Gaylord High School Families,

As the snow begins to melt, I am excited for our transition to spring. Spring brings many exciting things to Gaylord High School, including Spring Break, state testing, spring sports, and all of the end of year events related to graduation. In addition to our regular events, we are hosting a robotics tournament for the first time in school history on March 17th and 18th. Over 40 teams from different schools around the state will converge on Gaylord to compete with their robots. Our students continue to shine in academics, athletics, and the arts. If you have not yet come to an event at GHS, I encourage you to come see our students succeed.

As we approach Spring Break, please be reminded of the proper procedure for starting break early. Even though some families begin their spring break a day or two early, education continues at GHS. I have worked diligently with the teachers so they understand the importance of every instructional day, including the days before a break. If your student will be absent before spring break, please remember that they should fill out a pre-excused absence form and see all of their teachers to gather their work before departing for vacation. Spring testing will be upon us in April, and more detailed information will be sent home towards the end of March. Testing is an important part of education, though it is not most important. The most important part of education is the students, and I can assure you that our students are learning every day.

As always, know that I am here to serve the needs of our school community. Should any issue arise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Educationally yours,

Christopher Hodges
GHS Principal
COUNSELORS’ CORNER

TRANSCRIPTS

SENIORS YOU MUST SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR FINAL TRANSCRIPTS: To be sent to the College/University you plan to attend in the fall!

Gaylord High School uses the Parchment system to send transcripts to colleges and universities throughout the nation. Seniors please use the information used when you set up your accounts in the Fall during your English Class. Should you need additional assistance please call the Gaylord High School guidance office at 731-0969.

SENIOR TIPS AND REMINDERS ON EFFECTIVE USE OF PARCHMENT

1. List your graduation year as 2017. Make sure you enter the correct year to avoid delays.
2. You will receive constant updates via email regarding the status of your request. This process can take 24-48 hours during peak season.
3. Transcript requests can also be tracked on the “TRACK” tab at ‘My Transcripts’ on parchment.com.
4. Student accounts are private; therefore, school personnel does not have access to your account. If you have student specific questions, you need to enter a CONTACT US ticket on parchment.com for their Student Support team.
5. A student’s log-in is the email address you used when setting up the account. Your password is whatever you chose for a password and can be reset at the SUPPORT tab on the sign in page for parchment.com.
6. Students can use registration codes to register, but THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED. It simply makes the registration process easier.
7. Students have until July 31st to order transcripts through Parchment at NO COST.

DUAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

1. To qualify for dual enrollment, the state requires you to meet certain testing criteria (Accuplacer, PSAT, SAT, or MME) within the area in which you wish to dual enroll. Attendance and GPA will also be factors in considering eligibility for all students.
2. FIRST You must apply to NCMC or Kirtland online BEFORE you do anything else.
   a. NCMC website: www.ncmich.edu *Fall classes start the week of September 5, 2017*
   b. Kirtland website: www.kirtland.cc.mi.us *Fall classes start the week of August 28, 2017*
3. Understand that dual enrollment will affect your class rank and GPA.
4. Be very careful about signing up for dual enrollment because conflicts arise with GHS extra-curricular activities.
5. If your student withdraws from or fails a dual enrollment class, you will be billed for the class. Classes typically cost between $400-$500 per semester.
6. You are responsible for purchasing any textbooks and/or class materials necessary for the course. (Textbook costs may be reimbursed.)
7. Fall 2017 registration packets are available in guidance now. Class registration is done on a first come, first serve basis, be sure to return registration packets to Guidance office as soon as possible.
HOW IT WORKS
FREE SUPPORT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS, 24/7

Crisis Text Line serves anyone, in any type of crisis, providing access to free, 24/7 support and information via the medium people already use and trust: text. Here’s how it works:

1. Text 741-741 from anywhere in the USA, anytime, about any type of crisis.
2. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds quickly.
3. The volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.

Testing Out

Each parent should be aware that “testing out” of a course is an option for their student. With the passage of the law enacting the state graduation requirements, parents may request the opportunity for their child to test out of a high school course. If you would like your child to take this assessment (which may include projects, presentations, research papers, or a written exam, depending on the course), please contact your child’s counselor at Gaylord High School. The deadline for applying to test out of a class is **June 5, 2017**. The testing out will take place at Gaylord High School on **August 23, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m.

Online activity can hurt you when applying to college or for jobs

The number of college admissions officials and employers using Facebook/Instagram to learn more about an applicant is rapidly increasing. College admission officials have reported finding damaging information posted online by a prospective student that has hurt his or her chances of getting accepted. Employers are using the Facebook profiles of job candidates to filter out weaker applicants based on lifestyle, attitudes and personal appearance.

