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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello GNBVT families and community!

I hope you were all able to enjoy the holiday recess last week. December is here, and we are gearing up for another eventful month.

I am so excited to announce on behalf of the Voc-Tech Theatre Company, that the play "Clue" will be showing on Dec 9th, 10th and 11th. Led by Marianne Morrissey, this classic play consists of a vivacious cast and an incredible set constructed by our carpentry students. I know I speak for many in saying that I am excited for this upcoming play.

On December 7th and 8th, all students will be participating in a presentation, conducted by the Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County. The presentation will focus on *digital responsibility and sexting prevention*. I can tell you that this is an extremely important topic for our students as such a vast majority of their social lives exist through social media. With that being the case, it is important that we provide education to our students around this topic to prepare them to be better digital citizens. One of the most concerning aspects of social media is that a teenager's poor decision on social media today can have a detrimental, and lasting effect on their future. Therefore it is important that they are mindful and serious about the implications that their digital footprint has on their lives today and for their future.

Finally, I want to announce that 1st Trimester Report Cards will be available via Aspen Parent Portal on December 7th. You will find links below to help you access Aspen if you do not have access.

Warley J Williams III  
Principal

## WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

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- Fall Production of 'Clue'
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## Upcoming Events

**Wed Dec 7: Term I Report Cards Issued**  
**Fri Dec 9: Fall Production of Clue- 7:00pm**  
**Sat Dec 10 : Fall Production of Clue- 7:00pm**  
**Sun Dec 11: Fall Production of Clue- 2:00pm**  
**Thur Dec 15: Mandatory Skills USA Competition Meeting— Div 1– 2 :00 pm**  
**Fri Dec 16: Mandatory Skills USA Competition Meeting – Div 2– 2:00 pm**  
**Fri Dec 23– Mon Jan 2: Holiday Break**  
**Tue Jan 3: Classes Resume**

## Reminder of Student Technology Use Policy

Located in the Student Handbook:

<https://www.gnbvt.edu/parents-students/school-year-information/>

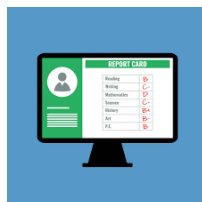
## STUDENT TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY

GNB Voc-Tech provides technology resources to its students to promote educational excellence in the school by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication with the support and supervision of the administration. The use of technology is a privilege, not a right. With global access to resources across the Internet comes the possibility of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of a school setting; GNB Voc-Tech firmly believes that the value of information, interaction, and research capabilities available outweighs the possibilities that students may obtain material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district.

Proper behavior, as it relates to the use of computers, is no different than proper behavior in all other aspects of school activities. All students are expected to use the computers and computer networks in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner. This policy is intended to clarify those expectations as they apply to computer and network usage. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, a loss of computer privileges, and if appropriate, legal action. Please read full policy [here](#).

## Report Cards Published: Thursday, December 7th

- ◇ Please refer to this [reference guide](#) to assist in viewing report cards in Aspen.
- ◇ Should you need assistance getting into Aspen or navigating to locate report card, please complete this 'New Technology Ticket Request' [here](#).




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**The Voc-Tech Theatre Company**

PRESENTS



**Clue**

Based on the screenplay by **Jonathan Lynn**  
Written by **Sandy Rustin**  
Additional material by **Hunter Foster and Eric Price**  
Based on the **Paramount Pictures Motion Picture**  
based on the **Hasbro** board game **CLUE**

<b>December 9 – Friday @7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Directed by Marianne Morrissey</b> GNB Voc-Tech High School 1121 Ashley Boulevard New Bedford, MA
<b>December 10 – Saturday @ 7:00 P.M.</b>	
<b>December 11 – Sunday Matinee @ 2:00 P.M.</b>	
<b>General Admission-All seats \$10.00</b>	

**For tickets and info: 508/998-3321 Ext. 424**



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## Family Engagement Center

### Parent Café

We would like to thank all of the parents who attended our Meet & Greet Parent Café as well as our Parent Café on IEP's. Our team has enjoyed meeting everyone! We look forward to establishing more connections with parents and engaging in meaningful conversations aimed at promoting student success.

*Stay tuned for the next Parent Café.*

## Community Spotlight!!

*MassHire and Lorenzo's Bakery Sponsor Contest Prizes*

We must give a special shoutout to **MassHire** (<https://masshiregnbcc.com/>) and **Lorenzo's Bakery** located in New Bedford for sponsoring our door decorating contest prizes for Hispanic Heritage Month.

- \* The 1st place winners were our Seniors and Juniors from Cosmetology who enjoyed a taco bar lunch from Mi Antojo located in New Bedford, provided by MassHire.
- \* The 2nd place students from our Early Childhood and 3rd place winners from Mrs. Haggerty's class enjoyed two different Spanish desserts, Pastelillos de Guayaba (Guava filled puff pastries) and Quesitos (a Puerto Rican cream cheese pastry) graciously donated by Lorenzo's Bakery.



