

GCMS High School

February, 2012

Student of the Month - Congratulations to Jaymi Nettleton for being selected February Student of the Month. Jaymi is active every sports season and is a member of many school organizations. She's headed to Indiana Wesleyan in the fall to continue her academic and athletic career.

Welcome to the team - Two faculty members expanded their families in January. On the 6th, Mrs. Eichelberger and husband Austin welcomed son CJ to join siblings Isabel, Carter, and Kolbie. Mr. Augspurger and wife Molly welcomed their first child, Beau, into the world on Jan 19th. Our congratulations to both families!

Hall of Famer - Ossie Jordan, a retired teacher and coach from Gibson City/GCMS, will be inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Coach Jordan was a history teacher for 32 years as well as a football, basketball, and track coach. He led the Lady Greyhounds to a 3rd place finish in the 1993 IHSA basketball finals and impacted many lives through his famous classroom lectures. It's a well-deserved recognition for a wonderful teacher, coach, and friend.

Charity Night - GCMS faculty will once again be waiting tables at Charity Night, 2012. It's set for Monday, Feb 27th from 4:30-8:30 at DG Sullivan's. We've decided to have a set menu this year in hopes of improving our turn-around time. The baked goods auction returns, including DG's signature red velvet cake as well as donations from Mrs. Titus, Mrs. Kauffman, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Jones, Perky Cupcakes and Sweet Kreations. There will also be a raffle for a 16gb IPAD2. The charity benefiting our efforts will be Shiner's Children's Hospital. Last year we raised over \$6000 for Friedreich's Ataxia research and we hope to match that this year. Please make plans to join us at DG's this evening and help the Shriner's!

GCMS and the Blaze - On Sunday afternoon, Feb 12th, the Bloomington Blaze hockey team is hosting GCMS night. The puck drops at 4:05pm. Our chorus will be singing the National Anthem and Coaches Allen and Tompkins will be involved in an intermission activity on the ice. Red Army members who sold 5 or more magazines will have their tickets paid for. All other high school tickets are \$10. Tickets to the public for this fundraiser are \$14 and can be purchased from GCMS HS by Friday, Feb 3 or from the Blaze box office the day of the game.

We rock! - Check out SchoolDigger.com, a website that tracks school report cards and achievement score information for every public school system in the United States. The site awards GCMS High School 5 stars and ranks it 46th of 667 public high schools in Illinois. We know we have a great school but it's always nice to see it affirmed in the data!

And speaking of the best... Congrats to Sydni Meunier as she signs her national letter of intent to run track and cross country for the University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame is an NCAA Division I school, the most competitive in the college athletic hierarchy. Sydni is the defending state champion in the 800m and 1600m as track season is set to start in early March. You go, girl!

One more game - Congratulations to JJ Gardner for being selected to play in the Shriner's All Star game as well as to Coach Mike Allen on his selection as one of the coaches for the East Team. The game is Saturday, July 14th, at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Planning for the future - Our juniors took part in the fourth annual inservice at the Gibson City Bible Church last week. Speakers for area employers and colleges shared with students information and expectations of life after high school. The students also met with GCMS alums to hear about their college and business experience. The day ended with the juniors talking with subject area teachers to plan their schedules for their senior year.

We rock, part II - A few weeks ago, in preparation for the inservice, our juniors took the COMPASS test, administered by Parkland College. COMPASS is the standard placement test used by many area colleges. Parkland reps shared the results with the juniors at the inservice. As a whole, over 95% are college ready in reading as high school juniors! Over 50% of these students are college ready in math! Parkland reps tell us that both these figures are well beyond the averages they see from other schools and that GCMS students are the most well prepared of the schools in their district.

Lights out - The Art Club will sponsor a black light dance after the Feb 11th boys' basketball game. The first 50 into the dance will receive a glow light. Proceeds from the dance go to the Art Club.

Dancing Away - The high school dance team recently placed third in the Clinton Invitational and will participate in the Tuscola Invitational this weekend. Their goal is make a return trip to the state competition in mid February.

Fresh berries - The FFA is again selling strawberries, fresh from Florida! Prices are: \$5/ quart, \$18/ half flat, \$26/ flat (8 quarts in a flat). Contact an FFA member or chapter advisor, Miss Novotney at novotneyk@gcms.k12.il.us. Deadline is Feb 24th with delivery the week of Mar 8th.

President's Day - In case your student forgets, school will not be in session on Monday, February 20th in honor of President's Day, a national holiday.

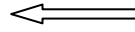
A new first - Our cheerleaders have qualified for state competition at the IL Cheerleading Coaches Association Championships in Springfield. They will compete against other squads from throughout the state on Feb 11 at the Prairie Capital Convention Center.

We like records! - On Feb 1st, fourteen seniors signed 'letters of intent' to participate in college athletics. This is a record for GCMS. This is an outstanding achievement for our athletes, their teams and their coaches.

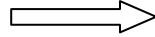
This just in... - GCMS won the HOIC "Don't Text and Drive" pledge contest over the other 12 conference schools. Sophomore Aleka Seneca won a \$50 gas card in a random drawing. Great job GCMS and Teen Safe Driving advisor, Mrs. Jones.



CJ of the Eichelberger's



Beau of the Augspurger's



Below, Interactors help Rotarians at community recycling



Senior Emily Spangler submitted this art piece to the IL First Amendment Center for their annual poster contest.



A shot of some juniors meeting with Mrs. Funk at their inservice



Seniors intending to participate in athletics in college.

Front row, from left:

Sydni Meunier (track & field/cross country): Notre Dame

Angel Gaesser (track & field): Indiana Wesleyan

Jaymi Nettleton (track & field): Indiana Wesleyan

Second row:

Christopher Wittemann (golf): Elmhurst

Jake Johnson (football): Eureka

Jordyn Nettleton (track & field): Olivet Nazarene

Regan Romshek (softball): Illinois St.

Kaiti Bowen (softball): McKendree

Mikayla Woodward (golf): North Central

Lane Ferguson (football): Monmouth

Last row:

Jordan Sizemore (soccer): Elmhurst

Storm Crouch (soccer): MacMurray

Cole Lush (football): Aurora

J.J. Gardner (football): Monmouth