

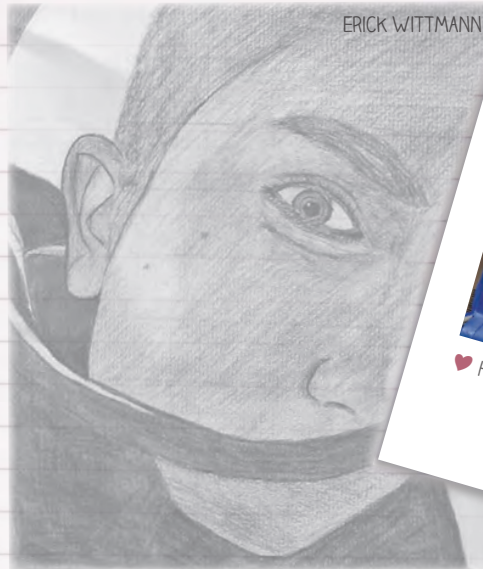
# Grand Island Central School District

2019-20 Calendar & Community Education Brochure

[www.grandislandschools.org](http://www.grandislandschools.org)



♥ KAEGBEIN STEAM



ERICK WITTMANN



♥ HUTH BUDDY BENCH



♥ GIHS @ DARWIN MARTIN HOUSE



♥ VCMS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



♥ SIDWAY 100 DAYS

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
PERSONAL GROWTH  
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



# Welcome to the Grand Island Central School District

Dear Grand Island School-Community,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year. This publication includes district and building events, as well as annual notifications and other information the community needs to know.

We recognize the importance of building a strong bridge between home and school. The involvement of parents inside and outside of the classroom has positive effects on student learning. The more we can make our school-community aware of all the wonderful activities that our dedicated staff and students are involved in, the more we help create an atmosphere of extended learning opportunities. We want parents and the community to visit our campus and attend our events!

There is so much good news from the Grand Island Central School District to share with our community. We invite you to visit our district website at [www.grandislandschools.org](http://www.grandislandschools.org). At the district and building level, there are prominent areas for news, events and quick links. We realize that event dates will change throughout the year, and the website calendar should be consulted. Within this printed calendar are QR codes on each event page for a direct link to that month's website calendar.

The district continues to successfully use Twitter as a way to share our good news. Follow us @grandislandCSD.

I look forward to the school year and wish all families a great year.

Sincerely,

Brian Graham, Ed.D.  
 Superintendent  
 Email: [BrianGraham@gicsd.org](mailto:BrianGraham@gicsd.org)  
 Phone: 773-8801  
 Follow me on Twitter @BrianSGraham  
 Follow the District on Twitter @GrandIslandCSD

## 2019-2020 School Hours for Students

### HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:25 a.m. Buses Drop Off  
 7:34 a.m. School Begins (MS and HS)  
 2:15 p.m. School Ends (MS)  
 2:20 p.m. School Ends (HS)  
 2:28 p.m. Buses Depart

### HUTH - KAEGBEIN - SIDWAY

8:50 a.m. Buses Drop Off  
 9:00 a.m. Schools Begin  
 3:05 p.m. Schools End  
 3:10 p.m. Buses Depart

### ST. STEPHENS

8:35 a.m. Buses Drop Off  
 8:45 a.m. School Begins  
 3:15 p.m. School Ends  
 3:20 p.m. Buses Depart

Please note that the actual schedule may be revised by no more than 5 minutes either way after the start of school once the bus patterns are established. There will be one late bus run for each public school building.

## Our Points of Pride

- Engaged in a five-year Strategic Plan initiative involving all stakeholders within the district as we build the foundation of a Master Plan.
- Caring, supportive faculty and staff focused on student success.
- Outstanding athletic program with a rich history and tradition of success within the Niagara Frontier League and New York State Section VI athletics.
- Named a Best Community for Music Education for eight consecutive years.
- Robust curriculum that provides a variety of learning experiences for students.
- District-wide PBIS character education that emphasizes responsibility, respect and safety.
- Extended learning experiences through clubs and activities.
- Dedicated registered nurse in every building.

## GICSD Telephone Directory

Grand Island Central School District  
 1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island, NY 14072  
 District Phone: 773-8800

### Central Office Departments

Office of the Superintendent.....	773-8801
Athletics .....	773-8812
Business Office.....	773-8805
Community Education .....	773-8864
Curriculum.....	773-8818
Human Resources.....	773-8822
Facilities Use .....	773-8800
Food Service.....	773-8885
Special Education.....	773-8815
Student Registration.....	773-8800
Transportation.....	773-8890



VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, [WWW.GRANDISLANDSCHOOLS.ORG](http://WWW.GRANDISLANDSCHOOLS.ORG), TO STAY AWARE OF EVENTS AND NEWS FROM THE BUILDINGS AND THE GRAND ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS. A COMPLETE LIST OF ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS IS AVAILABLE UNDER THE COMMUNITY TAB OF THE DISTRICT WEBSITE.





### **Grand Island High School**

Grades 9-12

1100 Ransom Road  
Grand Island, NY 14072

Michael Lauria, Principal

Hillary Kretz-Harvey, Assistant  
Principal

Karen Surdyke, Assistant Principal

Attendance Office, 404-1303

Main Office, 773-8820

Nurse's Office, 773-8827

#### **Points of Pride**

- Rigorous academic program with options for honors, advanced placement, and other coursework through colleges and universities including Niagara, Syracuse, and Erie Community College.
- The National Academy Foundation (NAF) is offered through the business department to couple our rich course offerings with a professional network of NAF alumni and business/finance professions through mentorship, online networking, and individualized internship opportunities.
- GIHS art club collaboration with the Town Recreation Department.
- Award-winning DECA business club.
- Travel abroad opportunities through the language program.



### **Veronica E. Connor Middle School**

Grades 6-8

1100 Ransom Road  
Grand Island, NY 14072

John Fitzpatrick, Principal

Attendance / Guidance Office,  
773-8837, 773-8844

Main Office, 773-8830

Nurse's Office, 773-8838

#### **Points of Pride**

- WEB, which stands for "Where Everybody Belongs" is a new middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes sixth and seventh graders and makes them feel comfortable in middle school. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed through positive role models, the program trains eighth-graders as mentors and WEB Leaders.
- Collaboration, teamwork, critical thinking, problem solving woven into the curriculum and instruction.
- Thoughtful Classroom framework used to reach all learners.
- Indigo Project helps all eighth-graders understand their learning preferences.
- "Makerspace" Club offers STEAM learning activities.



