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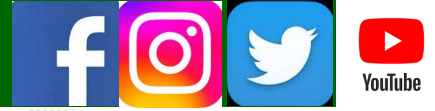
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear GNBVT Families and Community,

Today marks the last day of National School Counselors week. We are blessed to have such a hard working and caring team of guidance counselors and school adjustment counselors who make a positive difference and an immense impact on our students each day. I ask you to strongly consider thanking a guidance or school adjustment counselor if they have been there to support your child- such signs of gratuity go such a long way.

In this newsletter, you will find lots of information about Black History Month. Many of our teachers are integrating lessons that highlight the history and contributions of black people in America. Mrs. Canary is bringing her lessons to life with interactive technology and Ms. Haggerty's Non-Traditional Club is celebrating Black History Month by unveiling their Black Accomplishments slideshow. I had the distinct pleasure of delivering a speech to our teachers during our Professional Development on Wednesday where I detailed the establishment of Black History Month, which was founded by Carter G. Woodson (b.1875-d.1950) in 1926. C.G. Woodson was the second African American person to attain a Ph.D from Harvard University (W.E.B Dubois was 1st). Unfortunately, Woodson would not live long enough to see what started as Black History week during the second week of each February spawn into Black History Month in 1976.

Finally, I want to remind folks that we are celebrating Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month throughout February. You will find stories about our Culinary students winning multiple medals for the SkillsUSA MRE challenge and our Legal and Protective students conducting mock trials. There is just so much to highlight in regards to the great things happening in our vocational shops as well as out in the community where our students are out on placement and co-op showing off the skills they have learned by our dedicated teachers.

Warley J Williams III
Principal

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

- Skills USA & CTE Spotlights
- Link to apply for Scholarships (Seniors)
- Parent's Café
- Comedy Show

Upcoming Events

- Tues Feb 14: BCC Admissions on Site**
- Thur Feb 16: Parent's Café- 4PM- Virtually**
- Feb 20-24: No School- Vacation Week**



Celebrate CTE Month!

Join us as we celebrate Career and Technical Education Month[®]. CTE Month[®] is a public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country.



REMEMBER, EDUCATE, CELEBRATE.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month is an annual observance during the month of *February* in the United States. The celebration is also known as African-American History, Afro-American History, and Black Experience Month. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, and the United Kingdom. It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada, while in Ireland, and the United Kingdom it is observed in October.

In 1926, Dr. Carter Woodson instituted a week-long celebration of the contributions of Black Americans to history. Dr. Woodson chose the week of Abraham Lincoln's birthday (February 12). In recent years the observance has expanded, and now the entire month of February is celebrated as Black American History Month.

Local Events:

[New Bedford Events](#)

[Fairhaven Events](#)

[Resources: DEI](#)

Every year, the Association for the Study of Black American Life and History, founded by Dr. Woodson in 1915, sets a theme for that year's celebration. theme for the month. For information visit the [ASALH web site](#).



2023 Theme

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) determines the annual theme for Black History Month.

The **Black History Month 2023** theme, “**Black Resistance**,” explores how "African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms and police killings," since the nation's earliest days.

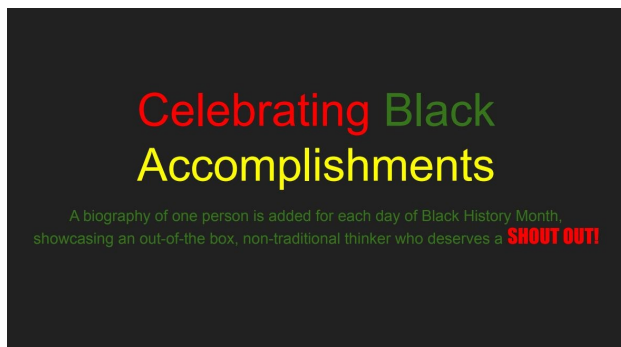
Ms. Canary’s African American Studies Class Share Interactive Assignment

The seniors in this elective worked on an assignment in the platform Nearpod. Nearpod provides real-time insights into student understanding through interactive lessons, interactive videos, gamification, and activities — all in a single platform. Please take a look at the powerful information contained in this lesson (Click on image)



GNBVT’s Non-traditional Club Celebrates Black Accomplishments

Ms. Haggerty and the members of the Non-Traditional Club in grades 9-12 compiled a deck giving a ‘Shout Out’ highlighting biographies showcasing out-of-the-box, non-traditional thinkers.



You are invited to scroll and read about these amazing people in history. (Click n the image)



Hello GNBVT Families!

