to our September Wildcat Winners: Aiden Philbrick, Kaelyn McDermott, Jorja Cousino and Dominic Christian. Thank you for being such hard-working GHS citizens and representing our core values so well.
- The school year got off to a great start on 9/6/22. It is wonderful having all our students back in the building. Thank you to our Link Crew for welcoming all our new 8th grade students.
- Our athletic teams are off to a great start as well. It's always fun getting the fall season started as it brings so much school spirit into the building. We are anxiously awaiting construction of our new concession stand at Watkins Field!
- Our annual Open House on 9/20/22 was a big success this year. We changed up the format and allowed families to walk about the building freely to meet with teachers. All our athletic teams and clubs set up information tables in the library. We had raffles, snacks and other give-aways. The turnout was the best it's been in years and feedback from families and staff was very positive. We can't wait to build upon this for next year.
- Our Media Specialist and Equity/Family Engagement Coordinator, Melissa Bourque-Silva, has formed an Equity Committee and is working towards implementing the No Place for Hate curriculum, which is sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League. We are excited to start this important work in our advisory program and school community as a whole.
- We have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with multi-cultural events to recognize our wonderful Hispanic student population, and also by welcoming our two new exchange students from Spain!
- Many of our seniors participated in the Senior Sunrise and arrived at Watkins Field to watch the sun come up on 9/23/22. It was very early and a bit chilly, but that didn't scare them off!
- Our annual Senior Parent Information Night was held on 9/26/22 and was well attended. Thank you to our school counselors who shared important information about post-secondary planning with our families.
- Thank you to Mr. Tyros and his class for making a plaque for Officer Lawrence and surprising him with it as he nears his retirement. A nice gesture that Officer Lawrence appreciated.
- We held a pep rally on Watkins Field on 9/30/22 to kick-off our homecoming weekend. This was followed by our middle school sports teams playing that afternoon and evening and all our varsity sports teams playing the following day. We ended that day with a bonfire for all our students to enjoy. This is a great new tradition at GHS.



Link Crew welcoming our new 8th grade students



Welcome to our two exchange students from Spain

* Note: September discipline and attendance data will be reported with the October data in the next school committee report. We are still working through some issues with our new database and want to make sure the data that is reported is accurate. Thank you.

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