



# Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School

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*Paw Prints*

*Family Newsletter*



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello GNBVT families and community!

The last two weeks have been fun-filled and action packed and the month ahead is looking bright as well. Last Monday, Literacy teacher and NHS Advisor Cheryl Hebert successfully hosted the National Honor Society Induction, in which 88 of our students were honored. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication.

Last week was also Homecoming week, in which students participated in Spirit days such as Character Day and Green and Gold Day. Spirit week was rounded off with a Pep Rally in the Field House last Friday. The energy of all of our students and staff was incredible as our students and staff competed in relay races, 3 point contests, and class noise contests. I am so proud of the planning and execution of History Teacher Kim Fortin and the Student Council, MC's Elijah Goncalves and Olinda Tavres, as well as Athletic Director Ryan Methia. That evening, the football team defeated Dighton Rehoboth HS as the Cheerleading squad cheered them on. Nonetheless, the fun wasn't over yet.

On Saturday night, students enjoyed our Homecoming Dance, which was sold out with over 1,200 students attending. I have to extend a special thank you to the various staff that came out and helped chaperone the dance. I speak for the whole school community in saying that I appreciate you going above and beyond what the duty calls for!!!

November marks Native American Heritage month. Our DEI Director, Yolanda Dennis will be coordinating a multitude of activities to commemorate and acknowledge the customs and contributions of Native Americans.

Warley J Williams III  
Principal

## WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

- Open House Details
- Covid 19 Vaccinations
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- Skills USA
- Health Office– Meet the Staff
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## Upcoming Events

**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**  
**Wed Nov 23: Early Dismissal: 10:49 am**  
**Nov 24-Nov 27: Thanksgiving Break**  
**Thur Dec 1: Term I Report Cards Issued**



# OPEN HOUSE

**11.20.2022**

Winter Sports registration is currently open for basketball, hockey, indoor track & cheerleading:

<https://www.familyid.com/gnbvt-athletics/winter-2022-23-athletics-registration-5>

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## OPEN HOUSE

Apply Now



Apply Today

Nov. 20, 2022 11am-3pm

### TOUR OUR FACILITY

Academic Classrooms  
Career & Technical Programs  
Engage with Administration, Faculty & Staff

Questions: Call Admissions: 508.998.3321 ext. 740 or go online at [www.gnbvt.edu](http://www.gnbvt.edu)

11:00 am - 11:20 pm Field House Presentation

Presentation for Middle School Students and Parents/Guardians

11:20 am - 12:00 pm Tours for Middle School Students

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Open House & School Tour

Explore Our Academic and Career & Technical Programs

Converse with Our Faculty, Staff and Guidance Personnel

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions related to access for this event, please contact Yolanda Dennis, Director of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Family Engagement at 508-998-3321 x563 or email [yolanda.dennis@gnbvt.edu](mailto:yolanda.dennis@gnbvt.edu) in advance of your participation or visit.

Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech High School is committed to ensuring equal educational opportunities for all students. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age homelessness, immigration or veteran status in its education programs and activities, including admission to or employment in such programs or activities.

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## Open House– COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

GNBVT will be hosting a **FREE** COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on November 20th, during our Open House, in collaboration with Seven Hills of New Bedford & the New Bedford Board of Health.

Proof of insurance is **NOT REQUIRED**.

Both Pfizer (5 years and older) and Moderna (12 years and older) vaccinations will be available to our students, families, staff and the community.

Your parent/guardian will need to complete an [INTAKE](#) form for either vaccination. If you are going to receive the Pfizer vaccine, an additional [Pfizer Minor Consent Form](#) must be completed. With this state sponsored vaccination clinic, the state will provide **\$75 gift cards** to those who receive their vaccination on-site, regardless of age.

**Please make sure you bring your vaccination card with you to be updated!!**





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## Native American Heritage Month

Every year on November 1, Native American Heritage Month is to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. November is the time to rejoice in diverse and rich cultures, histories, and traditions and to appreciate the great contributions of the Native Americans. Native American Heritage Month is also an opportunity to educate the general public about Native Americans, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which Native people have worked to conquer these challenges.



Did you know that Lacrosse was an integral part of Native Americans culture? It was played to prepare them for war and it was also a social event where tribes would get together for trade and sport. It was sometimes used to settle disputes.

## Thanks for contributing feedback...

### Just some of the things people are saying!

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 are proud to share some of the things parents are the community are saying: parents and community are saying:**



*"Love the added security at the front entrance. Puts me at ease knowing extra steps have been taken to keep kids safe."*

*"Great school, All the teachers and students are friendly. "*

*"My Child is adapting pretty quickly as a freshman so far so good..."*

*"I like that you inform me about my son's behavior"*

*"So far my son is adjusting slowly but the teacher are very nice that he's not that nervous to go to school that means a lot to me "*

*"Amazing school and amazing staff"*

*"I'm just so grateful that my son actually likes school now , he loves it there at Voc and he's able to meet new kids and make friends he really didn't have that in jr high thank you"*

## 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.

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## Skills USA Officers Installed

Last month the GNBVT Chapter of SkillsUSA activities started with the annual Chapter Officer Retreat and the new Chapter Officer Installation Ceremony.

This month SkillsUSA members can look forward to local competitions as well as on November 21st, the Fall State Leadership Conference. The local competition is the qualifier for the technical district competition and the state leadership competition. Students can ask their CVTE teachers about how to participate in the local competitions and what competing in skills might look like for them. Participation in the CVTE competitions is a rewarding experience and all students are encouraged to put their knowledge to the test at the local competition. During the Fall State Leadership Conference, chapter officers as well as a few select sophomores will travel to Marlborough Massachusetts to spend two days completing activities designed to teach them leadership and teamwork skills. They will listen to guest speakers as well as completing projects in groups.