GNBVT Celebrates Black History Month! Every year the theme for Black History Month changes, this year's theme is ***“Black Resistance: A Journey to Equality”***. *As I reflect on those words, what comes to mind was the stance that Rosa Parks took with not giving up her seat on the bus. Did you know, before Rosa Parks, a 15-year-old gifted Black student named Claudette Colvin, who had aspirations to become a civil rights attorney, took a window seat near the exit door. She gazed outdoors until the white driver instructed her to give up her seat for a white passenger standing nearby. Claudette Colvin refused. The resistance she had is truly something to admire! To understand equality is to understand that every individual has an equal opportunity to make the most of their lives and talents!*



15 year old Claudette Colvin - 1955

Here at GNBVT, we strive to make sure our school is as welcoming,

supportive and safe as possible! Our students are encouraged every day to be their best selves. As your Family Engagement Specialist, I am here to make sure that all of our families are supported and have the equal opportunity to make the most of their lives as well!

The Family Engagement Center is here to help and support not only our students but our families as well! **The center assists families with meeting their concrete needs:** food, housing, utilities, clothing, etc. and provides referral assistance to address needs, such as educational, therapeutic, mental health, and substance use.

Here is the link for our referral form: [Family Engagement Center Referral Form](#)

Parents Café

Thursday, February 16, 4 pm- Virtually

The Family Engagement Center will be holding all **Parent Cafés virtually** in hopes to better accommodate our families schedules. **Our next Parent Café will be held on February 16 at 4pm.** We will be welcoming The Women’s Center who will speak about the resources they offer to not only New Bedford residents but the surrounding areas as well. We look forward to increasing our parent involvement while building partnerships and authentic relationships with our families. We hope to see you there! More information to come.

Please feel free to reach out to the Family Engagement Center:

Phone: 508-998-3321 extension 494

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.



Culinary Wins Multiple Medals in MRE Challenge



On Thursday, January 26th 2023, two teams of sophomore culinary students competed in the **SkillsUSA** and National Guard MRE Challenge at the National Guard Armory in Natick, Massachusetts. Armed only with some basic kitchen tools and plating equipment one team of three crushed the other competition winning Three Gold Medals, One Silver Medal and the Grand Champion Overall Prize for winning! Along with the medals and plaques each team member was gifted a great set of Slitzer professional kitchen knives. Congratulations to students

Baileigh Fortin, Owen Medieros, and Olivia DeAlmeida on a job well done.

Special Thanks to Ms. Russell, Ms. Romanelli and Ms Rebelo for approving and making this event possible and also a shout out to *Sergeant Thomas Abreau* of the National Guard for his help in procuring MREs for our team to practice.





Legal & Protective

L & P Students Conduct Mock Trial

on an 1885 Newport Case



The sophomores in Legal & Protective Services reenacted in a Mock Trial the true story of ["A Gilded Age Tale of Murder and Money"](#) written by Kay Adams and Nancy Markey from our very own GNBVT Director of Human Resources.



Business Technology



In Business Technology, students have been earning their Microsoft Office Certifications in Word, 

Excel,  and PowerPoint! 

In the picture are seniors **Thalia Benique, Ethan Macedo, Ethan Medeiros, Ruperto Torres, Jamal Varela, and Selena Vieira.**

Three students, **Briannah Gomes, Ethan Medeiros and Ethan Macedo** have been nationally recognized by Certiport  for certification scores ranking in the top 5 in Massachusetts.

***Briannah Gomes and Zaryanna Mendonca** are also seniors who earned their certifications, but were out on co-op the day of the photo.





In need of a dress for the Senior Prom or Junior Banquet?

Check out our collection in the *2023 and 2024 Guidance Google Classroom* or stop by the Guidance Office for more info.



Quick Links:

[Lunch Menu](#)

[Family Engagement Center](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

[GNBVT Calendars](#)

[GNBVT Website](#)

The Den

The school store will be open:

Friday, February 17: 10:30-1:30

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The poster features a green background with a yellow tiger head logo in the top left corner. The text 'SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION' is prominently displayed in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the registration period is listed as 'Start Feb 6 9PM - End Mar 13 12AM'. On the right side, there is a large QR code enclosed in a yellow border, with the words 'SCAN ME' written in white on a black background directly beneath it. At the bottom of the poster, a yellow box contains the text 'USE YOUR PHONE TO SCAN THIS CODE AND GET REGISTERED TODAY!' in green. The hashtag '#GNBVTAthletics' is located in the bottom left corner.



