

## Groves High School eNEWS 10-4-19

For the past few weeks, I have sent out two versions of the Groves Family Update. Both versions included the same written content; however, one version allows me to add pictures. Before sending this eNews, I sent an update that included pictures. If you did not receive that Groves Family Update, please click on the link below to opt in to the new version. **This is the last week, I will send out two versions of the update.**

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Thank you for your patience and support,  
Dr. Embekka Roberson

### Groves' Debate Team Has More Success

Groves' varsity debaters had a very successful weekend at its first local Michigan tournament on September 28, 2019, at the West Bloomfield HS 16th Annual Invitational Debate Tournament. The team of Sathvik Rajagopalan and Kevin Guich posted a perfect 4-0 win-loss record, placing 2nd in a field of 14 teams. Sathvik was first and Kevin 10th individual speaker. The team of Ben Glick and Luke Lee placed sixth overall.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences- Thursday, October 10

We invite you to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 10, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. During Parent-Teacher Conferences, the counseling department will offer workshops in the Little Theatre beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Time	Subject	Presenter
4:30 p.m.	Anxiety	Mrs. Fugedi, Wellness & Crisis Counselor
5:00 p.m.	College & Career Planning	Mrs. Kondak, College & Career Specialist
6:00 p.m.	Counselor Q & A	Mr. Hurns, Counseling Department Chair
6:30 p.m.	Oakland Schools Technical Campus (OSTC)	Mrs. Haley, OSTC Counselor

### Canceled X-block Days

To ensure that Groves and Seaholm have the correct amount of instructional minutes required by the state of Michigan, some of the X-block periods will be canceled. This will allow that period to be used as direct classroom instruction. During the first trimester, the following Tuesdays and Thursdays will not have X-blocks. Thus, 1<sup>st</sup> hour will start at 7:30 a.m.- Oct. 8, Oct. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 26

### Groves Open House

Invite your neighbors, family members, and friends to Groves' Open House. It will be held on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Our Open House allows prospective families to take a tour of the building, learn about the curriculum, and meet staff and students. This is a wonderful opportunity to share Groves with our community. Please join us!

### Groves Directory Pick-Up

Directories will be available for pick up at parent-teacher conferences on October 10 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Please stop by the PTA directory table and receive your copy if you have paid your PTA Membership dues. If you haven't joined the PTA, you can pay the \$30 dues and receive a directory as it is included with the dues.

### Picture Retake Date

Lifetouch will be at Groves on Tuesday, October 15, beginning at 7:30 am. Students will have a chance to have their school pictures retaken during X-Block in the Commons.

### Parent PowerSchool Upgrade and Account Viewing

Currently, when logging into PowerSchool to see your students' grades, the page will only show the classes and the absences and tardies list. If you want to see the grades and assignments, you will need to go to the top of the screen

under the main title: **Grades and Attendance – “Student Name”**. There is a smaller tab that says Grades and Attendance. When you double click on it, the student's grades will be revealed in the grid, and when you click on a grade, it will take you to the assignments page for that subject. If you do not wish to see the grades, simply go to the navigation pane on the far left and click the heading “Grades and Attendance” and they will be hidden again.

### **Substance Use Survey**

Our prevention partner, Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition (BBCC), is conducting a brief survey to gain a better understanding of parental opinions and attitudes regarding underage substance use and mental health issues in our community. This information will help BBCC and your school better support you as a parent.

This survey is anonymous and will take approximately 9 minutes to complete. If you have a child 18 years of age or under, we would appreciate your input. Please click on the following link to begin: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BB\\_Parent](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BB_Parent)

This survey will provide us with a greater understanding of our parents:

Top concerns about their child's well-being

Areas where they need support

Preferred methods of receiving information and support

Concerns and perceptions about substance use

Concerns and perceptions about youth mental health

Resource(s) for substance use or mental health support for their child

### **Reflections Contest**

Calling All Artists! The National PTA Reflections Program recognizes student visual artists, photographers, dance choreographers, music composers, filmmakers, and authors. This year's theme is *Look Within*. Create original work and have your talents celebrated! The Deadline to submit entries is November 13, 2019. For more details go to [https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/PTA\\_Reflections](https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/PTA_Reflections)

### **Support the Big Brother Big Sister Annual Raffle**

Donations welcome. Big Brother Big Sister annual Raffle Basket sale is coming the week of Parent-Teacher Conferences. This fundraiser helps fund our mentor transition program. If you know a business owner that is willing to donate items such as gift certificates, free classes for yoga, or cooking, contact Shannon Torres [storres@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:storres@birmingham.k12.mi.us) for more information.

