

# GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL

## Principal's Report

November 2019

### CELEBRATIONS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

#### Fall Play

The Fall Play, *Almost Maine*, was performed two nights, November 1 and November 2, to the delight of family, friends, and community members. Pictured here are the cast, crew and directors Cindi Austin, Keith Hill, and Alex Brady.



#### Art



October displays of skeletons (made from plastic milk containers) made way in November for art designed to honor our Veterans.

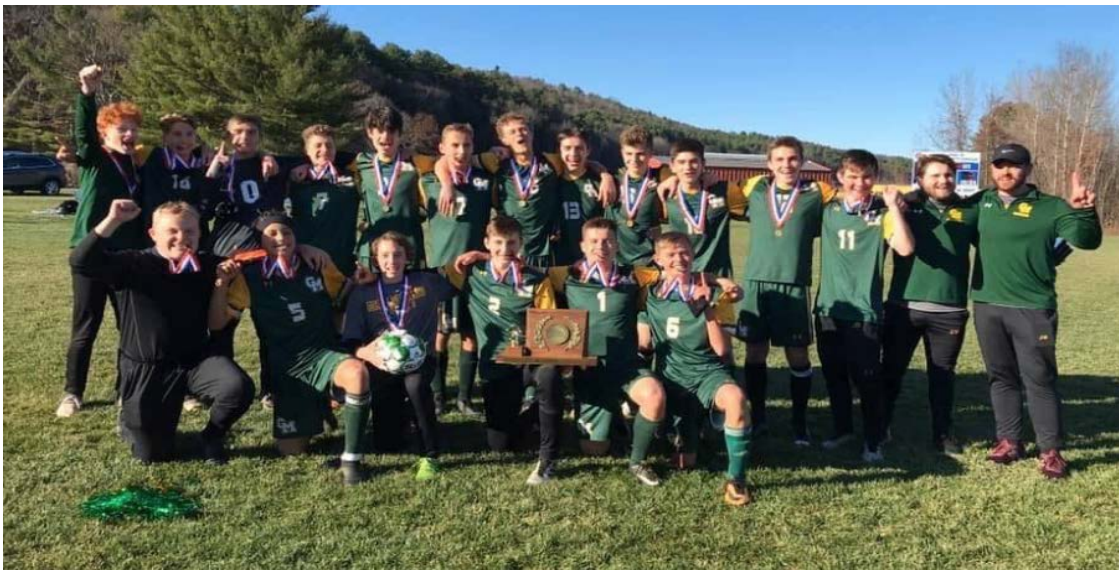
Castleton University has invited GMUHS to participate in displaying student work in their gallery. GM students work will be on display at Castleton for four weeks as part of an exhibition to showcase young artists in Southern Vermont. GMUHS sent 8 pieces created by students in grades 10 to 12.

On November 6, Christa Valente and Marcia Dockum hosted the Hartford Art School (HAS) for an 80 minute presentation for students interested in the arts. A total of 26 students attended the event. After the presentation, the HAS representative reviewed students' portfolios giving constructive criticism; the application fee was waived for any student interested in applying.



### **Athletics**

On November 2, the Boys Varsity Soccer Team won their first ever State Championship! This was an exciting game in which the boys won during overtime.



The mountain biking team also finished their season with finishes in the top 15.



Basketball will begin in December. Keep up with all the Chieftains at [GMUHS Athletics](#)

### **Coat Drive and Food Drive**

The annual NHS coat drive brought in over 175 articles of warm clothing to be donated to those in need. Collection boxes were set up in front of the main office, and NHS students sorted the items for donation.



The annual food drive has begun. Canned goods and other non-perishable items will be collected between 11/4 and 11/22.

### **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 have been discussing the best ways to “Avoid, Deny, Defend” in the event of a violent intruder. During the weeks of October 28 and November 4, teachers had brief conversations with students in all classes about the best routes to exit the building from their classrooms. These “table top” discussions were recommended as the first step to introduce new procedures to students and will continue over the next weeks.

### **Professional Development**

Green Mountain teachers continued their work on aligning assessments with graduation standards during the early release day on November 5. Teachers are sharing their current assessments with department members and using a variety of protocols to work on improvements.

The next early release day will be on December 3. Full days of PD will be on January 17, February 3, March 20, and May 26.

**Assessment Data**

Data from the Smarter Balanced Assessments, PSAT, SAT and AP will be shared in the GMUHS Data Presentation to the GMUSD board on 11/21.

**School Discipline and Safety**

Current information will also be shared in the GMUHS Data Presentation.