### **William Kaegebein Elementary School**

Grades 2-5

1690 Love Road,  
Grand Island, NY 14072

Mary Haggerty, Principal

Main Office, 773-8840

Nurse's Office, 404-1606

#### **Points of Pride**

- Ten raised beds and a Pollinator Garden in courtyard
- STEAM Room for classes and presentations
- Collaboration with Buffalo State on math and science evening
- Rise and Shine and Read
- Math and Reading Game Night
- Video streaming of morning announcements
- Heart Healthy Night
- One-to-one iPads and Chromebooks in 2019-20
- Award-winning music program
- Touch TVs/Smart Boards in every classroom
- School musical and class plays
- Art and Chamber Music Evening



### **Huth Road Elementary School**

Grades 2-5

1773 Huth Road  
Grand Island, NY 14072

Maxwell Pikula, Principal

Main Office, 773-8850

Nurse's Office, 404-1706

#### **Points of Pride**

- National PTA School of Excellence (2nd time in a row)
- Award winning faculty
- Extensive afterschool activities
- iPads in grade 2; Chromebooks in grades 3 and 5
- Touch TVs/Smart Boards in every teaching space
- Grade 5 Huth Road Student Ambassadors are school role models of the Viking Values
- Moved to a Whole-School Field Day
- Huth Road Spring 2019 Bazaar had highest attendance
- Technology instruction for grades 3/4 and coding club for grades 4/5
- Multiple enrichment assemblies with amazing, positive messages



### **Charlotte Sidway Elementary School**

Early Childhood Center  
Grades K-1

2451 Baseline Road  
Grand Island, NY 14072

Denise Dunbar, Principal

Main Office, 773-8870

Nurse's Office, 404-1504

#### **Points of Pride**

- Every classroom uses the workshop model for Reading and Writing.
- Every classroom spends 2.5 hours per day immersed in literacy workshops.
- Weekly, the Tinker Space is used to build, explore and work collaboratively on STEM projects. Coding is introduced.
- Viking Values, PBIS character education programs
- Broad immersion in daily literacy-based activities
- Gym, art, music every week
- Grade level music performances
- One computer lab
- Smartboard/Touch TV in every classroom
- enVisions math program aligned to the Common Core State Standards
- Several flexible seating classrooms



Sienna Potenza, Grade 5

## Sea

the seawater is the saltiest water of all  
unpleasant to taste, and burns the eyes  
but the feel of the sea with the salt cannot  
compare

pay attention to the sunset

the shore is the most beautiful of all  
when the sun meets the horizon  
it makes up a beet grapefruit color

mesmerizing all who look

the sea is the ocean

the ocean is the sea

but also

the ocean are delightful blue eyes

and blue eyes is the ocean

By Victoria Thauer, Grade 9



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## Register for the Parent Portal

Parent Portal is a web-based tool that provides parents/guardians access to timely and secure information about their child's academic progress and school records. The Parent Portal is open for parents of middle and high school students. For instructions, visit the district website or scan this QR code.

## Student Registration

We welcome all new students to the District. Our District uses a central registration system that starts with completing the Registration Enrollment Packet, available in print at the District Office, 1100 Ransom Road, or online at [www.grandislandschools.org](http://www.grandislandschools.org).

Please call 773-8800 (ext.0) to set up an appointment to register your child. You must bring all of the required documents listed in the enrollment packet. Registration is by appointment only. After registration is completed at District Office, please call the building your child will attend to schedule an appointment for enrollment.

## School Meal Program

Nutritious meals for breakfast and lunch are available to all students at all buildings.

Sidway - Breakfast \$1.50, Lunch \$2.50

Kaegebein - Breakfast \$1.50, Lunch \$2.75

Huth Road - Breakfast \$1.50, Lunch \$2.75

Veronica E. Connor MS - Breakfast \$1.50, Lunch \$3

Grand Island HS - Breakfast \$1.50; Lunch \$3

Beginning July 1, 2019, students approved for reduced-price meals will receive breakfast and lunch at no charge. Free and reduced meal application is mailed home to each household. It is imperative that this form be signed by you and returned to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Results from the application/direct certification process are tabulated and used to determine District eligibility for other student programs. In order to maximize funding for the students of Grand Island, we must maximize the number of family applications. Applications and their outcomes are kept confidential. Parents need to return a signed consent form for individual eligibility status to be shared.

## Pre-Pay Student Meals

Payments can be made by cash or check to the School Lunch Fund or you can set up an online account at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). (You will need student ID number to do this.)

**VIKING PRIDE: MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR 1:1 TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE, THE APPROVAL OF OUR SMART SCHOOLS PROPOSAL BY NYSSED WILL ALLOW US TO ASSIGN A CHROMEBOOK TO EVERY SECONDARY STUDENT WHICH CAN BE USED AS A TOOL TO ENHANCE INSTRUCTION IN GRADES 7-12.**





# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 <b>Labor Day No School</b>	3  Sidway UPK Open House, 6-7 p.m.	4 <b>Superintendent Conference Day</b>  Sidway Supply Drop Off, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Kaegebein Open House, 5 – 7:30 p.m. Huth Grade 2 Open House, 5:30-7 p.m.	5  <b>First Student Day</b>  Sidway Principal's First Day Tea, 9:30 a.m.	6	7	
8	9  BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	10	11  GIHS Pictures, HS Aud. Huth Grade 3 Open House, 6:45-7:45 p.m. Huth Grade 4 Open House, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Huth Grade 5 Open House, 6-7 p.m.	12  Kaegebein PTA Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick-Off GIHS Pictures, HS Aud. Sidway Open House, 6-8 p.m.	13	14	
15	16  GIHS PTSA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HS Library	17  Sidway PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m.	18  Blood Drive (UNYTS), HS Aud. Kaegebein PTA Mtg., 6:30 p.m., library	19  GIHS Open House, 6:15-8:30 p.m., HS Aud. VCMS Picture day	20  VCMS Picture day VCMS Student Council Back to School Barbecue, 2:30-4 p.m.	21	
22	23	24	25	26 Kaegebein PTA Johnny Appleseed Day	27	28  Homecoming Dance, 7-10 p.m., GIHS Gym	
	<b>GIHS Spirit Week</b>						
	<b>Sidway Bus Safety Week</b>						
		Senior College Night, 6:30-9 p.m., Large Cafe	Sidway Picture Day	Sidway Parent University Huth Picture Day Powder Puff Game & Bonfire, 6:30-9:30 p.m. VCMS Open House,  6-8 p.m.	Huth PTA Fundraiser Cookie Dough Kickoff Homecoming Pep Rally Homecoming Football Game, 7 p.m. @ GIHS		
29	30  BOE Joint Meeting with Town Board, 7 p.m., Town of Grand Island Court Room	<b>August</b> 21 VCMS Newly Registered Student Orientation, 10 a.m. 26 First SRP Day 26 BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m. 28 Grade 6 Orientation, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. 29 GIHS Freshmen and New Student Orientation, 6:15 p.m., HS Aud.					



