



Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School

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Family Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear GNBVT Families,

We are so fortunate to have a multitude of activities and events to share with you in each newsletter. The next couple of weeks are filled with showcasing the accomplishments of our students, planning to improve and continue to strive for a successful experience for each student.

This Wednesday, we will host the semi-annual Advisory Dinner to include local industry professionals, who will visit with vocational programs, review the curriculum and resources and then advise by providing tips and feedback regarding trends in their fields. This advisory is highly successful in ensuring our programs maintain industry standards.

Our National Honor Society Chapter will welcome new members at Monday evening's induction ceremony. Congratulations to these students and families for putting in the hard work leading them to this achievement.

Links to complete important School Forms for *each* student have been sent to all families. Please complete and submit these mandatory forms. The link is also provided on page 4 of this newsletter.

An all-time favorite is about to hit campus starting next week... Spirit Week! Themed dress days concluding with the Pep Rally, Homecoming Game on the 28th and the Homecoming Dance on Oct 29th will be amazing!

The excitement is building as Open House 2022 approaches on Sunday, November 20th. Prospective students and families arrive at 11 am for an informational presentation and tours, current students and families as well as the public, may join from 12-3 pm. Please spread the word with friends and families!!!

Yet, another pride point, our Bears softball team was honored this week, at New Bedford City Hall, by Mayor John Mitchell for their 2022 Division 3 state championship

This is an inspiring place to be day after day! Go Bears!

Warley J Williams III
Principal

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

- Family Engagement—Parents Café & Community Events
- Health Office— Meet the Staff
- Guidance Dept Important Dates
- Attendance Policy Reminders
- Student Life Announcements

Upcoming Events

Thur Oct 27: Spirit Days-Character Day
Parent Café—4-5:30 PM

Fri Oct 28: Spirit Days— Green & Gold
Homecoming Game: 6:30 PM

Sat Oct 29: Homecoming Dance

Mon Oct 31: Spirit Days- Halloween Costume

Tues Nov 1: Spirit Days— Disco Day

Wed Nov 9: Parent Night-

Military Recruiters: 5:30 PM

College Admissions/Financial Aid: 6-8 PM

Fri Nov 11: No School— Veteran's Day

Sun Nov 20: Open House



2022 Division 3 State Championship Softball Team

On Tuesday, the 2022 GNBVT softball team was honored by New Bedford Mayor, John Mitchell for their Division 3 State Championship win.

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The Family Engagement Center

Parents café– coffee and discussion– October 27th

The Family Engagement Center is hosting their first Parent Café on **October 27 from 4pm until 5:30pm in the Family Engagement Center**. This will give our families the opportunity to meet with the Family Engagement Specialist and learn how the Family Engagement Center is here to support our families.



We ask our families to register for this event.
An email was sent out with a registration link.

*Feel free to contact one of the Family Engagement Specialists
you have any questions:*

if

- Veronica Arruda- ext. 494, veronica.arruda@gnbvt.edu
- Jendel Oliveira- ext. 495, jendel.olivera@gnbvt.edu

Thanks for contributing feedback....

The Family Engagement Team would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the **Possip (Parent Gossip) Pulse Checks**. Our team directly reviews parent/guardian feedback and ensures that the information reaches the appropriate department. We initiate follow ups with administrators and department heads regularly to ensure that concerns are resolved and praise can be relayed to highlight individuals and areas of our school that exceed expectations. Parent/Guardian participation and feedback is crucial to ensuring that our school is meeting the needs of students and families. While we understand that Parents/Guardians may choose to complete the survey anonymously, it is helpful to have contact information so that our team can reach you to follow up. Kindly note that you will not receive a response if contact information is not provided. You may also reach the Family Engagement Specialists by phone or email directly.

You may access the Family Engagement Center website at:
<https://www.gnbvt.edu/family-engagement-center/>

Upcoming Community Events:

- **Thursdays:** **New Bedford Farmers Market**
2:00 PM-6:00 pm
Buttonwood Park
- **October 25:** **Hidden in Plain Sight**
6:00 – 7:30 pm
Dartmouth Library
North Branch -211 Cross Road
Dartmouth

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School fosters an inclusive environment that values the diversity of our school community and respects individual differences. Each individual is embraced, celebrated, and treated equitably. We aim to foster a dialogue conducive to learning, acceptance, and cultural enrichment. GNB Voc-Tech promotes its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion through discussion, education, and promotion of an environment that encourages scholarship, learning, and respect for diverse backgrounds and viewpoints to prepare students for lives in a multicultural society.



From the Health Office

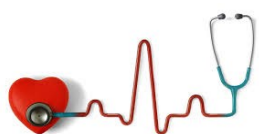
Reminders & Introductions

***Please forward any updated medical documents to the nursing office, especially any updated physicals, including immunization records for our Junior class, YOG 2025.

Nurses can be reached at the following extensions::

Sarah Caggiano at ext 791 Ursula Crowell at ext 205 Linda Ferreira at ext 204 Kari Rossi at ext 661

Introducing Nurse Ursula Crowell...



Please meet Nurse Ursula: My name is Ursula Crowell and I have been a nurse for 33 years. I received my BSN from Southeastern Massachusetts University, now known as UMass Dartmouth. While a good part of my career was at Southcoast Hospitals Group, I have been a school nurse for the past 9 years. I am very proud to be part of the GNBVT nursing office & family since 2017.

I grew up in New Bedford and have lived in Dartmouth since getting married. I have two beautiful adult children. I enjoy spending time with my family, going to the beach, shopping as well as attending concerts.

I am wholeheartedly committed to helping our students, families and staff. I am grateful for all of my interactions with our students and while I may be taking care of you, I am also learning from you.

