

GMS/GHS Board Report November 2025

Gratitude - In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we have a staff climate initiative underway with all building staff where simple responses to a Google Form allow staff to recognize their colleagues for helping make our school a better place every day. To date, over 65 different notes of gratitude have been delivered in just over a week.

Fall Athletics - We wrapped up a successful fall sports season with playoff success at various levels for both Football and Volleyball. Football hosted and won a home playoff game for the first time in many years and volleyball advanced to the Section semifinals. Our Boys & Girls Cross Country teams were both Section Champions & had very strong, top 10 finishes in the State Cross Country Meet. Brayden Nielsen and Taylor Covier both individually earned All State honors for their finishes & Taylor also earned All State Academic honors, as well.

Winter Athletics - Winter sports practices are underway. Our first contests are already this week with our Titan Girl's Basketball team playing two home games Thursday & Friday evenings in Greenway & at NK, respectively. Our Boy's Basketball team will host a scrimmage Saturday morning and open play a week from Saturday at GHS. Our Hockey team starts on the road this weekend, but will return home for three games next week on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday.

Food Drive Results - Kelly Fillman planned a food drive over the last few weeks. Greenway High School recently set a new record during our annual food drive, collecting 2,841 items for the Raider Closet food pantry in just 15 days. Our students demonstrated outstanding generosity and leadership throughout the drive. Mrs. Kessler's class led the school with 762 items, followed by Mrs. Vekich's class with 634. We are incredibly proud of our students and staff for their commitment to supporting families in our community.

December 8 Inservice Day - we'll focus on our Portrait of a Graduate skills, review team literacy plans, look at standards and assessments, and explore ways AI can support our classrooms. We'll also build in some teacher team-building time. Looking forward to a productive day together.

Youth Frontier Events - Kindness, Courage & Respect Retreat all happening this week. Students have had a lot of fun with playing, team building & committing to acts of kindness & courage. Tomorrow 9th graders will go to Respect Retreat. Student leaders have been amazing throughout this experience and have really been stepping out of their comfort zone.

Conferences - were held last week, with an open-house format on Tuesday in the Multi-Purpose Room and scheduled critical-needs conferences on Thursday. Our 7th–12th grade turnout for scheduled conferences was lower than we had hoped, so we'll keep exploring ways to better engage families—possibly by showcasing student work or artwork during our spring conferences.

Instructional Updates

- Our Career Pathways teams will be meeting with Scott Patrow on Wednesday, November 25th.
- Science teacher Allison Butterfield recently participated in a workshop to support her instructional work - she's hoping to use what she learned to share with teachers district wide.
- Ag Science was awarded an Impact Grant for a freeze-drying project—great news for the program.
- Our latest Raider Broadcast has been posted on the Facebook page if you'd like to take a look.
- In addition, the K–12 Math Curriculum Review Team is set to meet next week on November 25th to discuss steps in the curriculum adoption process.

Teacher Growth Plans - High school teachers are focusing on student engagement, independence, and routines while building Portrait of a Graduate skills like collaboration, creativity, and resilience. They are refining labs, expanding reading supports, increasing participation in PE and SEL lessons, and using data to guide instruction. Teachers are also fostering student accountability, supporting wellness, and sharing strategies with colleagues, modeling communication and responsible citizenship. Teachers have all submitted their growth plans for the school year.

READ Act Update - We've purchased the Read CaptiBasix Dyslexia Screener, and training for staff will be coming soon. Students will continue taking the FastBridge assessment this winter, and any students not at grade level will also complete the new screener. Phase 2 READ Act professional development for grades 4–12 is now available, with four options to choose from. Webinars will be offered to walk through each option, and we'll review them together with our district literacy lead, teachers, Superintendent Pace, and principals to decide on the best fit for our district.