

Griswold High School

*Friday Memo*

# ALICE IN WONDERLAND

11/08/2019

Dear Griswold High School Parents and Guardians,

**Come on out this weekend for our GHS fall drama, Alice in Wonderland! The show will run Friday and Saturday night, beginning at 7 pm. As always, veterans are free!**

**Congratulations to our volleyball team — ECC Division 2 CHAMPIONS!**

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday and Thursday next week! These are shortened days for students with dismissal at noon. Staff will be accepting appointments on Thursday evening, from 5-7, for conferences as well. Please refer to the detailed instructions sent last week (and attached again in this email) to schedule conferences with teachers. We especially want to see you if your child is having difficulty.

Homecoming Dance Permission Slips: Please be sure to read through the expectations of the GHS Homecoming Dance. Permission slips must be signed and returned in order to purchase a ticket to the dance.

**November is a CRAZY month! Most of the weeks are not full weeks with professional development, holidays and Parent/Teacher Conferences, PLUS Spirit Week, Homecoming, Mr. GHS, the fall play and the Washington DC trip! It's going to fly!**

- Monday, November 11th: VETERAN'S DAY; No School
- Wednesday, November 13th & Thursday, November 14th: ½ Day P/T Conferences
- Wednesday, November 27th: ½ Day for Thanksgiving break
- Thursday, November 28th - 29th: No School; Happy Thanksgiving

***Homecoming themes have been selected:***

9th Grade: RUGRATS

10th Grade: iCARLY

11th Grade: FAIRLY ODDPARENTS

12th Grade: SPONGEBOB

**Homecoming and Spirit Week** are going to be very exciting times here at GHS! Please take note of these dates:

- Friday, November 15th: Homecoming Kick Off Week with the Homecoming football game
- Monday November 18th-22nd: Spirit Week
  - ***Monday, 11/18 - Color Day:*** wear your group's color to school! *(No face paint)*
  - ***Tuesday, 11/19 - Twin/Dynamic Duo Day:*** grab some friends and dress up as your favorite group of characters!
  - ***Wednesday, 11/20 - Nickelodeon Character Day***
  - ***Thursday, 11/21 - Pop Culture Day:*** represent your favorite media icon, meme, etc.!
  - ***Friday, 11/22 - Green & White Day:*** show your school spirit by wearing *Griswold* apparel or green and white clothing to school!
- Friday, November 22nd: Parade leaving GHS campus at 4 p.m.
- Saturday, November 23rd: The Homecoming Dance will be held at GHS from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 26th: Mr. GHS
- Thursday, November 28th: Thanksgiving Football Game at 10 a.m. - Homecoming Court to be announced at halftime!

GHS PTO is gearing up for our first fundraiser! We are super excited, as one of us will be taking the plunge on Thanksgiving Day in an effort to raise big money through a competitive round of Penny Wars!


- Representing 9th grade: Erin Palonen
- Representing 10th grade: Jamie Bruno
- Representing 11th grade: Logan Tonucci
- Representing 12th grade: Doug Craig

NONE of us want to go in, but ONE of us will! Who will be the "loser?" This will begin in lunch waves the week of November 12th. **Please join us for our next meeting on Monday, 12/2 at 6 p.m. Thank you so much!**

On Tuesday, our faculty attended a presentation in collaboration with Griswold Pride. This eye opening presentation, Hidden in Plain Sight, showed us the **many** devices out there accessible to our children today, as well as information in combating addiction. Some of the information I captured below pertains to vaping, signs and how to approach your child:

## Vaping


- E-cigarettes and other vaping devices are **NOT** risk-free
- Nicotine can affect brain development and functioning in young people
- They contain nicotine, a highly addictive drug with known health risks
- E-cigarettes and other vaping devices are not FDA approved
- One "pod" equals 1-2 packs of cigarettes
- They are highly addictive, with kids often unaware of the addictive property