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Emma Wilkins, Grade 4



Kaegebein Collaborative Artwork



Sophia Anzalone, Grade 4

## New! Raptor Visitor Management System

Parents and the public are encouraged to visit their schools. Parent orientation and open house programs are scheduled in each building. Parents wishing to confer with teachers or staff at other times should phone their child's school to arrange for an appointment. When visiting our buildings, report to the main office. Enter the main entrance door; other doors are locked during the day from the inside to protect the children and staff. All visitors who enter buildings will be required to present photo identification driver's license. The new Raptor visitor management system scans driver's licenses to screen visitors against federal and local databases for custody issues and other customized alerts and generates a photo ID sticker badge which must be worn at all times while in the school or on school grounds.

## Viking Tip Line

The Grand Island Central School District is partnering with AnonymousTips.com in an effort to provide a completely anonymous email system for students, parents or community members to utilize when student safety is at risk. The Viking Tip Line link is in the Quick Links area on the website homepages for the District and all school buildings.

Individuals using AnonymousTips.com will be able to send information to our schools related to bullying, cyberbullying, sexting, suicide threats, drug activity, internet harassment, discrimination, illegal activity and other school related safety concerns. When reporting, it is imperative that names, dates, times and any other details you think would be of help are included in the report.

The District believes that students should not be subjected to harassment on school property or at a school function; nor shall any student be subjected to discrimination based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression), or sex by school employees or students on school property or at a school function.

The report is completely anonymous and cannot be traced unless you provide information to the selected educational institution to contact you back.

## Attendance = Academic Success



The Board of Education recognizes that regular school attendance is a major component of academic success. When a student is absent, tardy, or leaves early from class or school without an excuse, the attendance clerk/nurse will notify the student's parent(s) by telephone or in writing of the specific absence, remind them of the attendance policy, and review relevant intervention procedures with them. Excused absences are defined as absences, tardiness, and early departures from class or school due to personal illness, illness or death in the family, family farm work requirements, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, approved college visits, approved music, art and athletic competitions, approved cooperative work programs, military obligations, or such other reasons as may be approved by the building administrator. All other absences, tardiness and/or early departures shall be considered unexcused absences. All absences, whether excused or unexcused, must be accounted for. It is the parent's responsibility to at least orally notify the school office within at least twenty-four (24) hours of the absence. Parents should provide a written excuse upon the student's return to school. Failure to provide an acceptable oral or written excuse shall be deemed an unexcused absence. Copies of the full attendance policy are posted under the For Parents tab on the district website.

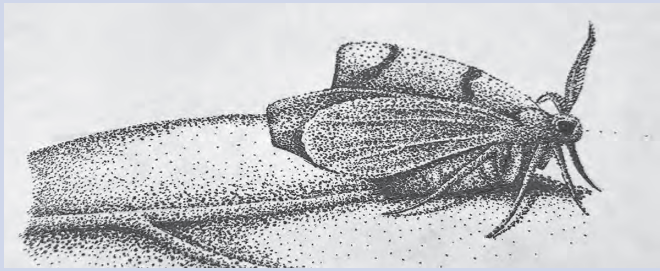
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# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 		1  Instrumental Booster Mtg., 7 p.m.	2  WNY College Consortium, 8:45-9:30 a.m., Buffalo Convention Center HS/MS Midpoint of First Quarter Grading Period	3  Sidway Book Fair, 6-8 p.m.	4  Senior Lunch, Pearl St. Grill	5
	6	7	<b>Sidway Fire Safety Week</b>			<b>Superintendent Conference Day No School</b>
	VCMS PTA Boosterthon Begins	8  Senior Portraits (Class of 2020), HS Aud. Financial Aid Night, 6:30-9 p.m., Large Cafe	9  Senior Portraits (Class of 2020), HS Aud.	10		
13	<b>Columbus Day No School</b>	15  Sidway PTA, 3:30 p.m. BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	16 GIHS Picture Retakes, HS Aud.  <b>Sidway Grandparent's Week</b>	17	18	19  PSAT, 8 a.m., GIHS
			Kaegebein PTA Mtg., 3:30 p.m., library BOE Building Tours & Bus Ride, GIHS-VCMS tour starts at 5:30 p.m. Public Invited.			
20	21	<b>Kaegebein PTA Book Fair</b>				26  Spooky Sprint @ Veteran's Park, 8:30 a.m. VCMS Musical, 7 p.m.
		<b>Sidway Grandparent's Week</b>				
				Kaegebein PTA Ice Cream Social, Book Fair, Family Night VCMS Musical, 7 p.m.	VCMS Student Council Monster Bash, 2:30-4 p.m. VCMS Musical, 7 p.m. Sidway Monster Mash	
27	28  BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	29  GIHS Josten's Cap/Gown Ordering, lunches and 4:30-7 p.m., GIHS Cafe VCMS Fall Concert (8 Chor, 8 Band, 7 Band, 7/8 Orch), 7 p.m. Huth Scholastic Book Fair	30  Huth Scholastic Book Fair Grade 8 Band Tour	31		



*Rainer Dolmanet, Grade 12*

## Dreamland

You sit alone in silence

Silver shining on the moon's surface

Painting pictures in your head

You may be asleep

But your mind's eye stays alert.

Lands away from the same place you'd call

Home.

You're not lost - No.

You're dreaming.

Clouds of unorganized thought clutter  
your mind

The chaos becomes more real.

You're dreaming-dreaming of the past, things.

Things you wish you'd done or hadn't done.

It's okay,

Me too.

*By Anastasia Ackerson, Grade 12*

## Public Access to School Records

School district records are open for public inspection and copying. Access is limited to the extent that it would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Requests to inspect and/or copy district records can be made through any administrator. If you need assistance locating information, the district office staff will assist you. Copies of documents are 25 cents per page.

## Kindergarten

The full-day kindergarten curriculum emphasizes the Learning Center approach. It helps individualize learning experiences while capitalizing on student curiosity and interests. Youngsters are involved in directed and free-choice activities encompassing reading, mathematics, social living, science, art, music and motor activities.

