

## Groves Family Update 1/25/2020



### Groves Varsity Debate Update

The Groves varsity debate team of Sathvik Rajagopalan and Kevin Gruich reached the double octafinals or first elimination round of the Lexington (MA) HS Winter Invitational Debate Tournament, held on January 18-20, 2020. They posted a 4-2 win/loss record after winning all four of their rounds on the first day. The team lost to Georgetown Day School in the double octafinals after the preliminary rounds concluded. 66 teams from 8 states and the District of Columbia competed at the tournament.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

On behalf of the Groves Staff, we would like to thank all of the parents/guardians that participated in Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend and have additional questions, please contact your student's teacher.

### Attention 9th Grade Students

Did you know that you matter and are a big part of the Groves family? Come to the U Matter Week Club Mixer on Wednesday, January 29, at 3:00-3:45 p.m. in the commons to see how you can get involved in one of our many Club offerings. There is something for everyone!

### Scheduling Reminder

Courses should be entered into Power School by Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, by 11:59 p.m. Students may use the links to the course catalog and video summaries of courses to inform their decisions. On Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, the counseling department will collect scheduling forms from 1st-hour teachers.

Course Catalog: <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/cms/lib/MI01908619/Centricity/Domain/587/WEBSITE%20COPY%20-%20Course%20Catalog%20%202020-21.pdf>  
<https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/domain/2371>

Course videos by staff: <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/domain/2371>

### LINKS Drive

LINKS is hosting a drive to provide support to Community Living Services (CLS). The items needed include new socks, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, and non-perishable canned goods. Please bring your items to the bin outside the front office by February 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Sophomores and Juniors interested in Oakland Schools Technical Center (OSTC)

If you are interested in learning more about OSTC, you will want to participate in the student visitation for OSTC in which they showcase their cluster programs.

The next visitation will take place on January 28, 2020. Students must click on this link to sign up to attend the January 28 Showcase visit: <https://forms.gle/WuViyz16vnXarZL8> (you must select 4 clusters to visit on this date)

If you know that you would like for your student to participate in OSTC, you should sign up as soon as possible. Attendance for the 2020-2021 school year is on a first-come-first-serve basis. To sign up for OSTC, log on to <https://www.ostconline.com/ostc-se> to complete the application.

If you have any questions, contact your counselor for more information.

### Groves Senior All Night Party (SANP) Information:

Congratulations to Amira Kamoo, sister of Groves senior Nolan Kamoo, for winning in \$100 in last night's lottery drawing! Tickets are still being sold for only \$20, and you have 17 chances to win! The next drawing is Wednesday, January 29. If all Senior Parents bought or sold three tickets, we would sell out! Do not delay!

Buy your winning SANP raffle ticket today from Mrs. Roberts in the front office. You can also purchase your SANP ticket, lawn sign, and drop

off your "then and now" photos for the slide show we will be showing at SANP.

-SANP All Night Party Ticket \$85

-Raffle Ticket \$20

-Lawn Sign \$30 (a portion of the proceeds goes to SANP)

-Senior Wishes \$5 each or \$20 for five wishes

Drop off your baby photo and senior photo for the SANP slideshow

Fun night of memories...PRICELESS!

ONE-STOP SANP SHOPPING MADE EASY! Cash or Check made out to Groves H.S. SANP accepted. Thank you for supporting the Groves SANP!

### **Groves Student Congress (GSC) Activities**

Groves Student Congress has TONS of fun events coming up in the next few weeks - be sure to talk to your student(s) about these events and encourage them to attend!

#### Snowcoming Dance

GSC is holding a Winter Snowcoming. The dance will be held in the pool hall from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are in need of parent volunteers!

Baked Goods Donation Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4EAFAC2FA5FA7-snowcoming>

Parent Volunteer Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4EAFAC2FA5FA7-snowcoming1>

#### Sweets for your Sweetie

Students can pay \$1 to send candy. Their choice of three Hershey's kisses, two suckers, or one can of crush to themselves or a friend which will be delivered on February 14th.

Encourage your student(s) to buy some sweets for their friends and teachers! To make your sweets anonymous you can pay \$1 extra.

Selling starts on February 5th in the commons during lunch!

#### Charity Week

Charity week is right around the corner- this year's charity is Brilliant Detroit and we are currently looking for business/company donations. Please email.

