



Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School

NEW BEDFORD/ DARTMOUTH/ FAIRHAVEN

Dec. 1, 2023

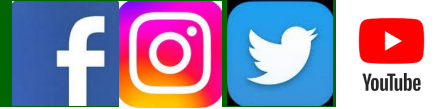
PREPARATION * PASSION * PERSEVERANCE

Volume 2 - Issue 6

www.gnbvt.edu

Paw Prints

Family Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am thrilled to present to you our latest edition of the Paw Prints Newsletter, filled with exciting events and essential information for our school community. Within these pages, you'll find details on upcoming events such as Cap and Gown measurements for seniors, The Den store hours for apparel, and captivating images from the recent BPA Leadership Conference, among many other things.

I would like to take a moment to address the recent closure of grades for Trimester 1, which occurred on November 28th, signifying the end of Trimester 1 and the commencement of Trimester 2. As we move forward, please note that Report Cards will be accessible on the Student and Parent Portal starting December 7th.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the students who excelled during Trimester 1. Your dedication and hard work truly shine through your achievements. For those who faced challenges or fell short in any coursework, I encourage you to persevere. Utilize the resources available, including the Academic Support program and staying after with your teacher(s), and applying your utmost effort to achieve success. Together, let's strive for progress and growth in Trimester 2. Seniors! Stay focused and try to avoid Senioritis!

As we step into December, I wish everyone a fantastic start to the month. Remember, success is a journey, and each step counts. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Take care and warm regards,

Principal Williams,
Warley J. Williams III

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

- Class of 2024– Cap & Gown Measurements
- The Den Store Hours
- Salon 20, Book an appointment!
- BPA Clothing Drive
- Move Night
- Skills USA Fall Leadership Conference
- BPA Fall Leadership Conference
- Comedy Night
- Foxwoods Bus Trip

Upcoming Events

Wed Dec 6 & Fri Dec 8: Cap & Gown Measurements

Thu Dec 7: Trimester I Report Cards Published

Tue Dec 12: 6:30 pm: School Committee Meeting
Student Forum

Fri Dec 15: 7:00 pm: Movie Night-
'It's a Wonderful Life'

Mon Dec 18: 6:00 pm: After Prom Meeting– G141
Park behind the school near door #5

Dec 22-Jan 1: Winter Break: No School

Tue Jan 2: Classes Resume

Tue Jan 9: 3:00 pm: School Council Meeting–
Lighthouse Cafe

Quick Links: [Lunch Menu](#)

[GNBVT Website](#) [Family Engagement Center](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

[GNBVT Calendars](#)

HANUKKAH CELEBRATED DECEMBER 7– 15, 2023

Hanukkah is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar, which may occur at any time from late November to late December in the Gregorian calendar. The festival is observed by lighting the candles of a candelabrum with nine branches, commonly called a menorah or hanukkiyah. One branch is typically placed above or below the others and its candle is used to light the other eight candles.





Attention Class of 2024.....

Cap & Gown Measurements December 6 & 8th

Cap & Gown Measurements for the Class of 2024!!!

Robert's House of Formals will be onsite, in the Auditorium 7:15 am-12:00 pm

- Wednesday, December 6- Day 5- 12-2 students in Shop and 12-1 Co-Op students
- Friday, December 8- Day 1- 12-1 students in Shop and 12-2 Co-Op students
- NO PAYMENT IS DUE AT THIS TIME!
- Pick up and payment will be scheduled for late May/early June





From the Guidance Office

NEW DIRECTIONS GROUP

Starts January 3rd

Do you need to change your relationship with substances? Join the **NEW DIRECTIONS GROUP** and learn about communication, problem solving, coping with emotions, enjoying healthy activities and managing cravings. Meets every Wednesday 2:45-3:45 in the Guidance Conference Room beginning January 3, 2024. See your Guidance Counselor for more information, or register with a parent or guardian (if under 18) at Child and Family Services- 965 Church Street, New Bedford, (508) 996-8572.