It’s important to remember that the Internet is a public place, and, many times, what you put online can be accessed by anyone. Every word and picture you post can be perceived as a reflection on you, so be careful about what you put online. Don’t post anything that would reflect poorly on your judgment or character.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship postings can be found in the Career Ed room in the Guidance Office, as well as online at [www.gaylordschools.com](http://www.gaylordschools.com) (go to “High School”, then “Guidance/Counseling Office”). New scholarships will also be listed in the daily announcements. Seniors should check every other week to see if new scholarships have arrived for which they should apply. **Watch those deadlines!!**
STUCO—SNOWCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Snowcoming was filled with lots of fun and also a couple of new traditions. In the past, a court was solely a Homecoming and Prom tradition. This year’s Student Council members sought to change that. After receiving the honor of Homecoming queen, Anna Kalemb, this year’s STUCO president said, “I decided that court would be an amazing opportunity for more people at GHS to feel like royalty.” Vice President, Abigail Cavanaugh echoed the sentiment, “We decided to start the tradition of a Snowcoming court to give more of GHS’s student body a chance to be ‘royalty.’ The people who have won the title of King/Queen in the past for other events such as homecoming and prom always describe how good it feels so when there was the idea of making more students royalty for Snowcoming, I was all for it.” In addition to a king and queen, the group voted to have winning members of each class. Junior royalty were Prince and Princess, Sophomores were voted Duke and Duchess, and the Freshman were named Duke and Duchess. Tiaras and scepters proved more costly for Snowcoming, but the additional cost is nothing knowing four times the number of students were honored.

In addition to a court, a Snowman building competition was also added. Similar to the banner-making and float-building competitions at homecoming, the snowman competition was a head-to-head competition between classes to build the best themed snow man. All entries were judged, with the junior class coming out on top.

2017 Snowcoming Court Nominees:

Back row l-r: Ryon Miracle, Jacob Shelton, Geoffrey Schiesow, Andrew Quaal, Connor Prusakiewicz, Justin Desloover, Bryce Neff

Middle row l-r: Madalyn Lefler, Hannah Conner, Alison Birkhofer, Chris Romero, Abigail Zaremba, Cade Foster, Skyler Wickert, Marcus Osborne-O’Rourke, Abigail Cavanaugh, Reese Jeakle, Ryan Sincock

Front row, l-r: Hope Bennethum, Emma Doederlein, Cameron Martella, Travis Hough, Kendyl Jarski, Caralee Courtright, Rachel Sagasser, and Sarah Smith

Not pictured: Tony Gentz, Jacob Stocki, Liz Cook, Nick Rowley, and Shannon Basinger


**STAFF PLAY**

Thank you so much to everyone who came out and saw the GHS Staff Players’ production of *The Fruitcake* in February! It was a blast performing for you, and we hope you enjoyed the show.

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**Robots in Action!**

You are Invited

Gaylord High School and the Devil Bots will host a

FIRST Robotics Tournament

March 16-18, 2017.

Teams from around the state will be competing for a first place trophy.

There are many ways to get involved.

- Be a volunteer.
- Donate in-kind materials for the team (tools, paper, snacks, etc).
- Become a sponsor.
- Come to cheer on the teams.

For more information and to get involved, please contact

Angela Zastrow-Thayer at 989.860.2061 or

Mike Rinke at 989.350.2382

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**JUNIORS**

Now is the time to start thinking about senior pictures for next year. Please check the GHS website for the requirements of senior photos and quotes.

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**Some pig!**

Mark your calendars from the GHS Drama Club’s upcoming production of *Charlotte’s Web*, showing in Gornick Auditorium Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11 at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 P.M. Tickets will go on sale in the GHS main office starting in March at a cost of $4 for students/seniors and $7 for adults. Contact drama club director Laura Hotelling with questions.

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**CLASS OF 2017**

**SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY**

SANP Co-Chairs

Trisha Adam
(989) 370-2068

Lori Hamilla
(989) 423-8757

Lesa Jarski
(989) 858-0220

Add us on Facebook

seniorallnightparty@me.com
PLEASE KEEP YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS UPDATED WITH THE GAYLORD HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE at (989) 731-0969.

Should our office be closed you can update this information with our board office (989) 705-3080 to keep your child’s school information records accurate.

This will ensure you will receive your mailings and School Messenger alerts in a timely fashion.

The Gaylord Devil bots have just begun their six week build season since the game reveal happened on Saturday, January 6 at Lake Superior State University. This year, the Steam punk inspired game has several different goals that the team must accomplish to earn enough points to advance to the championship round. Their bot must be versatile and the drive team must have unique strategy to actively earn these points. The first area is to load a boiler with “fuel” balls to create “steam” pressure. They must also collect gears to place on a peg which transports it to a human player who will assemble the gears to start the rotors. This action is designed to simulate flight.

However, they do not have to accomplish this alone, for each alliance is made up of three bots from different schools. Three against three, they have under three minutes to collect as many points as they can. The matches are short, but the competition is fierce.

This year, the Devil Bots will host a tournament at Gaylord High School on March 17 and 18. All are welcome to come out and cheer on the team. In addition, we are looking for volunteers to help us host the 40 other teams that will be coming from around the state.

For more information on this event, please contact Angela Zastrow-Thayer at 989.860.2061.

