

Groves Family Update 11/23/19

This past week, the Groves Student Congress hosted a school-wide Thanksgiving food drive. Our community collected 443 items that were donated to Lighthouse Episcopal Church. They are using these items to put together Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. Our donations made a HUGE impact in the community.

Thank you to everyone who donated! Congratulations to the class of 2020 for collecting the most items. Thank you to the PTA for providing donuts for the senior class.

Debate Update

Groves hosted the largest high school debate invitational in Michigan on November 15-16, 2019. In the novice policy division, the team of Jonah Lipman and Eleen Laham took first place with a perfect 5-0 win/loss record, defeating Oakland Independent on a 3-0 decision in the final round. The team of Allie Fundaro, Lily Schafer and Kaitlyn Williams posted a winning 3-2 win/loss record. Kudos!

Groves and Berkshire Students Accepted In the All-Star Orchestra

Congratulations to Ethan Biederman (Groves violinist), Clarice Kim (Groves violinist), and Elodie Chapoutot (Berkshire violist). They were accepted to the 2020 Michigan All-State Middle School and High School Orchestras! They will be performing with the top student musicians in the state at the Michigan Music Conference on January 18th. This is an extremely rare and high honor. Congratulations to the students, as well as their directors, Paul Shawver and Sean Smith.

Congratulations to the Groves Choir

On Saturday, ten Groves Choir students traveled to Grosse Pointe South High School to participate in the MSVMA Musical Theatre Solo & Ensemble. They received 1st and 2nd Division Ratings:

1st Division Rating

Gigi Maki, freshman
Ava Ousachi, freshman
Jaedon Salata, freshman
Hanna Drisko, sophomore
Caroline Kondak, sophomore
Ainsley Nelson, sophomore
Kevyn Roessler, sophomore
Clare Birley, junior
Nico Coyer, junior

2nd Division Rating

Abigail Nelson, senior

Groves High School Drumline

The Groves High School Drumline, under the instruction of Brian Stukey, performed at the Michigan State University Day of Percussion. This event included some of the best drumlines from across the state of Michigan. The students of the Groves Drumline dedicate an immense amount of time towards their craft to continue the tradition that has been established at Groves. Congratulations to our Drumline students!

Snare Drum

Olivia Ruiz-Tyler
Charlie Hardy
Charles Meilinger
Dominic Gullo

Tenors

Charles Seidel
Joshua Wallington
Nolan Lamphere

Bass Drum

Kyle Varda
Elsie Meilinger
Jack Bossio
Matthew Meilinger
William Rogers
Mateo Davis

Cymbals

Lara Ringey
Paulin Clenet
Colin Charmley
Keegan Reed
Luke Morency
Norman Hurns
Charles Penozza

Final Exam Schedule-Trimester 1

Monday, November 25

Shuttle Departure

2nd Hour Exam	7:30 – 9:05 a.m.*	9:10 a.m.
3rd Hour Exam	9:25 – 11:00 a.m.	11:05 a.m.

Bus pick-up at 11:05 a.m.

Tuesday, November 26

Shuttle Departure

4th Hour Exam	7:30 – 9:05 a.m.*	9:10 a.m.
5th Hour Exam	9:25 – 11:00 a.m.	11:05 a.m.

Bus pick-up at 11:05 a.m.

*Students are provided bagels in the cafeteria compliments of the PTA on Monday and Tuesday between the exam periods. Since we are a State of Michigan Green School, we are not serving individual water/juice bottles. Please have your student bring water in their own reusable bottles.

Wednesday-Friday, November 27-29: No school for students and teachers

Monday, December 2– Records Day: No school for students

Tuesday, December 3: 2nd Trimester Begins, No X-Block.

Book Drive

The week of November 4th was our French week, and we scheduled a lot of activities including a book drive, that is still ongoing.

Mary Leier, a GHS grad, is stationed in the Peace Corps, in Cameroon. She is opening a library and needs children's French books to help fill the library in Cameroon. The books don't have to be new. Used books, in good condition, are also greatly appreciated. Please bring the books to the AP French class (B42) by December 2nd. We will appreciate all the books given to this great cause. *Nous vous remercions pour vos dons.*

Art Supplies Needed for the Mural Club

Mr. Fink, Art teacher, is looking for initial donations to start the Groves Mural Club. Students will paint and decorate interior spaces during their meetings. Donations would be of great use to the club. Please see donate new or gently used items such as:

1" to 3" flat or diagonal sash art, varnish, or house painting brushes that still hold their shape. If the paper sleeve is still with it, even better. Sponge brushes are accepted as well.