SALON 20 IS OPEN!

- * 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.



[click here to book online now!](#)

Come enjoy a specialty
**Candy Cane
Manicure**
basic manicures \$8
spa manicure w/ scrub & hot towels \$10
gel manicures \$13

The Den is open!

The student operated school store is open to the public:

Hours: 10:30 am—1:30 pm

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



It's a Wonderful Life



**BUSINESS
PROFESSIONALS
of AMERICA**

**Wear Holiday
PJs!**

December 15th

**Only
\$6**

**GNBVT Auditorium
at 7 pm!**

**Snacks will be available
for purchase!**

HOLIDAY

Movie Night

QR CODE





COME DONATE!

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 22

Business Professionals of America is hosting a

CLOTHING DRIVE

SHIRTS

PANTS

COATS

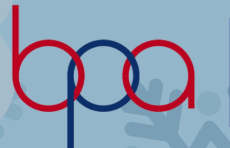
SOCKS

SHOES

GLOVES

WINTER HATS

Located
in the
Welcome
Center



**BUSINESS
PROFESSIONALS
of AMERICA**
Giving Purpose to Potential

Business Professionals of America is hosting a clothing drive to help families in need!

We realize that on the South Coast, there are over 80,000 children who live in poverty and over 8,000 local children who are homeless. These children need warm clothing, coats, sneakers, and other winter necessities such as hats and gloves in good condition.

From **November 27th to December 22nd** there will be a donation bin located in the Welcome Center for all students and staff to donate. Any donation helps and by pitching in to aid the community and these families, the holiday season is guaranteed to be brighter and filled with more compassion for all.

Thank
You



AFTER PROM

The After Prom has begun planning 2024 events.

Below is a list of events that we have scheduled throughout the school year.

- **Dec-Jan-** We are currently looking for gift card donations of at least \$25 for a calendar raffle we will be hosting in December or January. If you are interested please email Rick Quintin (richard.quintin@gnbvt.edu) or Jennifer Gaspar (jennifer.gaspar@gnbvt.edu).
- **December 18th** - Meeting in G141, Media Technology at 6 pm o Park behind the school near door #5
- **January 13th** - Foxwoods Trip
- **February 2nd** - 18+ Comedy Show o 8 pm at Society of Senhor da Pedra
- **March 9th** - Spring Fling Dance o Need 15 to 20 volunteers

LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR

FOXWOODS NIGHT

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES



SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

TICKETS \$40
WHICH INCLUDES THE BUS & ENTRY INTO A RAFFLE
BUS LEAVES GNBVT @ 4 PM
DEPARTS FOXWOODS @ 11:30 PM

Purchase on GoFan by clicking on the link below
<https://gofan.co/event/1222298?schoolId=MA22184>
Call Rick or Jenn at 508-998-3321 ext: 300 or 244
Email: jennifer.gaspar@gnbvt.edu

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE GNBVT AFTER PROM

John Perrotta's Comedy Factory

90-MINUTE 18+ COMEDY SHOW
FOUR COMEDIANS:
MIKE MURRAY - HEADLINER
WES MARTENS
STEPHEN TURGEON
AND HOSTED BY ANDY



\$20



AT SOCIETY OF SENHOR DA PEDRA, INC.
81 TINKHAM ST, NEW BEDFORD, MA 02746

FEBRUARY 2ND @ 8 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR
[HTTPS://GOFAN.CO/REVIEW-AND-BUY?EVENTID=1222291](https://gofan.co/review-and-buy?eventid=1222291)

OPEN SEATING OR RESERVE A TABLE FOR 8-10 PEOPLE
RESERVE A TABLE EMAIL JENNIFER.GASPAR@GNBVT.EDU
508-998-3321 EXT:244 OR 300
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE GNBVT AFTER PROM

Family Newsletter



From the Health Center



Please meet Nurse Jaala Duarte...