## Use of School Facilities

The Board of Education encourages community groups to use school facilities when they are not being used for school programs. As in the past, groups desiring to use school facilities should make their requests well in advance by filling out the appropriate application forms. To obtain these forms, call 773-8800 (ext.0). An up-to-date insurance form must accompany the completed application before consideration can be made for scheduling of the facility.

## Partnering with Our Community

Staff and students at all buildings are involved actively supporting our community throughout the school year. Especially active during holiday times, district-wide food collections through the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation assist families in need. Our local veterans partner with the district on several projects. Our district and its community partners raised substantial funds for the new John R. Oishei Children's Hospital and had a Grand Island Community Room dedicated on the hospital's 10th floor. We are proud of the strong ties we have built with the business community through the Grand Island School Business Alliance (GISBA).

## Staying Connected

- Actively sharing the good news from the district through social media, follow us on Twitter @grandislandCSD to stay connected.
- The Bridge newsletter, published four times a year, is mailed to all district homes.
- The Board of Education videotapes its meetings which are available for viewing on the BOE webpage.
- Bookmark the District website, [www.grandislandschools.org](http://www.grandislandschools.org), to stay aware of events and news from the buildings.


**VIKING PRIDE: MORE THAN 260 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND  
20 MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVOLVED IN THE INSTRUMENTAL  
AND VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAMS. INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS FOR  
BAND AND STRING START IN FOURTH GRADE.**

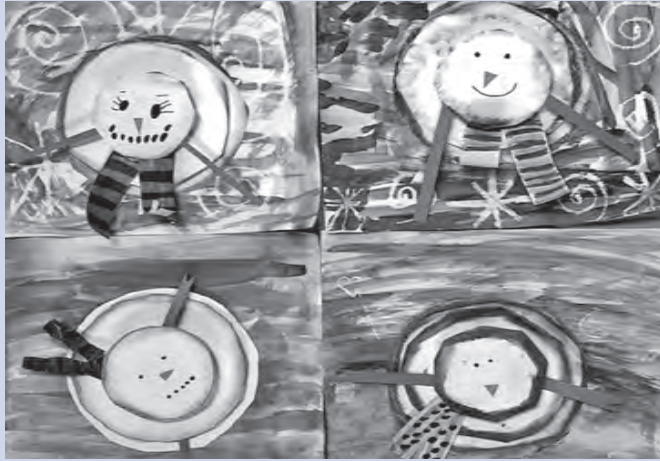






# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 					1	2
					Jr. High Area-All State Huth Family Game Night	Jr. High Area-All State SAT, 8 a.m. GIHS
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	HS/MS End of First Quarter GIHS Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Superintendent Conference Day No School</b> Instrumental Booster Mtg., 7 p.m.	GIHS Fall Job Fair, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Large Cafe Sidway picture retake day	GIHS String/Choral Concert, 8 p.m.	VCMS Veterans' Celebration and Parade VCMS Author Visit VCMS Student Council Elections	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<b>Veteran's Day No School</b>	BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	Kaegebein Band Concert, 7 p.m.	GIHS PTSA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., GIHS Library Spotlighter's Show, 7 p.m., HS Aud.	Spotlighter's Show, 7 p.m., HS Aud.	Spotlighter's Show, 1 and 7 p.m., HS Aud.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Kaegebein PTA Mtg., 6:30 p.m., library Sidway PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Huth Band/Elem. String Concert, 7 p.m. Huth Cookie Dough Pick Up, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.		K-5 Parent Teacher Conference Evening Grade 6 Fall Concert, 7 p.m.	K-5 Parent Teacher Conference Day, No Students Sr. High Area-All State	Sr. High Area-All State
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	VCMS Cyber Safety Presentation Sidway PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Thanksgiving Recess</b>			



*Sabreen Rizek, Eden Maerz, Mehak Arora, Aubrey Korkuc, Grade 2*

## The Black Scrawl and the White Flowers

(iambic pentameter)

The book is open wide at the sunrise,  
The pages show a house upon the hill.

A father sits beside his ill treasure.

Although she is pure as the white flowers,

The sickness spreads upon her frail figure

As black as burning ashes torn apart.

He bids farewell— her time is running out.

The father sets off on a long journey,

With trials full of trouble and despair,

Before the pages close themselves for good.

*By Cam Fairbairn, Grade 12*

## Emergency Weather Closings

As a matter of policy, schools will remain open whenever possible. However, when school must be closed because of weather conditions or other situations endangering the health or safety of children, announcements will be made over local media stations. We always strive to make this decision in a timely manner so that all families can make alternate arrangements, if needed.

The District will send out a recorded message on the Rapid Response System. **If you have not received a call from this system during a school closing, it may be that we do not have current contact information.** Please review the information provided to the school on a regular basis and send in a signed note with any changes, corrections, or additions. If no announcement is made between 6 and 9 a.m., you can assume that school will be open as usual. The following is a list of the local media stations contacted by the school district. Please consult your local stations for information regarding school closings.

WGRZ - Ch 2	WNED - 970 AM	KISS - 98.5 FM	WBEN - 930 AM	WJYE - 96.1 FM
WIVB - Ch 4	WECK - 1230 AM	WNSA - 107.7 FM	WUFO - 1080 AM	YNN
WKBW - Ch 7	WLVL - 1340 AM	WYRK - 106.5 FM	WHLD - 1270 AM	
WGR - 550 AM	WBLK - 93.7 FM	WHTT - 104 FM	WBUF - 92.9 FM	

## Administering Medications

These procedures must be followed for all prescription and over the counter medications. This includes cough drops, lozenges, lip balms, skin creams and analgesics, etc.

1. All medications must be brought to school by the parent. Students are not permitted to transport prescription or over the counter medication on the bus.
2. Written orders signed by a healthcare provider and instructions by the pharmacist must accompany the medication. These instructions must include the student's name, the name of the medication, the dosage, the route (the way it is given), time interval, the duration, possible side effects, etc. (A pharmacy label does not constitute a written order from a physician.)
3. The medication must be kept in a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy, doctor or manufacturer. Parents may wish to ask the pharmacist to split the prescription into two labeled containers, one for home and one for school.
4. Written permission must be submitted by the parent and kept on record in the health office, requesting that the school district comply with physician's orders. A copy of the prescription and over-the-counter medication request form is available in the health office and on the district website.
5. Students assessed by their licensed healthcare provider as being self-directed may carry and self-administer an inhaler or epi-pen once written permission is on file.

