



Griswold High School Parent  
Advisory Council - December, 2014  
Newsletter

## News from GHS

### Business Department - Mr. Bhupal Babajiyavar: Academic Leader

Griswold High School Business department will be having the Jewett City Savings Bank come in and present "Get Smart About Credit" with a focus on personal finance and how to handle money in the real world to the Financial and Professional Management classes. This presentation will help reinforce what students have learned thus far about checking accounts, savings accounts, and banking. The business department will cover, but not limit itself to, the following topics this semester: the importance of credit, budgets, savings and investments, work place laws and responsibilities, pay and benefits, federal and state income tax, and insurance.



On December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> the business and technology department will host the Lincoln Technical Institute which will present "Life after High School" to our student body. This interactive FLASH presentation touches on many of the options available to students after they graduate. It gives them a glimpse of what to expect from the world no matter what they decide to do: go straight to work, join the military, attend college, or enroll at a career school. They will discuss a budget based on department of labor statistics and discuss the difference between a career and a job and the money, happiness and demand associated with it.

The business and technology departments are excited about the relationships we have created with these local business and are looking forward to creating more connections for our students to utilize.

**Health and Child Development: Mrs. Dolores Walsh: Academic Leader**

*Individual and Family Development Students help with the  
Jewett City Senior Center, Emergency Fuel Fund Breakfast*



On Saturday, November 22, 2014 Kaylee Kimlingen and Tyler Shaw, students enrolled in Mrs. Walsh's Individual and Family Development class volunteered at the Griswold Senior Center to help raise money for the Emergency Fuel Fund. Each year the class decides on a theme and donates items for a basket to be raffled off. This year the class put together a "Family Movie Night"

basket consisting of DVDs, Pizza & Movie Theater Gift Certificates, popcorn, candy, and soda. All proceeds are donated to the fuel fund.

Tyler and Kaylee enjoyed meeting the members of the Senior Center and helping support the Griswold Community.

In addition to the Griswold Senior Center many students have been busy volunteering in the community. Students enrolled in Individual and Family Development for UCONN credit must complete 40 hours of interning at three different stages of development. At the end of the first quarter, a total of 175 hours of volunteering in classrooms at GES, GMS, Canterbury and Voluntown Elementary schools, youth soccer, and a rehabilitation center have been completed.

The internship experience provides students with opportunities to interact with individuals from different stages of the life cycle and allows students to explore careers in the education, human services and health care fields. Students complete reflective journal, career interviews, and projects during their internship experience.

Thank you to Mrs. Johannesson in the Career Center for assisting students in locating internship placements.

## Physical Education - Mrs. Missy Moore

In December, students in P.E. will have the privilege of working out with Sgt. McGale from the CT Army National Guard in preparation for the GHS Wolverine Warrior Fitness Challenge coming up in May 2015.



## Art - Mrs. Paula Pauley



The art department has two new projects displays for December in the LMC. Advanced Drawing has just completed a work of art based on shells using traditional pastel. To complete this project students were challenged with traditional pastel techniques in which "less" is "more". To begin students had to master the color and form of natural sea shells through observational drawing. Then, working from a still life set up students had to develop a composition using shells and technology and various imagery to add a convincing aquatic theme.

The three sections of Drawing I have completed their first major project, "The Horse in Proportion". In it students had to learn how to draw a realistic horse in proportion and then add creative details to make a work of art. The art teachers have selected some of the best for your enjoyment.

## Science Department - Mrs. Lori Hatajik: Academic Leader

On November 4<sup>th</sup> students from Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Terminology and the Certified Nursing Assistant classes were provided an opportunity to attend the Day Kimball Hospital Healthcare Career Fair. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to spend one-on-one time meeting with staff members of Day Kimball and gathering valuable information about many allied health careers. Career areas included Occupational and Physical therapy, Emergency Medical Technician and Ambulatory Care, Laboratory Technology, Pharmacy, Nursing/CNA, Homecare and Hospice, Speech and Language Pathology and many more.



