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Family Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello GNBVT families and community!

I can't believe how fast time is flying by. We are already wrapping up our third month of school. We started the year out enjoying some nice warm weather and now we're beginning to bundle up for the oncoming colder weather and shorter days. But here at Voc Tech we do it with a smile!

On Thursday evening at New Bedford City Hall, our 2022 State Champion Softball team was recognized by the City Council. Counselor Linda Mourad acknowledged the leadership of Coach Craig Soares, his coaching staff and all of the amazingly talented athletes who put blood sweat and tears into their 27-2 season that resulted in their championship.

Our Student Council has planned a bonfire for next Wednesday (11/23) at 6 PM for Voc Tech students. The Bonfire symbolizes a celebration of all of our fall sports teams wrapping up their season, as well as a way to build excitement around the annual Thanksgiving football game against Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School, which will be held at GNBVT at 10AM on Thanksgiving morning.

And finally, I want to announce that first trimester report card grades close on November 28th and report cards will be available in Aspen on December 7th. Parents and guardians, please note that if your child is in need of Academic Support please reach out to Sarah Blanchett at extension 757. And always remember that *knowledge is power!*

Happy Thanksgiving!

Warley J Williams III
Principal

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Upcoming Events

Sun Nov 20: Open House

Wed Nov 23: Early Dismissal: 10:49 am

Bonfire: 6:00-8:00 pm

Nov 24-Nov 27: Thanksgiving Break

Tues Nov 29: After Prom Meeting: 6:30pm

Wed Dec 7: Term I Report Cards Issued



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

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

OPEN HOUSE

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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

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 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

9:00 am—2:00 pm

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.



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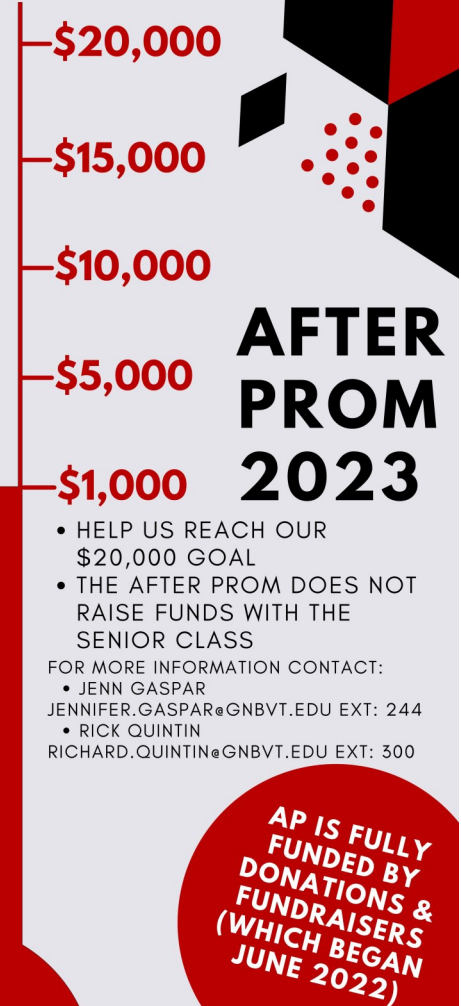
After Prom Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 29th** at 6:30 pm in room G141, Media Technology.
- If you cannot attend and would like more information please contact Jenn Gaspar at:
jennifer.gaspar@gnbvt.edu

SFC Racine of the United States Army Reserve— Lead Student Body Pledge of Allegiance in Honor of Veteran's Day

"Good morning, this is your gym phys. ed. teacher Ms. Racine, but today I am taking a moment to speak with you about Veterans Day as SFC Racine of the United States Army Reserve.

Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day. It is important to us as Americans to come together on November 11th to acknowledge the men and women who have served our country as members of the armed forces. It is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. In this stressful time in our nation, we would be well to remember this, take a moment to reflect what it means to be an American and how lucky we are as compared with some parts of the world and strive to work together to further unify our great nation. If you know a veteran or sees someone who is a veteran, take time on November 11th to say, "Thank you for your service", that small act of gratitude means everything to a veteran. I now ask that you rise for the Pledge of Allegiance."



