

February 14, 2020



Dear Groves Families:

Please join me in congratulating **Seniors Kiran Krishnan, Noel Stanley, Jerry Juratli and Nicholas Haddad**. As interim principal, I recently received word that these students were named *Finalists* by the National Merit® Scholarship Program (NMSP) because of their impressive academic performance and standardized testing results. Each will be recognized at the Groves Honors Convocation in May and will

receive official Certificates of Merit®. They also will go on to compete nationally for a top designation of Merit® Scholar and for National Merit®, corporate- and college-sponsored scholarships. As demonstrated below, it was another week of hard work, accomplishments and fun at Groves High School! In closing, may our students and staff enjoy a safe and restful midwinter break-- they certainly did earn it.  
Go Falcons!  
Jim Moll  
Interim Principal

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### **Academic Achievement**

#### *Groves Performing Arts Company (GPAC)*

On Saturday, February 8, students from our advanced theatre five class competed at the MIFA Regional Theatre One Act competition. These students placed *First* overall for their production of *The Very UnMerry Adventures of Robin Hood*, securing a spot to compete at the upcoming State Festival to be held at Avondale High School. The students then followed up their competition performance by resurrecting a few numbers from *Mamma Mia* and entertaining guests at the BEF Unabashed Bash gala.

Kudos to following students; each earned the highest rating of *Superior* for individual, ensemble and technical work:

Chernow, Annie  
Davis, Mateo  
Dinkeloo, Jana  
Erllich, Molly  
Holmes, Joshua  
Joseph, Nicholas  
Karaskiewicz, Kate  
Laport, James  
Meal, Samantha  
Miller, Hayden  
Nelson, Abigail  
Paul, Lily  
Rhen, Adam  
Richardson, Alexis  
Smalley, Noah  
Stabile, Hunter  
Stanley, Noel  
Terrell, Mecca  
Tushman, Hope  
Van Wordragen, Hailey  
Woodrow, Rebecca.

#### *Debate*

On February 7 and 8, Groves novice debaters competed in the junior varsity division of the Detroit Urban Debate League tournament at Wayne State University, earning *First* and *Second Place* as guest teams.

**Sophomore Eleen Laham** and **Freshmen Lily Schafer** went undefeated in their preliminary rounds (4-0) and won their semifinal round, defeating Padre Pio High School located in Cleveland (2-1). **Freshmen Allie Fundaro** and **Sophomore Kaitlyn Williams** also won their semifinal rounds, defeating Detroit Cristo Rey High School (3-0) respectively.

Three students won *Speaker* awards as well as the aforementioned recognition: **Fundaro**, *Second Speaker*, **Schafer**, *Fifth Speaker* and **Laham**, *Sixth Speaker*. Finally, Groves debaters took *Second Place* in the sweepstakes competition for most wins by a school across all divisions! Kudos to our Groves novice debaters!





### *U.S. Government*

Groves Teacher Paul Van Ermen and a nine of his U.S. Government students attended the Detroit Economic Club's luncheon held February 7. During the luncheon, Governor Gretchen Whitmer made her first public remarks about her administration's proposed budget priorities to include: roads, education, health care and climate change.



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## **General Announcements**

### *Advanced Placement (AP) Exams*

The firm deadline to register for taking 2020 AP exams is February 29. Total Registration, our online AP exam payment processing/registration service, will charge \$98 per exam. Registering students require an AP Classroom Join Code to register/pay for an exam. Students' AP teachers can provide this code.

Finally, students should register based on where they take each respective AP class (Groves or Seaholm). Please see the following registration links:

Groves Total Registration: <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/230333>

Seaholm Total Registration: <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/23032>

Students also can access the AP exam registration link on the Groves Web site home page. Please direct any questions to Mr. Hurns in the counseling office at [nhurns@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:nhurns@birmingham.k12.mi.us).

### *African American History Event*

On Friday, February 28, Groves and Seaholm High Schools cordially invite BPS families to attend a special event showcasing student Capstone projects from the African American History class. The event will begin with a short presentation at 6:30 p.m. in the Groves Little Theatre followed by a showcase of works displayed in the Groves Commons. These impressive independent projects cover a wide range of interesting topics such as: the history of rap and blues, the story of Black women's hair, Black painters and Black fraternities and sororities.

### *Senior All Night Party (SANP) Information*

The following committee members can offer more information about the senior raffle:

Ashley Adelman at [adelmanash@gmail.com](mailto:adelmanash@gmail.com)

Kathy Barnas at [kathybarnas@comcast.net](mailto:kathybarnas@comcast.net)

Noelle Davis at [nd01bps@yahoo.com](mailto:nd01bps@yahoo.com).

Seniors also can purchase SANP tickets, graduate lawn signs and drop off their then- and now-photos (baby and senior) in the main office. Pricing is as follows:

SANP ticket, \$85

Lawn sign, \$30 (a portion of the proceeds goes to SANP)

Senior wishes, \$5 each or \$20 for five.

Cash or checks accepted (made out to Groves H.S. SANP).

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## **Career & Counseling Corner**

An impressive 53 percent or 163 Groves students have submitted FAFSAs for the fall of 2020!

### *Scholarships*

Visit this Groves College and Career Center Web page (updated daily) for a full listing of scholarships available for seniors: <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Page/2842>.

February 15 marks the deadline for the following scholarships at **Western Michigan University (WMU)**.

