



The Artisan Report

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Academic Principal Report.....

Attendance Department

GNBVT continues to make great strides with a 97+ % daily attendance rate a 25 % reduction in the dropout rate leading to an overall increase in the graduation rate of 90.1%. These significant improvements are contributed to a few recent changes and additions to the Attendance Policy.

- New this year having students serve tardy/detention in one location in a timely manner holds students more accountable. As a result, there is a decrease in the overall number of students reporting into school tardy without a valid excuse.
- The new Dismissal Policy has created a safer environment for both students and staff. Reinforcing the need for parents/guardians to keep Emergency 10-A forms updated has worked out well. The volume of daily dismissals has decreased sending a message to students and their parents that routine appointments should be made after school when possible.
- The addition of a Truancy Prevention Program in 2017 has served us well. T.P.P. allows us to assess our most at-risk students and find resources to problem solve. This program has made a positive impact and decreased the number of students chronically absent or contemplating dropping out of high school.
- The new opportunity of a Community Service Project for seniors that need to complete time owed to meet the graduation requirement has met with success.
- The implementation of a new and updated Attendance webpage for students and their parents to find accurate information regarding our school policies has been well received.
- The approval by the Student Council of the new changes to the Attendance Policy.

Career and Vocational Principal Report.....

Early Childhood Education

A group of students along with Mrs. Brightman & Mrs. Vincent attended “No Small Matter”, a documentary on Early Childhood Education hosted by the Southcoast Chamber & United Way at the Whaling Museum on 11/20/19. This was a great opportunity to network in the community and instill the importance of our trade!

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Dental Assistant

On October 28th and 29th the Dental Assisting students along with Southcoast Dental Community Dental Care performed a free dental screening on interested GNB junior students. There will be a follow up visit for these students next year.



Legal & Protective

All senior Legal & Protective Services Students have received their Equipment and APCO 911 Certification, earning them the distinction of 911 dispatchers or call takers professionals. The Equipment and APCO Certification was comprised of a total of 40 hours of instruction taking place in both our school and at the State 911 Department in Middleborough MA. This certification allows them to work in any 911 emergency response centers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts State Emergency 911 Training Center is now partnering with our school by sharing job opportunities for students and alumni. Our students once hired are often the first trained point of contact in an emergency. The role of being a call taker is not an easy job as they must obtain essential information, remaining calm, calming others, and sending the appropriate responders to the right location. They may also provide instructions to the 911 caller, which in many cases is essential to stabilizing or saving a life.

Medical Assistant

Mrs. O'Brien and the Medical Assistant students were an integral part of the successful blood drive that took place on November 19th. The students worked alongside the Blood Drive staff to assist with various duties such as vital signs and ensuring the donors were eating and drinking.



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