**VIKING PRIDE: CLASS OF 2019 SENIORS EARNED \$3.1 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED THROUGH DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.**





# December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 MS/HS Parent Teacher Conference Day, 12-3 p.m.; 4-7 p.m.	3 Instrumental Booster Meeting, 7 p.m.	4 Kaegebein Choral Concert, 7 p.m.	5 Huth Choral Concert, 7 p.m.	6 VCMS Family Fun Night HS/MS Midpoint of Second Quarter Grading Period	7
8	9 BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	10 Instrument Beginner's Concert, 7 p.m.	11	12 Huth Grade 3 Concert, 1:30 p.m. VCMS Winter Concert 1 (7 Band, 7 Chor, MoM), 7 p.m.	13	14
15 DECA Regionals, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Lockport HS	16	17 Sidway Kindergarten Holiday Musicale VCMS Winter Concert 2 (8 Band, 7/8 Orch, Singc, 7/8 Jazz), 7 p.m.	18 Sidway Kindergarten Holiday Musicale GIHS Winter Concert, 7:30 p.m.	19 Sidway Kindergarten Holiday Musicale VCMS Holiday Assembly	20 Huth Holiday Assembly Kaegebein Holiday Musicale VCMS Holiday Assembly	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Christmas Recess</b>						
29	30	31				
<b>Christmas Recess</b>						



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*Natalia Alderman, Grade 2*

## True Friends

A Friend is a gift;  
A person who really cares.  
Whenever you need them,  
They are always there.

*By Avery McNulty, Grade 4*



*Reagan Pankow, Grade 2*

## Home School Communications

Good communications are the basis of understanding that unites home and school efforts in support of youth. We will do our best to keep you informed of your child's progress, instructional offerings, proposed program changes and general levels of student achievement through report cards, parent conferences, notes and phone calls, open house programs, board meetings, news releases and advisory councils.

If you have a concern with your child's education, or with any aspect of the school system, we invite you to call the individual most closely associated with your concern. Initially your concern should begin with your child's teacher. When a problem relates to a building, call the principal; if it is a bus problem, call the transportation supervisor; if you are concerned with the appropriateness of your child's educational placement, call the director for curriculum and instruction. If you have not been able to resolve your concern at those levels, then call the superintendent of schools. If you still feel your communications are unsatisfactory, contact the board of education.

Remember, there are two sides to every story. To bypass the classroom teacher, the building principal or the superintendent of schools, it discredits them and is not fair to school personnel, yourself and your child.

## Child Abuse Hotline Notification (NYSOCFS)

School districts are required to provide this information to the community. If you suspect abuse or maltreatment, report it now! Call the NYS Office of Children and Family Services statewide toll free telephone number 1-800-342-3720 or access the website here: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/> If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TDD/TTY at 1-800-638-5163 or have your Video Relay System provider call 1-800-342-3720. If you believe that a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police department.

## Pesticides

If you would like a 48-hour prior notification of the application of pesticides that are scheduled to occur in your school, please the facilities office at 773-8824 or e-mail [jamesrozler@gicsd.org](mailto:jamesrozler@gicsd.org) to receive the request for the pesticide application notification form.

## AHERA Annual Notification

Under EPA regulations, the school district is required to notify all employees and occupants that asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) are present in each of the schools. The location of asbestos in each building can be found in the asbestos management plan located in the main office of each school. In order to protect the health and safety of every person who comes into the schools, the District has conducted periodic surveillances to detect any problems. Trained personnel continue to maintain the asbestos in a condition that will provide a safe environment for everyone. If you have any questions regarding the above information please contact the business office at 773-8805.

**VIKING PRIDE: THE GRAND ISLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EARNED THE HODGSON RUSS EXCELLENCE IN COLLABORATION AWARD FOR ITS GROWING READERS PROJECT WHICH PROVIDES BABIES WITH A BRAND-NEW BOOK EACH TIME THEY HAVE A WELL VISIT, UP TO 24 MONTHS, AT GRAND ISLAND PEDIATRICS.**





# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 			1 <b>New Year's Day No School</b>	2 <b>School Resumes</b>	3	4
5	6	7  Instrumental Boosters Mtg, 7 p.m.	8  Kaegebein PTA Mtg., 6:30 p.m., library	9	10	11  Elementary All-County Auditions Huth Road's Got Talent Auditions, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. GHIS Winter Ball, 7-10 p.m., HS Gym
12	13  BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	14  Sidway PTA meeting, 3:30 p.m. NAF Academy Information Night, 6:30 p.m., HS Library	15  Blood Drive (UNYTS), HS Aud. GIHS PTSA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HS Library	16	17	18  Jr. High All-County Auditions
19	20  <b>Martin Luther King Day No School</b>	21	22	23	24	25
		<b>HS Regents</b>				
					HS/MS End of Second Quarter VCMS Student Council Winterfest Dance, 6-8 p.m.	Sr. High All-County Auditions
26	27  BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	28	29	30  GIHS Musical, 7 p.m.	31  GIHS Musical, 7 p.m. WNY Conference Day for Music Educators	



Kailyn Smith, Grade 4



Jackson Trenda, Grade 3

## Being Kind is All it Takes

Being kind can make a difference  
Just with a simple act of kindness  
That will make somebody smile

Give more than you get,  
Share, care, and help.

It doesn't take much effort  
To make somebody's day.

You can start very small,  
By opening a door for someone

Or giving compliments.

You can make the world

A better place

By being kind,

That's all it takes.

By Avery McNulty, Grade 4

## Title IX and Section 504 Notice

The Grand Island Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or handicap. Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to the Title IX Coordinator or Section 504 Coordinator: Cheryl Cardone, Director, Pupil Personnel Services, 1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island, NY 14072 716-773-8815, cherylcadone@gicsd.org. Complaint Procedure: A parent, student or employee who wishes to complain about a violation of rights may do so by written complaint mailed, or delivered, to the official designated above.

The complainant should sign a statement after completing the form supplied by the coordinator. The coordinator shall interview the complainant within five working days after receipt of complaint. The complainant may produce witnesses and be accompanied by a representative. The coordinator may have the person against whom the complaint is directed appear at the first interview or at an adjournment thereof. The person or organization charged may appear with representation and may cross examine the complainant and witnesses and call witnesses in explanation or defense. Complainant may cross examine and rebut. The coordinator shall determine the facts and decide the issue as to violation and make recommendations to eliminate the violation if one is found. All decisions of the coordinator are subject to review by the superintendent of schools within 10 working days of receipt of coordinator's decision. The superintendent may exercise discretion to have more evidence and witnesses and hear further argument by the persons concerned in the complaint. The superintendent may reverse, amend or affirm the coordinator's decision and the superintendent's decision shall be final. If the complainant fails to appear at the time of the hearing, the complaint may be dismissed. The coordinator may excuse default in appearance on good cause shown. Ultimately, an appeal can be made to the Commissioner of Education through the Occupational Education Civil Rights Coordinating Unit, State Education Dept., Albany, NY 12230.