(back l to r): Jacob Reimels - Reporter, Jordan Melo - State Region 1 Vice President, Lori Russell-Pelsue - Chapter Advisor, Ava Silva - Secretary, Asher Renovato - Parliamentarian/ Historian, Ricky Jordan - Guest Speaker, Meg Lacassa - Chapter Advisor.

(front l to r): Nia Rodrigues - Co-Vice President, Sophia Dealmeida - President, Annalise Applebee - Co-Vice President

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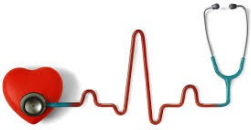


## From the Health Office

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 Linda Ferreira..**

**Please meet Nurse Linda:** Hello, my name is Linda Ferreira and I am one of the school nurses. I have been part of the Voc Tech community for over 20 years. I enjoy spending time with my family, especially my grandchildren.

I am looking forward to a healthy and happy school year for our students.

## 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**

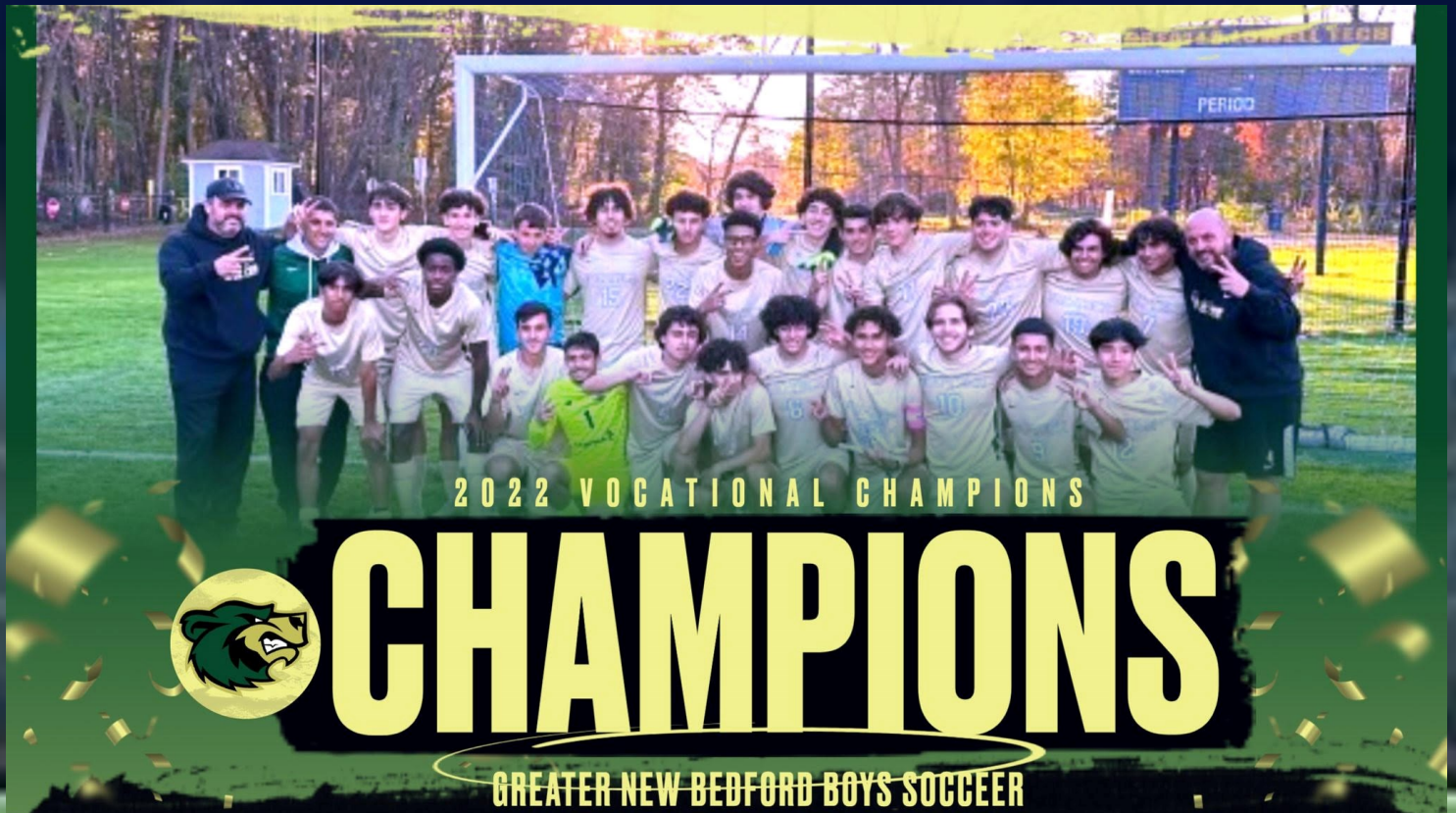


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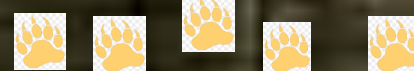
Our boys soccer team has advanced to play in the  
Vocational State Championship Game.  
They travel to Greater Lowell Tech for a Friday afternoon game.



**GO BEARS!!!!**







The girls varsity volleyball team defeated Blackstone Valley Tech in the State Vocational Final for the 3rd time in the last 4 years.



**GO BEARS!!!!**





### 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**

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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