This year's themes: *Gift Card Basket, Spa Day, Creative Fun, Movie Night, Sweet Tooth, Bakers Delight, Game Night, Coffee & Tea Time, Made In Michigan.*

### **Birmingham Education Foundation is Looking for An Auction Chair**

The Birmingham Education Foundation is Looking for an Auction Chair!

Are you looking for a way to make a significant impact? The BEF is looking for an individual, or group of individuals, to lead the BEF Bash Auction Team! We have a group of dedicated volunteers, and all of the information and materials ready, we need a volunteer (or volunteers) to serve as the lead for our team. If you're interested in learning more or are interested in other ways to volunteer with the BEF, contact Alison Hendry by emailing [BEF@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:BEF@birmingham.k12.mi.us).

### **High School Science and Technology Program hosted by Ford Motor Company**

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a lecture and laboratories that present the latest research on lightweight, sustainable, and advanced material for use in current and future vehicles. Students who attend 5 out of the six sessions will be eligible to apply for a summer internship at Ford. Please see the scheduled dates. The first one will be held on October 10th.

<http://www.stem.ford.com/STEM/HSSTPOverview>

<http://www.stem.ford.com/STEM/SearchEvents>

## News for Parents of Seniors

### Financial Aid for College

Hopefully, you've saved the night of October 29 at 6:30pm for our Financial Aid Workshop. College Financial Aid Administrators will be here to go step by step in filling out the FAFSA form for your college-bound senior. Many colleges are now requiring the FAFSA to award college institutional money. Please register on the enclosed website. Those that register will be sent information as to what documents will be needed to complete your FAFSA. Please follow the link to register.

<https://forms.gle/6CPxqTWPgKZCPcy19>

### Scholarship Profile

Attention Seniors! You can complete an online, confidential scholarship profile that points us toward specific scholarships that may fit you best. Follow this link to complete it, [Senior Scholarship Profile](#)

### **African-American History Course Update**

There will be a special Birmingham African-American Family Network meeting on Monday, October 7, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to give an update of the African-American History course. All are welcome to attend.

### **Counseling, College & Career Center News**

All visits are in the College and Career Center, room D3. Passes are required except during X-block.

#### College visits this week:

Baldwin Wallace	Oct. 7	8:30 a.m.
Alcorn State	Oct. 7	2:00 p.m.
Eastern Michigan University	Oct. 8	8:00 a.m. (no x-block)
Kenyon College	Oct. 8	9:45 a.m.
Spelman	Oct. 8	2:00 p.m.
St. Mary's College (Notre Dame, Indiana)	Oct. 9	9:00 a.m.
Western Michigan	Oct. 9	10:30 a.m.
The Ohio State University	Oct. 10	8:00 a.m.
Tulane University	Oct.10	11:00 a.m.
DePaul University	Oct.10	2:00 p.m.

#### Career Development:

##### *MiCareer Quest Southeast-November 8*

High school students will be introduced to the most in-demand jobs in advanced manufacturing, construction, health sciences, and information technology. Hands-on, interactive activities to highlight the skills students need to pursue these career opportunities. There is a limited number of spaces for Groves to attend.

##### *Youth In Law- November 12*

Students may attend the Youth in Law conference on November 12. There are a limited number of slots remaining. A link to the information and registration form can be found by following this link to the College and Career Center page: [College and Career Announcements](#).

##### *Keller Clinic will be hosting a Mock Act.*

Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

At Bloomfield Township Public Library

1099 Lone Pine Rd; Bloomfield Twp., MI 48302

[Click here to sign up!](#) For more information call: 248-338-1700

##### *Service Academy Information Day*

Representatives from the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA), the U.S. Military Academy (USMA), the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) will each give a brief overview to the audience, followed by an open-house format for students to ask specific questions.

