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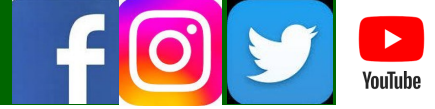
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Family Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you all well and enjoying the crisp fall weather, along with your fair share of pumpkin spice everything! It is my pleasure to share some exciting news and important updates with you in this edition of the Paw Prints.

Open House - November 19th

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Open House, scheduled for Sunday, November 19th. We have a fantastic day planned for you and your families. The event will kick off with a special presentation for our 7th and 8th-grade families in our field house at 11:00 AM sharp. Following the presentation, you'll have the opportunity to explore our various vocational-technical programs.

Starting at 12:00 noon, our current families are invited to visit their child's teachers and get a closer look at the amazing work happening in our school. We take great pride in opening the doors of our beautiful school to all of you, and we can't wait to showcase the incredible learning experiences happening within our walls.

Harlem Wizards Basketball Game - November 13th

Get ready for an electrifying evening of basketball as our Junior Class hosts the Harlem Wizards on November 13th in our Field House at 6:00 PM. To add to the excitement, I will have the honor of refereeing the game. Someone might have to pry the whistle from my hand – it's going to be an unforgettable night! Your presence will make a world of difference in filling our bleachers and supporting our Junior class.

A Call for Parental Support

On a more serious note, I want to address a concerning issue. Our students are facing an epidemic of vaping, involving both marijuana and tobacco, at an alarming rate. We are taking every possible step to combat this problem, including holding class meetings to educate students about the dangers associated with the use of these products.

However, we need your help. Please engage in open and honest conversations with your children about the risks of vaping. This issue affects all children, and the peer pressure is strong. It's crucial that we unite in our efforts to protect our students from these harmful practices.

Your partnership in addressing this matter is invaluable, and I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

As always, feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

We deeply appreciate your continued support in creating a safe and nurturing environment for our students.

Wishing you all a wonderful November.

Warm regards,

Warley J. Williams III
Principal

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Upcoming Events

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

Tue Nov 7: No School- PD Day for Staff

Fri Nov 10: No School- Observance of Veteran's Day

Mon Nov 13: Harlem Wizards –
Doors Open: 6:00 pm

Nov 15-17: Scholastic Book Fair

Sun Nov 19: Open House:
11:00 am – Prospective Students & Families
1:00-3:00 pm – Current Students & Families & General Public

Wed Nov 22: Early Dismissal: 10:49 am
Bonfire: 7-9 pm

Nov 23-Nov 24: No School Thanksgiving Recess

Come Join Us for an OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 19, 2023

11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Prospective Students & Families (Field House Doors open at 10:30 am)

1:00-3:00 pm: Current Students & Families; General Public

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Quick Links: [Lunch Menu](#) [GNBVT Website](#)

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[GNBVT Calendars](#)

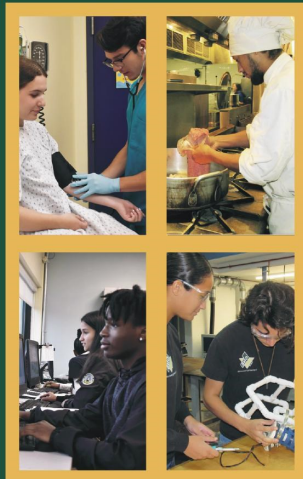


Open House & Middle School & Presentation

Sunday, November 19, 2023
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Visit Academic Classrooms, Tour Career & Technical Programs
& Engage with Administration, Faculty & Staff

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School



11:00 am - 11:20 am Field House Presentation

🐾 Presentation for middle school students and parents

11:20 am - 12:00 pm Prospective Tours

🐾 Prescheduled groups will tour school grounds

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Open House & School Tour

🐾 Explore our academic, career & technical programs

🐾 Speak with our faculty, staff and guidance personnel

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Apply Today

Questions: Call Admissions
508.998.3321 ext. 740

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions related to access for this event, please contact Jeffrey Caron, Dean of Freshman & Admissions at 508-998-3321 x740 or email jeffrey.caron@gnbvt.edu in advance of your participation or visit.