Hi My name is **Jaala Duarte**, I am very grateful to join the GNBVT nursing Team. I attended Bristol Community College (BCC) where I received my associates degree in nursing and continued to Chamberlain College of Nursing a few years later and obtained my bachelor's degree. I have been a Nurse for 17 years and I enjoy what I do. In my previous position, I spent the last ten years working for New Bedford Public Schools (NBPS). I am currently holding a second job in homecare providing medication management. My future goal is to obtain my MSN in public and population health. Things I enjoy doing are spending time with friends and family, traveling and going out to eat. I am happy to be a part of the GNBVT Team, everyone has been extremely welcoming and supportive. I look forward to caring for our students and 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

Attention Freshman Class of 2027

MA Department of Public Health MANDATORY Scoliosis Screenings will be conducted for **freshmen who are in gym**. This is a state requirement for the nursing staff. If you do not wish for your student to participate, please notify the nursing staff to opt out your child. Anticipated scoliosis screenings are scheduled during Trimester II, December 11th-January 6th as well as for Trimester III, April 24th-May 8th.

Important Reminders for students who have been diagnosed with Life Threatening Allergies

- **Always carry your epinephrine (autoinjector) pen on your person/in your backpack
 - **The nursing office requires that you have a second epinephrine pen on-hand in the nursing office
 - **Never consume or touch food that has your specific food allergen in it
 - **Never consume food that you did not prepare that could potentially contain your allergen
 - **You should always wash your hands with soap and water before and after eating
 - **Do not share food or utensils with anyone
 - **ALWAYS read food labels as this will help identify your allergens, along with identifying potential allergens being processed in factories
 - **Please remember it is required that the nursing staff have medical documentation in the health center surrounding your life threatening allergy
- Please reach out to the nursing staff with any questions surrounding your life threatening allergy, prevention of exposure as well as recognition of symptoms and emergency planning. We are here to help you be safe, feel prepared and provide education.***



to Friends with Food Allergies

**1 in 13 kids in the United States has a food allergy.
That's about 2 kids in every classroom.**

Here are tips to help you Be a PAL® (**Protect A Life**) for friends with food allergies:

Tip 1 Remember that even a tiny amount of the wrong food can kill someone with food allergies.

Tip 2 Don't share your food with friends who have food allergies.

Tip 3 Wash your hands after every meal.

Tip 4 If your friend with food allergies looks or feels sick, help them get their medicine right away.

Save this handout so you will remember how to Be a PAL® to your friends with food allergies!

Family Newsletter



Fall Leadership Conference
College of the Holy Cross



BUSINESS
PROFESSIONALS
of AMERICA

- On Thursday, November 2nd, the GNBVT BPA Chapter Officer team attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Worcester at the College of the Holy Cross. Along with the GNBVT chapter, there were six other schools in attendance. Each chapter’s president gave a small speech for the opening general session. The GNBVT Chapter President, *Noah Cabral*, spoke to the rest of the BPA chapters and gave them a rundown of what our local chapter was contributing to increasing membership count and fundraising. Noah Cabral spoke about recent fundraising events like the chapter-wide movie night which will be held in December, the ongoing candy fundraiser, and the volunteer opportunity which was handing out candy to kids during “Boo! At the Zoo” Halloween event. Also, in attendance at this conference were *Principal Warley Williams* and advisors *Thai Panayakul* and *Jennifer Gaspar*.



After the opening remarks, the officer team was divided into three groups to attend workshops. Each of these workshops had activities that could be logged for torch award points. The Torch Awards Program for BPA is designed to promote leadership and professionalism in



both personal growth and career development. These workshops included Getting Started in Digital Media led by, Lian Parsons-Thomason a Digital Content Producer from Harvard Division of Continuing Education, another workshop What Even is Financial Wellness and Why Should I Care?, led by John Shupe, and lastly the State Officer Team led a workshop to discuss the importance of torch awards. The State Officer Team invited BPA members to participate in creating gift bags for United States veterans, which would contribute towards Execu-



tive Torch Award points. The GNB Officer Team gave their full, undivided attention in each workshop and gained their torch award points from the conference. After the completion of all workshops, the GNB Officer Team enjoyed lunch with their advisors, where they were able to network with other members of BPA Massachusetts. Overall, it was a great experience for our GNBVT Officer Team; they cannot wait to participate in more events in the future!





