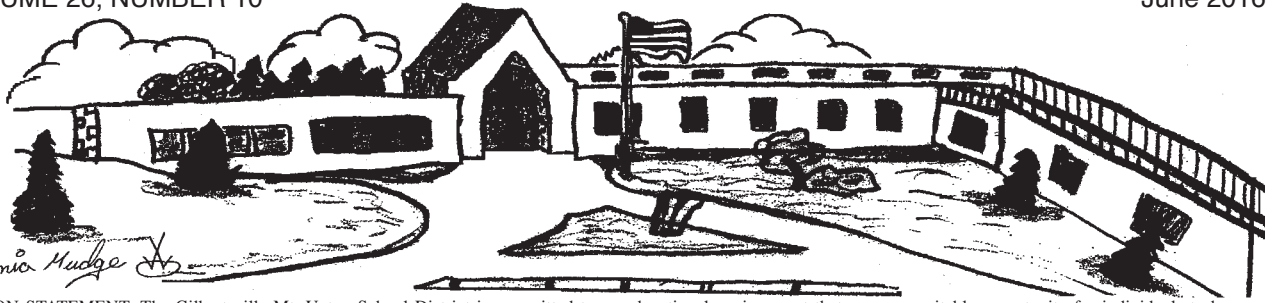


# GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MISSION STATEMENT: The Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton School District is committed to an educational environment that assures equitable opportunity for individuals to become College and Career Ready and ultimately, responsible, productive members of society. We will encourage individual excellence in students of all ages that they may gain a lifetime enthusiasm for work and learning.

## Superintendent's Message

It is with great pleasure that I announce the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District employee and teacher of the year award winners. Kristy Carey is our Support Staff of the Year Award recipient and Alicia Cummings is our Teacher of the Year Award recipient. Kristy and Alicia were recognized at our annual Employee of the Year Awards Assembly. Please join me in congratulating Kristy and Alicia with this well-deserved recognition! I am grateful to them for their years of dedicated service to our school district.

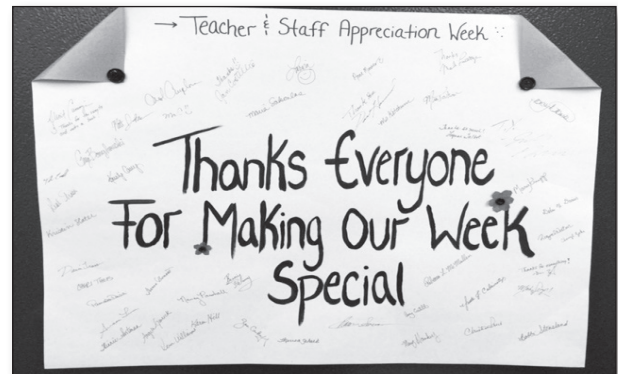
Support Staff of the Year 2016 recipient Kristy Carey, joined our staff in 2007, and works as an aide. She is a beloved recess monitor, coach, and advisor for the Class of 2020. Kristy is always willing to step up and pitch in whenever she is needed.

Teacher of the Year 2016 recipient, fifth-grade teacher Alicia Cummings, joined our staff in 2007 after graduating from SUNY Oneonta. She is involved in Student Council, PTO, and GMUTA. As GMUTA's Co-President Kimberly Degear stated, [Mrs. Cummings] is responsible for "cultivating minds" and vegetables by initiating a successful School and Community garden right here on campus that helps to feed our students.

Thank you to all of our residents who were able to vote and support our recent budget proposal for the 2016-2017 school year. Congratulations are also in order for Jeremy Pain and Barbara Hill who were voted in as board members. We have a very supportive Board of Education that works well together to offer a great educational experience for our students. The Board of Education truly supports the District motto, "It's the quality of the journey that counts!" As community members, you are supporting this motto daily as you support our students and programs, and when you vote in support of our school budget. It is a true team effort and I thank you!

I invite all of you to participate in our top annual ceremony . . . graduation! We will honor the class of 2016 at a commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 25, at 10:30 a.m. This ceremony does not require tickets, so all are invited and welcome to come. We are very proud of our graduates and love to use this ceremony as a way to highlight their journey here at GMU, their successes, and their continued journey into their lives after graduation. Hope to see you there!

—Annette Hammond, Superintendent



*A thank you from the teachers and staff!*

## Support Staff Employee of the Year: Kristy Carey



*Principal Denise Wickham, BOE President Jerry Theis, Kristy Carey, CSEA President Deborah Ostrander, Superintendent Annette Hammond*

## Teacher of the Year: Alicia Cummings



*Principal Denise Wickham, BOE President Jerry Theis, GMUTA Co-President Aaron Sorensen, Alicia Cummings, GMUTA Co-President Kimberly Degear, Superintendent Annette Hammond*

