

Pre-K and Kindergarten registration is open. See more inside!



# THE JOURNEY

*Newsletter of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District*

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## Growing together at GMU!



Raiders  
continue to excel  
in academics,  
music, sports  
and theater

### GMU ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

11:00 A.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 students

Proceeds benefit BOE Student Scholarship Fund

Half court shooting contest ... 50/50 raffle ... Concessions for sale



### PLAYER REGISTRATION



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Central School District**

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**Our Mission**

We support everyone's journey to become the best version of themselves by:

- Fostering an equitable, inclusive and student-focused environment
- Providing opportunities for academic and community engagement
- Empowering individuals to embrace their potential

**Our Vision**

To have a nurturing school community that provides opportunities for lifelong personal growth.

**We Value**

- A Growth Mindset
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Essential Skills for Career Readiness
- Social/Emotional/Behavioral Wellness
- Meaningful and Healthy Relationships
- A Safe School Environment

**Our Motto**

**"It's the Quality of the journey that counts!"**

## Superintendent's Message

***Budget is a challenge, but we're working on it***

Happy spring, Raiders! Hopefully this time of year will continue to bring us warmer weather and sunnier days as we begin developing a budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

Small schools across our region were – without warning – negatively impacted by Governor Hochul's executive proposal in January to remove "Save Harmless" from the school funding formula. Under current law, New York school districts that have calculated foundation aid at less than what they are currently receiving, usually due to declining enrollment, are held "harmless" and receive aid equivalent to the prior school year. The budget typically has included a minimum increase in past years, too.

This coming school year, GMU stands to lose \$231,000 with the elimination of "Save Harmless" and an additional \$156,000 (minimum increase) for a total foundation aid decrease of \$387,000.

My colleagues and I have been communicating with legislators currently working on the budget with the Governor that an aid cut of that magnitude would cripple small school districts such as ours. Although we hope the legislative budget will reflect less of a reduction in our foundation aid, GMU's Board of Education and I are working hard to find ways to make up for such a loss just in case.

I will present our first run of GMU's 2024-2025 Proposed Budget during our regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting April 16. Balancing our budget has certainly become more challenging over the years, but the Board of Education and I have engaged in many discussions about how we – as a district and a region – can creatively continue to support quality school programs while keeping tax increases at a minimum.

Governor Hochul also is requiring school districts to begin building an electric bus fleet by 2027. My colleagues and I have been talking with legislators about this, too, asking for more time to obtain electric buses. An extension would help as we need to figure out how to cover the high cost of electric buses, whether our power grid can handle the increase in electricity needed to charge buses, how our climate and terrain may impact the efficiency of electric buses, and various other concerns. GMU does not have an electric bus yet, but we will keep you well-informed when we approach these challenges.

On a positive note, the New York State Education Department is reviewing our voter-approved Capital Project to upgrade and enhance the safety and infrastructure of our campus facilities. Upon NYSED's approval, our Capital Project will begin this summer – and we couldn't be more excited!

Be sure to visit our website at [www.gmucsd.org](http://www.gmucsd.org) for the latest updates from GMUCSD, including a listing of "Upcoming Events" right on our home page. We also encourage you to follow us on Facebook and X (@GMUCentral) for news, photos, videos and more from GMU, where the "Quality of the journey" always counts!

*Annette Hammond, Superintendent  
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# Save The Dates!

## March 2024

- 13 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 **Half Day for Students, 12:00 p.m. Dismissal (Parent/Teacher Conferences)**
- 15 **No School for Students (Staff Development)**
- 18 **No School for Students (Unused Emergency/ Snow Day)**
- 22 Rockin' Raiders/Music In Our Schools Presentation, 9:00 a.m.
- 29 **No School/Offices Closed (Good Friday)**

## April 2024

- 1-5 **No School for Students (Spring Recess)**
- 8 **No School for Students (Unused Emergency/ Snow Day)**
- 10-12 ELA State Tests, Grades 3-8
- 12 Drama Club Production (Animal Farm), 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Drama Club Production (Animal Farm), 2:00 p.m.
- 16 Board of Education Meeting and BOCES Vote, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 **Half Day for Students, 12:00 p.m. Dismissal (Staff Development)**
- 20 Alumni Basketball Game, 11:00 a.m.
- 24-25 Science State Tests, Grades 5 and 8
- 26 Rockin' Raiders, 9:00 a.m.

