



## News from GHS

September 2014

### Science (Academic Leader: Lori Hatajik)

*New Faculty in Science - Katia Kingston and Evelyn Sanders*

#### Katia Kingston

"My name is Katia Kingston and I am very excited to become a part of Griswold High School. It is amazing how helpful everyone is in the building. I cannot begin to tell you how welcome I feel here.

I want to thank all of my students, and all of the adults that I met in this building for being so helpful. I feel privileged being a part of this community. I am looking forward to a successful year. A little bit about me. I was born in

Bulgaria, finished by BS at Thracian University, Stara Zagora Bulgaria and completed my MAT at Connecticut College. Mr. Chester was one of the teachers that help me to complete my student teaching at Griswold High School. I am glad to be back and a part of GHS."



#### Evelyn Sanders

Evelyn Sanders is excited to join the Griswold Science Faculty as a part-time teacher. She is teaching 9<sup>th</sup> grade general science and physical science. Evelyn brings a great deal of 'real-world' experience to her classes as she has an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Texas and has worked in industry for 20 years. In recent years, she pursued her teaching

certification through Connecticut's Alternative Route to Certification and is now certified in both Chemistry and General Science. She did her student teaching at Woodstock Academy, worked as a regular substitute at Parish Hill in Chaplin, and most recently as a long-term sub in Coventry, teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade general science. Evelyn lives in Hampton on a farm with her family, several goats, chickens, large dogs, and lots of strawberry, raspberry and blackberry plants.

## Art

The art department (Mrs. Pauley/Mrs. Thompson) is planning a fall field trip to visit the Norman Rockwell museum (American art), the Clark Art Institute (European art), and Williams College art museum (contemporary art). The field trip is planned for Oct. 24 and is pending approval from the administration. Any parent or adult who would like to help chaperone (I need 2) please contact Mrs. Pauley.



## Physical Education (Academic Leader: Dolores Walsh)

The GHS Fitness Center will be open after school Monday-Thursday beginning Wed., Sept. 3rd from 2:45-4:00 p.m. Come on in and work out!!!



## Business and Technology (Academic Leader: Bhupal Babajiyavar)

Business and Technology Department has a new member, Michael Brennan.



Financial and Professional Management junior students will begin their Job Shadow projects. Students in Computer Applications I and II are learning the fundamentals of Microsoft Office 2013.

## History (Academic Leader: Betsy Kowal)

AP US Government is a new addition to the Social Studies department course offerings. Two sections of the course are being taught by Peter Rodrigues. Juniors are eligible for AP US History, and the department is pleased to offer the high level elective government class to seniors.



## World Language (Academic Leader: Señor Rick Rule)

World language classes are off to a good start!

Students in Spanish I will be learning the basics of the language - the sound system, questioning techniques, the basic structures of the language and the present tense - the major project for the first semester is the scrapbook project in which the students demonstrate a mastery of the material studied during the semester - clothing, colors, descriptions, likes and dislikes etc.

Spanish II - major focus in on working with the past tenses (Preterite and Imperfect) - major projects for the year include - news broadcast project, children's story, and exchange student project.



Spanish III - shifts the focus to commands and expressing hopes, wishes and doubts. Major projects for the year include - the advertising project and the mad scientist project.

Spanish IV - works at a deeper level with all the skills learned in the first three years and delves into the future and conditional tenses. Major projects include - shield presentations, environmental public service announcement on an issue in one of the Spanish speaking countries.

Online resources include: [Classzone.com](http://Classzone.com) and [Conjuguemos.com](http://Conjuguemos.com)

As helpful resources for all levels, Señor Rule will be putting all the names into [Conjuguemos.com](http://Conjuguemos.com) and setting up classes once schedules are more settled.

## Special Education (Academic Leader: Michelle Breckel)

Meet our new faculty!

The first teacher is Chris Champlin. He is the new special education teacher in the Behavior Skills Center at the High School. He is in his seventh year of teaching and comes to us from The Light House, a state approved private special education facility. Chris graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University in 2008 with



a bachelor's degree in History and Social Sciences and Secondary Education, from Southern Connecticut State University in 2010 with a master's degree in Special Education. He recently obtained his 6th year degree in Educational Leadership. Chris lives in Waterford CT and is very excited to be joining the Griswold team.