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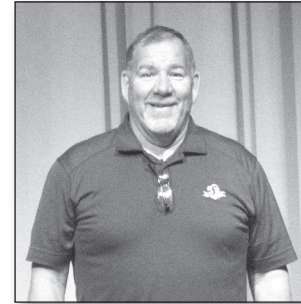
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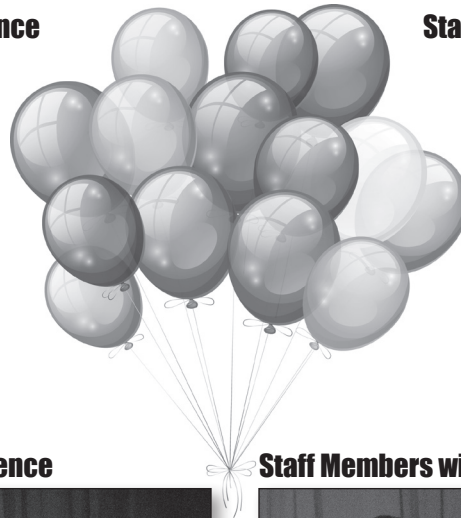


*Cheryl Zehr; absent: Herman Frank*

**Staff Member with 30+ Years' Experience**



*Mark Luettger*



**Staff Members with 25+ Years' Experience**



*Bernadette Delaney, Mary Hankey, Issy Clapp, Bobbi Stensland, Joseph Zaczek*

**Staff Members with 20+ Years' Experience**



*Top row: Terry Wilber, Stephen Cimineri, Edward Wilson; front row: Deborah Ostrander, Nancy Parshall, Alan Digsby, Mary Krupp; absent: Margaret Lackos, Nicole Christian*

**Staff Members with 15+ Years' Experience**



*Top row: Raquel Norton, Ormand Moore, Daniel Hammond, Anne Monaco, Janice Costello; front row: Yvette Cabrinety, Cindy Ketchum, Cheri Theis, Meghan Benoit; absent: Jillian Dickerson, Jeffrey Zaczek, Lori Heggenstaller*

**Staff Members with 10+ Years' Experience**



*Top row: Gerrit Bakhuizen, Carol Angelone, Debra Davies, Theresa Bennett, Darin Trass, Mark Seigers, Karen Hill; second row: Thomas Connell, Aaron Sorensen, Becky Banks, Kristin Slater, John Grenier, Carol Seha; front row: Vernon Williams, Pamala Davis, Maria Sakoulas, Larisa Waghorn, Erin Marinelli, Kimberly Degear; absent: Jessica Barnes, Pamela Rosenberg, Joanne Krut, Jamie Privitera*



**Thank you for your continued  
commitment to our students!**



## Middle/High School News

It is hard to believe that the year is almost over and that Regents Exams are June 14-22. Middle school and high school students only attend school on the dates that they are scheduled to take an exam. The last day of regular classes for 7th-12th grade students is June 13. The Regents Exam schedule is enclosed in this newsletter, so please note dates and times of exams. All students who are planning to eat breakfast and/or lunch on the days a test is scheduled must sign up with the teacher of the exam they are taking. Students who need mid-day transportation to school for an afternoon exam or transportation home from a morning exam also need to sign up with the teacher of the exam they are taking.

### June 21-22—Lunch will ***NOT*** be served.

Please join us in the auditorium on June 8, at 6:30 p.m. for our annual 9-12 Awards Ceremony to recognize students for both academic and extracurricular accomplishments from the school year.

All seniors are required to attend a mandatory graduation rehearsal on June 24, at 8:00 a.m. Graduation is scheduled on June 25, at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to join us for the Baccalaureate Ceremony scheduled on June 24, at 7:00 p.m. at Centennial Park in Gilbertsville. Congratulations to the class of 2016!

Final report cards for this school year will be mailed home the week of June 27. I will be here through the summer preparing for the start of the 2016-17 school year and will mail student schedules home in early August. I hope everyone has a safe and restful summer!

### June Dates to Remember

- 1 Algebra II Common Core Regents
- 2 & 4 Sherburne Pageant of Bands
- 6 8th Grade Science Written Exam  
Spring Sports Awards, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 9-12 Awards Assembly, 6:00 p.m.
- 13 5-8 Awards Ceremony, 8:15 a.m.
- 14-22 Regents Exams (See schedule)
- 21/22 No Lunch Served
- 23 No School for Students**
- 24 Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal,  
8:00 a.m.  
Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Graduation, 10:30 a.m.

— Ms. Wickham, PK-12 Principal

## Elementary News

As the weeks begin to wind down, we are busy planning year-end events. On June 6, our 4th grade will take the Science Written Test, which will be the last of the State testing for the students. I think at this point, students are all looking forward to the end of the year celebrations!

There are individual grade level field trips being planned, as well as classroom events, so please be sure to continue going through your child's folders looking for notes from the teachers. No field trips take place without a notice going home to parents in advance. If you have questions, please contact the Main Office and leave a message for your child's teacher.

Kindergarten Registration was held in April, but if there are any children who will be five on or before December 1, who still have not registered, please call the Guidance Office at 783-2207, ext. 141 to set up an appointment to enroll your child. It is important that incoming Kindergarten children attend the Summer Bridging Program (Dates to follow).

For NEW incoming kindergarten children, Kindergarten Bridging is in August. If your child is registered and did NOT attend the GMU PK program, information will be sent regarding transportation, but if you have any questions feel free to call the Guidance Office.

### June Dates to Remember

- 6 4th Grade Science Written Test
- 20 Elementary Field Days
- 21-22 No Lunch Served
- 22 Last day of school PK-6  
PK-4 Moving Up Ceremony, 8:30 a.m.
- 23 No School for Students**

Parents, if you are planning to take your child home after the Moving-Up Ceremony on June 22 please sign them out prior to the ceremony.

Elementary students will receive their 4th Quarter Report Card on June 22.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer!