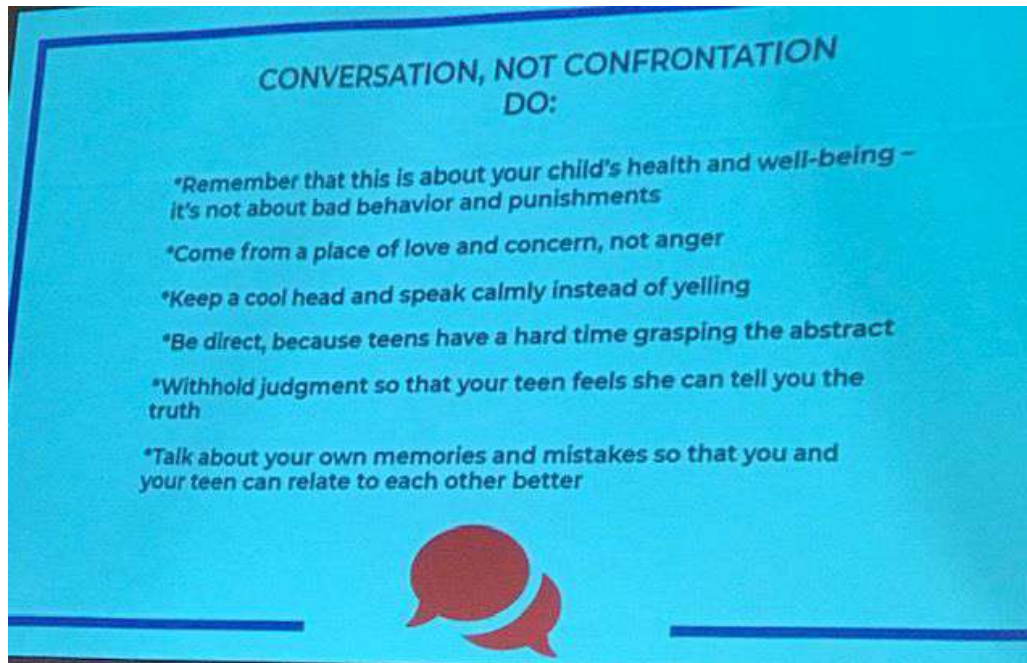
The CAPP logo consists of the letters 'CAPP' in a bold, sans-serif font, enclosed within a stylized circular graphic that resembles a double-lined oval or a partial circle.

## Signs

Bloodshot eyes, shakes, slurred speech  
Lack of personal hygiene; overuse of perfume/cologne  
Unusual need for money; missing valuables  
Secretive, withdrawn  
Mood swings  
Arguments, clashes with family  
Changes in:  
Personality  
Daily routine; appetite and sleep patterns  
Friends  
Performance at school, work



The NCADD logo features a circular emblem with a stylized figure, followed by the acronym 'NCADD' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below the acronym, the full name 'NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE, INC.' is written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.



*Happy Veteran's Day! A special thank you to our proud GHS veterans:*

- *Susan Salley, US Army*
- *Ken Martin, US Navy*
- *Jimmy Collins, US Marines*
- *John Marr, US Marines*

*And Phil Anctil, who volunteers countless hours supporting, helping, providing for and caring for our local veterans.*





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**Griswold's Vision of the Graduate**

<p><b><u>Effective Communicator</u></b></p> <p>The Griswold graduate demonstrates an ability to communicate effectively and confidently through writing, speaking, listening, presenting, collaborating and other forms of creative expression.</p>	<p><b><u>Resilient Problem Solver</u></b></p> <p>The Griswold graduate demonstrates an ability to achieve goals by taking risks, and solving problems with flexibility, strategic planning, attention to detail and perseverance.</p>
<p><b><u>Critical Thinker</u></b></p> <p>The Griswold graduate demonstrates an ability to gather and evaluate information, analyze objectively, form a judgment, develop a hypothesis, and initiate inquiry through the mastery of multiple literacies.</p>	<p><b><u>Engaged Citizen</u></b></p> <p>The Griswold graduate demonstrates an ability to engage in service-oriented and civic-minded activities and to utilize cultural literacy and integrity to make responsible and culturally-sensitive decisions.</p>