The second teacher is Abby Magee. She grew up in Mystic, and attended Fitch High School. She graduated from SCSU with a Bachelor's in Biology, and Master's in Special Education. She has certifications to teach Biology and General Science as well as Special Education. Before coming to Griswold, she taught at Natchaug Hospital, managing cases and teaching Science and English/Literacy. She has also taught Special Education Language Arts and Reading at Ledyard Middle School. She is very excited to be a member of the Griswold High School faculty and looks forward to a great school year!

## Yearbook News (Greg Schoen: Yearbook leader)

Only a few more senior portrait sessions remaining. Look for appointment cards in the mail. A basic package is \$20 but with a \$20 rebate once you return the proofs.

If anyone would like to advertise their company in the yearbook please email Greg Schoen at [gschoen@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:gschoen@griswoldpublicschools.org).



## English (Academic leader: Laureen Anthony)

English classes have gotten off to a great start! As college prep, general, and language arts students turning in their extra credit summer reading projects, they earn extra points for each book they read, including those books not on the reading list. Teachers have started to introduce the essential skills that the students will be mastering during the school year.

The English department has adopted the specific focus of improving literacy for all students this year, and we are working together to identify ways to help the students become better readers. Members of our department have received literacy training and are bringing promising strategies to the rest of the teachers. We are looking forward to a terrific year, with students improving their reading and writing skills as they develop into strong critical thinkers and communicators.



## Griswold High School Class of 2015 News

Class advisors: Mrs. Nadine Keane & Mrs. Kasey Hosmer

*Parents of the Senior Class of 2015 - **Remind*** is a simple way for you to stay informed and up-to-date with what's happening with the senior class (deadlines, upcoming events, fundraisers). By joining the Class of 2015 on **Remind**, you're choosing to receive class messages via push notifications, SMS, or email. Don't worry, your phone number will not be shared with me or anyone else in the class.

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**WELCOME  
BACK  
SENIORS!**

This is the year you've been working & waiting for, & we hope you are excited as we are. What follows is a list of important dates & deadlines:

**2015**

- I. **Cap & Gown Money** - This lovely cap & gown ensemble will be yours to keep & treasure forever for the low price of \$35.00.

**CAP & GOWN MONEY IS DUE TO MRS. HOSMER OR MRS. KEANE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO GHS.**

II. **Fundraisers - Sales start in October!!**

- a. New this year - Mixed Bags Designs - reusable bags, totes, lunch bags, travel sets and much more. Date TBA.
- b. Florida fruit - Sale runs from October 13 - November 19<sup>th</sup>. This can be a very profitable fundraiser. Fruit will be delivered for holiday gift giving. Fruit can also be ordered online and delivered to the school or friends and family far away. This is a huge fundraiser for the class; we urge everyone to do his/her best.
- c. Wreaths - The Class of 2015 receives \$5.00 for every wreath sold. This fundraiser will run from October 1st - November 19th. Wreaths will be delivered the Monday after Thanksgiving, 12/1.
- d. Mr. GHS - Tuesday, November 25th - Another big fundraiser, details to follow.

III. **Yearbook - Keep up to date with payments and senior portrait submissions.**

***START SAVING YOUR MONEY NOW!!!***

**CAP & GOWN, PROM, SENIOR BANQUET, CLASS TRIP - THESE EVENTS ALONE CAN EASILY TOTAL MORE THAN \$200. THIRTY PERCENT OF YOUR FUNDRAISING IS DIRECTLY APPLIED TO THE COST OF YOUR PROM TICKET; RAISING \$300 OR MORE USUALLY RESULTS IN A FREE PROM TICKET.**

**OTHER SENIOR YEAR EXPENSES: SATS, ACTS, AP EXAMS, COLLEGE APPLICATION FEES, COLLEGE DEPOSITS, YEARBOOK PORTRAITS, YEARBOOK, PROJECT SAFE GRAD**

***FUNDRAISE & START SAVING YOUR MONEY NOW!!!***