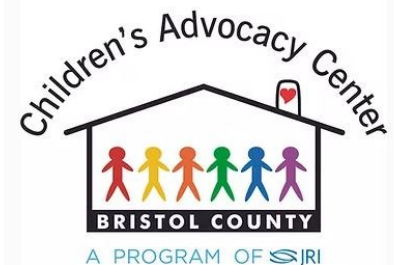
## Students to Attend Digital Responsibility and Sexting Prevention Presentations

**Dec 7th & 8th**

On December 7th and 8th, the [Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County](#), will be providing presentations for our students focusing on Digital Responsibility and Sexting Prevention. Technology use and social media have become increasingly more popular among youth, which has made them vulnerable to the danger that lurks online and within their devices. This presentation will highlight ways that students can adopt healthy practices to ensure that they are making safe choices online. There will also be discussion about the legal and social risks that can result from unsafe/improper use of technology. We hope to encourage honest communication, awareness and discussion with our students.

Please feel free to reach out to the Family Engagement Specialists, as needed.

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## 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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## From the Health Office:

### *Flu Season Precautions*

Respiratory illnesses are on the rise this year, including the Flu (influenza), which is contagious. The CDC urges individuals to take the following measures to protect yourself and others from the flu:



- ⇒ *Get the flu vaccine each year for all persons 6 months of age and older*
- ⇒ *Avoid any close contact with sick people*
- ⇒ *Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth*
- ⇒ *Cover your nose and mouth with a paper towel when coughing or sneezing (use elbow if no paper towel available)*
- ⇒ *Wash your hands frequently (with soap and water) and*
- ⇒ *Clean and sanitize the surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with the flu*

## December SkillsUSA

### *Students Attended Fall Leadership Conference*

During November GNBVT students attended the SkillsUSA Fall State Leadership conference in Marlborough Massachusetts. These students spent Sunday and Monday participating in workshops and listening to seminars on personal skills, workplace skills, technical skills and community engagement. Students were also given the opportunity to participate in a community service project. Over five hundred students from across the state attended and worked together to develop their skills while being exposed to new experiences. Also in November, students interested in competing in the Customer Service competition completed the local qualifying competition, Ava Silva, Ode Balan, Yessica Deleon-Morales and Eri Hernandez Guerrero will be advancing to the district competition and representing our school in Customer Service. Local competitions will be continuing through the month of December.



*Written by Jacob Reimels, SkillsUSA Chapter Reporter*

## **Mandatory Meetings for Competitions**

**Dec 15th & 16th**

All District & Leadership competitors will have mandatory meetings:

- ◆ **Thursday December 15 at 2:00 for Division 1 students**
- ◆ **Friday December 16 at 2:00 for Division 2 Students**

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## Ms. Voc-Tech—2023

*Planning Meeting December 5th*

Attention Senior Misses of Voc-Tech. The After Prom Committee is hosting the second annual Spring Fling Dance & Miss Voc-Tech on

**Saturday, March 11th** where Miss Voc-Tech will be crowned.

If anyone would to help organize this event, we will have a meeting in room, G141 Media Technology on **Monday, December 5th.**



Ms. Voc-Tech ~2022



## Mr. VT—2023

*Submit Google Form by December 22nd*

Mr. VT sign-ups are here! Any senior that is interested in competing to become this year's Mr. Voc-Tech please complete Google Form or see Ms. Gaspar in G141, Media Technology! Forms are due by **Thursday, December 22nd at 2:30 pm.**

Do you have what it takes to be this year's Mr. Voc-Tech?





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## Fall Student-Athletes Sign with Bridgewater State University

Congratulations to Lilly Misay and Moriah Baptista! Lilly and Moriah will continue their volleyball careers signing to play for BSU next year. From GNBVT Bears to BSU Bears!



Lilly Misay



Moriah Baptista





### Ward '24, Represents GNBVT at State Championship

Daniel Ward '24, ran in the MIAA D3 State Cross Country Championships at Fort Devens on November 19th. He ran the 5K (3.1 miles) in 17:52, coming in 44th out of 183 runners!! Daniel is a junior in the EN shop. A great student and a great athlete!!



### Alumni... Making Bear Tracks....

#### *Alumni Shout Out*



### **Tommy Ellis '02- GNBVT Alumnus Turned NASCAR Champion**

Tommy Ellis, a 2002 graduate of Automotive Technology at GNB Voc-Tech and pursued his dream of becoming a NASCAR driver. Upon graduation, he moved to North Carolina to pursue his dream and has worked his way along in the NASCAR community. Last week, his Penske team/driver won the NASCAR Cup Team Penske Champion Car Chief. Tommy has had a long, successful career in the NASCAR community and is a perfect example of how GNBVT's core values, preparation, passion and perseverance can help anyone achieve their dreams.

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