

OCTOBER 2010 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good evening Gwynn Park Family:

This is an announcement from the Principal of GPHS about upcoming events for the month of October.

H.S.A.: The High School Assessments tests will be given to all upperclassmen from October 4th - 8th. Please encourage your child to do well because passing the tests is a graduation requirement.

GPHS Family Day: The alumni from 1960-2010 of GPHS will be hosting Family Day on Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 12 noon – 6pm. There will be activities such as 3pt shoot out, softball, 3-on-3 basketball, volleyball, kick ball, dodge ball and more. You should bring your own picnic baskets, chairs, class T-shirts and any other items you feel you may want. The theme is segregation to integration to celebration. Please come out and have some fun. For more information, you can email: gpfamilyday@gmail.com.

Morning Coffee: An informal dialogue with the principal will be held Tuesday, October 5th from 9-10 am.

PTSO: The PTSO meeting will be held Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will begin promptly in the cafeteria.

PSAT: The PSAT will be administered Wednesday, October 13th. This exam will be given to students in grades 9-11. The cost is \$15.00 for student in grades 9 and 11. All 10th graders will take the exam free of charge. Students interested in taking the exam must submit a registration form and fee to Ms. Critten in Guidance by Monday, October 4th.

October 14th is a busy day:

- First of all, it is a **half-day** for students. Students will be dismissed at 11:25 am.
- **Gorgeous Prince George's Day** is also on October 14th. We ask for students and parents to come out and help beautify GPHS. Students can receive community service hours for participation. Please contact Mr. Belle for more details. His email is Donald.belle@pgcps.org.
- **Evening Parent Conferences:** In order to provide a convenient time to inform you of your child's progress, GPHS will be conducting evening parent conferences. The first evening conference night is October 14th from 4:30-7:30 pm. You are asked to print your child's grades from SchoolMax and come prepared with any questions you may have. Conferences will be held for approximately 5-10 minutes. You also can sign-up for a conference time prior to that night by emailing your child's teacher.

October 15th will be closed for staff and students.

FAST ASSESSMENTS: Quarterly assessments in the English 10, Local State and National Government, Algebra I and Biology will be administered October 18th-26th. If you child attends any of these classes, please encourage them to do well. This test serves as an indicator of their performance for the High School Assessments that will be given in May.

Homecoming Week: Homecoming has been rescheduled for the week of October 25th. The events for the week are as follows:

- Mon: Mix and Match in Mexico (where students can wear mixed matched clothes)
- Tue: Greet and Geek in Greece (where student dress up like a geek)
- Wed: Hip Hop and Jump to Honduras: dress up like someone from the 1990's Hip Hop era
- Thur: Jammin together in Jamaica: Class Colors *Class night*
- Fri: Port-o-Jackets Call: wear school colors

Class night will be held on Thursday, October 28th from 3-5pm and our football game will be on Saturday, October 30th.

The next announcements are for seniors:

- The Senior Class is sponsoring a **college tour** to the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University on Wednesday, October 13th. The cost of this trip is \$35.00. Seniors can pick up permission slips from Mrs. Berry or Ms. Osborne. Money and permission slips need to be turned in by Friday, October 8th.
- The Senior Class is sponsoring a **trip to the National College Fair** in Baltimore, Maryland on Tuesday, October 19th. The cost of this trip is \$15.00. Seniors can pick up permission slips from Mrs. Berry or Ms. Osborne. Money and permission slips need to be turned in by Thursday, October 14th.
- A payment on **Senior Dues** is due on or before Monday, October 18th. See Ms. Osborne or Mrs. Berry to make a payment.
- **Senior panoramic pictures** will be taken on Thursday, October 28th. Students are to wear class colors (black and blue) for this picture. This day is also Class Colors Day for our homecoming week.
- The Senior Class will be hosting the **Homecoming Pageant** which will be held on Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00pm.
- In lieu of the Homecoming Pageant, the Senior Class Parents Meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, October 18, 2010 at 6:30pm.

You can find out more information about the class of 2011 on our SchoolNotes web page. You may find this link on the school's web site.

The last couple of announcements are in regards to students remaining after school hours. To ensure adequate supervision and the safety of your child are provided, we are requesting the following:

- If your child remains after school for a club/sport, they must report to their sponsor by 2:40 pm. Unsupervised students will be escorted out of the building.
- If you pick up your child in the rear parking lot by the softball field, they must be picked up by 2:40 pm. Otherwise, students should be picked up in the front of the building between 2:40 and 3pm.
- Immediately following school games/events, students must be picked up. The building remains open only 30 minutes after an event in order for it to be cleaned. Therefore, we are asking that your child be picked up within 20 minutes after the event. This will eliminate students standing outside for a long period of time. Ask your child about the ending time of events so transportation arrangements can be made early enough to arrive at an appropriate time. We need your help to keep your child safe.

One last announcement: Please log onto the Parent Information link on the home page of our website. We would like to keep you updated via email as well.

This concludes the announcements from GPHS. This announcement will also be posted on our school's website. Have a good evening.