— Ms. Wickham, PK-12 Principal

## Labels for Education® Program Winding Down



We have some sad news. In the past few years participation in Labels for Education has declined and as a result, Campbell has come to the very difficult decision to wind down the LFE program. The good news is nothing changes this program year. There will be changes for next year's program starting August 1, 2016. We will continue to support American kids through our Grand Stand for Schools<sup>SM</sup> sweepstakes and our community efforts which we annually contribute \$70 million in food and funding to tackle obesity and hunger amongst our country's most vulnerable families.

## June 2016 Examination Schedule

*Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.*

June 1 Wed.	June 14 Tuesday	June 15 Wed.	June 16 Thursday	June 17 Friday	June 20 Monday	June 21 Tuesday	June 22 Wed.	June 23 Thursday
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>								<b>RATING DAY</b>
Algebra II (Common Core)	RE Global History & Geography	Living Envi- ronment	Algebra I (Common Core)	Physical Setting/ Earth Science  Algebra 2/ Trig.	RCT Math	Physical Setting/ Chemistry  RCT Global Studies	RCT Writing	
<b>12:15 p.m.</b>								<b>Uniform Admission Deadlines</b>  <i>Morning Exams 10:00 a.m.  Afternoon Exams 2:00 p.m.</i>
Special Admin. Integrated Algebra	RE in ELA (Common Core)	RE U.S. History & Gov't.	Comp. English	Geometry (Common Core)	RCT U.S. History & Gov't.	Physical Setting/ Physics  RCT Reading	RCT Science	

### Flamingo Flocking!

Have you ever seen flocks of pink flamingos gathering in the yards of your friends and neighbors? You can send the flamingos to roost in any private yard in the GMU school district.

A large flock (12) can migrate for \$15 or you can choose a small flock (6) for \$10.

The flock can be sent anonymously or with the sender's

name included. The birds will stay for a short time before they mysteriously move in the darkness to another yard.

Remember, if you flock someone you may be flocked back in return! Flocking insurance can be purchased to prevent the pink birds from appearing on your lawn for only \$10.

The flamingos are friendly, but may only be removed by GMU SADD Club members.

#### Flamingo Flocking Order Form

Name of Flocking "Victim" \_\_\_\_\_

Friend's Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions/house description/direction \_\_\_\_\_

Large Flock (12 birds) \$15

Small Flock (6 birds) \$10

Your Name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

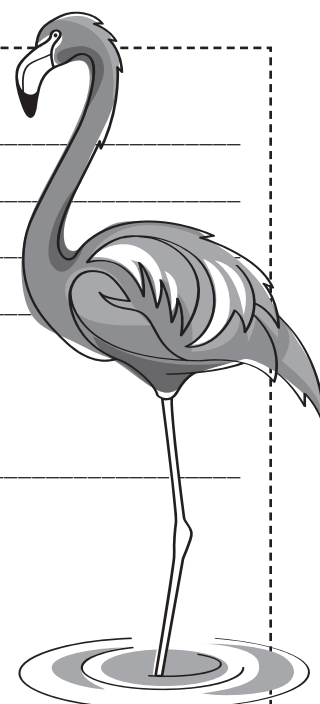
*\*You MUST include your name and phone number*

I DO NOT want my friend to know I ordered the flamingo flocking!

I NEED flocking insurance: \$10 enclosed!

Please return with payment to any GMU SADD member or GMU Main Office.

Checks may be made payable to GMU SADD



## Reminder from the Health Office

Once again the end of this school year is rapidly approaching and it is time for all student's in-school medications/supplies to be returned. I would appreciate it if you would take care of this by June 23. If medications are not picked up within seven days of this date, they will be discarded. New Health Care Provider orders will be required for the next school year if your child should need to take medication in school. I will also need a Health Care Provider's order for those students that are able to carry and administer their medication as needed. This is usually for their inhalers. However, some students who have Epipens may also have an order for them to self-carry.

Also, a reminder for the new school year, 2016-17, the following procedure for medication to be administered at school must be followed (these are New York State Education requirements):

- A written order from the student's doctor
- Medication must be in current prescription container with the name of the student on it
- Signed written permission from parent/guardian to give medication to student in school
- Medication must be delivered to Health Office by parent/guardian only

**THESE REQUIREMENTS ALSO APPLY TO ANY "OVER-THE-COUNTER" MEDICATIONS AS WELL, WHICH INCLUDES COUGH DROPS, ETC.**

Thank you for your cooperation with these requirements.  
— Carol Angelone, RN, GMU Health Office

## New Immunization Requirements

Once again, New York State has notified all schools of the new immunization requirements for the coming school year. Menactra (meningitis immunization) will be required for students going into 7th grade and 12th grade. Tdap is required for students going into 6th grade and PK students require a second varicella immunization (chicken pox) for Kindergarten.

Memos have been sent out in May detailing these requirements. Please have these immunizations completed before the start of school. If not done, you will have 14 calendar days to complete them. At that point, if there is no documentation with date the immunization was given and there is no documented appointment from the Health Care Provider, the student will not be permitted to attend school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.  
— Carol Angelone, RN, GMU Health Office

## High School Guidance Office News

### Scholarships

Seniors, please continue to check the billboard outside the Guidance Office for new scholarship opportunities. We are receiving new applications every week so don't miss out on a chance for free money.

