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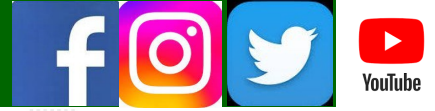
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear GNBVT Families and Community,

The Vernal (spring) equinox is upon us and the days are longer and the weather is getting warmer-so exciting! Equally exciting is the fact that the Mr. Voc-Tech competition is tonight at 6:30 pm, where Ms. Voc-Tech will crown the winner. Tickets are \$12. I hope to see you there!

I am so happy to announce that the Christian Students Club, led by Elijah Gonsalves is hosting an Easter Food Drive until April 6th. All canned goods and non-perishables can be dropped off at the Welcome Center.

Here at GNBVT, we embrace the concept that everyone in our school community should be *kind* to one another. In a school this large, I am aware that this is no easy task and we work at this every day to cultivate a positive school environment for everyone, which takes everyone's effort and positive vibes. This is why one of the first messages that students hear each and every single day on the morning announcements is: "*Always remember to be kind.*" To memorialize this, we will be celebrating Kindness Day on March 31st. **Hannah Lima, Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen 2022** will be here promoting this special day that she and Mayor Mitchell coined as an officially recognized day here in the City, every April 1st. We are excited to see and participate in all of the exciting activities that will take place on that day.

Finally, I want to remind all 10th-grade families that next Tuesday and Wednesday, 10th-graders will be taking the ELA MCAS test. Please be sure that students are in school on time, are well rested, and have had a good breakfast. We serve all students a free breakfast here at the school every day. I wish our students the very best on this test as it is a graduation requirement for them.

Best regards,

Warley J Williams III
Principal

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

- Skills USA Spotlights
- Family Engagement Center Recognizes Mrs. Cathie Rebelo, CVTE Director
- Food Drive- Now—April 6

Upcoming Events

- Fri Mar 24: 6:30 pm**– Mr. Voc-Tech
- Tues March 28: MCAS ELA**– Gr 10:Session 1
- Wed March 29: MCAS ELA**-Gr 10:Session 2
- Tue April 11: Job Fair**– Jrs. & Srs.

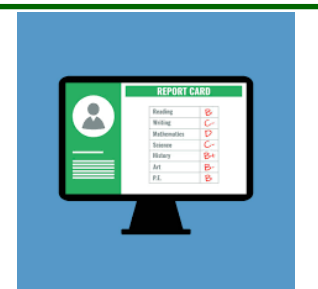
Quick Links:

- [Lunch Menu](#)
- [Family Engagement Center](#)
- [Student Handbook](#)
- [GNBVT Calendars](#)
- [GNBVT Website](#)

Report Cards Published:

Tuesday, March 21

- ◇ 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](#).





FOOD DRIVE

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Join the Christian Students Club in partnership with the GNBVT Family Engagement Center! All collections will be donated to the Salvation Army of New Bedford.

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

The table in the Welcome Center

****We will be collecting until April 6th****

ITEMS TO BE DONATED:

Non-Perishable Items Only: Canned goods, stuffing, instant mash, cake mix, etc.





District Qualifiers



In March 120 GNBVT students in various technical and career areas competed amongst each other and 11 other schools within our district to identify who qualifies to compete at the State level. GNBVT students won the following awards, **13 Gold Medals, 13 Silver Medals, 15 Bronze Medalists and 1 State Officer Candidate**. The State competition will take place from the dates of April 27th to April 29th in Marlborough, Massachusetts.



Popping All the Way to the States & Nationals

To raise funds for the State Competition & National Competitions SkillsUSA Chapter Officers hosted a popcorn fundraiser selling just short of \$1,000 of gourmet popcorn - this is an ongoing fundraiser, reach out to a SkillsUSA participant to get some great popcorn and help fund the program.



Planning for Joint Community Service Project

Chapter Officers also collaborated with officers from BPA (Business Professionals of America) on March 16th to further discuss and plan for a joint community service initiative.



Family Engagement Celebrates Women's History Month

Recognizing Cathie Rebelo, CVTE Director



As we are coming to an end on Women's History Month, the Family Engagement Center would like to highlight an inspirational woman to celebrate. The story of Ms. Cathie Rebelo is not only an encouraging one, but an inspirational display of what a female can accomplish!

