

GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's Report December 2019

Celebrations and Student Activities:

Food Drive



The National Honor Society began GM's annual food drive in November. Advisory groups competed to bring in the most donations. Over 300 items were collected for distribution to those in need. The final collection day was December 6.

Winter Concert

Green Mountain's winter concert will be held in the auditorium on Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 pm. Please join us to hear the middle and high school band and chorus perform a selection of holiday themed music.

Art



Student work is on display in the GMUHS gallery.



Athletics

Basketball practice has been underway. The first varsity games of the season are on December 6 (girls) and 7 (boys).

Rock climbing continues with weekly practices and competitions.

Due to renewed interest, GM will again have a cheerleading squad. See their display of school spirit at our varsity basketball games.

Keep up with all the Chieftains at [GMUHS Athletics](#)

Green and Gold

The student online newspaper appears monthly with fiction, poetry, art, and articles on current events. Read what is on the minds of GMUHS students here: [Green and Gold](#)

Green Mountain Cafe

In November, the first Green Mountain Cafe showcased students' poetry, singing, and artistic skills. Senior Gary Gaudet acted as MC, many students read their poetry, Raevyn Stocker sang, Ozzie Jewett painted, and Gary demonstrated his pottery prowess.



The Green Mountain Cafe will be open again on December 18. Students will sing, perform their poetry, play their instruments, and share their considerable talents in the GM Atrium/Art Gallery at 6:30 on Wednesday, December 18. The Chester Rotary will again donate food and beverages.



Curriculum and Instruction:

Professional Development

Green Mountain teachers continued their work on aligning assessments with graduation standards during the early release day on December 3. Teachers shared student work in response to recent assessments with department members and used tuning protocols to make improvements where warranted.

This work will continue during the "Ski Tuesday" early release days from January 7 through March 3. Full days of PD will be on January 17, February 3, March 20, and May 26.

By the end of the school year, all courses will have summative assessments that are fully aligned with the appropriate middle school or high school graduation standards.

Assessment Data

The most recent PSAT data for grade 10 and 11 are shown below. Grade 10 performed just below the state average overall (mean score of 925 versus 929).

PSAT Grade 10 Fall 2019

District Mean Score		State Mean Score	
925		929	
Number of Participants	42	Number of Participants	1,611
Met Both Benchmarks	33%	Met Both Benchmarks	38%
Met ERW	(430) 52%	Met ERW	(430) 67%
Met Math	(480) 38%	Met Math	(480) 40%
Met None	43%	Met None	31%

PSAT Grade 11 Fall 2019

Grade 11 scored significantly below the state average overall and in both math and English. However, given that this group performed significantly better on the PSAT 10 the year before, (36% meeting both benchmarks, 64% meeting English, and 38% meeting math) it seems likely that there were some motivation issues involved as well. A number of juniors reported to teachers during the test this year that they did not want to be taking the assessment since they had already done it the year before. We will be spending more time talking with students about reasons to always give their best effort.

District
Mean Score
852

State
Mean Score
1000

Number of Participants **47**

Number of Participants **3,805**

Met Both Benchmarks	11%
Met ERW	(460) 34%
Met Math	(510) 13%
Met None	64%

Met Both Benchmarks	37%
Met ERW	(460) 71%
Met Math	(510) 39%
Met None	28%