### Advanced Placement Program

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Advanced Placement program this year. The AP program provides students with an opportunity to engage in college-level studies while still in high school. Depending on the score that students receive on the AP exams, they may earn college credit. Students may also be able to skip introductory course-work when they are freshmen in college, depending on their scores. This year's AP students include **Courtney Baker, Madison Banks, Jillian Butts, Elaina Palada, Michelle Primrose, Katie Schultes, Will Schwartz** and **Colin Wind**. AP exam grade reports will be available online for students in July.

### June 2016 Regents Exam Schedule

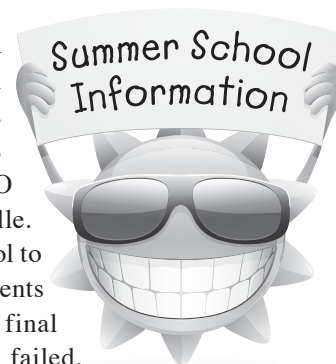
*See page 4 for full schedule.*

### 2016 Summer School

GMU students who need to attend summer school to make up failed courses or retake Regents exams will be attending the DCMO BOCES campus in Masonville. To qualify for summer school to make up course credit students must have at least a 55% final average in the course they failed.

The grade earned during the school year will be combined with the summer school grade to achieve the final grade for the course. The school year grade will count as 25% while the summer school grade will count as 75% of the final grade. Recommendations for summer school will be mailed home this month.

Middle School and High School Summer School registration will be held on Thursday, June 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the GMU Guidance Office. Students who need to enroll in classes or retake Regents exams need to fill out a registration form in order to attend summer school or take an August Regents exam. Both students and parents need to sign the registration form. Transportation for Summer School will be provided from GMU to BOCES and from BOCES to GMU. Transportation to and from home will be the responsibility of the student/family. Please call Mrs. Wilcox in the Guidance Office at 783-2207 if you have questions regarding the summer school program.



# Spirit Week

The GMU High School Student Council held their Spring Spirit Week from April 18-22. This year each spirit day was school-wide, so even our friends in Elementary and Middle School got dressed up for the following themes:

- Monday was *Lazy Day* (winners were **Madolin Lull** and **Hunter Oliver**).
- Tuesday was *Tacky Tuesday* (winners were **Vicki Drapaniotis** and **Will Schwartz**).
- Wednesday was *Sports Jersey Day* (winners were **Katie Schultes** and **Samuel Piedmonte**).
- Thursday was *Earth Day* (winners were **Cynthia Davis** and **Michael Pope**).

## Class Battles

Each class had a color to wear while grades 9-12 participated in *Spirit Games* in the gym. The seniors were victorious this year! Students voted Mrs. Toulson and Mr. Johnson as Spirit Queen and King respectively. Highlights included the Human Ring Toss, Hungry Hungry Humans, and of course the traditional Tug of War! We hope everyone had fun showing their school spirit!

We also held the Sadie Hawkins Dance for grades 7-12 Friday night! Thanks to Tyler Lindsley for being a great DJ.

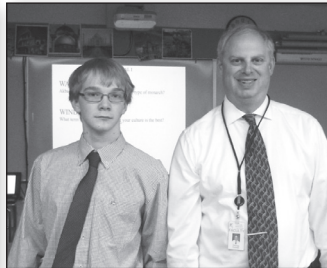
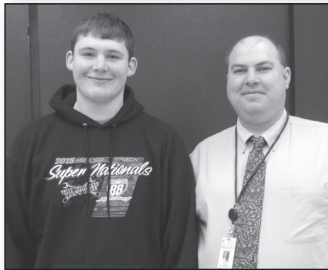
— HS Student Council



# Senior Switch Day

Senior Switch Day was held on May 5. This tradition has been a way for the High School Student Council and the Seniors to say thanks to our staff. We usually try to hold it before, during or after Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Please enjoy the photos included as we wish our graduates well!

— Mrs. Delaney and HS Student Council



## Loving Our Earth



This time of year is the best time to be thinking about how we can be kind to the Earth so that the beauty and resources we have now are around for many years to come. We have been thinking about these things in fifth grade, reading Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* and creating art through recycling magazines.

We planted *salad bowls* for Mother's Day in recycled tomato containers that included mixed lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers and basil. Growing these things at home can reduce the impact we have on the environment, limiting the fossil fuels needed to produce and transport the food we buy in the store.

We were proud to receive white pine seedlings through the Department of Environmental Conservation's School Seedling Program. Our class planted the pine seedlings along the entrance to the nature trail and happily gave out almost 50 trees to students in grades K-2 during Morning Raiders.

Be on the lookout for everyday ways to reduce the impact you have on the environment, recycle whenever you can, and find ways to repurpose and reuse materials into something great, rather than sending them to the dump.

— Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Parshall,  
Mrs. Marinelli and Mr. Cimineri





## Makin' Movies



A group of intrepid animators gathered after school to test out some movie making software donated by the GMU-PTO. With the help of Mrs. Cummings and Mr. Posner, 10 student film makers put their imaginations to work and came up with four very short stop motion animations using modeling clay, paper, beans and oats. Everyone had a good time. The films will be screened before our June 10 movie night. If you are interested in trying this, we will be doing more next school year. Contact Mr. Posner at [blue.bear.pappa@gmail.com](mailto:blue.bear.pappa@gmail.com).

