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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear School Community,

I hope you are enjoying the transition from sunglasses to hooded sweatshirts and pumpkin spice coffee. As we settle into the beautiful autumn season, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering parental support.

As we approach the distribution of Progress Reports for Trimester One, I would like to inform you that they will be made available on the Aspen Parent Portal on October 11th. These reports are an important tool for tracking your child's academic progress, and I encourage you to review them carefully and discuss them with your child.

I am eagerly looking forward to our School Council Meeting scheduled for October 10th. During this meeting, I will have the opportunity to discuss our School Goals and priorities for this school year. Your participation and input are highly valued, so please mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us.

Additionally, we will be sending home the MCAS results for students who are now Juniors who took the test last year as Sophomores. Along with these results, your child will receive a Student Handbook. We kindly request that you review the handbook and sign off on it, acknowledging that you have done so. Please ensure that your child returns this signed acknowledgment to their shop teacher promptly. A text message and email will be sent to parents/caregivers announcing when these items will be distributed to your child.

On an exciting note, I am thrilled to announce that our students have the opportunity to participate in the MLK Creative Expression contest. This contest allows them to showcase their creativity through essays and offers cash prizes as incentives. For more details, please refer to the newsletter, where you will find comprehensive information on how to participate.

I wish you all an amazing weekend filled with warmth, laughter, and the joys of the season. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Most respectfully  
Warley J. Williams III  
Principal

## WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

- **Guidance Department: Important Dates**
- **Homecoming Football Game**
- **Homecoming Dance**

## Upcoming Events

**Mon Oct 9: No School- Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day**

**Oct 10-13: Spirit Week**

**Oct 10: School Council Meeting- 3pm-School Cafe**

**Wed Oct 11: T1 Progress Reports Issued**

**Thu Oct 12: College Fair**

**Fri Oct 13: Early Dismissal: 10:49 am**

**Homecoming Football Game: 6:30 pm**

**Sat Oct 14: Homecoming Dance: 6:00 pm**

**Mon Oct 16: After Prom Meeting: 6 pm-G141**

**Tues Oct 24: PSAT**

**Wed Nov 1: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery**

**Mon Nov 6: College Financing Seminar: 6:00 pm**

**HOME COMING  
2023**

*Game 10.13.2023  
Dance: 10.14.2023*

## Quick Links:

[Lunch Menu](#)

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**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER**



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**THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PLANNING COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024**

**Creative Expression Contest**

**Theme: *Marching to the Beat of Justice***

Open to middle and high school students of the Greater New Bedford area (New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Acushnet).

Creative expression comes in many forms. Please select one of the following categories (Essay, Poem, or Art) to express your answer for the following questions:

***"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late..."***

- Martin Luther King Jr., Riverside Church, New York, April 4, 1967

***Describe an injustice you see today. How would you take the lead as a drum major for justice? How do the works and acts of Martin Luther King Jr. inspire you in your quest? Be sure to reference speeches or writings of Dr. King in your submission.***

**Essay Requirement:** Up to 2 pages, 12-point font, double spaced.

**Poem Requirement:** Up to 2 pages, 12-point font, double spaced.

**Artwork Requirement:** Artist should explain the concept of their artwork in 3-5 sentences in addition to their submission.

**Please send submissions to:**

[MLK@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:MLK@newbedford-ma.gov)

**Deadline for submission:**

Friday, December 1st, 2023

All submissions must be original work. One submission per student.

Please include your name, grade, and school with your submission.

Please be prepared to share your essay, poetry, or art during the Annual MLKJ program, if you are selected as a winner!

**UP TO 3 WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY!**



1st Place Winner(s) - \$100

2nd Place Winner(s) - \$75

3rd Place Winner(s) - \$50

**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.



**From the Guidance Office**

**College Fair**

October 12<sup>th</sup>

The College Fair is *Wednesday, October 12th*, in the Field House and runs from first period to lunch with all of the Juniors and Seniors rotating through.