Aprons

Drop cloths that are in still in fair condition

Acrylic paint of any quality that is not separating or clumping terribly.

Painters tape, gaffers tape, frog tape, gorilla tape

If you have materials or resources to donate, there will be a collection bin outside the main office through the first week of December.

Lost and Found

We have many "lost" items on the table outside of the Attendance Office. Please remind your student to check for missing items.

Bowling Club is Back

The Groves Bowling Club is for everyone. No experience is necessary. We meet on Wednesdays from 3:15- 4:45 p.m. at Hartfield Lanes beginning December 11th and running until March 4th. All forms are due by December 6th. Packets are available in the Main Office or Room B18, email Ms. Sheckell (lsheckell@birmingham.k12.mi.us) with any questions. Students must provide their own transportation and the cost is \$80.

Snow Club

Snow is on the ground, so it is officially time to think about hitting the slopes! The Groves/Seaholm snow club goes to Pine Knob on Mondays in December, January, and February. New or experienced skiers and snowboarders are welcome from both Seaholm and Groves. Bus transportation, lift tickets and a Pine Knob student membership are included. Registration is limited by the size of the bus and will fill. Complete details and registration are at <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Page/8340>.

Groves Honor Alumnus

Groves Honor Alumnus is selected by the Senior Seminar student committee as the individual who best embodies the values and attributes held most dear by the senior class. The annual honoree serves as the featured speaker at Senior Seminar. Students, school staff, family, friends, and community members are encouraged to submit nominations for individuals who graduated at least ten years prior to the current date. A nomination form can be found by clicking this link: [Groves Honor Alumnus Award Overview](#). The nomination deadline for the 2020 Groves Honor Alumnus is November 28, 2019.

Counseling, College & Career Center News

Post-Secondary Visitations

The Army National Guard will be in the Commons on Wednesday, Dec. 4 during both lunches.

Scholarships

Scholarships are beginning to open for Seniors and Juniors. Visit the Groves Scholarships Page to see what is online. This site will begin to be updated daily beginning Dec. 1. Groves Scholarship Page

Looking For A Job? [Click here](#)

Understand Student Life on College Campuses

U.S. Naval Academy

Maya McPartlin, currently a senior at the U.S. Naval Academy, will visit Groves on December 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in the College and Career Center. Students interested in discussion of the application process should attend.

Harvard University

Jadyn Broomfield, a Groves graduate, will be in the College and Career Center on December 4th to talk about her student experience at Harvard University. Interested students can come and ask questions as part of our Informal Conversations.

Community Service/Events

Youth Action Board

The next Youth Action Board meeting is Sunday, November 24th at the Bloomfield Township Library in meeting room #2 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. We will host the Waterford Coalition Teens to discuss vaping and to message ideas. Once our ideas are generated, in a subsequent meeting, we visit Waterford's state-of-the-art studio to record and produce the messaging generated in our Sunday meeting. This is a great opportunity! Reach out to the Youth Program Coordinator with questions: Kelly Michaud - kmichaud@bbcoalition.org

Discounted tickets for Broadway shows are available to the Groves community

Broadway in Detroit is happy to be able to offer Groves discounts for Hello, Dolly! and A Bronx Tale at the Fisher Theatre. This is a wonderful fundraising opportunity provided to Groves Performing Arts Company (GPAC) from our friends at the Fisher Theatre through the Broadway in Detroit Bank of America Fundraising program. The theatre donates money back to GPAC for every ticket sold using our code.

Tickets can be purchased at www.broadwayindetroit.com/givesback

Hello, Dolly!

Fisher Theatre | Now – December 1

Winner of four Tony Awards including Best Musical Revival, HELLO, DOLLY! is the universally acclaimed smash that NPR calls "the best show of the year!" and the Los Angeles Times says "distills the mood-elevating properties of the American musical at its giddy best." Director Jerry Zaks' "gorgeous" new production (Vogue) is "making people crazy happy!" (The Washington Post)

Box Office Price Range: \$39 - \$130

Discount Price Range: \$30 - \$95

Performances Available:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday evenings; Saturday and Sunday matinees

Purchase tickets here: www.broadwayindetroit.com/givesback

Use the offer code: GROVES

A Bronx Tale

Fisher Theatre | January 21 – February 2

Three years ago, Academy Award nominee Chazz Palminteri teamed up with Academy Award winner Robert De Niro, Tony Award winner Jerry Zaks and Tony nominee Sergio Trujillo to create this streetwise musical – based on Palminteri's true life story.