SkillsUSA December Update



Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School students attended the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference from November 19-20, 2023. Students at the conference participated in intensive leadership training in multiple areas, including: communication skills, group dynamics and employability skills, while having opportunities to become involved in the SkillsUSA Professional Development Program (PDP), earn a SkillsUSA Massachusetts Leader Award, and learn more about SkillsUSA's various programs.

The students that attended participated in several challenges, including areas in: Personal Skills, Workplace Skills, Technical Skills and Community Engagement.

Participants included:

- Diego Ayala, *Leader Award Recipient* - Senior - Carpentry (New Bedford)
- Aidan Buck, *Leader Award Recipient* - Junior - Media Technology (Dartmouth)
- Christopher Cecil, *Senior* - Legal and Protective Services (New Bedford)
- Olivia DeAlmeida, *Gold Presentation, Leader Award Recipient* - Junior - Culinary (New Bedford)
- Thomas Desmaris, *Leader Award Recipient* - Sophomore - Carpentry (Dartmouth)
- Kylie Gagne, *Leader Award Recipient* - Senior - Early Childhood Education (Dartmouth)
- Nathan Medeiros, Jr. - *Bronze Display* - Sophomore - Carpentry (New Bedford)
- Owen Medeiros, *Gold Presentation, Silver Display, Leader Award Recipient* - Junior - Culinary Arts (New Bedford)
- Mason Rua, *Senior* - Engineering Technology (New Bedford)
- Jada Sanchez, *Bronze Display, Leader Award Recipient* - Junior - Engineering Technology (Fairhaven)
- Cameron Stapleton, *Gold Presentation, Silver Display, Leader Award Recipient* - Junior - Carpentry (Fairhaven)
- Jaelynn Sustache, *Sophomore* - Dental Assisting (New Bedford)



Jordan Melo, State Eastern Region Vice President, a senior in the Marine Service Technology shop, worked diligently with his state officer team to provide a memorable experience for over 500 SkillsUSA members. Kylie Gagne participated in a Student Champions Panel discussing her successes and advising students on important aspects of successful participation in SkillsUSA championships. Aidan Buck, Mason Rua, Christopher Cecil and Mr. Joseph Arruda worked on a service-learning project enhancing comprehension, achievement, citizenship, and character development, while constructing bookcases which will be donated to the YMCA Family Outdoor Center in Hopkinton, MA and the MetroWest YMCA in Framingham, MA.





GNBVTI Winter Courses

Our mission at Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical Institute is to prepare students for a successful future in the workforce. We have licensing courses including Electrical, Plumbing, Steam Engineering, Construction and Medical trades. Instructors at GNBVTI provide students with resources and knowledge, preparing them for licensure in their field.



Beyond licensing classes, GNBVTI is a place to try new things, learn and have fun. Classes include Carpentry, Computers, Culinary, Electrical, Language, Art and Welding.

Winter Courses Provided

This winter, we will continue our licensure classes, and are offering classes like Basic Electricity for the Homeowner, Everyday Cooking the Culinary Way, Conversational Portuguese and Spanish, Carpentry, Welding, Fine Woodworking and Refinishing, EKG training and more!



CTI Programs

Our Fall Career Technical Initiative (CTI) Programs thrived this year with two courses: Culinary Arts and Automotive Technology. These 200-hour courses are for individuals who are unemployed, under-employed, or are recent high school graduates looking for a new career. This spring, we are offering two more courses like this in Welding and Marine Technology.

Please visit our website: gnbvti.org for more information.