I will leave you with a quote that I recently came across from Kristen Butler, *"While you might be doubting yourself, someone else is admiring your strength"*. Please remember, you can do and be anything you put your mind to. Here is to another great year for all of us!! Go Bears!!

From the Guidance Department

ASVAB Test Offered Nov 18th

Registration Oct 31-Nov 10

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is offered to juniors and seniors and will take place on Friday, November 18th.

Registration will take place between Mon Oct 31 - Thur Nov 10.

From Special Services

We welcome parent/guardian communication!

If your student receives special education services or 504 accommodations and you have questions or concerns, please contact your student's support personnel at school at extension 700.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR



**MEFA:
FINANCIAL AID/COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
PARENT MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH FROM 6-8 PM
IN THE AUDITORIUM**

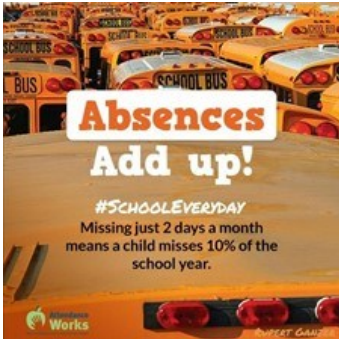
**MILITARY RECRUITERS WILL ALSO BE
AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN LOBBY FOR
STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO MEET WITH
PRIOR TO THE MEFA MEETING AT 5:30PM**

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From the Attendance Office



DID YOU KNOW?

- Regular attendance and participation, during any grade level, provides students an opportunity to learn and to reach for their dreams.
- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success. (attendanceworks.org)

Please be reminded of the GNBVRTHS Attendance Policies and Procedures

[Attendance Policies Letter](#)

School Forms

Please log into Family ID to complete required forms

Completion of the annual School Forms must be completed and submitted for each student. The forms include general contact information and the review and acknowledgement of the student handbook, technology policies, internet access, media release authorizations and more. These forms have been provided on the Family ID platform. The return of submissions is tracked for all students.

<https://www.familyid.com/gnb-voc-tech-high-school/school-forms>



SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday, November 20th

11:00 am - Prospective students and families

12:00-3:00 pm—Current students, families and public

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School Store- Spirit Wear and GNBVT Gear

The Den

The Den will be open 10:00am to 1:30pm on
the following Fridays:

October 14th

October 28th

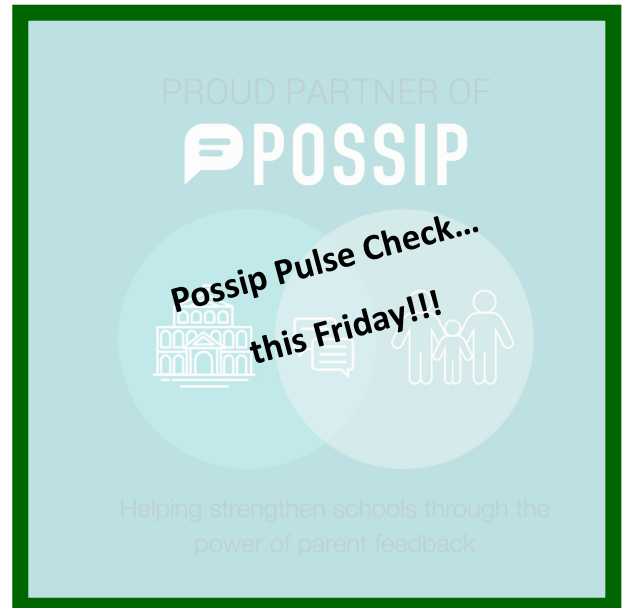
November 4th

November 18th

We will also be open on Sunday, November
20th during our Annual Open House event.



Watch for this week's Pulse Check



Enroll in School Messenger to Receive Text Messaging



Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

We recommend saving this short code and Caller ID to the contacts on your phone. This will help prevent any 3rd party call blocking systems from interfering with your receipt of important messages sent by the school or district.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



Opt-In from your
mobile phone now!



Just send "Y" or
"Yes" to 67587

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions - Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. Alerts sent over the wireless Public Alerting system are to take precedence over any notifications sent via the short code. See www.schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.

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Annual Scholarship Craft Fair- Thanksgiving Weekend

**Greater New Bedford
Annual Scholarship Craft Fair
1121 Ashley Blvd N.B.**

**Saturday Nov. 26th
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Nov. 27th
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**\$1.00 donation
refreshments will be available**





Student Life



Homecoming
DANCE

Saturday, OCT. 29
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The 2022 Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, October 29th at 6pm-10pm.

Tickets for the Homecoming Dance will be on sale during all lunch shifts and in the Athletics & Student Life Office after school.

Tickets are \$5 each.

Homecoming is for GNBVT students only no outside guests will be allowed.

No themed Homecoming Dance.

Important Links:

[2022-2023 One Page School Calendar](#)

[School Cycle Calendar](#)

[Family Engagement Center](#)

Spirit Days!

October 27th– November 1st

GNBVT's Annual Spirit Days are coming!

Be sure to tune into our school's social media posts and morning announcements as the upcoming spirit days are revealed!

CHARACTER DAY!



Thursday 10/27:

Character Day

Dress up as your favorite character from a movie, show, or book!



Friday 10/28:

Green and

Gold Day

Show up for your school!

Wear your green and gold to support the GNBVT Bears as they battle it out at the homecoming game!

Monday 10/31:

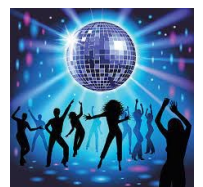
Halloween!

Express your creativity and wear your Halloween costumes. No costume? No problem! Wear orange and black. Please, no masks.



Tuesday 11/1: Disco Day

Bring your best dance moves and sparkle through the 70s.



**** All dress code rules apply per the student handbook ****