A BRONX TALE takes you to the stoops of the Bronx in the 1960's, where a young man is caught between the father he loves and the mob boss he'd love to be.

Box Office Price Range: \$39 - \$110

Discount Price Range: \$30 - \$82.25

Performances Available: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday evenings; Saturday and Sunday matinees

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Athletics

For Schedules and Sports Information visit the Groves High School Website: www.grovesfalcons.com

Baseball Workouts

Groves Baseball winter Workouts begin in January. Waiver forms must be completed prior to the first workout session. The workout session is 9 weeks.

Registration information and required forms may be found on the Groves High School Athletic

Page: <https://grovesfalcons.com/main/teamarticle/articleID/50686959/id/3669563>

Boys Basketball

On Monday, November 25th, there will be a mandatory boys basketball meeting for both players and parents in the Cafeteria. This meeting is for all students selected to play freshmen, JV and Varsity for the 2019-2020 season. The meeting should not last more than an hour as we realize it is finals week and want kids to have the time they need to study.

This will be an opportunity to meet the coaches, learn about the expectations of the season, review the schedule, learn about the booster club and pay booster dues. Please bring a checkbook if you would like to pay your dues at the meeting. Any questions regarding the meeting can be directed to Michelle Blau rmbrau98@comcast.net or Meg Iverson megiverson@cs.com

BU Boys Hockey

Saturday the 23rd — BU Varsity plays Cranbrook at the Cranbrook Wallace Ice Arena at 7 PM & BU JV plays Northville at the Birmingham Sports Arena at 5:30 PM

Sunday the 24th — BU JV plays Plymouth at 4:30 PM at the Plymouth Cultural Center

Friday the 29th — BU Varsity plays Rochester at 3:30 PM at the Birmingham Sports Arena

Saturday the 30th — BU Varsity plays Lake Orion at 3:30 PM at the Birmingham Sports Arena

The Birmingham Varsity season opened with a hard-fought match against the Unified team from South Lyon. BU brought home the victory with a 4-3 win. BU goals from #16 Nelson Ladomer, #15 Laughlin Shetterly, #5 Brendan Lamb and #21 Aidan Carr.

On Thursday evening, the Varsity squad traveled to DSC to take on a tough game against the team from Lake Orion. It was a gritty contest from start to finish and ended in a tie after three periods of regulation play. The game went into a hard fought overtime and ended with a final score of 2-2. BU goals from #19 JP Weber and #11 Jake Chernow. These teams will face each other again at the Birmingham Sports Arena on Saturday the 30th at 3:30 . . . Come out and support BU Hockey!

Birmingham Ski Team

Announcing to all Seaholm and Groves students who are interested in ski racing. Our ski team races at Mt. Brighton four days a week during the winter. Our Team is a unified team with Varsity and Junior Varsity members. For more information please contact Larry Morris Head Coach at themorrisgroupllc@gmail.com.

Winter Athletics

In order for your child to participate in a winter sport, they must get a Blue Slip from the Athletic office. In order to receive a blue slip, they must have a current athletic physical on file, an emergency card, and complete the online pay to play. To register your child online for the athletic online registration go to www.grovesfalcons.com If you have any questions call the Athletic office at 248-203-3585.

Winter Sports Tryout Schedule

Monday, December 2

Boys Swim and Dive – 3:00 – 5:30 in the pool

Important Dates

Monday, November 25

Final Exam Schedule	Shuttle @ 7:15 am
2nd hour	7:30 – 9:05 a.m.
3rd hour	9:25 – 11:00 a.m.
School dismissal	11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 26

No X-block	
Final Exam Schedule	Shuttle @ 7:15 am
4th hour	7:30 – 9:05 a.m.
5th hour	9:25 – 11:00 a.m.
School dismissal	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 27- Friday, November 29

Thanksgiving Recess - No School for Students or Staff

Monday, December 2

No School for Students

Tuesday, December 3

No X-block - School starts at 7:30 a.m.

2nd Trimester Begins

Post-Secondary Visitation – U.S. Naval Academy	1:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, December 4

Post-Secondary Visitation-Army National Guard	A & B Lunches
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Post-Secondary Visitation- Harvard University

Thursday, December 5

X-Block

Friday, December 6

Another Great Day at Groves!

Thank you,

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