## Code of Conduct Summary

The goal of DASA is to create a safe supportive school climate where students can learn and focus, rather than fear being discriminated against and/or verbally and/or physically harassed. All public elementary and secondary school students have the right to attend school in a safe, welcoming, considerate and caring environment.

The Board of Education of the Grand Island Central School District has adopted and implemented a written policy on school conduct and discipline designed to promote responsible student behavior.

In accordance with the Dignity for All Students Act, School District policy and practice must ensure that no student is subject to discrimination or harassment, based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity, or sex by school employees or students on school property, on a school bus, or at a school function. The Dignity Act emphasizes the creation and maintenance of a positive learning environment for all students. In addition, the amended Dignity Act requires the development of measured, balanced, progressive and age-appropriate responses to discrimination, harassment, and bullying of students by students and/or employees. Remedial responses should place the focus of discipline on discerning and correcting the reasons why discrimination, harassment and bullying occurred. They should also be designed to correct the problem behavior, prevent another occurrence of the behavior, and protect the target of the act.

For the entire Code of Conduct, consult the District website.



**VIKING PRIDE: THE GRAND ISLAND MUSIC DEPARTMENT WAS  
SELECTED AS A "BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION"  
FOR 2019! THIS MARKS THE EIGHTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT  
THE GRAND ISLAND COMMUNITY HAS RECEIVED THIS HONOR!**







# February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 						1  Sidway Family Fun Day, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. GIHS Musical, 7 p.m.
2	3	4  Instrumental Boosters Mtg., 7 p.m.	5	6  Huth Road's Got Talent Evening Show, Viking Theater HS, 6 p.m. GIHS College Night, 6-9 p.m., Large Cafe	7	8
9	10  BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	11  String Kaleidoscope Rehearsal, 7 p.m.	12  National Honor Society Parent Orientation Meeting, 6-7 p.m., Large Cafe All-Island Band Concert 1 (HU, 7, CB), 7 p.m.	13  String Kaleidoscope Concert, 7 p.m.	14  VCMS Student Council Valentine's Day Volleyball Tournament	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>February Break</b>						
23	24  BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
<b>DECA States, Rochester, NY</b>						
					HS/MS Midpoint of Third Quarter Grading Period	



Addison Lewis, Grade 4



Kenna MacNeil, Grade 5



VCMS Chess Club



Samantha Grover, Grade 5

## Work for a Great District!

We continuously recruit substitute teachers, bus drivers, cleaners and food service staff. Interested applicants should visit the HR Personnel page under the Departments and Services tab on the district website.

## FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records. Educational records subject to this protection include all academic, attendance, health, guidance and special service reports. FERPA requires schools to inform parents and students annually of these rights. For the entire FERPA policy, please see the Annual Notifications webpage under the Community tab of [www.grandislandschools.org](http://www.grandislandschools.org)

Under FERPA, parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) have the rights to inspect and review the student’s educational records within 45 days from the date in which the school receives a request for access; to request the amendment of the student’s educational records that the parent or eligible student believes to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA; to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without their consent.

Generally, schools must have written permission/consent from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student’s education records. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions to a school official with a legitimate educational interest (i.e., the official needs the record to fulfill his or her professional responsibility); to another school district to which the student seeks or intends to enroll; to specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes; to appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student; to organizations conducting certain studies on behalf of the school; to accrediting organizations; to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena; to appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and to state and local authorities, within the juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

In addition, schools are also permitted to release information, without prior written consent of the parents or eligible student, which has been appropriately designated as “directory information” by the district. Grand Island Central School District has designed the following information as “directory information” used in honor roll, merit roll, annual yearbook, playbills and graduation programs: student’s name, address, telephone listing, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, date and place of birth, grade level, enrollment status, the school most recently previously attended if not Grand Island.

If you do not want Grand Island Central School District to disclose “directory information” from your child’s education records, you must notify the building principal in writing that you do not want “directory information” disclosed. The written notice to the principal about photo/directory information must be received no later than 14 days after the date of publication of the notice (or within 15 days of newly enrolling in the district).

**VIKING PRIDE: THE STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM AT VERONICA E. CONNOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND GRAND ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL ALLOWS STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN GRAND ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS BY PROVIDING BUILDING UPDATES TO BOARD MEMBERS. ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN THE MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**





# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
		<b>Huth Scholastic Book Fair</b>								
		<b>Sidway Dental Health Week</b>								
	All-Island Band Concert 2 (KA, 6, 8, WE), 7 p.m.	Instrumental Boosters Mtg., 7 p.m.	Choral Kaleidoscope, 7 p.m.	Huth Celebrate Music Concert, 1:30, 7 p.m. Kaegebein PTA Family Fun Night	K-5 Parent Teacher Conference, ½ Day Huth Bazaar	Elementary All-County Rehearsal				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14				
							<b>Sidway Teacher Appreciation Week</b>			
							<b>Huth PARP, March 9-23</b>			
	BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.		Elementary All-County Rehearsal Kaegebein PTA Mtg., 3:30 p.m., library	Kaegebein Chamber Recital, 7 p.m.	K-5 Parent Teacher Conference, ½ Day Elementary All-County, Jazz All-County	Elementary All-County, Jazz All-County				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
							<b>GIHS Spirit Week</b>			
							<b>Superintendent Conference Day No Students</b>	VCMS Elementary Tour	All-Island Jazz, 7 p.m.	Buffalo National College Fair - Junior Field Trip, 8:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Buffalo Convention Center GIHS PTSA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HS Library
					Jr. High All-County					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28				
							<b>Computer Based Testing Gr. 3-8 NYS ELA Assessment</b>			
							<b>Huth PARP</b>		<b>Paper-Based Gr. 3-8 NYS ELA Assessment</b>	
	BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	Sidway PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m.	GIHS Student Spring Job Fair, 2:30 - 4 p.m., GIHS Large Cafeteria		Sr. High All-County	Sr. High All-County				
29	30	31								
							<b>Computer Based Test, ELA</b>			
							BOE Joint Meeting with Town Board, 7 p.m., GICSD PD Room	Grade 6 Chamber Concert, 7 p.m.		