## May 2024

- 1 National Honor Society Blood Drive, 1:00 p.m.
- 4 Quarter Auction, 6:00 p.m.
- 7-9 Math State Tests, Grades 3-8
- 10 Teacher and Support Staff Member of the Year Ceremony, 10:00 a.m.
- 10 **Half Day for Students, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal (Staff Development)**

- 10-12 NYSSMA Solo Festival at Norwich CSD
- 14 Board of Education Meeting and Budget Hearing, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Grades 4-12 Choral Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Rockin' Raiders, 9:00 a.m.
- 21 Budget Vote, 12:00-8:00 p.m.
- 21 Solo/Ensemble Concert, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 **No School for Students (Unused Emergency/ Snow Day)**
- 27 **No School/Offices Closed (Memorial Day)**
- 28 **No School for Students (Unused Emergency/ Snow Day)**
- 30-31 Sherburne Pageant of Bands (Concerts)

## June 2024

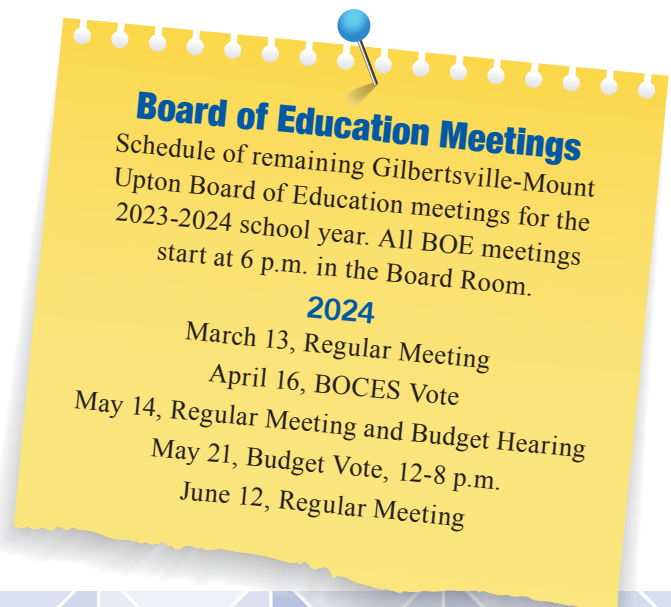
- 1 Sherburne Pageant of Bands (Concerts and Parade)
- 4 New Algebra 1 Regents Exam
- 7 Rockin' Raiders, 9:00 a.m.
- 12 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Grades 7-12 Last Day of School
- 14 Regents Exams
- 17 Regents Rating Day
- 18 Regents Exams
- 19 **No School/Offices Closed (Juneteenth)**
- 20-21 Regents Exams
- 24-25 Regents Exams
- 25 Grades PK-6 Last Day of School, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
- 26 Regents Rating Day
- 28 Class of 2024 Graduation at GMU Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

## We want to help you clean up!

All Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District residents are invited to sign up for our Community Cleanup Day in late May, when GMU students and staff will help you clean up at home!

Those who need help with outdoor household chores – such as lawn mowing, raking, painting and general cleanups – can RSVP School Counselor Lisa Ruland at [lruland@gmucsd.org](mailto:lruland@gmucsd.org) to secure a spot for this free community service.

Although Community Cleanup Day is set for May 20, GMUCSD residents can sign up right now. Community residents who participate must provide equipment (i.e. mowers, rakes, tools, power cords, etc.) and supplies (i.e. gas, electricity, bags, etc.) needed to perform requested tasks, but we'll take care of the rest!



## Thank you, Mr. Beach!

Mrs. Carrabba's class recognized our School Resource Officer, Ray Beach, with a special poster for National SRO Appreciation Day on February 15.

The poster included all of the nice things our students, faculty and staff appreciate about Mr. Beach and thanked him for everything he does to support our school and keep us safe.

You can thank Mr. Beach, too! Just leave a comment on our Facebook post. :)



## YEARBOOK DEADLINES!

Be sure to order your GMU Yearbook for the 2023-2024 school year by April 30!

Cost is \$31 for soft cover and \$37.50 for hard cover. Prices include two pages that you can customize in your own yearbook for free. Additional pages may be customized in your yearbook at a cost of 99 cents per two pages.

Customized pages can include photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive and more, as well as your answers to fun memory questions to help remember the year. Please note that customized pages must be completed and submitted by April 15.

To customize your yearbook pages and to order, visit [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate) online and enter the GMU school passcode 1016649795722355. You must be a parent/guardian or a student age 13 or older to purchase and customize a yearbook.

Questions? Email GMU Yearbook Advisor Zea Beckwith at [zbeckwith@gmucsd.org](mailto:zbeckwith@gmucsd.org).

