

# GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL

## Principal's Report

October 2019

### Celebrations and Student Activities:

#### Chester Fall Festival

On a beautiful September weekend, students in grades 7 to 11 staffed booths at the Chester Fall Festival to raise money for their respective classes. Food offerings at the booths included “Walking Tacos”, Fried Dough, Pulled Pork sandwiches, Chili, Guacamole, and Baked Potatoes. Students also sold Kettle Corn to raise money for international travel, and the Circle Club ran a stand selling desserts.. In addition to fundraising for their classes, students from Interact helped the Rotary make the Festival a success by working in the soup trailer, providing relief for vendors, emptying trash cans, and assisting with the children’s activities area.



#### Athletics

Boys and Girls soccer -- Varsity, JV, and Middle School -- continue for the next several weeks, as well as Co-ed Varsity Golf and Co-ed Varsity Cross Country. Keep up with all the Chieftains at [GMUHS Athletics](#)



## **Dances**

The homecoming dance is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, and the first Middle School Dance for Friday, October 25.

## **Fall Concert**

The Fall Concert will be held on October 23. At this introductory performance, the Middle School Band, the High School Band and the MS and HS chorus will share the pieces they have been working on so far this year.

## **Fall Play**

The High School fall drama production, *Almost Maine*, directed by Cynthia Austin, Keith Hill, and Alex Brady, has been rehearsing for several weeks. Come see the production on November 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. in the Green Mountain auditorium. *Almost Maine* is a series of 9 scenes exploring love and its aftermath set in a remote Maine town.

## **Green Mountain Cafe**

A new performance opportunity, a monthly open mic for music and spoken word, will begin at Green Mountain on Wednesday, November 13. Students will be able to perform their poetry, sing, and play their instruments in a coffee house atmosphere. The Chester Rotary will be donating food and beverages to be sold during the event. Come join us in the GM Atrium at 6:30 on November 13.

## **Curriculum and Instruction:**

### **Response to Active Shooter Training**

Teachers and paraeducators received training from the Springfield Fire Department with support from the Chester Police Department during an early release afternoon on October 1. This presentation had been previously given to administrators throughout the TRSU, and all TRSU schools are now receiving the training which teaches the best way to “Avoid, Deny, Defend” in the event of a violent intruder. Parents are invited to a meeting on the evening of October 16 to hear about the process from administrators and the Chester Police.

### **Professional Development**

During a full day of professional development (PD) on October 15, Green Mountain teachers spent the morning aligning summative assessments with graduation standards. This work will form the bulk of our PD efforts this year. A variety of “Wellness” activities were offered to teachers midday (such as yoga, meditation, guided hikes, and other options). During the afternoon, some teachers continued their assessment literacy work while some worked on other PD strands. Some teachers focused on the PLP (personalized learning plan) process for students, while others continued the trauma-informed work of previous years. GM also has a flexible pathways team this year (one teacher from each core academic area along with the flexible pathways coordinator) that is meeting weekly to formalize a process for assisting students who do not achieve proficiency on standards the first time -- and also assisting teachers with creating multiple, differentiated assessments.

There will be early release days on the first Tuesday of November, December, April, and May, as well as Tuesdays in January and February. Full days of PD will be on January 17,

February 3, March 20, and May 26.

**PSAT Testing and Senior Trip**

PSAT testing for grades 9, 10, and 11 is scheduled for October 16. During that time, the senior class will be out of the building for their senior trip. This year, they are going to the Queensbury, New York, Skyzone Trampoline Park.

**Welcome to Black River Students**

On October 10, Green Mountain will welcome Black River students who have expressed an interest in attending GM next year. The BR students will attend classes and eat lunch with GM students in the same grade. We look forward to having students from Mount Holly and Ludlow join our educational community.

**School Discipline and Safety**

	10 - 11	11 - 12	12 - 13	13 -14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
Referrals to Planning Room	4	3	14	14	14	5	3	4	2	3
Detentions	34	16	22	27	21	13	10	7	13	9
Conferences and Warnings	59	76	101	34	52	49	41	15	24	15
CIRS Reports Bullying	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
CIRS Reports Harassment	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Teacher Referrals to Office	54	68	53	46	57	33	29	8	14	14
Self-Referrals to Office	86	46	125	57	57	47	35	25	30	19
Total Referrals	140	114	178	103	114	80	64	33	44	33
In-School Suspensions	12	8	3	0	2	1	0	1	0	1
Out-of-School Suspensions	13	8	18	14	17	3	6	4	13	3

**Safety Drills for September:**

**Outdoor:** Fire Drill **Date:** 3-Sep **Time:** 8:10 **All out by:** 8:13 **All Accounted for:** 8:25

**Indoor:** Lock Down **Date:** 5-Sep **Time:** 14:00 **Halls Clear:** 14:01 **Released:** 14:11