

# Principals Newsletter

February 2, 2021

Cycle 15, Day 3

**CYCLE 15  
ENDS FEB. 5**

**CYCLE 16  
BEGINS FEB. 8**

All Grade 11 & Grade 12 students are reporting to their CVTE/Shop classes in-person. Grade 9 and Grade 10 students will attend classes during their shop rotations according to the green/gold cohort model.

## LATEST CDC QUARANTINING RECOMMENDATIONS

Asymptomatic individuals may leave quarantine after 10 days-provided they remain symptom-free.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health has removed the requirement for the flu vaccination.

Please stay home if you are sick! This will help minimize the incident rates of the common cold, flu and COVID-19. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please call the Nurse at ext. 204 or 205.



## GRADE 10 STUDENTS TO RECEIVE CHROMEBOOKS

All students in Grade 10 will receive a school-issued Chromebook. Our IT department has been working tirelessly to get Chromebooks ready to distribute so that each sophomore will have their own device. Some Grade 10 students are already in possession of a school-issued Chromebook which they may have picked up over the school year. **Those students will need to return their device in order to receive a brand-new Chromebook. Please be sure to bring your school-borrowed device with you to shop on:**

Division 2 Gold Cohort – Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Division 1 Green Cohort – Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Division 1 Gold Cohort – Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Division 2 Green Cohort – Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Parents/Guardians will receive an email with the Chromebook Agreement that **must** be filled out in order for your student to receive the brand-new Chromebook. The form is all electronic and easily accessible through your computer or cellular device. Upon completion of the Agreement, a copy will be sent to the email you provide.

## ACADEMIC CLASSES CONTINUE REMOTELY

Academic classes will continue to be conducted remotely, though the schedule has been adjusted to meet the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) adjustments to the student learning time regulations.

## PRE-SCHEDULED ACADEMIC SUPPORT SESSIONS

Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, GNBVT Academic Teachers will be providing pre-scheduled academic support to our students from 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. on Days 2, 3 & 5 of the [Cycle Calendar](#). Links to the support session will be posted in the teachers Google Classroom and titled **Afternoon Support**. These sessions will be either mandated by the academic teachers or can be requested by the student for any additional supports they may need.

## GRADE 12 SENIOR INFORMATION

This past week we had cap and gown measurements. There were a few students who were absent. Any student who was absent (for any reason), out on co-op, placement or is a full-remote (Edgenuity) student, must complete the following link **no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>: [Cap & Gown Measurements- Class of 2021](#)**. Students must be logged into their GNBVT account and use their GNBVT email address when accessing the Google Form. The cost for the cap and gown will be \$23 and will be due during pick-up sometime in May. The student will own the cap and gown. Mrs. McCann: [dana.mccann@gnbvt.edu](mailto:dana.mccann@gnbvt.edu)

It's time to apply for college scholarships! Students can access the GNBVT in-house scholarships and a variety of local scholarships on our website <https://www.gnbvt.edu/scholarships/> Scholarships are listed by the month that they are due. Students can also access scholarship opportunities at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) [www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com) [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
Please contact your Guidance Counselor with any questions.

## **THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**Monday: 2/1:**  
No Games

**Tuesday: 2/2:**  
JV & Varsity Girls  
Basketball vs Case 4:45pm  
& 6:30pm  
JV & Varsity Boys  
Basketball @ Case 4:45 &  
6:30pm

**Wednesday: 2/3:**  
Hockey @ Seekonk 7:00pm  
@ New England Sports  
Village

**Thursday: 2/4:**  
Freshmen Boys Basketball  
@ Apponequet 10:00am

**Friday: 2/5:**  
JV & Varsity Girls  
Basketball vs TBD 4:45 &  
6:30pm  
JV/Varsity Boys Basketball  
vs TBD 4:45pm & 6:30pm  
Hockey vs Wareham 6:30pm

**Saturday: 2/6:**  
Freshmen Boys Basketball  
vs Apponequet 10:00am

Faculty & Staff are asked  
not to attend home sporting  
events due to SCC Rules  
All games will be Live  
Streamed. Use the following  
link:

[Southcoast Conference Link](#)

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION SECURITY DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Our Special Education Department is inviting anyone who would like to attend a Virtual Parent Night on Turning Adversity into Strength. Details are as follows:

Friends of SMEC is hosting a Virtual Parent night with Speaker Jeanine Fitzgerald

When: February 11, 2021

Time: 6:00 P.M.- 7:30 P.M.