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### Senior meets with state officials

GMU senior *Morgan Williams* helped the New York State Maple Association, the New York Farm Bureau and producers from around the state speak to government officials about the importance of maple production in our state.

Thanks to DCMO BOCES for sharing this photo and information about her February trip to Albany. Find out more about Morgan's trip online at <https://www.dcmoboces.com/article/1461775>.



### Tiannah has skills!

Congratulations to *Tiannah Dean-Anderson* on her third-place finish at the SkillsUSA Cosmetology competition!

*Tiannah* was one of 81 DCMO students – 55 from the Harrold Campus and 26 from the Pole Campus – who competed at the Area II Regional SkillsUSA event, which ran February 9-10 at SUNY Morrisville.

Great job, *Tiannah*!



### Thank you, School Counselors!

Please help us recognize GMU School Counselors Lisa Ruland and Lauren Roberts as we joined school districts across the country in celebrating National School Counseling Week in February. Thank you for helping all of our Raiders succeed!

### Money talks at GMU!



Thanks to Sidney Federal Credit Union's Rebecca Hedlund for being on campus in February to offer financial advice to students, faculty and staff!

Superintendent Annette Hammond and business teacher Greg Bonczkowski coordinated Hedlund's visits, which started February 27 with a "Needs vs. Wants" budgeting presentation for seventh-graders.

SFCU's Member Engagement Officer, Hedlund came back February 28 to connect with more students in Mr. Bonczkowski's business classes. Sessions included another "Needs vs. Wants" lesson for Grade 7, a budgeting simulator for Grade 8, and "Building and Establishing Credit" for juniors and seniors.

Hedlund also set up a table near the cafeteria for lunchtime chats and a student-only drawing for a tote bag, baseball cap, flying disc and water bottle from SFCU. Congratulations to *Mason Kiser*, whose name was drawn from dozens of student entries!

### Thank you for voting!

Our February 6 School Bus Vote passed, 49 YES votes to 25 NO votes. Thanks to everyone in the GMU community who voted on one proposition related to the purchase of new school buses and a van, which will not increase the school tax levy. Visit our Facebook page for detailed information about the proposition.



## Indigenous Artifacts Find Home At GMU



A once-discarded artifacts collection related to Indigenous Peoples of New York State has been recovered and now has a permanent home in the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District.

"The Richmond Artifact Collection" is on display in GMU's Middle School/High School Library and features items used by Indigenous Peoples of NYS throughout history. Organized under the direction of Municipal Historian Leigh C. Eckmair, the collection runs almost the entire length of a wall and is highlighted by a wooden roof, seven display cases, educational documents, and a landscape painting.

The glass-and-wood display cases form a timeline of Indigenous Peoples' artifacts and include mini-scenes to illustrate period-specific activities and customs. Among the artifacts are animal teeth, beads, bones, buttons, ceramics, coins, and stones that were used for building, farming, fishing, hunting and general survival. The types and ages of the objects indicate they originated in the Butternut and Unadilla River Valleys.

Mount Upton native Clyde Richmond (1885-1963) assembled the original collection and donated it in the mid-1900s to Mount Upton Central School, where it was on display for several years. It was discarded, though, when Mount Upton merged with Gilbertsville in the 1980s.

A framed document alongside the main display states the collection "would have been lost had it not been for the vigilance of three maintenance men: Dick Flanders, Bernard Hartwell, and Jim Barney, who brought it to the attention of the school board."

Eckmair then spearheaded a collaborative effort to restore the collection and bring it to GMU, where it will stay to serve and educate the school and the community. Among the dozens of people credited in the project are GMU Superintendent Annette Hammond, GMU Emeritus Superintendent Douglas Exley, GMU Director of Facilities Alan Digsby, 2022 GMU graduate Brynne Livelsberger, NYS Museum Director Mark Schaming, Oneida Nation Historian Jesse Bergevin and David Moyer of Birchwood Archaeological Services.

BOCES Carpentry Teacher Matt White and his students are also credited in the lengthy list of contributors, which includes local artists, collectors, experts, historians and professors, among others. Grants from the Community Foundation of South-Central New York, the Unadilla Valley Historical Society, and Walmart in Oneonta provided financial support.

Students, faculty and staff have the opportunity to see "The Richmond Artifact Collection" every school day. Community members are also welcome to view the collection when school is in session by request. Please call our District Office at 607-783-2207 for more information.



### Junior wins MLK essay contest!

Congratulations to GMU junior *Emma Peck* (pictured second from right), whose entry in the "Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest" placed first among high school students!

