



The Gopher Communicator

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COMMUNITY CARE DAY SUCCESS!

A huge thank you goes to Kimberly Carl and the members of Easthill Church who came to GHS on Saturday, August 23, 2014 to help us prepare the grounds for the upcoming school year. They did a wonderful job and the campus looks outstanding!

GHS SITE COUNCIL NEEDS PARENTS!

The Site Council is one of the governing bodies at our school. It is responsible for contributing to and monitoring the school improvement plan—particularly the parts related to teaching and learning. This group is made up of teachers, parents, and students and is an integral part of the leadership structure at GHS. We need two parents to participate this year. Our meetings happen every other Tuesday at 7:15 am and last until 8:15 am. Please call the Main Office if you are interested.

THE GOPHER SPIRIT CLUB

First, on behalf of the GHS staff, thank you very much for the lunch you sponsored on September 2nd. It was delicious and we all appreciated your kindness and support.

Parents and guardians, the Spirit Club is always looking for new members. The membership fee is \$20 but all of those funds go to support athletics and activities at GHS.

From the Spirit Club website: “Sign up now for the Gopher Spirit Club and join the excitement. The Gopher Spirit Club is a parent-sponsored organization that has been started to support all GHS students who participate in sports and activities. For a small yearly

fee of \$20 membership you can be a part of a great organization and AN INVOLVED PARENT/COMMUNITY MEMBER. School spirit does not just happen and our goal is to support our students with additional funding and community building activities. Why be a member? The main reason to become a member is to purely show your support through giving a donation.” For additional information please go to: <http://www.gopherspiritclub.com/>

FRESHMAN FIRST DAY

The first day with freshman was a wonderful success. 400+ students were able to learn a bit about each other, the activities and athletics at GHS, their classes, lunch, schedules, lockers and receive a building tour. On top of all that they had their pictures taken and generally “got to know the place” without the worry of crowded hallways and older students. Thank you to Kevin Hart our Activities Director, our student council and Renaissance student leaders who assisted, and all of the other staff members that worked hard to make this day a success.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

On the third Wednesday each month the principal hosts an open meeting for parents, guardians, and community members to attend, learn about school activities, and discuss issues that pertain to school. This meeting is a great opportunity for people to gain access, learn, and generate open lines of communication between home and school. Our next meeting is at 6:30 PM on September 17, 2014 in the GHS Library.

Gresham-Barlow School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups.

It is the policy of this district and the board of education that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups in any educational programs, activities or employment.

Gresham-Barlow provides equal access to individuals with disabilities.

MUNCHKIN TRYOUTS!

Thank you to the 45 elementary students who came to try out to be munchkins in the upcoming GHS Theater Department's fall production of *The Wizard of OZ*. All of the students did a great job!

TEEN ATHLETIC CARDIAC SCREENING

It never fails, each year the news reports a tragic incident of a high school age student inexplicably losing consciousness and dying. At GHS, in fact at all high schools in Oregon, we require that students attain a physical from a doctor prior to taking the court or field. However, sometimes things are missed, like during the summer of 2013 when a Class of 2013 graduate from GHS was eating lunch with a friend and at 19 years old his undiagnosed cardiac event caused him to lose consciousness and die. He was only 19 and appeared to be the picture of health. This tragedy to young, healthy athlete was a reminder that cardiac screenings are necessary at all ages.

To help prevent these types of events Legacy Health Systems is sponsoring a cardiac screening for all kids between the ages of 13 and 19. Registration for the 8th annual Teen Athlete Cardiac Screening on, Saturday, October 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m is now open. The location is the Adidas campus in North Portland. They will screen up to 500 student athletes between the ages of 13-19 years for potential heart problems. Scholarships are available for the \$10 screening. Please let me know if you have teen athletes who would like scholarships.

Help them spread the word about this event.

The event hash tag is: #TACS14

Follow Randall Children's Hospital on Facebook and Twitter for updates at @RandallChildren and <http://www.facebook.com/legacychildrens>

Register and learn more

at: www.legacyhealth.org/TACS

THANK YOU

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our families and students for their patience during this hectic start up season. This year some computer

related scheduling hurdles caused many students to need schedule adjustments. To add to that, significant family issues took almost half of our counseling staff out of the building for extended periods at a critical time. Your patience and the diligence of the Counseling Office and Main Office staff combined to help us overcome these challenges.