Growing up in upper Michigan where jobs were limited, a young Cathie Rebelo struggled to find employment after high school. Luckily enough, Ms. Rebelo was exposed to welding at a young age because of her Dad. Ms. Rebelo remembers the words that the boys from school had told her that eventually became her motivation, *"Welding is too hard for a girl."* Those words alone gave Ms. Rebelo the motivation to continue to perfect her craft as a female welder.

During her high school years, Ms. Rebelo attended the local Skills Center as a junior and became a certified pipe welder upon graduation. With only two female welders in the classroom, Ms. Rebelo stated that her teachers were very accepting and supportive of her desire to continue to pursue a career in welding. Ms. Rebelo had a natural talent, even placing gold in the regional VICA, what we now know as SkillsUSA. Ms. Rebel had competed against over 130 male students!

After 12 years in the field, Ms. Rebelo was asked if she would be interested in joining the Metal Fabrication Program Advisory Committee at Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School in Fall River. Becoming a welding teacher was a logical next step for her. She was eager to teach and support students in their education just as her teachers had done for her. Her belief in high quality technical education was the impetus to move into an administrative role. Ms. Rebelo absolutely loves watching students blossom from incoming exploratory students to finding their niche and growing into skilled tradespeople with credentials in hand ready to go out and conquer the world! Ms. Rebelo stated how fortunate we are in Massachusetts to be able to offer technical programs to students throughout high school.

As we know, females entering a male dominated field is not easy. Ms. Rebelo's advice for female students that look to enter these fields and pave the way for future girls is to *"Follow your heart and don't let anyone stand in your way! You have all that you need to get there. Stand tall and be proud of who you are, and always remember, your education is something no one can ever take away from you."*

I am honored to say, Ms. Rebelo is still changing the way the trades are viewed as she is leading the way as the CVTE Director here at GNBVT. Ms. Rebelo has been a great addition to our school and continues to support our students to become the best they can be not only in their lives, but in their trades as well! I would like to personally thank Ms. Rebelo for the road she paved by showing people just how much a female can accomplish once we focus on a goal. ~ Veronica Arruda

Upcoming Events:

Every Saturday: Indoor Farmers Market, Buttonwood Park Warming House, 1 Oneida St. New Bedford, MA., 02745, 10 am – 2 pm

March 31: Kindness Day : at GNBVT

April 11: Job Fair

Please feel free to reach out to Veronica Arruda, Family Engagement Specialist

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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.



The Non-Traditional Club GNBVT also celebrates Women's History Month

The Non-Traditional Club created an exhibition to highlight many historical women past and present.

[Click here to view the presentation](#)

Women's History

Nontraditional
Women Who Paved
the Way





A Message from the Attendance Office

It is hard to believe that we are moving forward into Spring. As we begin the last trimester of the year and nicer weather is quickly approaching, please be reminded that all students are expected to be present and on time every day that school is in session. School starts are 7:30 a.m., all students must be present in their 1st period class by 7:40 a.m. Students who are tardy to their 1st period class and or school must serve a tardy detention within 24 hours. All tardy detentions and time owed for unexcused absences are served in the cafeteria Monday through Thursday, from 2:30-4pm. Failure to serve tardy detentions and or time owed, may result in further disciplinary action including not being able to attend or participate in extra-curricular activities, sports, Junior Banquet, and Senior activities including Senior Sign-out and Prom. Please check your email and Aspen daily for attendance information.

*Don't Let the Spring Slump Effect You!
Do Your Job!
Be In School, On Time!*

"School keeps you safe, it educates you, it prepares you for your future. Don't miss out!"



Perfect Attendance for Trimester 2

Congratulations to all students who received "Perfect Attendance" for Trimester 2

Class of 2023

48 Students

Class of 2024

42 Students

Class of 2025

63 Students

Class of 2026

81 Students



From the Health Office



Attention parents/guardians of our sophomore class, Year of Graduation 2025:

The MA Department of Public Health requires proof of meningococcal vaccination for students entering Grade 11. According to this regulation, all students should receive a booster on or after their 16th birthday.

We ask that you provide proof of this immunization by turning in an updated immunization record prior to returning next school year or once your child has turned 16 years old (during the school year).

Please forward the required paperwork attention to the school nurse.

We thank you in advance for helping us maintain compliance with this MA Department of Public Health mandate. Please reach out to your child's physician if you need an appointment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up to date, including their meningococcal vaccination.

If you have any questions please reach out to the nursing office and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sarah Caggiano at ext 791 Ursula Crowell at ext 205

Linda Ferreira at ext 204 Kari Rossi at ext 661

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.