"We had a number of great entries but felt that this submission particularly captured the spirit and legacy of Dr. King," said Chelsea McCracken, Faculty Associate for SUNY Oneonta's Office for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, which sponsored the essay contest for area elementary, middle and high school students.

*Emma's* essay focused on her community and how it displays the ideals of Dr. King. She was honored with other essay award-winners during a breakfast and ceremony January 29 at SUNY Oneonta's Center for Racial Justice and Inclusive Excellence in Lee Hall.

Click <https://www.gmucsd.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=50PUUB&dasi=3321> to read *Emma's* award-winning essay online.





# Kindergarten & Pre-K REGISTRATION

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton is accepting  
Kindergarten and Pre-K registration  
for the 2024-2025 school year!

**Enroll Today!**



Call Mrs. Carey  
607-783-2207, ext. 103

Pre-K registration deadline is March 29, 2024.

New Kindergarten students must set up appointment with Mrs. Carey.

Students already attending our Pre-K program do not need to register for kindergarten.



## Registration open for PK-K students!

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District is accepting Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten student registrations for the 2024-2025 school year.

### Pre-Kindergarten Registration

District residents with children who will be age 4 before December 1, 2024, can register/apply for our full-day Pre-Kindergarten program. Those who are interested should call Registrar Kristy Carey at 607-783-2207, ext. 103. Mrs. Carey will provide information for obtaining an application. All Pre-Kindergarten applications must be returned to the Main Office by noon March 29, 2024.

### Kindergarten Registration

District residents with children who will be age 5 before December 1, 2024, are eligible to register for Kindergarten. Please call Registrar Kristy Carey at 607-783-2207, ext. 103, to arrange an appointment. The following items are required at the time of registration:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Three proofs of residency

Please Note: Students who are already attending our Pre-K program during the current school year do not need to register for Kindergarten.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Carey at 607-783-2207, ext. 103.



## Seniors inducted into NTHS!

Congratulations to GMU seniors *Thomas Breslau* and *Morgan Williams*, who were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on November 14 at DCMO BOCES' Robert W. Harrold Campus.

*Thomas* and *Morgan* are both enrolled in the Conservation program at BOCES and were inducted along with several other area Career & Technical Education students for their skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship and leadership.



## Pitching in at GMU!

Thanks to Mrs. Carrabba's students for helping our Recyclin' Raiders collect and weigh plastic film in January for the Otsego County Conservation Association's Plastic Film Recycling Challenge!

Students can bring recyclable plastic film to their teachers (ES) or class advisors (MS/HS) any day school is in session through April 12. Staff and community members also can bring recyclable plastic film to campus.

Visit our website and Facebook page for more information on this year's contest.



## GMU's Got Talent!

We have some really talented kids at GMU! Just take a look at these pics from our talent show rehearsal and see more on Facebook!



### All-County Music

Congratulations to GMU students who participated in the All-County Music Festival at Edmeston Central School in February.

Junior Band: *Eli Lytle, Jake Favinger, Alexis Davis, and Kristin Gee.*

Senior Choir: *Myanna Dickey, Alice Dibble, Avriel Correll and Ariana Cornell.*

Great job, Raiders!



### Quiz Whizzes!

Great job to our GMU teams who competed January 9 during the Catskill Area School Study Council's Quiz Bowl at SUNY Oneonta!

Our Raiders held their own through the first two rounds of competition, including two victories for the "GMU B Team," but had to head back to campus early because of inclement weather.

Special thanks to GMU teachers Danielle Rhone and Jennifer McDowall for advising these sharp minds and chaperoning them to and from the competition.



## Celebrating Our Senior Citizens!



Thanks to everyone who visited campus in December to take part in our annual Senior Citizens Holiday Luncheon in the cafeteria.

Our guest list included DCMO BOCES Superintendent Michael Rullo, Senator Peter Oberacker, Assemblyman Joe Angelino, and dozens of local senior citizens, faculty, and staff.

Special thanks to Susan Sebeck and her cafeteria crew for preparing the holiday meals, and to our Board of Education and administration for serving our guests of honor.

We hope you enjoyed this terrific afternoon at GMU and can't wait to see you all again next December!



### The Bee's Knees!

Congratulations to GMU's *Mason Kiser* and *Jagger Young*, who advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee competition February 3 at SUNY Oneonta!

*Mason*, an eighth-grader, secured GMU's Spelling Bee title in December by correctly spelling "tabloid" for the win. *Jagger*, a sixth-grader, finished as GMU's runner-up to earn his spot in the Regional Spelling Bee. Great job, Raiders!