When: Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

Where: Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, MI 48393

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the Service Academy Information Day.

### *Oakland Schools Technical Center (OSTC)*

Angie Haley, the OSTC Counselor from the Royal Oak campus, will give an informative presentation at 6:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Haley will share information on the programs they offer, including: culinary arts, auto body, auto mechanics, construction, cybersecurity, the health fields, engineering, computer science and more.

### **Community Service/Events**

Rite Aid Pharmacy will be in the Staff Conference Room on Thursday, October 10, from 10:30-12:00 p.m. and 2:30-4:00 p.m. to administer flu vaccinations. You may find the following information helpful:

The vaccine is preservative-free.

The quadrivalent flu vaccine is designed to protect against four different flu viruses; two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses

Bring your insurance card with you. If you are paying cash, the cost is \$28

The vaccination takes two weeks to become active.

Please RSVP to Sara Molloy at [SMolloy@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:SMolloy@birmingham.k12.mi.us) or 248-203-3509 to ensure we have the appropriate amount of vaccinations.

If you cannot attend this day, the EAC will host a clinic with Walgreens on Tuesday, October 15, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Hawthorn room to administer flu vaccinations.

### **Women's Varsity Golf**

Sophomore Riley Sauter led the Groves Women's Golf Team to a victory against Oxford High School on September 23rd. Conditions were difficult with lighting fast greens and wind gusts up to 30 mph at Metamora Golf Club. Riley (low round for the match!) and the team of Chloe Collon, Monica Inda, Eve Collon, Lily Warnica, and Kaitlin Capinjola were thrilled about their league win.

The Varsity Team of Sydney Yates, Sara Carlton, Kaitlin Capinjola, Hannah Devereaux, Leyton Brooks, and Clarice Kim captured the victory in their match against Royal Oak High School on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Hills. Congratulations!

### **Junior Varsity Women's Golf**

The Junior Varsity Golf Team played in a fun scramble format against Rochester Adams on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Hills. The scramble teams of Aarani Balendran and Grace Kauffman, Ellie Kroll, and Evann Oleshansky, Hollis LePage, and Bethany Miller all played well and enjoyed a beautiful day out on the golf course.

The Junior Varsity team of Hollis LePage, Kate Vanderweele, Grace Kauffman, Ayana Odom Foxworth, and Rayna Mahadevan all played well in their match at Lincoln Hills against Seaholm. Unfortunately, the Seaholm team took home the victory, but Groves still had fun at their last matches of a great season.

### **Boys Varsity Tennis**

Boys Varsity Tennis has been busy with wins against Clarkston and tough, competitive losses to Regional competitors U of D and Seaholm. The Falcon racquets handily beat D2 competitors Mattawan, Portage Northern, and Rochester High and Berkley, while losing a tough match to D1 Troy High. Winning Flights include 1 Singles Jonah Liss (3 wins), 2 Singles Nolen Kovan (6 wins), 3 Singles Yanis Boussarsar (4 wins), 4 Singles Brett Kovan, 8 wins), 1 Doubles Aerik Joe/Nick Haddad (4 wins), 2 Doubles Ethan Weitzman / RJ Carrel (3 wins, another 2 wins with sub Dylan Wolf), 3 Doubles Dylan Brown / Ryan Duffy (4 wins), 4 Doubles Will Hess / Will Kostello (8 wins) with 5 Doubles Jonah Edelman / Dylan Wolf and 6 Doubles Liam Keane / Alexandras Abarius all winning scrimmage matches. Sophomore Gabe Klein came up from JV to

pitch in for a couple of our matches. 4 Singles Brett Kovan and 4 Doubles Will Hess/Will Kostello remain undefeated this season!!! Varsity takes on St. Clair, Novi, and Northville heading into Regionals hosted by Groves/Seaholm on Thursday October 10.

### **Boys JV Tennis**

Boys JV Tennis lost in a tough match to Seaholm but big wins vs. U of D (8-4) and Clarkston (12-0!). JV wrapped up the season with Rochester and DCD at home and away matches at Berkley and Troy. Coach Annie Moore is proud of the guys for another great season and is looking forward to celebrating our players at the banquet.