Students Recognize Veteran's Day



GNBVT THANKSGIVING BONFIRE



WHEN: NOV. 23

*****EVENT IS WEATHER PERMITTING*****

TIME: 6-8 PM

WHERE: SOCCER FIELD

ADMISSION: \$2

VOC STUDENTS ONLY

*****MUST BRING STUDENT ID*****

HOSTED BY THE CLASS OF 2023

Shanna Sears-Oatley, Bristol County Sheriff's
Office and Hero visit GNBVT campus

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GNBVT 's Canine Hero

GNBVT would like to welcome **Hero**, the comfort/therapy dog and her handler Ms. Shanna Sears-Oatley. Hero and Shanna are collaborating with GNBVT from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office. Hero is a rescue dog saved from a "kill shelter" in Florida and he is only 4 months old--So Cute! Shanna is a graduate of GNBVT and is excited to return to her alma mater providing comfort and therapy to our staff and students with Hero. They will be here at the school 2-3 days a week assisting with students that need social emotional support and visiting classrooms, popping into the lunch room and just being around to give people the pick-me-up that they may need in their day, that only a cute dog can provide:)



Shanna Sears-Oatley, Bristol County Sheriff's Office and Hero visit GNBVT campus





GNBVT BPA Chapter Officers Attend Fall Leadership Conference

On Thursday, November 3rd the GNBVT BPA Chapter Officer team attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Worcester at the College of the Holy Cross. Along with the GNBVT chapter there were six other schools in attendance. The officer team left the school sharply at 7:05am and drove to the FLC, once in attendance the team joined the rest of the BPA chapters for breakfast and then the event began. Each chapter's president gave a small speech for the opening remarks. The GNBVT Chapter President Siomrilis' Santos Davila spoke to the rest of the BPA chapters and gave them a rundown of our local chapter. After the opening remarks the officer team was split up into three separate groups for workshops. In these workshops each had activities to be done that could then be logged for torch award points. The activities ranged from writing letters to veterans to making bulletin lists on what it is to be a leader. The State Officer team led two workshops and the third workshop was run by an employee from Enterprise Car Sales. He gave a presentation on interview skills and how to apply them. The GNB officer team gave their full undivided attention in each workshop and each member completed each workshop and gained all their torch award points from the conference. After all workshops were completed the GNB officer team enjoyed a lunch with their advisors where they were able to network with other members of BPA Massachusetts. Overall, it was a great experience for our GNBVT Officer team.



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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 Kari Rossi, RN.

Please meet Nurse Kari: My name is Kari Rossi and I have been an RN for 40 years. I received my BSN from Salve Regina University. This is my second year as a full time nurse at N.B Voke, which I truly enjoy. I spent the majority of my nursing career working in the Ambulatory Surgical Unit at St. Luke's Hospital. I grew up in New Bedford and now reside in Mattapoisett. I have three children and 2 wonderful grandchildren. In my spare time I enjoy attending concerts, shopping, the beach, bike riding and boating. I am looking forward to a great year at Voke caring for the students and staff.

Health Office Reminders:

For the Junior **Class of 2024**, please continue to turn in your updated physicals that include proof of your meningococcal vaccination as we are required to report vaccination rates to the Department of Public Health.

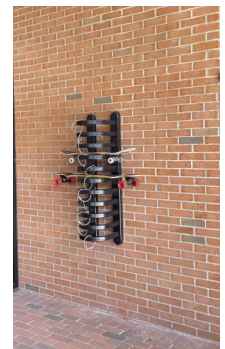
For the Freshman **Class of 2026**, please have your parent/guardian complete the GNBVT [Health Information form](#) if you have not completed one, as this is helpful, to help support health and wellness.



Skateboard Rack Installed

Skateboard-
ers have a new place to store their boards
during school hours.

A rack was installed at
the main entrance; students need to provide a lock.



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.



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**

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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.

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**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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