



The Gopher Communicator

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Upcoming School Bond Information: How will the proposed school bond impact your school, your child's learning and our community? Attend an upcoming informational meeting and learn how the school bond up for a vote on November 5 will impact your child's school and other schools in the district. Both meetings will be identical and childcare and interpreters (Spanish and Russian) will be available but you must register in advance. To register, visit www.gresham.k12.or.us or call Joy Helfrich at 503-261-4558.

Community Forum Meetings:

Sam Barlow High School, Wednesday, September 18 at 7 PM--Library

Gresham High School, Tuesday, September 24 at 7 PM --Library

College Possible: Does your junior want to go to college?

He or she might be eligible for College Possible, a free college access and success program!

College Possible is a non-profit partner with GHS. It is an after school college prep program that helps promising, low-income high school students gain admission to college. Throughout their junior and senior year, students work with College Possible coaches for guidance through the college process, ACT preparation, opportunities to visit campuses, and one-on-one support with college, scholarship and financial applications. We still have spots available in our junior cohort that will begin meeting after school on September 16.

Students in our program have shown an average ACT score improvement of 22%. Overall, 98% of College Possible students earn admission into college. This award-winning program is completely free for all our student participants.

We are looking for students who: are interested in going to college, can meet for two hours twice a week after school (multiple session times offered), have a GPA of 2.0 or higher, qualify for free or reduced-price lunch at school or meet other income eligibility guidelines.

Interested students can pick up an application in Room 224 or at the College & Career Center. There's a limited availability of space with our Gresham College Possible Cohort, so make sure to pick an application soon!

For more information, please do not hesitate to call our office at 503-907-0248 or email David Corby, the Program VISTA, at DCorby@CollegePossible.org. We look forward to working students at Gresham High School!

Gopher Spirit Club: Drive for Your School September 21, 2013

On September 21, 2013 between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm the Gopher Spirit Club is co-sponsoring the Drive 4 Your School and Eat 4 A Cure Fundraiser at Gresham Ford on East Powell.

*All you have to do to support these worthy causes is test drive a car and the **Ford Corporation will donate \$20.00 per household for Gresham High School Activities and Athletics. Half of that money can be dedicated to the sport or activity of your choice.***

There is no limit on funds earned this year. The Ford Corporation will pay up to \$6,000 and Gresham Ford will pay for any over that amount.

The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society will also be there selling food and beverages provided by Origins Coffee & Teahouse and Best Burger to raise money for their cause. They also will sell raffle tickets (\$10 each) for a chance to win a Ford Vespa!

Also—**don't forget to become a Spirit Club member/supporter.** We need you! It is a fun, easy group to be part of, so join the club and show your support for our students. Just go to the Gopher store and pay the annual fee. Half of that fee can be dedicated to the sport or activity of your choice. There is no obligation after joining but you will receive email information and are welcome to volunteer at any time! Below is the link and the on-line form is very easy to complete.

<http://www.gopherspiritclub.com/>

Graduation Requirement Information:
Career Related Learning Opportunities (CRLE) and
Portfolio Pieces

The completion of two CRLEs and a comprehensive academic portfolio of student work completed in a variety of subject areas are State of Oregon and GBSD graduation requirements. Experiences that count as CRLEs can happen both in and out of school. Portfolio pieces are assigned throughout a student's high school career.

All that is required to complete a CRLE is to schedule the experience, write it up on a simple form, and turn it in to the College and Career Center. Many students wait until the last semester of their senior year to complete the CRLEs and even a few portfolio pieces.

Procrastination of this kind causes a huge burden for the school staff and jeopardizes graduation. To minimize this unnecessary burden and alleviate the possibility for last minute mistakes, senior students that have not completed at least one CRLE on or before November 22, 2013 will not be permitted to attend the annual Snoball Dance in December. **Senior students that do not have their second CRLE completed by the end of the first semester will have lunch detention until this graduation requirement is completed.** Of course, students will have access to the needed paperwork while serving this detention!

All seniors must have all required portfolio pieces turned in the week prior to the GHS Prom. After that deadline lunch detentions will be assigned until completion.

PSAT Day is October 16! What is the PSAT?

Most sophomores in the state will take the PSAT on this day. Juniors that wish to take the exam can pay \$14 to the bookkeeper here at school or on line at the Gopher Store. The deadline for junior registration is Oct. 9.

What is the PSAT? (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test)

- A comprehensive assessment program that measures college readiness and provides students with the tools they need to start planning for the future.
- Measures skills in three academic areas: critical reading, mathematics and writing skills.
- Prepares students for the SAT: On average, students who take the PSAT score 136 points higher on the SAT than those who do not take the test.
- Provides entry into scholarship programs: The PSAT provides entry into National Merit

Scholarships for students in their third year of high school.

- Supports college and career planning: My College QuickStart™, an online, personalized college and career planning kit, helps students search for colleges, explore majors and careers, and get a personalized SAT study plan.

Make a difference: Help a child grow their reading skills

Do you or someone you know want to become more involved with your neighborhood school? The Gresham-Barlow School District's Oasis Volunteer Program is looking for parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends of our schools to work with young children who are struggling to learn to read.

As an Oasis volunteer you will spend one hour a week, during the school day, working one-on-one with a child in grades 1-5 to build reading and language skills, self-esteem, and positive attitudes toward learning. Oasis provides training, materials, and on-going support from our staff at no cost to you.

The training will take place in two three-hour sessions, for a total of six hours. The fall training dates are Wednesday, September 25 from 9am-12pm and Friday, September 27 from 9 am-12 pm. Tutors are encouraged to attend a monthly support meeting to share experiences with other tutors, receive additional training and materials.

No teaching experience is required. The role of an Oasis Tutor is that of a friend, offering experience, patience, encouragement, caring, and time.

If you, or someone you know would be interested in learning more about becoming an Oasis Tutor, please call Marilyn at [503-665-3544](tel:503-665-3544) or email msshephard@frontier.com.