Tennis families, please be sure to sign up to celebrate our seasons at our annual Boys JV and Varsity Tennis Banquet; please fill out the form below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUEPhb77UId-OMA7ho-SOwvtwQyugn4MIDDRtml6Xx3bgS7Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUEPhb77UId-OMA7ho-SOwvtwQyugn4MIDDRtml6Xx3bgS7Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Still need your GROVES FALCONS WATER BOTTLE? Come out to the courts after school and see Captains Nick Haddad and Jonah Liss to purchase yours! \$15. Bottles will also be available at conferences. Thank you for helping KEEP GROVES GREEN.

### **Water Polo**

September 25 your Gators took on Lake Orion and left with two decisive victories. In the JV game the Gators came away with a 17 – 0 win! It was a scorefest with Nolan Lamphere leading the scoring with 4 goals. Other notable scorers were Jack Knoper and Jack Nagy with 3 goals each. The shut out was led in goal by Stefan Faliniski. In the varsity game, the Gators had a 9-4 win behind the amazing goaltending of Max Zalewski and Dominic Delgado.

### **GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE TEAM 2019**

The Girls Swim and Dive team has been busy since the start of their season in August with 7 dual meets under their swim caps and one Invitational.

Their dual record is 4 – 3, and they placed a close second (540 points) to Northville (544 points) at the Holland Invitational, which hosted 7 teams (Marian, Detroit Country Day, Jenison, Holland, and GR Catholic Central).

Our Divers continue to make a BIG splash in the water as **Senior Ellie Chalifoux** remains undefeated this season in dual meets and at the Holland Invitational.

At Stoney Creek, she broke the Pool Record with her dives scoring 257.30 points! The last pool record was 239.60. She continues to roll as we head into the County Meet on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Ellie!

Divers Ellie Deighan, Gabby Saenz, and Lauren Deighan continue to improve and score points for the team. Way to go, girls! We will also see Ellie Deighan at the county competition!

### **Holland Invitational Highlights**

- For the second year in a row, Nikki Barnas and Karen Austin placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in the 500 Free
- Nicole Bastian placed first in the 200 IM and (for the second year in a row) placed first in the 100 Breast Stroke
- Ellie Chalifoux blew the competition out of the water by placing 1<sup>st</sup>
- Ellie Deighan and Gabby Saenz placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively
- Karen Austin, Nikki Barnas, and Madison Helmick placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in the 200 Free
- Pauline Izydoreck placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 Fly
- Madison Helmick placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 Back

Good Luck Girls at the County Meet on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>! ROLL TIDE!

Next home meet Seaholm on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Come out and cheer the team on!

Last home meet Rochester Adams, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Senior Night.

## **Birmingham Unified Gymnastics Parent/Gymnast Information Meeting**

Please join us on Monday, October 7, at 6:30 pm at Groves in Room G2 to learn more about the upcoming season. The meeting is for new and returning gymnasts and their parents. If you are unable to attend but are interested in joining the team, please contact Margaret Brooks (Lead Booster Parent) at [margaret.g.brooks@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.g.brooks@gmail.com). Birmingham Unified Gymnastics is open to Seaholm and Groves girls with any level of gymnastics experience.

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

#### **Monday, September 7**

College Visitation- Baldwin Wallace	8:30 a.m.
College Visitation- Alcorn State	2:00 p.m.
African-American History Course Update Meeting @ Education Administration Center	7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, October 8**

No X-block- 1<sup>st</sup> hour starts at 7:30 a.m.

College Visitation- Eastern Michigan University	8:00 a.m.
College Visitation- Kenyon College	9:45 a.m.
College Visitation-Spelman College	2:00 p.m.
Birmingham African-American Network Meeting @ Education Administration Center	6:30-8:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, October 9**

College Visitation- St. Mary's College	9:00 a.m.
College Visitation-Western Michigan University	10:30 a.m.

#### **Thursday, October 10**

X-Block

College Visitation-The Ohio State University	8:00 a.m.
Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:00-7:00 p.m.

#### **Friday, October 11**

Another Great Day at Groves

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#### **File attachments:**

[Parent Teacher Conferences Tri 1 2019.pdf](#)

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