



## **PTSA Monday Message**

**May 26, 2014**

**Memorial Day**

**Remembering those who died in service to our Country.**

### **1. Upcoming dates:**

**May 26** – Memorial Day Holiday

**May 27** – “B” Day

**Jun 8** – Baccalaureate 4:00 pm

**Jun 9** – Spring Sports Banquet

**Jun 10-12** – Exams, Early Dismissal

**Jun 13** – Graduation

### **2. Administrative/School Counseling News:**

- SOL make-up testing will be Tuesday and Wednesday (May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>). Students who are in the expedited retake range will be retaking their SOL tests on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. A parent letter will be mailed out later in the week.

Please contact Mrs. Huffines 898-0419 or [shuffines@ycsd.york.va.us](mailto:shuffines@ycsd.york.va.us) if you need more information.

- **Virginia Private College Week.** The 2014 Virginia Private College Week will be held July 28-August 2. Virginia Private College Week affords prospective undergraduate students the ability to visit participating college campuses and receive **three application fee waivers** for visiting three or more participating colleges during the week. Additional details can be found here: <http://www.vapivatecolleges.org/Our-Colleges/Virginia-Private-College-Week.aspx>
- The **Joint Science and Technology Institute for Students** will select current high school students in the United States. The purpose of the program is to expose students to scientific research through hands-on projects, to enable students to work with real-world scientists, and to increase students’ awareness of career opportunities in related fields.  
To be eligible, high school students should be US citizens, age 16 by the start of the program, and plan to be enrolled in high school next year. The program dates are **July 19 – August 1, 2014**. All expenses are paid for the students, including travel to and from the program location in Aberdeen, MD.  
All students are encouraged to participate, regardless of GPA. A diverse group of students will be selected.  
Students may apply at: <https://www.orau.org/center-for-science-education/events/jsti/default.html>.
- **Summer School Registration** Please see the following link for summer school information! <http://yorkcountyschools.org/docs/SummerAcademicPrograms.pdf>  
For further information call your student’s counselor at: 898-0550

### **3. PTSA News:**

- **Baccalaureate** will be held in the Grafton Auditorium on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Seniors line up in cap and gown by 3:45 p.m.

Our speaker for this event is Pastor Stu Hodges from Waters Edge Church. This event is sponsored by the PTSA and the intent is to give the students an inspirational message to help them to reflect on this rite of passage, hear their fellow students officers and PTSA President offer advice to the graduating class and to enjoy fellow students' musical talents. We look forward to seeing you.

- Attached is this year's application for the **GHS PTSA Excellence in Volunteerism Scholarship**. Deadline is 30 May 2014.
- **Senior Flags and Styrofoam Yard Signs/Table Centerpieces**- This is your last chance to order a garden flag for this year's seniors! Yard signs/table centerpieces are \$25 and Garden flags are \$20 through Wed May 28th, so order yours today. You can either email me or send your order form (attached) to the GHS main office by Wed morning. Show your pride of GHS and your senior to the neighborhood! Proceeds of this fundraiser helps support the after prom. Thanks! Deanne Wagner ([wagsvegas@aol.com](mailto:wagsvegas@aol.com))
- **Message from the President**

A Big Clipper Thank You to all the parents that helped make this year's After-Prom a success! And special thanks to Sandra DiGangi, Courtney Engel, and Cindy Howard for being such a dynamic trio of chairpersons involved in every step in making this a memorable moment in your student's senior year at GHS! Well Done!!

As we get set to close out the year, I am happy to announce that our entire GHS PTSA Board will be returning next year!

- President - Chuck Cooper
- Vice President - Helen Dennie
- Treasurer - Linda Anderson
- Recording Secretary - Mary Catherine Fralich
- Corresponding Secretary - Heba Elkobaitry

However, we still have some critical needs to fill in our Committee Chairs, namely:

- Monday Message Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Reflections Art Program Coordinator
- Student Directory Coordinator
- Baccalaureate Chairperson
- & After Prom Chairperson(s)
- Website Coordinator

Please let me know if you are interested in joining our GHS PTSA team next year. Together we can make a difference!

Don't forget this Friday, 30 May, is the deadline for applications for the GHS PTSA Scholarship.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend

Respectfully

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#### **4. Clubs/Activities News:**

- The **Final FCA** meeting will be held on SUNDAY, June 1 at the home of Mrs. Wright. We will celebrate our year together while cooking out and swimming! Please see the sign-up sheet outside of Mrs. Wright's

office (room 322) to RSVP and sign up for an item to bring. FCA will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a towel if you plan to swim, as well as a lawn chair. We will meet from 2:00-6:00pm and eat at 3:00. Hope all officers and members can come. Any questions, please email Mrs. Wright at [dwright@ycsd.york.va.us](mailto:dwright@ycsd.york.va.us)

- Grafton High School will be hosting “**Make Your Mark**” night on Wednesday, May 28 from 6:30-7:30 in the GHS atrium. Please join us for a gallery walk of GHS student projects that create, transform and connect learning to their communities. Help us celebrate our students, teachers, and their exceptional work.
- Congratulations to our Band Director, Mr. Darren Kirsch, for receiving the 2014 Massachusetts Institution of Technology Inspirational Teacher Award!! Mr. Kirsch was chosen from among hundreds of educator candidates across all interests and disciplines. The candidates were nominated by the MIT student body and the winner was selected by MIT Faculty and Alumni Selection Committee, which evaluated the prospective candidate nominations and the impact they have had on their students. What a tremendous honor this is! The award was presented on behalf of MIT by Mr. Scott Beasley at the GHS Band Concert and Awards Ceremony on May 18, 2014. Mr. Kirsch, your GHS Band Family is so proud of you and thankful for all you have given to our students. You truly inspire the students!

With Warm Regards, Your Band Family

#### **5. Athletic News:**

- Sports Physicals on June 2nd at 5pm, Cafeteria area, \$15, 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade welcome
- The date for the **Spring Sports Banquet** is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. GABC will provide meat and drinks. Suggested side dishes for attendees are as follows:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade JV players – Desserts
  - Freshmen – Finger Foods/Appetizers (Chicken Fingers, Pizza Bites, Lil' Smokies, Cheese trays, etc)
  - Sophomores – Pasta Dishes (Baked beans, pasta salads, mac & cheese, cole slaw, etc)
  - Juniors – Vegetables or Fruit
  - Seniors - Desserts