Participating students include: **Fiona Held, Mackenzie Cherry, Hunter Crawford, Bianca Plows, Ella Stockdale, Brian Wilson, Corey Wilson, Rene' Posner, Gabe Mariano and Will Schwartz.**



## May Artist of the Month



The Artist of the Month for May is a student in Mrs. Stensland's PK class, **Julius Smith**, our very first PK Artist of the Month!

The PK students were working on color and color mixing. We learned how mixing two *primary* colors like red and blue would make a *secondary* color, purple. We used colored Model Magic clay that was red, blue and yellow, mixed them together two colors at a time to get a third color. Then we made a color circle using our clay.

The artwork that we did next was a flower painting, and instead of using the colors orange, green and purple, we mixed them on the painting. It was very exciting to watch the colors appear on the paper as we mixed them together. When they dried, I used a pen to outline the shapes of the flowers.

Julius liked working with the watercolors and mixing them together to get new colors. We do a lot of different projects, and when I asked Julius which was his favorite, he said it was when we worked with colored pasta to make designs and pictures.

When Julius is working on his art outside of the classroom, he likes to draw pictures of his dogs and color them.

Great job, Julius!

## Student of the Month

Congratulations **Courtney Baker**, June's Senior of the month! Courtney has been a major part of GMU's extra-curricular and sports scene here at GMU throughout her high school years. She has been Vice-President for the Class of 2016 and High School Student Council (in charge of school wide recycling). She has been a member of NHS, SADD, Mock Trial, Chorus, Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Symphonic Band (playing more than one instrument). She is an organizer, reliable support system, hard worker, and caring, funny young woman whose smile is contagious. Currently she is enrolled in AP U.S. Politics and Government, TC3 Academic Writing, and Intro. to the College Experience, Pre-Calculus, Exploring Human Design, and several music classes. Courtney will be attending the University of Tennessee next fall, where we are sure she will thrive and succeed while staying true to herself! You will be missed Court!



— HS Student Council

## Scholar Recognition



**Elaina Palada** was selected for Scholar Recognition this year, and chose Mr. Mathew Oram as her accompanying/most influential teacher.

## Law Day

On Monday, May 2, **Elaina Palada** and parents, Laura and Reverend Randy Palada, attended the Law Day Ceremony held at Otsego County Court House in Cooperstown. This annual event is sponsored by the



Otsego County Bar Association. Elaina was one of students nominated from school districts across the county, and we congratulate her for placing second in the competition! She was given certificates from Attorney General Schneiderman's office, Congressman Chris Gibson's office and the Otsego County Bar Association. She also received a monetary award, after taking a short exam and being interviewed by a panel of attorneys in April.

The ceremony, organized by Bar Association President Marvin Parshall and Law Day Coordinator and Attorney Steve Ratner, was themed *Miranda: More Than Words*. The ceremony was presided over by Otsego County Court Judge Brian Burns, as well as other distinguished Judges and attorneys from the area. Following introductions given by Attorney Parshall, guest speakers included Asst. Attorney General Joseph Romani from the Binghamton Regional Attorney General's Office. Judge Burns celebrated the students who were nominated for the prestigious award and the characters of kindness, tolerance, compassion, and community that they and all of us should exhibit.

After the ceremony, the Bar Association sponsored a luncheon at the Otesaga Hotel, which was attended by Elaina, her parents, and Mrs. Delaney. We are all very proud of Elaina and her accomplishments and contributions to our school! We wish her much happiness and continued success after graduation from GMU!

## Raiders Safety Patrol



## Washington, D.C. / Philadelphia Trip

On May 7, twenty-nine 6th graders traveled to Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia with 300 Safety Patrol members from 10 area schools for a 4-day and 3-night visit. In Washington, D.C. we visited the U.S. Capitol, U.S. Botanic Garden, Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. We saw the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Marine Corps Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial and the Martin Luther King Memorial. Students checked out the Declaration of Independence and The Constitution at the National Archives.

The 6th graders attempted to fly their own jet fighter on the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Flight Simulators. Please do not let 6th graders fly your plane, they have only mastered crashing right now. And went to the Newseum—an interactive museum blending five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits. We took the elevator to the top of the Washington Monument for a stunning view of our capitol city.

At Arlington National Cemetery we watched the changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown and paid our respect to John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy. At the National Zoo in Washington we observed a large variety of animals from across the world. The pandas from China were everyone's favorite.

In Philadelphia, the students went to Independence Hall, the U.S. Mint, the Benjamin Franklin Print Shop and museum and the Liberty Bell. We explored science at the Franklin Institute, enjoyed a Planetarium show, and watched an IMAX movie.

Thanks to our parents, friends, school staff and community members for their continuing support and contributions to our trip. And a special thanks to the GMU Booster Club for the t-shirts, Wilkinson's Salvage in Mt. Upton for their support with the Steel Drive, the GMU Class of 2015 and everyone who attended GMU's Movie Night.

## Runner-Up in Anti-Distracted Driving Short

WASHINGTON, April 14, 2016 – Today, CTIA Wireless Foundation™ announced William Schwartz, 17, of Masonville, New York as a runner-up of its second annual “Drive Smart: No Distractions, No Excuses” teen digital short contest, which included a \$1,000 scholarship.