Please Register by clicking the link below and filling out the registration form:

[Friends of SMEC Registration Form](#)

### **Topic: Turning Adversity into Strength**

As many have stated since March 2020, "We are so exhausted; when is this going to end." We all had a vision of how we wanted to live our lives and invested our resources into carrying out that plan. Then enter COVID-19! Life as we knew it was changed, throwing many into the "Whitewater of life." So what do we do when life gets off track and the rapids distract us from what really matters? This session explores the answer to that question and places easy, but effective tools in your hands and minds to navigate the storms without capsizing.

## **SPIRIT DAYS/ACTIVITY INFO.**

We will continue to have one themed spirit day per month throughout the rest of the school year. We will add the monthly theme and dates in this newsletter the week before.

Over 135 students signed up for virtual clubs this school year. Clubs that are currently running virtually at this time are After Prom, Anime Club, Bears Building Community, BPA, Gender Sexuality Alliance, Law Society Club, Non-Traditional Club, Professional Speaking Club, Rachel's Challenge, S.A.D.D., Skills USA, Voc-Tech Theatre Company, Yearbook Club & Yoga Club.

Any students that are interested in one of those clubs and have not signed up please contact Mr. Methia through email: [ryan.methia@gnbvt.edu](mailto:ryan.methia@gnbvt.edu)

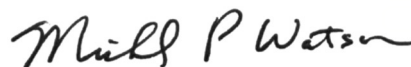
In an effort to eliminate the use of tobacco and drugs being used, as well as incidents of violence at GNBVT, the school has installed vape detectors in many areas of the building- including bathrooms. These detectors have internal sensor technology to detect if vaping is occurring in a specific location.

The sensor can also continuously measure current sound levels and detects elevated sound, or noise anomalies, that suggest that something is amiss – such as bullying, fighting, or screaming – that should be investigated by the security department.

This technology, used with existing video monitoring systems throughout the school, will have a direct impact on expected student behavior.

Here are some prevention resources for your student: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/prevention-tips-for-your-high-school-aged-adolescent>

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/marijuana-and-your-kids>



Michael P. Watson  
Academic Principal



Robert J. Watt  
CVTE Principal



# Academic Support Program Homework/Tutoring Sessions

**When: Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
**Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm**  
**Where: Virtual Google Meet Sessions**

## How do I join?

**Step 1: Open a google meet session**

**Step 2: Use the session title as the  
"google nickname"**

**Step 3: Click continue and then join.**

**\*Must use gnbvt.edu email log-in**

**Still need help? Click this link to  
watch a video on how to join.**

**Academic Support Algebra 1**

**Academic Support Algebra 2**

**Academic Support Math**

**Academic Support Biology 1**

**Academic Support Biology 2**

**Academic Support ELA 9 and 10**

**Academic Support ELA 11 and 12**

**Academic Support History**

**Academic Support ELL**

**Academic Support Special  
Services**

**[How to join video!](#)**

Email Sarah Blanchette- Academic  
Support Coordinator with any questions.  
[sarah.blanchette@gnbvt.edu](mailto:sarah.blanchette@gnbvt.edu)



# REMOTE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS 2020-2021

Students are reminded that they must be in every class. Students must have their cameras on and participate in each class session with their teachers and classmates. Missing the class period but submitting classwork is not permitted. School Attendance is mandatory and reported to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, regardless of whether the class is held in-person or remotely. It must accurately reflect student learning experiences.

Unexcused absences for live (synchronous) remote sessions will reflect negatively on students' synchronous learning assignment grades. Beginning in Trimester 2, students who do not attend a synchronous, live class and have their absence noted as unexcused will have their grades for submitted assignments penalized.

Submitted assignments from synchronous class periods where students have unexcused absences will be given a maximum grade of 50. This is to ensure that students attend all remote classes (as if the class was held in-person) OR have a documented absence that would allow them to make up any missing work. Students will not be penalized for making up missed assignments due to excused absences/illnesses. Remote "live" classes are to be treated the same as our in-person classes.