



Cruiser Chronicles

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The Official Newsletter of
Groveport Madison Schools

Important Dates

May 16 High School Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m.	May 21 Groveport Madison Alumni Banquet, 5 p.m., GMHS
May 17 Cruiser Academy Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m.	May 27 Groveport Madison High School commencement, 7 p.m., Celeste Center
May 17 High School Band Awards Banquet, 6 p.m.	May 30 No School; Memorial Day
May 18 No School; Waiver Day	June 3 Last Day of School; 45-minute early dismissal

All graduating seniors are required to attend a commencement rehearsal in order to participate in the official ceremony. Buses will depart from Groveport Madison High School at 9 a.m. for the 9:30 a.m. practice on May 27.



Students from Groveport Madison High School recently gave a special percussion performance, dressed in authentic West African attire. Ten other students were on hand to sing in African languages and perform authentic West African tribal dances.

Groveport Madison 2011 Summer School Offerings

To register for any of the following programs, call 492-2520. Please note, transportation is not provided.

Summer Transition for incoming 9th graders struggling with math and/or reading

Where: Junior High
When: 8-11 a.m., July 18-Aug. 5

Ohio Graduation Test Intervention and Testing

Where: High School
When: 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., June 7-17

Summer School/ Credit Recovery

Where: Cruiser Academy
When: 7:30 a.m.-Noon, June 20-July 8

Enrichment Camp

Where: MS South
Dates: June 13-17
Times: 8:30-11:05 a.m. for students entering grades 4 and 5 in the fall; 12:50 p.m.-3:25 p.m. for students entering grades 6 and 7

Physical Education Summer School

Where: MS South
When: 7:30 a.m.-Noon, June 20-July 8

Kindergarten Camp

Where: Sedalia and other possible elementary schools
When: 8:30 a.m.-Noon, August 8-12

Third Grade Reading Summer School

Where: Glendening Elementary
When: 9-11 a.m., Aug. 1-5 and Aug. 8-12

Seniors ready for school's end

As the school year draws to a close, Groveport Madison seniors are gearing up for graduation.

In less than two short weeks, more than 375 students will participate in the eagerly anticipated rite of passage that marks the start of a new direction.

The gala affair where caps and gowns will be the dress of the day begins at 7 p.m. May 27 at the Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Graduates are asked to arrive at 5 p.m. and doors will open for the general public at 6 p.m.

Four students have positioned themselves at the head of the class. Brittany Bower, Jamie Gadrim, Kelsey Fridley and Skylr Meredith have been named co-valedictorians.



From left to right: Brittany Bower, Jamie Gadrim, Kelsey Fridley and Skylr Meredith.

George, Danielle Hall, Heather Harff, Elijah Henkel, Edward Hunt, Faakhirah Johnson, DJ Kalb, Leah Lucas, Caley Mathias, Skylr Meredith, Caitlyn Soliday, Holly Wickham and Lacey Upham. Senior

Academic Honors: 1st year awards: Julius Aills, Tasha Barrett, Travis Blackmore, Nabraea Hamilton, Wesley Hinkle, Tawny Kelley, Janis Mercer, Justin Rodgers, Chelsea Smith, Helen Waldu Tewolde and Stevante' Wilkins. 2nd year awards: Kaley Clark, Joshua Embrey,

Elizabeth Friesland, Kevin Hall, Shawn Mercer Jr., Sittikiat Bank Saelim and Britney Smoot. 3rd year awards: Alan George, Danielle Hall, Emma Johnson, Leonides Maldonado and Hadassah Petit-De. 4th year awards: Brittany Bower, Nicholas Bruton, Gabrielle Darst, Kelsey Fridley, Jamie Gadrim, Elijah Henkel, Edward Hunt, Leah Lucas, Skylr Meredith and Holly Wickham.

Graduation by the Numbers
8 a.m. Class of 2011 group photo in Cruiser Stadium
9 a.m. Buses depart GMHS for a mandatory commencement rehearsal
5 p.m. Graduates arrive for ceremony
6 p.m. Doors open to general public
7 p.m. Commencement
\$5 Parking per car
(seniors will each receive one free pass)
\$14 Cost for a special Class of 2011 laminated panoramic photo (order forms distributed at rehearsal)

Student Council presidents Andrew Gillespie and Katice Jones will address their classmates during the school's 128th commencement, along with senior class president Justin Polzer. Deputy Superintendent Bruce Hoover will also speak to the graduates.

Many members of the Class of 2011 have received special awards and commendations. Some of note are: G Award (3.9 grade-point average): Brittany Bower, Kelsey Fridley, Jamie Gadrim, Elijah Henkel, Edward Hunt, Skylr Meredith, Caitlyn Soliday and Holly Wickham. Honor's Diploma: Jordan Behn, Brittany Bower, Michelle Brumm, Jacob Conkle, Gabrielle Darst, Kelsey Fridley, Jamie Gadrim, Alan

Super walk and talk

Inspired by a local program called Walk with a Doc, Superintendent Scott McKenzie hit the track this weekend for a Super Walk.

Joined by students, parents, staff and members of the community, the superintendent is spearheading a fitness program to encourage healthy living. McKenzie plans to host a walking group at 9 a.m. the second Saturday of every month (July excluded) in Cruiser Stadium.

For more information, call Chris Bowser, supervisor of public information, at 492-2532 or visit www.gocruisers.org.

Cooperative efforts build a safer environment

District officials are making a concerted effort to improve the safety and daily experience of students and staff at Groveport Madison High School.

The school's administration recently outlined various efforts for the Board of Education, sharing that work in cooperation with local law enforcement has

helped establish more control of the building. The school has conducted both intruder drills and searches with drug-sniffing K-9 units.

Superintendent Scott McKenzie praised the work of a recent K-9 unit search, planned and held as part of the district's safety plan. Charges are pending for four students

During the recent search there were 12 dogs and nine agencies from the Canine Task Force plus the Groveport Police. The agencies included Madison Township, Dublin Division of Police, Genoa Township, Columbus Police, Mt. Gilead Police, Morrow County Sheriff, Delaware County Sheriff, Franklin County Sheriff, and the Ohio Highway Patrol.

Summer lunch program aims to serve

Even though school's out, Groveport Madison Schools and community organizers are hoping to serve more than 2,000 lunches this summer.

Thanks to the continued success of the Summer Food Service Program, the district is set to expand its offerings. Satellite locations will be added in the Three Rivers subdivision and at the Dunloe Elementary and Independence Village shelter houses.

Lunches will also be served at the Junior High and Middle School North. The program, a federally funded initiative offered through the Ohio Department of Education, begins weekdays June 7 and runs through Aug. 12. Children 18 and under can participate.

The gym at the Junior High will also be open for 45 minutes a day prior to lunch so children have an extra place to play, and free lunches will be provided to the football team during August practices.

For more information about the Summer Food Service Program, call Donna Drury at 920-0398.

who were found in the possession of marijuana.

"We are participating in these efforts to improve the safety of our students by improving their reactions to potentially dangerous situations," McKenzie said. "Officers from every one of the cooperative agencies have praised the behavior of our students. I am proud they are responding to these situations with the necessary maturity."