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# Grand Island Central School District and Building Dignity Act Coordinators

## District

Cheryl Cardone .....773-8815

## High School

Michael Lauria, Karen Surdyke .....773-8820

## Veronica E. Connor Middle School

John Fitzpatrick .....773-8830

## Huth Road

Maxwell Pikula .....773-8850

## Kaegebein

Mary Haggerty .....773-8840

## Sidway

Denise Dunbar .....773-8870



Annual Veteran's Parade



Operation Safe Stop


# Student Rights and Responsibilities

All students are entitled to exercise their constitutional rights as long as they do not interfere with the rights of others, or the orderly process of the school. The school has the right to adopt reasonable regulations in order to provide an orderly school environment. We demonstrate that we value our rights by behaving in a responsible manner. For the entire Code of Conduct, consult the district website.

A. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RIGHT TO:	B. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO:
Attend school in this district when residence requirements are met.	Attend school daily, except when ill, and to be on time to all classes.
Dress in such a way as to express his or her personality.	Dress so as to not endanger others' health and safety, or to distract others.
Expect that the school will be an orderly place for all students to gain an education.	Be aware of all rules and expectations regulating student behavior and to conduct himself/herself in an orderly manner.
Be given due process in cases of disciplinary action, including suspensions and/or expulsion.	Supply information of importance in disciplinary cases.
Be represented by an active student government selected by free school elections (Grades 6-12).	Take an active part in student government by running for office, conscientiously voting for the best candidates and/or making his/her problems known to the representatives.
Be granted equal educational opportunities.	Take advantage of all programs in order to develop abilities to the fullest.
Be afforded the opportunity to participate in athletic teams and extra-curricular activities regardless of gender.	Be physically fit and have an aptitude for the athletic event(s), and be aware of all rules and expectations governing participation and to conduct him/her in accordance with these guidelines.
Have access to information concerning drug and alcohol abuse, and to individuals or agencies capable of providing direct assistance.	Be aware of the information and services available in order to seek assistance in dealing with personal problems.
Have his/her student records available for inspection upon request.	Be aware of the right to inspect student records and the process to be followed.
Retain a reasonable degree of privacy.	Be aware of actions, which constitute serious and dangerous wrongdoing and not commit such acts.
Be given a formal grievance process.	Try to resolve grievances informally before moving to the formal stage.
Be free from discriminatory practices.	Refuse to join in any discriminatory practices against others.
Be respected as an individual who is entitled to his/her personal dignity and integrity.	Demonstrate appreciation for the dignity and integrity of all.
To be protected from intimidation, harassment, or discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, or religious practice, sex, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability, by employees or students on school property or at school-sponsored event, function or activity.	To respect one another and treat others fairly in accordance with the District Code of Conduct and the provisions of the Dignity Act. To conduct themselves in a manner that fosters an environment that is free from intimidation, harassment or discrimination. To report, and encourage others to report, any incidents of intimidation, harassment or discrimination.



# April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 			1	2	3	4  ACT, 8 a.m., GIHS
	5	6  BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	7  Instrumental Boosters Mtg., 7 p.m.	8  Business Marketing Honor Society Induction, 7-8 p.m., GIHS Large Cafeteria	9  VCMS Talent Show (students only) HS/MS End of Third Quarter	10  <b>Spring Recess</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Spring Recess</b>						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		<b>Paper-Based Gr. 3-8 NYS Math Assessment</b>				
		<b>Computer Based Testing Gr. 3-8 NYS Math Assessment</b>				
		BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.		Spotlighter's Show, 7 p.m., HS Aud.	Spotlighter's Show, 7 p.m., HS Aud.	Spotlighter's Show, 1 and 7 p.m., HS Aud.
26	27	28	29	30		
	<b>Computer Based Testing Gr. 3-8 NYS Math Assessment</b>	Kaegerbein Spring Choral Concert Rehearsal @ HS, 10:30 a.m. All Island PTSA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., GIHS Large Cafeteria	<b>DECA Nationals, Nashville, TN</b>			
			Kaegerbein Spring Choral Concert, 7 p.m.	Huth Band Concert, 7 p.m.		



Bryce Schreiber, Grade 3



Ella Szczepankiewicz, Grade 5



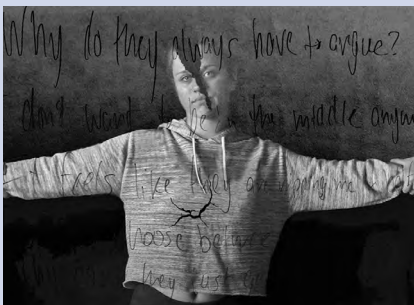
Huth Road Bottle Buddies



Ryan Saucier, Grade 9



Grace Hannah Simpson, Grade 5



Claire McCaffery, Grade 12



April James, Grade 4

## Student Dress Code

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. A student's dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up and nails shall:

- Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- Recognize that extremely brief garments such as tube tops, halter tops, midriffs, plunging necklines (front and/or back) short shorts, muscle shirts/tank-tops and see-through garments are not appropriate.
- Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing.
- Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is deemed inappropriate and/or a safety hazard as determined by the Administrator will not be allowed.
- Not including the wearing of hats in the classroom and/or building except for a medical, religious or relevant instructional purpose.
- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
- Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
- Jewelry shall not be worn during the participation of athletic events and physical education including, but not limited to, any body piercing.

A listing of what is considered acceptable as well as unacceptable clothing is disseminated to students and their parents periodically throughout the year and in the High School Student-Parent Handbook and the Middle School Agenda, which is given to all students. Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so or who repeatedly fails to comply shall be subject to discipline.

## School District -Town Board Wellness Committee


The Grand Island Central School District and the Grand Island Town Board have established a wellness committee as a joint effort to look at wellness, mental health, community health initiatives and options to renew the Family Support Center. More information will be shared at GICSD Board of Education meetings, town board meetings and in future The Bridge newsletter issues.

## Growing Readers

The Growing Readers book project, spearheaded by the Grand Island Central School district and involving many community organizations, has given 280 books to babies ages two months to 24 months. Through the initiative started in 2018, babies will receive a brand-new book each time they have a well visit, up to 24 months, at Grand Island Pediatrics. The goal of the program is to give babies and their parents a head start on reading together and building a bond through books. Parents are also given a library application and a milestone language sheet that outlines voice, speech and language milestones that babies should reach within their first two years of life. The committee has chosen board books written by Sandra Boynton, including A-Z, Doggies, Opposites, Horns to Toes, Blue Hat Green Hat, Moo Baa La La La, The Going to Bed Book and But Not the Hippopotamus. At two months of age, the Tana Hoban book, Black & White, is given.