Have you pre-ordered your 2017 yearbook yet? The final date to pre-order is May 7. You may order online at https://www.yearbookordercenter.com Order number is 3052 OR you can order from Mrs. Purol, room 232, with cash or a check made out to Gaylord High School. There will be a few books to purchase in the fall, but the numbers will be limited and will cost more.
Congratulations!

SUBWAY ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Chayse LaJoie
Blake Charboneau
Reagan Olli
John White
Amber Daoust
Dom LaJoie

"To Support All Gaylord Blue Devil Sports Unconditionally."

The school year is well underway and we would like to invite you to become a member of the Gaylord Blue Devil Boosters Club.

If interested please contact: Theresa Coonrod, President at (989) 390-0222 or teconrod2000@yahoo.com

Pam Gregory, Membership Chairman – (989) 390-5744
Gaylord Blue Devil Boosters Club
P.O. Box 682
Gaylord, MI 49734

Camps

**BASKETBALL (GIRLS)**

Director Kelli Parker
(989) 619-2003
July 17 – 19
FRESHMAN/JV
July 24-26
VARSITY

**BASKETBALL (BOYS)**

Coach Kyle Wood
(989) 619-2003
June 26 - 28
VARSITY

**SPORTS PHYSICALS**

- Dates: June 7th and August 1st at 5:30 PM
- Physicals given after April 15th are good for the 2017-2018 school year
- Location: OMH Professional Medical Building, 829 North Center Avenue. Gaylord, Michigan
- Cost: $15.00—donated back to local athletic department
- Must have a parent or guardian present during the physical
- Forms are available in the school office

ELIGIBILITY

It is extremely important to let your coach and counselor know if you plan to participate in college level athletics! Counselors know the ropes for initial eligibility and will help guide you through the process.

All Gaylord courses have been submitted to the NCAA eligibility center; but, not all courses have been approved. Talk with Mrs. Eckstein to make sure you are taking the right classes for NCAA eligibility.

WELCOME NEW COACH

Brant Wilson – Football Head Coach
Bus transportation registration forms can be found on the Gaylord Community School website. 
989-705-3022

3/9/2017 Drama Club Play, Family Night
3/10-11/17 Drama Club Play, 7:00 pm
3/12/2017 Drama Club Play, 2:00 pm
3/16/2017 College Night, 6:30 pm
3/18/2017 Forensics
3/18/2017 State Band Solo and Ensemble Festival
3/21/2017 St. Baldrick’s 5:30–8:00 PM

3/27-31/2017 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
4/3/2017 School Resumes
4/10/2017 MSTEP Testing Window Opens
4/11/2017 SAT
4/12/2017 ACT WorkKeys
4/13/2017 End of Third Quarter
4/14/2017 No School - Good Friday
4/24/2017 National Honors Society Inductions
4/28/2017 Foreign Language Day
4/28/2017 MSTEP Testing Window Closes
5/1/2017 CTE Awards, 6:00-8:00 pm
5/3/2017 Drama Club Banquet
5/6/2017 Prom - Otsego Club 8:00-11:00 pm
5/10/2017 Band Concert, 7:00 pm
5/17/2017 Junior/Senior Banquet 6:30
5/22/2017 Honors Convocation, E-Free Church
5/24/2017 Band Awards
5/25/2017 Choir Concert, 7:00 pm
5/29/2017 No School - Memorial Day
5/31/2017 Scholarship Night 7:00 PM
6/2/2017 Senior’s Last Day - Senior Walk
6/9/2017 Graduation, 7:00 pm
6/12-14/2017 Final Exams
6/14/2017 Last Day of School, 1/2 Day (am) - tentative

** Some event dates are subject to change.

SCHOOL HOURS
1st 7:48-8:46
2nd 8:51-9:49
3rd 9:54-10:56
4th 10:56-11:31 1st lunch
11:36-12:34 class time for 1st lunch students
11:01-11:59 class time for 2nd lunch students
11:59 12:34 second lunch
5th 12:39-1:37
6th 1:42 - 2:40

IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION/DATES

5/17  Junior-Senior Banquet
        Hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m.
        Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
        Ticket Sales: Mrs. Hartmann at the High School Office
        No tickets will be available at the door.
        Ticket Price: $10.00 per guest

5/22  Honors Convocation
        7:00 awards ceremony
        Evangelical Free Church

5/31  Scholarship Night – 7:00 PM
        In the Gornick Auditorium

6/2  Senior Last Day - Senior Walk
        Seniors will receive seven seat tickets for gymnasium seating and pick up caps/gowns
        Additional tickets will be available 6/5 afternoon and must be picked up by graduating student.

6/9  Graduation—7:00 PM
        Graduation tickets needed for gymnasium seating only. Additional seats available in air-conditioned auditorium with a drop down viewing screen.

TESTING INFORMATION
We are unable to interrupt classrooms during testing. Please avoid appointments on these days.

April 10
April 11
April 12
June 12 & 14

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