Mrs. Mason at [kmason@birthingam.k12.mi.us](mailto:kmason@birthingam.k12.mi.us) if you are interested in donating and giving back to our community! Any amount is greatly appreciated!

Counseling, College & Career Center News

### **Scholarships**

Don't leave free money on the table. Visit the "Scholarships" page on Mrs. Kondak's website [College and Career Center Scholarships page](#). Here are three below:

*The MSU Alumni Club of Oakland Club-* <http://msuoakland.com/scholarship>. Students must have a 3.5 unweighted GPA and have already been accepted at MSU. The deadline is 3/24/2020 in Mrs. Kondak's office. No late applications will be accepted.

*Birmingham SCHOLAR-* Awarded to several graduates each spring and is renewable for 4 years. Visit <https://www.scholarbirmingham.org/> to download the High School Application. This scholarship requires submitting income documentation, test scores, transcript, and a short essay. Deadline is March

*Michigan Retailers Association (MRA)-* This awards 24 scholarships ranging from \$1000-\$1500 each. [www.bit.ly/MRAScholarship2020](http://www.bit.ly/MRAScholarship2020) This is not based on financial need but the student or his/her parent must be employed at a business who is a member of MRA, the deadline is March 15, 2020.

### **2020 AP Exam Online Registration**

February 1 – February 29

Firm Deadline

\$98 per exam

We will use Total Registration for our online AP exam payment processing and registration. To register, the student will need their AP Classroom Join code to register and pay for an exam in Total Registration. Students may get this information from their AP teacher.

Groves Total Registration link- [www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/230333](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/230333)  
Seaholm Total Registration link - <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/230327>

If you have a student taking an AP class at Seaholm, please have them register and order their exam through the Seaholm's Total Registration link above.

Starting February 1, please visit the Groves homepage to select the AP exam registration link. If you have a financial need, please contact Mrs. Reeves in the counseling office at [LReeves@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:LReeves@birmingham.k12.mi.us).

### College Visits

*Claflin University*- Wednesday, January 29 at 9:00 a.m. Claflin University is located in South Carolina and ranked by U.S. News and World Report as the 9th rank HBCU in the country and the 9th ranked Best Regional College in the South.

*Cleary University* – Thursday, February 6 at 9:30 a.m. Cleary University is an independent, not-for-profit, multi-site, Michigan-based, specialized business university, providing practical, project-based education enabling an immediate alumni contribution to employers, families, and communities.

### Community Events

#### Human Trafficking Panel Presentation

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Join Sanctum House and Oakland University Center for Civic Engagement for a panel event on Monday, January 27. Who are the likely targets of human trafficking? Where does human trafficking take place? The answers to these questions, and others, will likely surprise you. Panel conversation features leaders in the fight against human trafficking, and discover the myths and realities of this important issue. Panelists include Paige Stocchi-Forgette, survivor; Michigan Senator Ruth Johnson (14<sup>th</sup> District); Michigan Representative Christine Greig (37<sup>th</sup> District); Karen Moore, Executive Director, Sanctum House; Lisa Keith, Department of Homeland Security; and Dr. Jodi Flanders, CEO, Medical Missions and Imaging PC and Medical Director, Sanctum House. RSVP at [www.ou-cc.evbrite.com](http://www.ou-cc.evbrite.com).

#### Human Trafficking: Myths vs. Reality

Jan. 27, 2020

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Oakland University Campus

Oakland Center

312 Meadow Brook Road, Rochester

Banquet Room A

#### Blood Drive

Our second blood drive of the year is Thursday, January 30th from 6:30 a.m. to 1:25 p.m. in the Auditorium lobby. You are eligible to donate if your last whole blood donation was on or before December 4, 2019.

To sign up, you can visit our tables in the commons/pool hall or use this link (click on whole blood)

[https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/m/donor/schedules/available\\_drive\\_procedures/123056/01/30/2020](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/m/donor/schedules/available_drive_procedures/123056/01/30/2020). If you have any questions, you can email Katie Lucken at [katielucken@gmail.com](mailto:katielucken@gmail.com).

#### Volunteer Opportunity

Michigan Senior Olympics is in need of volunteers to help during its upcoming Winter Games in February and March! Parents and students interested in volunteering can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090445acac2daafa7-2020>



### **Groves Works With Channel 7 to Tell Heartwarming Story**

Mark your calendars for Monday, January 27, 4:45 p.m. to attend live viewing of a feature about the Groves Community in the Little Theater, brought to us by WXYZ!

