

A NEW YEAR by Isaac England

Welcome back fellow high school students! It has been an awesome start to a much anticipated year. To help start the year off with a kick, GMHS has newly painted lockers, updated lighting in some classrooms, needed air conditioning many parts of the building as well as additions to the staff. These improvements go a long way to create the best school environment possible. Along with these changes, school administrators are cracking down hard on the dress code and the electronics policy. So be sure to dress appropriately before coming to school and to keep those electronic devices out of sight.



Cruiser Stadium

Besides following the rules, a good attitude and participation in school activities can really add to the experience. Join in extracurricular activities like clubs can make school a much more rewarding experience; select from longstanding groups like the International Club or a new one like the Gaming Club. Students who get involved are better familiarized with the school thus becoming part of the school family. Any student can benefit from these activities which instills a sense of school pride, keeping the student out of trouble.

One group of students this year that are working harder than ever to offer EVEN MORE activities is the Groveport Madison Student Council. Those activities include Homecoming, Haunted Trail, Staff vs. Students games, Winter Formal, and

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Special points of interest:

- * International Club provides students with a chance to be armchair travelers.
- * Cruiser Football face Newark Wildcats tonight at Homecoming.
- * See *Frankenweenie*—perfect Halloween fare.

SOUNDS OF HARMONY by Te'Wana Smiley

Melodic voices spill out of the choir room during second, third, and eighth period as the GMHS chamber, select ensemble, and concert choirs prepare for their annual Fall Concert. The first concert of the school

year is Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Each choir will sing music directed by GMHS choral director Chris Geisler. Since this is his last year, students hope to send Geisler off with a

bang to honor their instructor.

The Select Ensemble choir will be performing songs from 'A Nightmare Before Christmas', a hit from the rock band Queen and other familiar tunes.

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International Club
Founding Members

A New Year, Cont'd.....

and Mission Ensign

When participating in school activities, the academic year will seem to go by very fast. Truth is the year will go by fast, especially for seniors. Freshmen and sophomores are adjusting to the freedoms and responsibilities of the first stages of high school, but high school goes by much more quickly starting junior year. In fact, juniors catch themselves saying, "Wow, way back freshman year!" This is when it hits them that the past couple years actually did go by fast. Before they know it they are seniors. (See ***A Day in the Life of a GMHS Senior*** on page 5.) This part is when having a good attitude pays off. Having the right perspective throughout these fast four years, helps establish them as some of the best years of a student's life.

(Editors Note: Isaac England is GMHS Student Council president.)

Sounds of Harmony, Cont'd.....

Chamber choir will be performing songs from the Broadway musical "Mamma Mia," the movie "Shrek," and music from artists such as Cee Lo Green and Dolly Parton. Concert choir will be performing songs from the hit TV show *Glee* such as "Firework" by Katy Perry and "Jar of Hearts" by Christina Perry, and also songs from John Legend.

Hawa Seck who participates in all three choirs said, "We hope to see more of student activity at this year's choir concert than last year's concerts. There is no price of admission so if you have time or nothing to do at all that Tuesday feel free to come by and support these talented students and watch them perform."

INTERNATIONAL DELIGHT by Mouniratou Nikiema

International Club provides students with a chance to travel the world—without leaving the comfort of the school building. Recently, *Cruiser Gazette* interviewed advisor Tina Villanueva or "Mrs. V" as she is fondly called by her students.

MN: Where did the name International Club come from?

Mrs. V: We brainstorm as a group and come up with names. This year we might have a new and improved name.

MN: Can you please tell us who's idea was it to create this organization?

Mrs. V: Ruth Sleshi (class of 2012 student) came to me with this idea, so we launched it two years ago

MN: What is the purpose of this organization?

Mrs. V: We explore everything about a country like music, sports, clothing and, of course, food and drink because that's important (laughs). We have eaten everything from sweet to spicy, soft to hard, and odd to delicious and a lot of different type of drinks.

MN: What kind of audience are you trying to reach?

International Delight, Con't

Mrs. V: International Club is for students from other cultures or nations and students who enjoyed learning about other cultures and nations.

MN: What impact do you want to have on students' lives?

Mrs. V: I want them to appreciate other cultures and learn more about their own. We are learning that we are somehow alike.

MN: Anything you like our readers to know about the club?

Mrs. V: We meet every other Thursday from 2:15p.m. - 3:30p.m in room 126. Every time we have a meeting, one of the members presents about their culture and usually brings food too.

Students have praise for the International Club. "I like how it brings diverse people from diverse cultures together. You also get to meet new people and taste new food. It is an interesting and exciting experience," said Nathalie Sackey, club member. Also, Ugbad Hayan commented, "I like the food and how there are different cultures."

Teachers also recognize the group's benefits. Ann Datz, technology teacher, said, "International Club is a fun way to learn about other cultures and their traditions and food." Social studies Greg Roberts declared, "I always have an interest in travelling to different cultures and it is a lot of fun to hear the students talk about where they are from, their culture, and sample their food."