## History Department - Mrs. Elizabeth Kowal: Academic Leader



Thirty juniors and seniors recently returned from a 4 day trip to Washington DC. They completed a very ambitious itinerary, even walking 10 miles in one day! The trip included a tour of Arlington National Cemetery to view the Changing of the Guard ceremony as well as a wreath laying ceremony, but especially memorable was a visit to 2008 GHS graduate Lance Corporal Tyler O. Griffin's gravesite. Students toured 5 Smithsonian museums, the National Archives, U.S. Capitol Building, the Library of Congress, the Holocaust Museum, the Newseum, Mount Vernon, many national monuments, and attended a play at the famed Kennedy Center. The tour escort related that in 28 years of directing trips, this was one of the best behaved groups he had ever escorted.

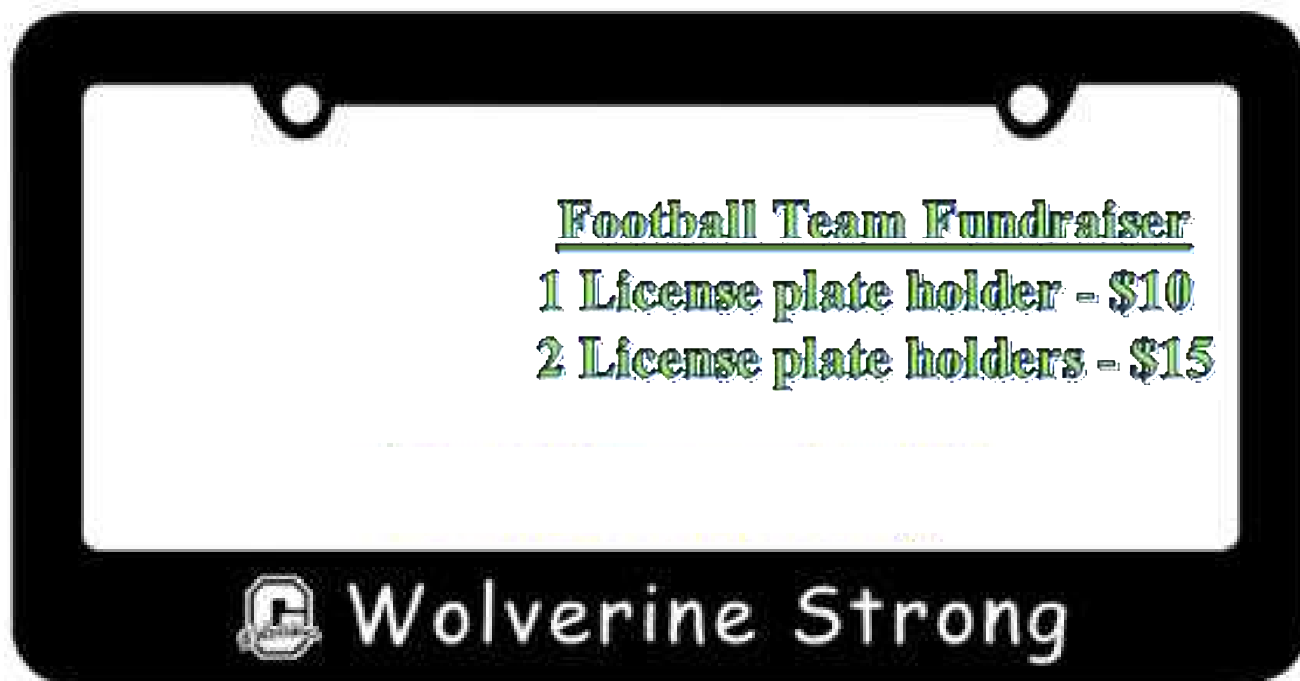
Watch for news about a 2015 trip to Washington!

## GHS Football fundraiser - A message from Mr. Craig Demars

The GHS football team is doing a fundraiser to raise money to fix equipment that needs repairing (replacing old helmets with new concussion helmets, fixing ripped jerseys, and numerous other things) that we cannot afford without a second fundraiser. ALL money will be put back into the program to ensure all equipment is safe for our student-athletes and allows them to have the tools for a successful season! We thank you for your continued support. (More information below).



**GHS FOOTBALL**  
**2014-15 LICENSE PLATE FUNDRAISER**



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**Yearbooks! - A message from Mr. Greg Schoen**

Yearbooks can be purchased at [jostensyearbook.com](http://jostensyearbook.com). All orders are being placed online.