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is committed to ensuring equal educational opportunities for all students. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender, identity, age homelessness, immigration or veteran status in its education programs and activities, including admission to or employment in such programs or activities.



GNB Voc-Tech
1121 Ashley Boulevard
New Bedford, MA 02745



From the Guidance Office

College Financing Seminar

November 6th

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)



From the Library Media Center

Scholastic Book Fair

Nov 15-17 & 19th



Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming back! Choosing their own books empowers students and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place from November 15th-17th in the front lobby during all lunch shifts for students and staff and on November 19th during Open House in the Library for the GNBVT community.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Book Fair online** available from November 15th-22nd. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/gnbvt>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER



November is Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month and It is a time to celebrate the traditions, languages and stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and affiliated Island communities and ensure their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive with each passing generation. November serves as a reminder of the ongoing efforts to support and empower Native American Individuals and communities.



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.

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The Den is open!

The student operated school store is open to the public:

Hours: 10:30 am—1:30 pm

Thu Nov 9

Fri Nov 17

Sun Nov 19—during Open House

Thu Dec 7

Fri Dec 8

Week of December 11th–15th: Monday-Friday

EXTENDED HOURS:

Week of December 18-21st:

8:30 am — 2:00 pm



Registration for Winter Sports is Now Open!

Register by November 20th

[Winter Sports Registration Link](#)

SALON 20 IS OPEN!

- * Come in and enjoy a **Pumpkin Spiced Manicure** or one of our students' many other services.
- * Help support our talented students by allowing them to learn in the best way possible, PRACTICE!
- * Please share with family and friends. Outside guests over the age of 21 are also welcome.



Enjoy a complimentary
**PUMPKIN SPICE
SUGAR SCRUB**
with any manicure!

basic manicure \$8
gel manicure \$13

Call ext. 320 or Book online

SALON 20 AT GNBRVTHS

Service Menu

STYLING
blowdry \$8+
haircut \$8+
haircut & blowdry \$13+
deep conditioning treatment \$8
braiding \$7+

COLOR
color retouch \$15+
color gloss \$15+

BLONDING
face frame \$15+
partial highlight \$25+
full highlight \$35+
balayage \$35+

NAILS
basic manicure \$8
spa manicure \$10
gel manicure \$13
nail art \$2

WAXING
eyebrow shaping \$5
upper lip \$3
chin \$2



From the Health Center

Meet Your School Nurse: Ursula Crowell

Please meet Nurse Ursula: My name is Ursula Crowell and I have been a nurse for 34 years. I received my BSN from South-eastern Massachusetts University, now known as UMass Dartmouth. While a good part of my career was at Southcoast Hospitals Group and Hawthorn Medical Surgery Center, I have been a school nurse for the past 10 years. I am very proud to be part of the GNBVT nursing staff & family since 2017.

I grew up in New Bedford and have lived in Dartmouth since getting married. I have two beautiful adult children. I enjoy spending time with my family, going to the beach, shopping as well as attending concerts.

I am wholeheartedly committed to helping our students, families and staff. I am grateful for all of my interactions with our students and while I may be taking care of you, I am also learning from you as well.

I will leave you with a quote from Stephen Hawkings, *“Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.”* Remember to take everything in, explore, grow and Be curious!” Take advantage of what our great school has to offer. **Go Bears!!**

Attention Sophomore Class of 2026

MA Department of Public Health MANDATORY Screenings: Hearing/Vision and Body Mass Index (BMI) screenings have been taking place and are scheduled through November 6th. This is a state requirement for the nursing staff. If you do not want your student to participate please notify the nursing staff.

You can reach our nursing team from 7 am – 3 pm daily:

- Nurse Sarah Caggiano ext* *Nurse Casey Clarke ext 661*
- Nurse Ursula Crowell ext 205* *Nurse Jaala Duarte ext 204*

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

The main symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes (when you need insulin) are: Increased thirst and urination, hunger, weight loss, being tired, being irritable, a fruity odor on your breath as well as blurry vision. Pay close attention to any of these signs and inform your parent/guardian if these are occurring. Diabetes can occur in children, adolescents and adults.



Remember, listen to your body and share any concerns. The nursing staff is here to help answer questions as well.



GNBVT Students in the Community...