2012-2013 Calendar of Events

October 6 Homecoming Dance

October 8 Make A Difference Day Donations all Week

October 14 Autism Speaks Walk

October 27 Haunted Trail

November 10 Mission Ensign

November 12 Veterans Week

November 21-23 Thanksgiving Break

December 10 Gingerbread House Contest

December 19-January 2 Winter Break

January

February 7 & 8 Talent Show Auditions

February 14 Talent Show

February 16 Winter Formal

Student Council 2012-2013

Seniors

Koku Asamoah
Salamata Bah
Chelsie Brantford
Amy Castle
Abby Dotson
Katie Fellure
Suping Mahathirash
Asia Pryor
Robert Spivey
Kyaira Stewart
Deborah Toussaint
Thomas Workman (Senior Class President)

Juniors

Na'Omi Beane
Zaria Brinkley
Morgan Clark
Khalil Davis
Michael Edwards
Isaac England
Jasmine English
Harley Garvin
Victoria Hockenhull
Danielle Moore
Mouniratou Nijkema
Te'Wana Smiley (Junior Class President)
Breianna Trapp

Sophomores

Glorya Albertini
Emilee Downing
Danielle Graham
Alyssa Grant
Lacey Grant
Liz Quinn
Pacia Rinthara
Stacie Snyder
Terrea Stewart
Dylan Torok (Sophomore Class President)

Freshman

Maiya Beane
Faith Nimely
Amber Nunez
Simmeon Perry

SPORTS

CRUISERS FOOTBALL

Heading into week seven of the season, the Cruisers have a 1-5 record.

Cruisers lost 35-34 in an exciting game against the Golden Gales of Lancaster last weekend. The Cruisers combined for a total of 379 yards. All but 26 of those yards were earned on carries. Mecca Swain had a 96 yard run in the second quarter and Jalen Weems added a total of 83 yards rushing.

The Cruisers are rebuilding, led by seniors Durrell Wood and Dawuane Smoot, both of whom have verbally committed to play football for Division 1 programs in the fall. Smoot is headed to

Illinois, and Wood will play for the Bobcats of Ohio University.

Wood said, "This year we have team unity. We are more like a family. So, even though we are having a tough season, we can depend on each other."

They face the Newark Wildcats on Friday, October 5, which is also the Homecoming game.

Wood shared that underclassmen, Mecca Swain and Alec Knode have really shown improvement this season. "Mecca was placed in a tough position when he was moved from slot to quarterback after the starting quarterback was injured. He was really stepped up to make a tough situation work," stated Wood. Junior Alex Knode

has also made an impact this year, according to Wood, who said that "his speed improvement and ability to read keys has made an impact."

The Cruisers face Pickerington North on 10/12 at home. This will be the Breast Cancer Awareness game. Wear your pink!

10/19 @ Pickerington Central

10/26 Reynoldsburg



LADY CRUISERS SOCCER

After a win Saturday against Teays Valley 2-0, the girls have three games remaining with Senior Night next Thursday, October 11 against Madison Christian.

"The team has been improving all season and have gone 2-2 in the last two weeks against stiff competition. We are building towards the end of the season and the district tournament," explained coaches Andy Ling and Swearingen.



CRUISERS SOCCER

With a 4-6-1 record and a recent win against Teays Valley 1-0, the boys team moves ahead to a home match against Reynoldsburg Tuesday, October 9 and Senior Night on Thursday, October 11 against Madison Christian at 5:30 p.m.

"We don't have just one standout player. Any



given game it is someone different which makes this team fun to coach. We try to preach team first because it takes all 11 players on the field working together to be successful," said coaches Deke Scott and Andrew Curry.

SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

In the last five meets, the Boys Cross Country team has had one stand



out performer—Ariel Pichardo. Pichardo has finished first twice, tenth, fifth and last week came in sixth at Buck Creek State Park Cross Country invitational. In all of these events, there has been a minimum of 200 runners with whom he has had to compete. Other solid performances have come from Eddie Wilson with a 31st finish last week and three top 10 finishes this season. Zander Wright has been a very consistent 19 minute runner. The other members of the boys

team, Michael Sweatt, Ryan Cundiff, Jamie Green, and Caleb Connors are all young and have consistently lowered their times week after week.

The girls team who is very young has been running better and better each week. It consists of only three girls: sophomores Taylor Moore, Priscillia Dodson, and freshman Leah Monroe. “Monroe started late this year but has established herself as our best girl runner. Only being a freshman and her first time running cross country, her potential is off the charts. If the girls team keep working hard they can become a force once they are upperclassman,” said coach Jason Brooks.

On Sunday, October 21, Groveport Madison is hosting the State Middle School Cross Country Championships with district students competing.



GOLF

The GMHS Golf team had a strong finish with a 2-6 record in dual matches and worked hard to improve.

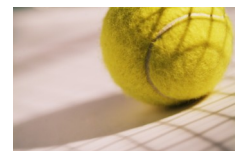
“Senior Clint Miller and junior Trent Kopala provided great leadership in helping our underclassmen along. The players are looking forward to working on their golf game and getting back into competition next year,” said coach Joe Rinkes.