### Raiders have the power!

Thanks to GMU Building Maintenance Mechanic Russell Card for taking Amy Favinger's fourth-graders on a tour of our facilities in January.

Her students learned all about energy in science class, including lessons about electricity and circuits.

Mr. Card's campus tour featured stops to check out electrical panels and our boiler room. He also explained the set-up that powers the entire school and answered some great questions from students.



# Honor Rolls



Congratulations to GMU students in grades 5-12 who made our high-honor and honor rolls for the first-quarter marking period!

High honor roll students achieved an academic average of 93-100, with no grades below a 70 and no incompletes. Honor roll students achieved an academic average of 87-92, with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes.

Great job, Raiders!

## Quarter 1 High Honor Roll

**Grade 5:** Gianna Barnes, Raegan Beach, Alexander Breslau, Hannah Carbone, Evelyn Covington, Willard Covington, Alexander Delmar, Bryce Gundlach, Henrietta Hall, Moira McDonough, Autumn Ostrander, Jayden Paine.

**Grade 6:** Tyler Crisell, Jonathan Favinger, Lily Hauptfleisch, Kaidyn Rowe.

**Grade 7:** Amelia Beckwith, Kristin Gee, Cooper Gundlach, Jaiden Larson, Elias Lytle, Rece Nolan, Katie Quiter.

**Grade 8:** Gabriella Barnes, Carrie Doyle, Jacob Favinger, Mason Kiser, Robert Lindroth, Hannah Miller, Koda Stockdale, Gavin Underwood.

**Grade 9:** Cyrus Hall, Brandon Mitcham.

**Grade 10:** Samuel Beach, Ryan Davis, Alice Dibble, Ioannis Drapaniotis, Andrea Favinger, Cameron Lytle, Mackenzie Marron, Kira Nolan, Dylan Page, Dannaka Rasmussen, Adam Yasser.

**Grade 11:** Ariana Cornell, Avriel Correll, Myanna Dickey, Serenity Downey, Kaleigh Gee, Paige Nichols, Noah Pain, Emma Alexis Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky, Anthony Westford.

**Grade 12:** Mackenzie Barnes, Leah Cotten, Abigail Davis, Taylor Gager, Natalie Livelsberger, Sidney Tilley, Haruna Watanabe.

## Quarter 1 Honor Roll

**Grade 5:** Indigo Cole, Layla Covington, Hunter Crawford, Landon Grabo, Anthony Kraft, Abbi-Lynn Page, Owen Pearson.

**Grade 6:** Hogan Green, Maeleigh Lum, Gabriel Lytle, Kaylee Stewart, Jagger Young.

**Grade 7:** Pacey Behnke, Caden Champion, Austin Cuozzo, Emily Schermerhorn, Makenzie Scheumeister, Julius Smith, Melody Sprague, Nickolas Westford.

**Grade 8:** Taylor Kline, Zayde Palmatier, Sophia Parslow, Jackson Valdez.

**Grade 9:** Payton Behnke, Breanna Gregory, Alex Irons, Brandon Kendall.

**Grade 10:** Bailey Howard, Jerson Lopez, Lillian Perrine, Kelsey Quiter, Latham Retz, Alivia Vitek.

**Grade 11:** Tiannah Dean-Anderson, Kyra Demmon, Maddix Lent, Lindsay Turnbull, Trista Vaccaro.

**Grade 12:** Rylee Lum, Morgan Williams.



Congratulations to GMU students in grades 5-12 who made our high-honor and honor rolls for the second-quarter marking period during the 2023-2024 school year!

High honor roll students achieved an academic average of 93-100, with no grades below a 70 and no incompletes. Honor roll students achieved an academic average of 87-92, with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes.

Great job, Raiders!

## Quarter 2 High Honor Roll

**Grade 5:** Gianna Barnes, Raegan Beach, Alexander Delmar, Bryce Gundlach, Henrietta Hall, Moira McDonough, Autumn Ostrander.

**Grade 6:** Tyler Crisell, Jonathan Favinger, Lily Hauptfleisch, Kaidyn Rowe.

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## Honor Rolls



**Grade 7:** Kristin Gee, Cooper Gundlach, Elias Lytle, Katie Quiter.

**Grade 8:** Gabriella Barnes, Carrie Doyle, Jacob Favinger, Mason Kiser, Hannah Miller, Gavin Underwood.

**Grade 9:** Breanna Gregory, Brandon Mitcham, Mackenzie Steeves, Samuel Beach.

**Grade 10:** Alice Dibble, Andrea Favinger, Cecilie (Cameron) Lytle, Mackenzi Marron, Kira Nolan, Dylan Page, Dannaka Rasmussen, Adam Yasser.