# May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 					1	2
					<b>DECA Nationals, Nashville, TN</b>	
					Sidway Fine Art Show/ Ice Cream Social 6-8 p.m.	SAT, 8 a.m., GIHS
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b>						
	National Honor Society Rehearsal, 2:30 p.m., HS Aud.	Instrumental Boosters Mtg., 7 p.m. Kaegebein Band and Strings Concert, 7 p.m., GIHS Aud.	Senior Portraits (Class of 2021 - Juniors), HS Aud. National Honor Society Induction, 7 p.m., HS Aud.	Senior Portraits (Class of 2021 - Juniors), HS Aud. Huth Spring Choral Concert, 7 p.m.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	BOE Meeting, Budget Hearing, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	Blood Drive (UNYTS), HS Aud. Kaegebein PTA Mtg., 6:30 p.m., library	Instrument Demo Day, Grade 3 HS/MS Midpoint of Fourth Quarter Grading Period	GIHS PTSA Meeting , 6:30 p.m., HS Library	Sidway Walk for Hope Viking Olympics	Junior Prom, 6 - 10 p.m., Classics V Banquet Center
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Annual Budget Vote and BOE Election, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. GIHS gymnasium GIHS PTSA Academic Awards, 9:15 a.m., HS Aud. Sidway PTA, 3:30 p.m. Sidway Grade 1 Patriotic Assembly, 1:30 p.m. VCMS Spring Concert 1 (Gr 6 & 7), 7 p.m.	Sidway Grade 1 Patriotic Assembly, 1:30 p.m. VCMS/GIHS Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m.	Sidway Grade 1 Patriotic Assembly, 1:30 p.m.	<b>Memorial Day Recess No School</b>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<b>Memorial Day Recess No School</b>		<b>Huth Scholastic Book Fair</b>			
31	Wind Ensemble Performance, 10 a.m.	Beginning Instrument Parent Night, 7 p.m.	GIHS Small Ensemble Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m.	VCMS Spring Concert 2 (Grade 8, MoM, Singco), 7 p.m.		Senior Prom, 6 - 10 p.m., Niagara Falls Country Club





Leah Mayer, Grade 2



Noelle Linenfelser, Grade 9

## Patriotism, Citizenship Education

The Board of Education recognizes and affirms the importance to students of learning to appreciate the sanctity of life and the dignity of the individual. In order to promote a spirit of patriotic and civil service and obligation, as well as to foster in students of the District moral and intellectual qualities which are essential in preparing them to meet the obligations of citizenship, the Board requires students over the age of 8 who are attending District schools to attend instructional courses in patriotism, citizenship, and human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery and the Holocaust. The Board also directs that all students attending District schools in grades 8-12 receive instruction in the history, meaning, significance of the United States Constitution, the New York State Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

## Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

PPRA affords parents and students who are 18 or emancipated minors (eligible students) certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

**Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas (protected information survey) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):**

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

**Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:**

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;

**Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:**

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above;
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

### the soft rains of today

the cobwebs are more than just apathy,  
they're soft reminders of houses once clean.

invitations to possibility.

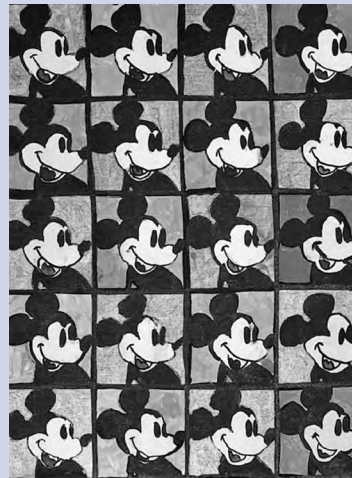
what sounds once echoed against these  
old walls?

for lonely homes were not always alone.

*By Grace Wenner, Grade 10*






Amanda Lawrence, Grade 12



Marissa Aceti, Grade 5



# June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 	1	2 Regents Exam, US History	3 GIHS Band Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. Sidway Kindergarten Orientation, 11:15 a.m. dismissal	4	5 GIHS Senior Class Day, Senior Lunch, 8:30 a.m., HS Aud.	6
7	8 BOE Meeting; Tenure/ Retiree Reception, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.	9 GIHS Choral Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Regents Exams		20
					HS/MS End of Fourth Quarter Sidway Field Day	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Regents Exams					
	BOE Meeting, GIHS PD Room, 7:30 p.m.			<b>Last Student Day</b>	Last Teacher Day Regents Rating Day	
28  GIHS Graduation, 10 a.m., Kleinhan's Music Hall	29	30				



# Grand Island Central School District

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## Board of Education

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Brian Graham, Ed.D.



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## Transportation

**70** buses in our fleet

**3,350** students transported daily

**750,000** miles logged each year

**50+** schools are our destinations on and off Grand Island

**98%** of our drivers and attendants are Island residents

In order to assure safe transportation to and from school, students must behave while riding the bus. Misbehavior that distracts the driver is a very serious hazard to the safe operation of the bus, and as such, jeopardizes the health, safety and welfare of all the passengers. Continued misbehavior (three offenses) or misbehavior of a serious nature, will result in the suspension of riding privileges. If riding privileges are suspended, your child is still obligated to attend school and you are obligated to assure that he/she gets to and from school. Video cameras on the school bus may monitor student behavior and conversation.

Acceptable items to carry on the bus include books, small backpacks, small book bags, lunch boxes. Students are not allowed to take photo or video on the bus with an electronic device.

High school and middle school students may walk up to five tenths (.5) of a mile to a bus stop. Students in grades 2-5 may walk up to three tenths (.3) of a mile to a bus stop; kindergarten and first grade students may walk up to two tenths (.2) of a mile to a bus

stop. Parents of K-1 students are requested to meet their children at the bus stop to help ensure their child's safety.

After School/Late Run Buses: Please have your child notify you in advance that they plan to stay after school, the reason or event, and the expected time home. Each after-school late run bus has a large area of the Island to cover with an abbreviated service. Drop-offs may not be the same as the regular A.M.-PM bus stop. Additionally, drop-off times may vary each night, depending on how many students are on the bus and where they live. After School/Late Bus Dismissal Times are 4 p.m., Monday - Thursday at Kaegerbein, Huth, GIHS/VCMS. Please have your child check the map(s) located at each school office to see which bus they should take. Bus schedules and service are subject to change.

Visit the Transportation Department webpage to read the complete School Bus Safety Information and learn how to download the MyStop App to view the current location of their child's bus on routes.

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