While aired by WXYZ, the Scriptor and FANN collaborated to tell a story about two very special Groves family members: A.J. Camisa and his mom Robyn. Robyn has recently been diagnosed, a second time, with metastatic cancer, and A.J. is kicking off a second campaign to raise money not just for her treatment but for more awareness about how to cope with loved ones battling cancer.

This is also the perfect kickoff to U\_Matter week. The story reveals how A.J. is both accepting his grief, as his beloved Mom battles cancer for the second time, and the strategies he uses to, as he said, "Not let the darkness engulf him".

Please let your students know about this opportunity and encourage them to attend to support both Groves and A.J. and Robyn Camisa.

#### **Athletics**

For Schedules and Sports Information visit the Groves High School Website: [www.grovesfalcons.com](http://www.grovesfalcons.com)

#### **Groves Girls Basketball**

##### **HOOPS FOR HOPE 2020**

On Tuesday, Jan 28th the Groves Girls Basketball team will be hosting Seaholm in our 3rd annual Hoops for Hope event. All proceeds from this event will go to the Shades of Pink Foundation which supports women in Southeastern MI as they navigate a breast cancer diagnosis and treatment.

There will be a Unity game at 4 p.m., Junior Varsity at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity at 7 p.m.

There will be Pink Ribbon cut-outs to purchase for \$1 in memory of loved ones and friends, a 50/50 raffle and a bake sale. Please come cheer on your Falcons and support this special organization.

More information can be found here: <http://www.shadesofpinkfoundation.org/>

#### **Girls Tennis**

Attention girls interested in Falcon Tennis. There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in room G-2. Parents and athletes are encouraged to attend the meeting to get information about the upcoming season.

#### **Girls Water Polo**

Are you interested in playing girls' water polo? Parents and players, please join us for a meeting on February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Room G2. You'll be able to meet coaches and players and have any questions you may have answered. No water polo experience necessary!



#### **Staff Highlight**

Sharon Rivera

#### **Position or Subject Taught**

Learning Strategies and Individual Pre-Algebra  
Department Chair for Specialized Instruction and Student Services

#### **Education**

B.S & M.A. Eastern Michigan  
MEd Grand Valley State University  
Foundations of Math Trainer & Enhancing Math Facilitator

### Brief Bio

This is my 33rd year teaching in Birmingham. I taught at the Highpoint: Washtenaw Intermediate School District and at Holy Cross in Detroit. I worked at Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum when I was in college. I worked in the buildings and as a singer and dancer. I once performed at the Wheels of Detroit Festival for Independence Day and on WNIC radio's annual Holiday/Christmas party. I love my family, reading, hiking, camping, and going to my lake house on Lake Huron. My dog, Lord Bentley Braveheart is a gentle golden retriever who also likes to walk the trails.

### Something you may not know about me

I have completed 5 super sprint triathlons and multiple half marathons as a semi-serious wogger. (Walk/jog)

### Favorite Quote

"...Can't is the word that is foe to ambition....." - Edgar A. Guest



### Photos

#### Day On Day One

Birmingham Public Schools hosted its fifth and largest Day On Day One, day of service, in honor of Martin Luther King this past Monday. Students of all ages, parents, staff and community members filled the common areas and classrooms of Groves High School to work on different thematic service projects. Their work supports outreach organizations such as Disaster Relief at Work (DRAW), Meals on Wheels, and the Brightmoor Alliance as well as various local homeless, animal shelters, and food pantries.

#### Unified Basketball

This Friday, our Groves Unified Basketball won their home game against Southfield A & T. It was a great game and a heartwarming event for all. Unified Basketball is an inclusive program that unites individuals with disabilities and partners individuals without disabilities as teammates for training and competition.

Thank you,  
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#### **Important Dates**

##### **Monday, January 27**

Channel 7 broadcasts live at Groves -4:45 p.m. in the Little Theatre

##### **Tuesday, January 28**

X-block

##### **Wednesday, January 29**

College Visitation-Claflin University, 9:00 a.m.

Big Brother Big Sister Club Mixer- 3:00 -3:45 p.m.

##### **Thursday, January 30**

X-Block

##### **Friday, January 31**

Another Great Day at Groves

##### **Saturday, February 1**

Snowcoming Dance- 7:00 -10:00 p.m.