**Grade 11:** Ariana Cornell, Avriel Correll, Quinn Covington, Tiannah Dean-Anderson, Kyra Demmon, Myanna Dickey, Serenity Downey, Kaleigh Gee, Paige Nichols, Noah Pain, Emma Alexis Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky, Lindsay Turnbull.

**Grade 12:** Mackenzie Barnes, Leah Cotten, Abigail Davis, Taylor Gager, Devon Hartwell, Natalie Livelsberger, Haruna Watanabe.

### Quarter 2 Honor Roll

**Grade 5:** Hannah Carbone, Indigo Cole, Evelyn Covington, Layla Covington, Willard Covington, Landon Grabo, Anthony Kraft, Abbi-Lynn Page, Jayden Paine, Rylee Thompson.

**Grade 6:** Victoria Card, Donovan Jones, Maeleigh Lum, Dylan Ostrander, Kaylee Stewart, Jagger Young.

**Grade 7:** Amelia Beckwith, Rece Nolan, Melody Sprague.

**Grade 8:** Taylor Kline, Robert Lindroth, Zayde Palmatier, Cameron Schultes, Koda Stockdale.

**Grade 9:** Payton Behnke, Cyrus Hall, Brandon Kendall.

**Grade 10:** Ryan Davis, Ioannis Drapaniotis, Bailey Howard, Lillian Perrine, Kelsey Quiter, Alivia Vitek.

**Grade 11:** Hunter Auchmoody, Trista Vaccaro, Anthony Westford.

**Grade 12:** Skylar Lindroth, Rylee Lum, Mckenna (Sydney) Tilley, Morgan Williams.

## Rockin' Raiders!



### Raiders Rock November!

Congratulations to our elementary school award-winners for November, who were recognized during our Rockin' Raiders program on November 17!

#### Soaring Eagle Award

**Resourceful:** Gianna Barnes, Madelyn Barnes, Wilbur Barnes, Emily Brower, Lucy Brown, Mia Covington, Jonathan Favinger, Addison Hall, Alice Hanehan, Ava Hoag, Aiden Larrabee, Serenity Jones, Moira McDonough, Owen Perkosky.

\*Award-winners used time wisely and appropriately, and made good choices by thinking things through beforehand.

#### Essential Skills Awards

**Communication:** Coltin Banta, Indigo Cole, Brik Lauvas, Hayden Moran, Abbi-Lynn Page, Finley Rhone, Julia Stackpole.

**Positive Attitude:** Calvin Clement, Victoria Craver, Henrietta Hall, Autumn Ostrander, Faith Rhoden.

**Reliability/Dependability:** Claire Beach, Tyler Crisell, Ridley Esposito, Montana Fuller, Remi Harris, Laura Schidzick, Ellie Wilcox.

**Teamwork:** Guy Barnes, Garrett Larsen, Zanayah Little-Wilbur

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# Rockin' Raiders!



## Raiders Rock December!

Congratulations to our elementary school award-winners for December, who were recognized during our Rockin' Raiders program on December 22!

### Soaring Eagle Award

**Respect:** Aliveah Barnes, Coraline Carney, Willard Covington, Alexis DeGroat, Alexander Delmar, Autumn DeMulder, Harper French, Clara Hanehan, Emma Harmyk, Evelyn Hauptfleisch, Zachary McWeeney, Shaylynn Nober, Mila Rhone, Kaidyn Rowe, Lydia Talbot, Lawton VanCleeef.

\*Award-winners used good manners, were considerate of the feelings of others, and had a positive attitude when it came to school.

### Essential Skills Awards

**Collaboration:** Dylan Ostrander.

**Communication:** Raegan Beach, Grayson Hitchcock, Natalie Jipson, Haylee Larrabee, John Williams.

**Dependability:** Mackenzie Miller, Jaxson Zaczek.

**Positive Attitude:** Trenton Auchmoody, Hunter Barnes, Daniella Carpel, Theo Christian, Alexander Delmar, Raegan Fuller, Bryce Gundlach, Kali Lanfair, Chase Macumber, Ella Rhoden, Trevin Rowe.

**Professionalism:** Parker Chapman, Lincoln Hoag,  
**Teamwork:** Kara Banta, Maxwell Banta, Owen Pearson.

## Raiders Rock January!

Congratulations to our elementary school award-winners for January, who were recognized during our Rockin' Raiders program on January 26!