**Attention Juniors:**

PSAT- October 24<sup>th</sup>

The PSAT will be administered here at Voc-Tech on *Tuesday, October 24th*. The deadline to register for the Test is Friday, September 22nd. Any student interested in taking the PSAT should see their Guidance Counselor before school, after school, or during Lunch. Students should have the \$18 Registration fee ready when meeting with their counselor. There is limited availability.



**October 12, 2023 | 7:30am - 11:00am**

Discover your academic path at the College Fair! Meet reps from top universities, explore majors, and gain insights about admissions. Your future begins here. Don't miss it!

For more information:  
katherine.correia@gnbvt.edu

**College Financing Seminar**

November 6<sup>th</sup>

Parents, guardians and students are invited to attend a College Financing Seminar to take place in the auditorium on *Monday, November 6 at 6 pm*. The seminar is presented by Elizabeth Connelly-Sylvia from the Educational Opportunity Center through Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA)



**Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery**

November 1<sup>st</sup>



The ASVAB will be administered *Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>*. Students interested in military service should see their Guidance Counselor to register.

**Progress Reports Published Oct 11th**

Trimester 1 Progress Reports will be posted to Aspen on October 11th. Please note in the [linked document](#) regarding expired credentials. Submit a technology support request by visiting [www.gnbvt.edu](http://www.gnbvt.edu) and clicking on the laptop icon.

**School Forms**

Please login to FamilyID at the following [link](#) to sign off on the [Student Handbook](#).





<https://www.familyid.com/gnb-voc-tech-high->



**HOMECOMING**  
FOOTBALL GAME




*FRI* **October 13th**  
**6:30**  
**vs. Somerset Berkley**  
**#GNBVT**

GREATER NEW BEDFORD VOC-TECH

**HOMECOMING**  
10.14.2023  
6:00PM

Use this link to purchase your tickets!!!!





After Prom

After Prom '24: Meeting Monday, October 16th

6 pm, G141 Media Technology Room



**What is After Prom?**

- ✓ Keeps students safe after their senior prom
- ✓ Provides a fun experience for seniors and their guests
- ✓ Held in the field house with awesome, interactive things to do
- ✓ 15th After Prom



**More Information**

- ✓ 11:30 pm - 4:00 am
- ✓ Inflatables, DJ, free food, Minute To Win It games, casino, video games, hypnotist and raffle prizes
- ✓ The **After Prom is FREE** to all the GNBVT seniors and their guests
- ✓ After Prom is fully funded by donations and run by volunteers!
- ✓ Need 80-100 volunteers the night of





### From the Health Center



### Meet Your School Nurse: Sarah Caggiano '11

Please meet Nurse Sarah: My name is *Sarah Caggiano*. I have been a school nurse here at GNBVT for 6 years and am a former graduate from the Medical Assisting program class of 2011. I am proud to be able to care for students, staff, and families alike and make a positive impact within the community. Looking forward to another great school year.

#### **Gentle Reminders:**

Nursing can be reached at the following extensions:

*Nurse Sarah Caggiano ext 791 Nurse Casey Clarke ext 661*

*Nurse Ursula Crowell ext 205 Nurse Jaala Duarte ext 204*

\*\*\*Please forward any updated medical documents to the nursing office, especially any updated physicals, including immunization records for our Junior and Senior classes

Every year, between September 15th and October 15th, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated here in the United States. We celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain,

Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

In this edition of Pawprints it is our honor to highlight the work of the following Hispanic nurses who contributed much to the vocation of nursing:

**Maria Garcia Roach** was a nurse anesthetist at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. She later volunteered to serve at the start of World War II for the U. S. Army Air Forces (USAAF). She was initially assigned to work at a field hospital but later on was reassigned to attend a training program in Bowman Field in Kentucky when it was discovered that she was a licensed pilot. This training with the USAAF entailed medical and air evacuation service drills and care. She served as a nurse-pilot with the Army Corps between 1943-1945 and was responsible for the care and safety of wounded soldiers having logged over 1,000 hours of flying time and



Photo source from [The Story of Air Evacuation 1942-1989](#)

traveled overseas to locations such as China, Burma, Africa, Germany and islands across the North and South Atlantic. Ms Roach was recognized for her wartime service and received many honors including the Bronze Star and Air Medal, "which recognizes single acts of heroism or major achievements during aerial flights".