Junior Electrical Students Collaborate with NBPD for Bike Assembly



Students along with Electrical Teacher, Mr. Kevin Arroia assembled 12 bikes that were given to kids in New Bedford neighborhoods.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive
November 1– 17**

**LAW SOCIETY
FOOD DRIVE**

Please help us collect non-perishable foods for Thanksgiving food drive. This food drive serves many families in need within our community.

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Main Lobby

November 1st through November 17th

We are looking for donations of the following non-perishable items:

Corn



Peas



Cranberry Sauce

Boxed Mashed Potatoes



Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

Gravy



Stove Top Stuffing

Jello





SkillsUSA, October Update

• On October 11, the SkillsUSA Chapter Officers & Leadership team had our first SkillsUSA meeting of the year. We went over topics such as Open House, Smart Start Summit, and ideas for our program of work. The program of work is our plan for the year. Our major components are- a Professional Development/

Mental Health program, a Literacy Project, and the Smart Start Summit. The meeting ended after a list of responsibilities.

- The Everfi Understanding Mental Wellness assignment is almost completed but is awaiting a few more members to be certified.
- The Fall State Leadership is November 19th - November 20th. The 2023 Fall State Leadership Conference will be presented as a 2-day (one overnight) experience full of excitement and experiential learning as members develop Framework skills and discover Chapter development strategies and experience Service Engagement. Experiences will focus on POSITIVITY-ADVOCACY and a NO LIMITS philosophy.
- Nia Rodrigues - Co President and Sophia DeAlmeida - Co President went to Fairhaven Middle School with Jeff Caron Dean of Admissions to speak to 8th grade families. Students were given a pamphlet created by Sophia on explaining all about SkillsUSA.
- Fall GNBVT Open House Nia Rodrigues, Ava Silva, and Sophia DeAlmeida are currently making plans for the open house table, where they will be encouraging students and parents to become involved with SkillsUSA whose mission is to empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members.



The next SkillsUSA meeting will be held on November 8, 2023, from 2:30 - 3:30 in K303.

Hope to see you there!

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Harlem Wizards at GNBVT
Monday, November 13th

Please join us at Greater New Bedford Voc Tech HS, located at 1121 Ashley Blvd. The game begins at 7:00 PM and the doors will open at 6:00 PM. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance. An online processing fee of \$1.50 per ticket will be added to your final total. THE ONLINE BOX OFFICE FOR THIS EVENT CLOSSES 3 HOURS PRIOR TO THE GAME. Your ticket will be scanned for entry.

Where does the event happen? 1121 Ashley Blvd
When does the event happen? Nov. 13th, 2023
Begin: 7 p.m.
End: 9 p.m.
Admission: 6 p.m.

A service fee of \$1.50 per ticket will be added on top of each order.

Link to buy tickets for Harlem Wizards:

<https://pretix.eu/harlemwizards/newbedfordma11-13-23-07-00pm/>

THE WIZARDS ARE COMING TO TOWN!

VS. GNBVT Staff & Students

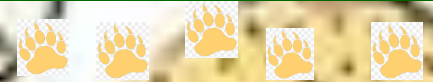
Venue: GNBVT FieldHouse

Date: Nov 13th **Game Time:** 7:00pm **Doors Open:** 6:00pm

SNAG OFFICIAL WIZARDS GEAR!
ORDER NOW @ STORE.HARLEMWIZARDS.COM

BUY TICKETS NOW @ HARLEMWIZARDS.COM

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It's Back!

KRISPY KREM



OCT 14 - NOV 10

- 1 dozen for \$14
- The deadline for orders is Nov 10 (ALL MONEY MUST BE TURNED INTO MRS. G BY THIS DATE)
- See Mrs. G in K306 for order forms or they will be available on the Class of 2024 Google Classroom
- Or see any senior representative to order

Email with any questions:
tracy.guillemette@gnbvt.edu

***CLASS OF
2024***



Annual Craft Fair

Nov 25 & Nov 26



Craft Fair

Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School
1121 Ashley Boulevard New Bedford , MA 02745

Saturday November 25th
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday November 26th
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$1.00 donation benefits the
scholarship fund

Over 150 vendors