### Soaring Eagle Award

**Creativity:** Coltin Banta, Amy Bard, Solomon Carr, Willard Covington, Emilee Crisell, Lucy Engel, Tyler Heck, Grayson Hitchcock, Gavin McWeeney, Zachary McWeeney, Owen Moore, Shane Nober, Robert Ross, Nicholas Schultes, Johnny Williams.

\*Award-winners showed the ability to use one's imagination or original ideas.

### Essential Skills Awards

**Communication:** Hunter Crawford, Sophia Law.

**Positive Attitude:** Maverick Davis, Eleanor Hauptfleisch, Evelyn Hauptfleisch, Athena Palmatier, Robert Ross, Nicholas Schultes.

**Professionalism:** Evelyn Covington, Addison Hall, Lily Hauptfleisch, Logan Kato.

**Reliability:** Brantley Griffin Frank, Moira McDonough, Austin Robinson, Elizabeth Tiffany.

**Respect:** Brayleigh Barse, Mason Hoffman.

**Teamwork:** Shaylynn Demuth, Charles Eastman-Cook, Shaw Green, Sofia Henness, Cian McDonough, Ember Perry, Blaine Whitbeck.



## Rockin' Raiders!



### Raiders Rock February!

Congratulations to our elementary school award-winners for February, who were recognized during our Rockin' Raiders program on February 16!

### Soaring Eagle Award

**Citizenship:** Kara Banta, Gianna Barnes, Alaina Beckwith, Benjamin Breslau, Rose Brower, Wren Corcoran, Lillian Crawford, Alexander Delmar, Layton Esposito, Daniel Favinger, Gabriel Harris, Lily Hauptfleisch, Grayson Hitchcock, Rylee Hoffman, Haylee Larrabee.

\*Award-winners did their share to make their school and community better places and were engaged and involved in school and community functions.

### Essential Skills Awards

**Communication:** Elliot Bankus, Donovan Jones.

**Collaboration:** Breuwer Barnes, Clara Hanehan, Jaxson Zaczek.

**Positive Attitude:** Wilbur Barnes, Aubrey Doyle, Shaw Green, Cash Johnson, Aryiah Oliver, Owen Perkosky, Lyric Webb, Ellie Wilcox.

**Professionalism:** Kylo Hamata, Kaylee Stewart.

**Reliability/Dependability:** Madelyn Barnes, Remi Harris, Rylee Thompson.

**Respect:** Montana Fuller, Arianna Larson, Jayden Paine, Owen Pitcher.

**Teamwork:** Maxwell Banta, Olivia Perkosky.

## 100 Days In The Books!

Students, faculty and staff had a great time on the 100th day of school February 12 at GMU. Check out some of the fun right here and see more on Facebook!





## A Season To Remember!

Congratulations to GMU senior guard *Devon Hartwell* on becoming the 15th varsity basketball player in school history to reach the 1,000-point milestone!

*Devon* scored 27 points on February 15 in a season-ending loss to Cherry Valley-Springfield to finish with 1,008 varsity points. *Devon* averaged 24 points this season for the Raiders, whose 1,000-point club features players from Gilbertsville, Mount Upton and GMU teams. The list, as provided by GMU's Athletic Department, is as follows:

### 1,000 Points – Varsity Boys

1,435: *Gavin Backus*, GMU-2001  
 1,420: *Jeff Talbot*, Gilbertsville-1979  
 1,208: *Gavin Bonczkowski*, GMU-2021  
 1,091: *Bill Decker*, Mount Upton-1988  
 1,054: *Paul McComb*, GMU-1991  
 1,050: *Hunter Lockwood*, GMU-2018  
 1,008: *Devon Hartwell*, GMU-2024

### 1,000 Points – Varsity Girls

1,397: *Shelly Miles*, GMU-2002  
 1,264: *Cindy Wagner*, Mount Upton/GMU-1993  
 1,205: *Beth Keene*, Gilbertsville-1983  
 1,190: *Diane Rowe*, Mount Upton-1988  
 1,123: *Tanya Barnes*, GMU-2011  
 1,108: *Hannah Bonczkowski*, GMU-2023  
 1,108: *Mieke Veenhof*, Gilbertsville-1990  
 1,071: *Cheri Peck*, Mount Upton-1986

A chunk of *Devon's* 1,000-point milestone came January 11, when he broke single-game school records for points (48) and three-point field goals (10) in a Senior Night win over Sharon Springs. The single-game school records list for boys basketball, as provided by GMU's Athletic Department, is as follows:

### Single-Game Points

48: *Devon Hartwell*, 2023-24 season,  
 GMU vs. Sharon Springs  
 42: *Floyd Musson*, 1985-86 season,  
 Gilbertsville vs. New Berlin  
 40: *Jeff Talbot*, 1976-77 season,  
 Gilbertsville vs. South New Berlin  
 34: *Jeff Zaczek*, 1993-94 season, GMU vs. Morris  
 34: *Jeff Zaczek*, 1993-94 season,  
 GMU at South New Berlin  
 34: *Gavin Bonczkowski*, 2020-21 season,  
 GMU at Franklin



### Single-Game Three-Point Field Goals

10: *Devon Hartwell*, 2023-24 season, GMU vs. Sharon Springs  
 7: *Dylan McVey*, 2021-22 season, GMU at Gilboa-Conesville  
 7: *Gavin Bonczkowski*, 2020-21 season, GMU vs. Unadilla Valley  
 7: *Gavin Bonczkowski*, 2018-19 season, GMU vs. Laurens  
 7: *Chris Lanza*, 2007-08 season, GMU vs. Edmeston  
 7: *Gavin Backus*, 2000-01 season, GMU vs. Susquehanna  
 7: *Gavin Backus*, 1998-99 season, GMU vs. Worcester  
 7: *Jeff Zaczek*, 1993-94 season, GMU vs. Morris

Note: GMU's archives include boys basketball scorebooks since the schools merged, as well as pre-merger scorebooks from Gilbertsville only. The 1989-1990 boys basketball season marked the last time Gilbertsville and Mount Upton had separate teams.

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# 2024 ALUMNI HOOPS

APRIL 20, 2024  
11:00 A.M.

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton  
Gymnasium

ADMISSION:  
\$5 ADULTS/\$3 STUDENTS (6 & UNDER FREE)

SCAN FOR PLAYER  
REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline 4/5/24

50/50 RAFFLE  
\$1 HALF-COURT SHOTS  
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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## Girls Soccer Makes The Grade!



Congratulations to our varsity girls soccer team for earning a 2023 Fall Scholar-Athlete Team Award from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association!

To qualify for this award, 75-percent of a varsity team must combine for an academic average of at least 90 during a sports season.

The NYSPHSAA also recognizes individuals as scholar-athletes for maintaining an academic average of 90 or better during a sports season. Twelve GMU varsity girls soccer players earned individual Fall Scholar-Athlete awards, which led to the team honor.

Way to go, Raiders!

### Celebrating our senior student-athletes!

We honored our basketball seniors on two special nights at GMU!

*Devon Hartwell* set school boys basketball records of 10 three-pointers and 48 points to lead the Raiders to a 75-51 Senior Night victory over Sharon Springs on January 11. We celebrated *Devon* and classmate *Natalie Livelsberger* – our boys basketball scorekeeper – before the game.

On February 2, we recognized girls basketball seniors *Mackenzie Barnes*, *Haruna Watanabe* and *Morgan Williams* before a 45-32 loss to Sharon Springs.

Visit our Facebook page to see dozens of photos from both Senior Night games!





## Game On!



We had a LOT of fun to close Christmas Spirit Week in December, including our annual Seniors vs. Staff volleyball games in the gymnasium. Visit our Facebook page to see more action shots!





# Captain Bree And Her Lady Pirates!

Thanks to everyone who came to watch the GMU Theatre Club's Junior Musical in January. See more pics on Facebook!





## Safe Travels!



Thanks to GMU Transportation Supervisor Harold Ives and his staff for organizing our winter school bus drills in December. See more on Facebook!





## Raiders Show Their Holiday Spirit!

We had a great time before the winter break with Holiday Spirit Days, music, and fun in the snow. Be sure to follow us on Facebook to see more fun from GMU!





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# Mission, Vision, Values

## Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School

### 2023-2024 School Year

#### **MISSION**

We support everyone's journey to become the best version of themselves by:

- Fostering an equitable, inclusive and student-focused environment
- Providing opportunities for academic and community engagement
- Empowering individuals to embrace their potential

#### **VISION**

To have a nurturing school community that provides opportunities for lifelong personal growth.

#### **WE VALUE**

- A Growth Mindset
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Essential Skills for Career Readiness
- Social/Emotional/Behavioral Wellness
- Meaningful and Healthy Relationships
- A Safe School Environment

***"It's the Quality of the journey that counts!"***