Guidance & Special Services Departments

Seniors Encouraged to Apply for Scholarships

We strongly encourage Senior students and parents/guardians to check out the scholarship information on the [GNBVT website](#). You may use this [link](#) or you also may go to the Parents and Students tab at the top of the page.

Please click the Student Links and Resources. On the bottom of the page, you will see the scholarship information. Important information regarding scholarship eligibility is updated regularly. Please reach out to the Guidance Department if you have questions.



ATTN SENIORS: BCC Admissions Reps Visit GNBVT



Senior Families: Bristol Community College has a BCC Palooza on site at GNBVT on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023** from 8:00am-2:00pm in the Guidance Conference Room.

National School Counseling Week

Feb 6-10

We would like to thank the GNBVT Guidance Counselors, School Adjustment Counselors, and the School Psychologist for their work with our students. They are: **Wadley DaSilva, Lin Griffin, Katherine Correia, Rachel Medeiros, Michelle Morris, Erica Monteiro, Lauren Michael, Tricia Tweedie, Nike Iwanczuk, Lael St. Tripp, Robert Mota, Tara Roque, Jose Botelho, and Tara Lucier.** They are here to assist our students with their academic and social/emotional needs.

We appreciate you!



Special Services

Job Preparation Program

Through the Special Education Team process, students and families are being referred through the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission in conjunction with M.O. L.I.F.E. to take part in PRE-ETS (Pre-Employment Transition Services). This will assist our students in developing soft skills, employment skills, and real life employment opportunities because it is the goal to have our students working or participating in volunteer roles. These services include: job exploration counseling, work readiness training, paid internships, work based learning experiences, and counseling in post-secondary education. These services have helped our students become independent members of society. Thank you to the Special Services liaisons, Team Facilitator, and Administrative Assistant for coordinating this process!



From the Health Office

Attention Ninth Grade Parents and Guardians:

REMINDER—SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) Screenings will begin starting 2/17/23 during shop rotations and will continue through 3/13/2023. This screening was shared in a recent Paw Prints newsletter. If you have not had a chance to review the letter sent home with your student last week, please see the letter attached here. You only need to complete it if you are opting out of this screen for your child. For any questions or if you require further clarification please contact the nursing staff for assistance.

[Click here for SBIRT Parent Letter](#)

Health Office Relocation

Gentle reminder: As also noted previously, the nursing office will be moving to a temporary location. Upon return to school from February vacation **on 2/27/2023**, we will be in our new room.

We will be located in the IT hallway, behind our EMS shop. This is the hallway across from the J & K Block, behind the cafeteria bathrooms.

There will be signs to direct you to the nursing office. We are here to continue to care for you and address your health care concerns and needs. This location will be for the rest of this year.

We are all very excited to see the progress of the anticipated construction as well as our newly renovated nursing office next school year!!

COVID Testing Kits:

The FDA has approved extending the expiration dates of the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests.

Please note that the expiration date on each individual test kit is now 15 months from the original date of expiration as noted by the manufacturer. These iHealth kits include what has been distributed to both students and staff here at GNBRVTHS. Feel free to call the nursing office with any questions.

Sarah Caggiano at ext 791 Ursula Crowell at ext 205

Linda Ferreira at ext 204 Kari Rossi at ext 661



Comedy Show

Saturday February 25th

Comedy Show: There will be an 18+ comedy show on Saturday, February 25th. Three comedians, John Perrotta, Rockin' Joe Hebert and Rhonda Corey, will perform at Club Recordacoes de Portugal - 253 Coggeshall Street. Tickets are \$20 and the event begins at 8pm, doors open at 7pm. There is open seating or reserve a table for 8-10 people. Tickets can be purchased online or contact Rick or Jenn at 508-998-3321 ext: 300 or 244. Email jennifer.gaspar@gnbvt.edu to reserve a table. **All proceeds go towards the 2023 After Prom.**

<https://gofan.co/app/events/845423?schoolId=MA22184>

Also, we are currently looking for donations and gift baskets for this event. If anyone is interested please contact jennifer.gaspar@gnbvt.edu or richard.quintin@gnbvt.edu.

John Perrotta's Comedy Factory

90 MINUTE COMEDY SHOW
THREE COMEDIANS:
JOHN PERROTTA
ROCKIN' JOE HEBERT
RHONDA COREY

\$20

AT CLUB RECORDACOES DE PORTUGAL
253 COGGESHALL STREET

FEBRUARY 25TH @ 8 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

CONTACT: JENNIFER.GASPAR@GNBVT.EDU

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