Other players include freshmen Holly Basden, Carly Chapman, Connor Lindsay, and Gavin Wise.

TENNIS

With wins over Newark, Watkins, Canal Winchester and Teays Valley, Jordan Gilmore and Cheyanne Morris have been quietly compiling the best record of the team.

Shirley Tang is the lone senior on the team.



Student of the Month



Senior: Maggie Hutson
Hobby: Theater
Favorite Subject: History
Quote: "There are no small parts, only small actors." -Mr. Benoit

Junior: Isaac England
Hobby: Baseball, Football, Marching Band
Favorite Subject: History
Quote: "Every man dies, but not every man lives." -William Wallace



Sophomore: Carly Larkin
Hobby: Theater
Favorite Subject: English
Quote: "Stay bold for the outsiders." -anonymous

Freshman: Shajuan Turner
Hobby: Basketball, Boxing, Singing
Favorite Subject: Math
Quote: "Take care of business." -Linda Stallsworth



MOCK TRIAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

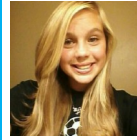
Monday, October 11

2:30pm-3:30pm room 113

Attendance is necessary

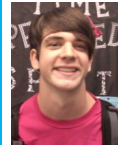
Try-outs will be later in October

A day in the life of GMEHS Seniors...



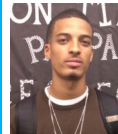
Name: Amy Castle
Hobbies: Softball, Soccer, Friends, Family
Favorite Subject: English
What do you think of the school year so far?

"I think that this school year has gone really well. I love school and I always have. This is what I expected when it comes to our actual schoolwork."



Name: Ben Morris
Hobbies: Playing Trumpet
Favorite Subject: American Government
What do you think of the school year so far?

"Well, considering I didn't do my summer work, this year started off as a rocky year, but the friends make it all worth while."



Name: Eddie Wilson
Hobbies: Football, Cross Country, Track
Favorite Subject: American Government

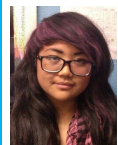
What do you think of the school year so far?

"Well for me, it has been very busy. What makes it so busy is the college recruiting and the scouts, along with football and cross country. But it will end as a good year."



Name: Alexis Baugus
Favorite Hobbies: Drawing and Volleyball
Favorite Subject: Art
What do you think of the school year so far?

"So far, I think that this year is pretty smooth sailing. I actually do like this school year because it is my senior year, and there are a lot of fun times to come. It is not at all what I expected it to be like. I thought my days were going to be a lot longer, but it has gone by pretty fast."

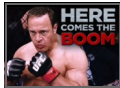
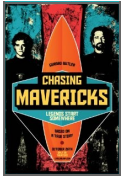


Name: Ellis Marie Sasakura
Favorite Hobbies: Playing video games, Surfing The Net, Dancing, Doing Arts & Crafts, Drawing
Favorite Subject: Foreign Language, Art

What do you think of the school year so far?

"This school year personally has been so stressful having to think about college and my life after high school. I like the school year though because being a senior is fun. In a way, the school year is what I expected it to be, sophomore and junior year definitely prepare you for this year."

October 2012 Film Releases

Name	Type	Release	Rating	Synopsis	Cast
 Frankenweenie	Animation	10/5/12	PG	After a boy mourns over the death of his dog, he brings it back to life using the "Frankenstein" way.	Charlie Tahan, Winona Ryder, Martin Landau, Catherine O'Hara, and Martin Short
Taken 2	Action	10/5/12	PG-13	When an ex-government agent goes on vacation with his family, he soon finds out that he is not alone and must fight many men that he has dealt with before.	Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen, Rade Serbedzija, and Luke Grimes
Argo	Drama/ Thriller	10/12/12	R	The U.S. government goes on an Iranian rescue mission posing as fake Canadian actors to retrieve six diplomats who were taken hostage as a result of the Iranian revolution.	Ben Affleck, Alan Arkin, Bryan Cranston, John Goodman, Kyle Chandler, and Chris Messina
Here Comes the Boom	Comedy	10/12/12	Not Yet Rated	In order to stop a school from making budget cuts, an teacher unexpectedly takes a stand to raise the money by MMA fighting.	 Kevin James, Allan Loeb, and Rock Reuben
Seven Psychopaths	Action Comedy	10/12/12	R	A man becomes involved with the criminal Los Angeles underworld after stealing a gangsters beloved dog.	Colin Farrell, Sam Rockwell, Christopher Walken, Woody Harrelson, and Abbie Cornish
Alex Cross	Crime Thriller	10/19/12	PG-13	An FBI agent is awakened in the middle of the night to a phone regarding a murder case that is closer to his family than he could ever imagine.	Edward Burns, Matthew Fox, Rachel Nichols, Tyler Perry, and Jean Reno
Chasing Mavericks	 Sports Drama	10/26/12	PG	As this typical high school student skips class, he wanders the beach when he eventually finds the ultimate wave that no one has ever seen before. He soon wonders if he has what it takes to surf the massive wave.	Gerard Butler, John Weston, Elisabeth Shue, Abigail Spencer, and Taylor Hundley