Through a partnership with By Kids For Kids, CTIA Wireless Foundation created the Drive Smart campaign to inspire teens to create compelling digital shorts to discourage their peers (and adults) from distracted driving. Schwartz’s digital short was chosen from hundreds of digital short submissions from students across the country.

“Distracted driving is a dangerous and deadly habit on America’s roadways, which is why the Department of Transportation has made it a priority to encourage people to stay focused behind the wheel,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx. “I congratulate the finalists, and am confident that this type of work will play an important role in raising awareness that staying focused is the only way to stay safe on the road.”

“I believe that this short film will empower teenagers because it will show that they are capable of making the right choice not to text and drive,” Schwartz said.

“The wireless industry is committed to educating consumers about driver safety and distracted driving. I’m proud of the Foundation’s Drive Smart program that helps engage teenagers and provides a platform for young drivers to show their peers why driver safety is the number one priority when driving,” said Meredith Attwell Baker, President of CTIA Wireless Foundation and President and CEO of CTIA.

Claire Offenberger of Irvine, California, was the grand prize winner and awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. A fellow runner-up, Kristen Mittler of Washington, Missouri, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and three semifinalists each won \$500 scholarships: Charles Taylor of Cincinnati, Ohio; Jeron Kreamer of Middleburg, Pennsylvania; and Dana Borejka of Mercer Island, Washington.

The grand prize winner, runner-ups and semifinalists were chosen by five senior executives from the wireless, automotive and advertising industries. Entries were evaluated based on creativity, communicative effectiveness and potential impact on teens.

To learn more about the Drive Smart: No Distractions, No Excuses campaign and watch the digital shorts, visit <http://drivesmartnow.com/>.

# Congratulations!

## Mock Trial Team News 2016

This year’s Mock Trial team was comprised of 25 students from grades 9-12. The team was fortunate to have many returning members. Many Saturday mornings were spent reviewing the case, creating a pool of questions for the prosecution and defense sides, practicing court room procedures, improving student presence, and developing opening and closing arguments. Competition came from the schools of Afton, Norwich, a BOCES team, Unadilla Valley, and Sherburne-Earlville. In the end the team was declared county champions once again. The next step was to compete at the regional level in Syracuse. Although the students performed very well, the team did not move on to the state level. Many thanks go to the BOE and administration for allowing the team to travel and compete at the regional level. Also, a big thank you goes out to the transportation department for always being ready to take the team on its journey, even if the schedule was frequently changed. The community should be aware that the team receives a great deal of assistance from Claudette Newman; she is our attorney-advisor. The team is very grateful for her guidance, and she should receive much praise from the community.

The team members for this year were **Courtney Baker, Jillian Butts, Lexus Coughlin, Matthew Lyons, Elle MacPherson, Elaina Palada, Colin Wind, Molly D’Amato, Kayla Grabo, Nicole Grabo, Felicia Musson, Mickenson Clune, Savana Conrade, Elizabeth French, Meredith Hammond, Charlene Heisler, Rachel Lyons, Michael O’Connor, Scarlett Newman, Michael Picozzi, Timothy Picozzi, Lucas Piedmonte, Michael Pope, Nina D’Amato and Zara Zeidman.**

The team looks forward to another successful season in the 2016-2017 school year.

### Legal Notice of Fire Inspection

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2015-16 Gilbertsville-Mount Upton school building, press box and bus garage for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, or employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the district office of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School for inspection by all interested persons.





# Night at the Park!

**Damaschke field, Neawah Park, Oneonta.**

**June 10th at 7:00 P.M.**

## **Free admission-**

Bring your family and friends! Tickets are not necessary but can be picked up in the district office. **All are welcome!!**

## **Union Proud**

Do you belong to a labor union? Wear your union shirt for prizes (while supplies last)



## **BOCES Saves Districts in School Food**

The Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES received an excellent review in an audit of its Procurement of School Food service managed by the Cooperative Purchasing Service.

The audit was conducted by the Office of the State Comptroller Division of Local Government and School Accountability for the period of July 1, 2014-October 28, 2015.

The state found districts in the service have saved more than \$770,000. The amount saved is likely to be much larger, since the savings stated is only for 12 schools sampled and is for a small amount of items available on the bid. This management service allows more than 60 school districts to cooperatively join together to secure pricing through an aggregate bid process.

Within the DCMO BOCES coverage area, 15 of 16 component schools are using the service. The BOCES' food bid pricing is secured on a six-month cycle, with the milk, ice cream, and bread pricing being secured for an annual period.

"The hard work and dedication of our staff continues to deliver dramatic tax savings to the schools we serve," said DCMO BOCES Board of Education President Linda Zaczek. "This service allows districts to purchase much desired healthy food options, and secure the pricing and advantages of large volume purchasing. This audit process is resounding confirmation of the dedication and commitment of our Cooperative Purchasing team."

Participating districts are geographically split into six zones within the state to better facilitate the pricing of products, transportation, and delivery.

Two districts from each zone were sampled. The audit compared the cost of food purchased by districts through the DCMO process, to what it would have cost if the OGS state contract had been used. Of the 12 districts sampled, the BOCES service had an estimated purchase of \$1,654,430. The OGS estimated prices were \$2,424,759, giving districts that used the BOCES service a savings of \$770,330. The audit showed the service saves an average of 31.33 percent over the OGS contract.