Photo Source [New York Academy of Medicine](#)

**Dr. Ildaura Murillo-Rohde** is known for her many accomplishments including being the founder of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. She received her nursing diploma from the Medical and Surgical Hospital School of Nursing in 1948. She went on to obtain her undergraduate degree in psychiatric mental health nursing from Columbia University in 1953. Additionally, she went on to earn her Masters and Doctorate from New York University and became the first Hispanic nurse awarded a PhD in 1971. Her later work included being a reviewer of federal research and education grants in Washington, D.C. She held academic roles including the Dean and Professor Emeritus of Nursing at the State University of New York, School of Nursing in Brooklyn and Associate Dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Washington in Seattle. Her many honors include being named a permanent representative to UNICEF, being appointed by the New York Mayor to a commission on quality improvement at New York City hospitals and was a psychiatric nurse consultant to Guatemalan government by the World Health Organization.





**GNBVT Soccer Plays at Gillette**

*Oct 18th*

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION



**GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL  
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AT THE REVS**

**10.18 | VS OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

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GEAR, AND ENJOY A FUN NIGHT OUT WITH CLASSMATES,  
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**TICKETS INCLUDE ENTRY TO THE HIGH SCHOOL GAME ON  
THE FIELD ON 10/18, AS WELL AS A REVOLUTION MATCH OF  
YOUR CHOICE: 9/30, 10/4, 10/21**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT OUR REVS REP JUSTIN  
ROSA AT (508)384-4372 OR  
JROSA@REVOLUTIONSOCCER.NET**





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## Family Newsletter



The SkillsUSA Chapter Officer Retreat on Saturday, September 23rd. opened with a couple of different ice breaker activities. One of which everyone filled out an all-about-me paper and wrote a famous person's name on the back. This was used for a game that featured everyone getting one of the papers taped to their back and having to ask questions to find out what famous person they had.

After this game and another one where groups tried to collectively make a heart with one marker.

Mrs. Roberts, an English teacher & MA SkillsUSA Student Leadership Manager, split everyone into groups for a framework presentation. Each group had a SkillsUSA framework or an introduction to the frameworks and had to create a presentation to explain it.



After the creative presentations that conveyed the message of the framework, Mr. Jordan, ELL Teaching Assistant & MA SkillsUSA Student Activities Specialist explained the importance of communication. He drove the explanation home with an example of how to construct a sandwich. A lack of communication made a poor sandwich, while an excess of communication made an excellent sandwich. Mrs. Lacasse then split everyone into more groups, and each group went over the responses for the Program of Work projects for this year. After this, everyone ate dinner and then had a conversation about what the projects would be.



The projects will be discussed again at a later time. Last but not least, the meeting ended after everyone gathered for the Installment Ceremony The Officer &, Leadership Team for this year are as follows:

Co-Presidents - **Sophia DeAlmeida & Nia Rodrigues**

Co-Vice Presidents - **Annalise Applebee & Owen Medeiros**

Secretary - **Ava Silva**

Treasurer - **Jada Sanchez**

Historian - **Sarah Barboza**

Reporter - **Aidan Buck**

Parliamentarian - **Christopher Cecil**

Ambassador - **Cameron Stapleton**

### Representatives

Academy A - **Diego Ayala**

Academy B - **Jaelynn Sustache**

Academy C - **Jordan Melo**

Academy D - **Aiden Cardoso**

Congratulations to everyone!

The next meeting will be on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 - 3:30 in K303.

Hope to see anyone interested in being part of or learning more about SkillsUSA there!

### Committee Chairs:

Leadership Development - **Olivia Dealmeida**

Community Engagement - **Mason Rua**

Workplace Experiences - **Lileigh Sharples**

Advocacy & Marketing - **Edeline Leal Pires**

SkillsUSA Week - **Samantha Barbosa**

Partner & Alumni Engagement - **Asher Renovato**