"It shows how BOCES provides services that are effective and saves taxpayers money," said Deb Bestwick, Purchasing Agent for the Cooperative Purchasing Service. "It's exciting to have those savings verified and acknowledged by the State."

To see the full audit, please visit: <http://goo.gl/TlyO6U>.

## **School Board Member of the Year**

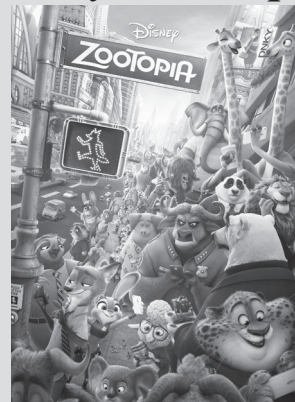
### **Chenango County School Boards Association Outstanding School Board Member of the Year—2016**



Congratulations to Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Theis! Mr. Theis has 20 years of service on our school board. He was first elected to the school board in 1996, and has served as President since 2006. Mr. Theis has been instrumental in maintaining the level of excellence that we have here at GMU.



### **GMU Night at the Movies Disney's Zootopia**



**Friday, June 10, 7:00 p.m.**

GMU Auditorium

Free Admission • Concessions available

*Sponsored by the Raiders Safety Patrol—  
Washington D.C./Philadelphia Trip—May 2017*



## Board of Education

### REGULAR MEETING: 5 APRIL 2016

#### Positive Highlights

- Thank you to Alan Digsby and maintenance crew, and Barbara Hill for their work obtaining and securing the scoreboard, donated from Preferred Mutual.
- We had a snow day giveback on 3/29 and a snow day on 4/04, possible snow day giveback on 5/27.
- Mock Trial won semi-finals. They go to finals on Friday, against Afton.
- Gearing up for ELA & Math State Testing.
- **Elementary School**
  - The Carle Irish Dance Studio presented a special Irish Step Dance Show on Monday, March 21
  - Music In Our Schools Month Celebration at 8:25 a.m. Our theme this year is Music Through the Decades.
- **Middle/High School**
  - CTE visit (10th grade)
  - CASSC leadership workshop (11th grade)
  - Drama Club's Up the Down Staircase April 1 & 2

#### Reports

- Gray Stevens, DCMO BOCES, Leadership Update
- Final Budget Presentation, Annette Hammond:
  - The Superintendent presented a proposed budget which included a 2.33% budget-to-budget increase and a 0.99 tax levy.
- Emergency Response Plan Summary for the 2016-2017 school year, Aimee Piedmonte. No major changes. Safety Committee Meeting held 3/29, with excellent representation from community.
- Minutes and agenda approved.
- Committee on Special Education/ Committee on Preschool Special Education Consent Agenda approved: Meeting dates are 16 Mar 2016, 17 Mar 2016, and 23 March 2016.
- To adopt the proposed 2016-2017 budget of **\$9,205,500** for presentation to the voters at the Annual District Vote/ Meeting held on 17 May 2016.
- To approve the Property Tax Report Card for the 2015-2016 school year.
- To appoint **Matthew Johnson** on tenure to the position of Physical Education tenure area.
- To approve the proposed 2016-2017 calendar.
- To approve the 2016-2017 Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Building Level Safety Plan.
- To approve the Contract with C&S Companies for Construction Manager Fees for the Capital Project.

#### Board Discussion

- Board Policy Review Options from Hogan & Sarzynski
- Board Retreat Options
- BOE Scholarships: Discuss options.
- BOE Meetings: Consensus to meet once a month, starting July 2016.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

### REGULAR MEETING: 20 APRIL 2016

#### Positive Highlights

- PK Registration—18 registered so far
- Women Helping Girls @ SUNY—Field Trip for 5th & 6th

- Grade girls with Guidance on April 9
- Sophomores took a CTE visit
- Seniors receiving the Clark Scholarship visited the Clark Scholarship Office—4/11
- CASSC leadership workshop—Juniors 4/13
- Guidance took Juniors to a College and Career Fair at SUNY Delhi - 4/6
- Mock Trial Semi Finals—We won and are moving on to Finals in Syracuse
- Up the Down Staircase School Play
- Chenango County College Day at Norwich YMCA on 4/15
- Varsity Girls Basketball—NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Award
- ELA & Math Testing complete
- 5-8 Awards Ceremony went well
- Instrumental Band Concert featuring grades 3-12. For the first time ever we will play a piece together called Pinnacle for grades 5-12
- April 18-22 Spirit Week
- GMU received a thank you letter from Laurens Central School for our show of support “Wear Red and White to School Day” for Coach Pat Grasso.
- Superintendent Annette Hammond attended an educational forum about districts sharing services.
- Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Iannello attended a luncheon and met with Senator Akshar.
- GMU was awarded the Utica National Safety Award, Titanium with Honors level, the highest one can achieve.
- Minutes and agenda were approved.
- Approve Committee on Special Education/ Committee on Preschool Special Education Consent Agenda: Meeting dates are 01 and 08 April 2016.
- To accept the financial reports for March 2016.
- PK-6 School Counselor
- To appoint Tina Hall as Full time Tenure Track PK-6 School Counselor for the 2016-2017 school year, beginning at Step 2 of current GMUTA contract.

#### Election Officials

- To approve the following to conduct the election of the Annual District Meeting/Vote to be held on 17 May 2016.
- Chief Election Inspector: Mary Murphy; Election Inspectors: Ole Jacobs, Marylena Munetz.
- To first read the revision to BP 1311.
- To approve the proposed Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$2,233,070.
- To cast their vote for three (3) members of the DCMO BOCES Board of Education: Linda DeAndrea, John Klockowski, Shiela Marshman.

#### Board Discussion:

- District sign: by road or in circle
- PK will enroll 18 registrations for 2016-17 school year
- Fuel leak/spill in bus garage: waiting on DEC results
- The board convened in executive session at 8:29 p.m. to discuss CSEA negotiations.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

# GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON DISTRICT CALENDAR

## 2016-2017 School Calendar

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### FINAL

September	
5	Labor Day - No School/Offices Closed
6-7	Staff Development Day/No School for Students
8	First Day for Students
October	
6	Open House
7	Staff Development Day/No School for Students
10	Columbus Day - No School
November	
10	Half Day - Parent/Teacher Conferences
11	Veteran's Day - No School/Offices Closed
23	Half Day for Students
24-25	Thanksgiving Recess - No School/Offices Closed
December	
23	Half Day for Students
26-28	Offices Closed
26-30	Christmas Recess - No School
January	
2	New Year's Day - No School/Offices Closed
16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School/Offices Closed
24-27	Regents Exams
27	Half Day for Students - Staff Development
February	
20	Presidents' Day - Offices Closed
20-24	Winter Recess - No School for Students
March	
9	Half Day for Students - Pk-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
10	Staff Development Day/No School for Students
28	ELA State Tests, Grades 3-8
April	
10-14	Spring Recess/No School for Students
14	Good Friday - Offices Closed
17	Easter Monday - No School/Offices Closed
May	
2	Math State Tests, Grades 3-8
5	Half Day for Students - Staff Development
24	Science Performance Test, Grades 4 & 8
29	Memorial Day - No School/Offices Closed
June	
5	Science Written Test, Grades 4 & 8
14-22	Regents Exams
20-22	PK-6 Dismiss at 11:00 a.m.
23	Regents Rating Day
24	Graduation

- Half Day of School for Students
- No School - Recess/Holiday
- No School for Students - Conference Day
- Regents/State Exams
- Offices Closed

Student Days		Staff Days	
Sept 17	Feb 15	Sept 19	Feb 15
Oct 19	Mar 22	Oct 20	Mar 23
Nov 19	Apr 14	Nov 19	Apr 14
Dec 17	May 22	Dec 17	May 22
Jan 20	June 16	Jan 20	June 17
	92		95
	89		
Total Student Days <b>181</b>		Total Staff Days <b>186</b>	





# Fall 2016 GMU Youth Soccer

## CHENANGO RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE 2016 REGISTRATION FORM

I hereby agree that the Soccer association for Youth (SAY), its members, coaches and officers shall not be liable for any injury or loss that my child may sustain while participating in activities or any kind, whether sponsored by or under the supervision of SAY and we agree to indemnify and hold harmless SAY, Chenango Soccer Club, GMU Youth Soccer, its members, coaches, officers and designates of any claim whatsoever.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that my child, \_\_\_\_\_ is in normal health and capable of safe participation in the Chenango Soccer Club 2016 program as part of the GMU Youth Soccer.

I assume all risk(s) and hazards incidental to the conduct of this program. I hereby authorize the Chenango Soccer club and GMU Youth Soccer to obtain medical treatment for my child in the event that the child's emergency contacts listed below cannot be reached.

Parent /Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below any health concerns the coach should be aware of:

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### **Reminder to Parents, Coaches and Volunteers**

1. This league is a learning league where all levels and skills are encouraged to participate.
2. Referees are often students who are learning a new side to the game, be patient.
3. Fair play time is a requirement. This means that all participants play every game.  
Target, a half a game minimum per player.
4. Home coach is responsible for calling the game due to weather.
5. This is a volunteer organization, all help is *greatly appreciated*.

HAVE FUN!

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## Calendar of Events

### June

- 1 Algebra II Common Core Regents**  
MBb/Sb vs. Sharon Springs
- 2-4 Sherburne Pageant of Bands
- 2 Track NYS Qualifiers
- 3 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
- 4 SAT
- 6 4th & 8th Grade Science Written Test**  
Spring Sports Awards, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Board of Education Meeting, D104, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 9-12 Awards Assembly, 6:00 p.m.
- 10 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
- 10-11 NYS Track & Field Meet
- 11 Sidney Parade
- 13 5-8 Awards Ceremony, 8:15 a.m.
- 17 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
- 14-22 Regents Exams**
- 20 Elementary Field Days
- 21 PK-6 Dismiss at 11:00 a.m., No Lunch Served**  
Board of Education Meeting, D104, 6:00 p.m.
- 22 PK-4 Moving Up, 8:15 a.m.  
**Last Day of School PK-6—Dismiss at 11:00 a.m.  
No Lunch Served**
- 23 No school for students**  
Regents Rating Day  
Fourth Quarter Ends

- 24 Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal, 8:00 a.m.  
Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Graduation, 10:30 a.m.
- 30 Report Cards Go Home

### July

- 4 No School, Independence Day Recess—  
Offices Closed**  
Independence Day Parade



### Kindergarten Registration Reminder

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by December 1, 2016, they are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September. Registration is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you should have any questions regarding registration, please contact Mrs. Clapp, at (607) 783-2207, ext. 141.