The Foundation Scholarship (\$60,000 total award)

MLK Gold Scholarship (\$32,000 total award)

Various endowed scholarships.

WMU's Seita Scholarship has a separate application due May 15. Go to [Western Michigan Univ Scholarship page](#) for more information on these and other sources of financial aid.

**Wayne State University (WSU)** set February 15 as its priority deadline for scholarships.

Scholarship applications for the 2020 Metro Bureau Thomas D. McLennan are available in the College and Career Center or by download: [2020 Metro Bureau Scholarship application](#). Presented by the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, Inc., students attending Oakland University, Wayne County Community College, or Wayne State University are eligible to apply. See Mrs. Kondak for more details.

**Oakland Community College (OCC)** is pleased to offer 100 non-competitive scholarships to Oakland County high school graduates. Chancellor's Scholarships for \$3,500 will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to all students that qualify. To learn more visit:

<https://oaklandcc.academicworks.com/opportunities/2053>.

### *Summer Jobs*

Oakland County Parks is now accepting applications for student summer employment. Positions vary in focus such as: campgrounds, waterparks, concessions, nature centers and golf courses. Starting pay is \$9.85 per hour. To apply visit: [www.OakGov.com/jobs](http://www.OakGov.com/jobs)

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## **Athletic Announcements**

### *Spring Sports / Athletes Need a Blue Slip!*

Spring sports start on March 9, 2020. All athletes must do the following to receive a blue slip to try out and play:

Submit or have a current physical form on file dated after April 15, 2019.

Complete both sides of the physical form with a parent/guardian signature.

Submit a completed emergency card to the athletic department.

Register and pay to play by visiting <https://grovesfalcons.com/main/adnews/ID/4943045>

Please note that students who do not complete the following steps may be sent home from athletic tryouts/practices. For more information regarding off-season training and tryouts contact the respective coach as listed below:

Baseball / Coach Morrison / [smorrison@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:smorrison@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

Boys Golf / Coach White / [awhite@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:awhite@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

Unified Girls Lacrosse / Coach Dunbar / [jdunbar8@gmail.com](mailto:jdunbar8@gmail.com)

Unified Boys Lacrosse / Coach Stensen / [Nicholas.stensen@gmail.com](mailto:Nicholas.stensen@gmail.com)

Girls Soccer / Coach DeCourval / [gdecourval@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:gdecourval@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

Softball / Coach Baldrige / [bbaldrige@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:bbaldrige@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

Track / Coach Flaherty / [bflaherty2@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:bflaherty2@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

Girls Tennis / Coach Farmer / [daf222@msn.com](mailto:daf222@msn.com)

Girls Water Polo / Coach LaSota / [clairelasota@gmail.com](mailto:clairelasota@gmail.com)

### *Baseball*

Is your son interested in playing baseball? A pre-tryout meeting will be held on March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Tryouts begin Monday, March 9 and a post-tryout meeting will follow on March 16 at 7 p.m.

also held in the Little Theatre. Refunds will be made if a player does not make a team.

#### *Boys Basketball*

Recently, the Freshmen and JV boys basketball teams won their games against Oxford and Farmington High Schools. The Varsity team also played well against both schools coming up just shy of winning. Kudos to the entire Boys Basketball program for their successes and wins-- all built from great teamwork, strong hoops and smooth moves!

#### *Ski Team*

On Thursday, February 6, the Birmingham Ski Team competed in the MBHSAA Divisional Championship impressively earned *First Place* for girls and *Sixth Place* for boys. For the regular season and in Divisional competition, the girls took *First Place* and the boys took *Fourth Place*. Top 10 finishers were Marie Morris and Mia Lewis.

The team also fared well at Pine Knob Ski Resort on February 12 during the MBHSAA State Regionals. There the girls team placed *Third* and qualified for the upcoming *MHSAA Division 1 State Finals* to be held at Boyne Highlands on February 24. The boys team placed *Ninth* with incredibly strong runs and fantastic races. Marie Morris placed *Fifth* in slalom and *Fourth* in giant slalom.

Kudos to the entire Birmingham Ski program and its coaching staff for its team work and consistent success-- keep racing!

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### **Community Service Announcements**

#### *Interact Club*

Interact Club members and friends will help host a Mardi Gras celebration at the Arden Courts Memory Care facility on Tuesday, February 25 from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Students will meet outside the school store immediately after school to form car pools. Those attending will play bingo, help serve King cake and socialize with the residents. Donations of bags of individually wrapped candy are welcome.

#### *Gigi's Playhouse / World Down Syndrome Day*

Groves student groups and sports teams looking for a fun, meaningful community service project can form a team and register for the *World Down Syndrome Day Sock Hop* sponsored by Gigi's Playhouse to be held at Groves on March 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. To register a team or to join the Groves Interact Club team visit:

New team registration:

<https://support.gigisplayhouse.org/detroit-world-down-syndrome-day-dance-party-2020/teams>

Groves Interact Club team registration:

<https://support.gigisplayhouse.org/detroit-world-down-syndrome-day-dance-party-2020/team/groves-interact-club>

#### *Meals on Wheels*

Meals on Wheels is in need of substitute drivers, aged 18 years and older, in Birmingham and Beverly Hills. Meals are picked up Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. from the Next facility located at 2121 Midvale. Deliveries may take anywhere from 30 to 60 minutes. Oakland Meals on Wheels requires an application and a background check. Please contact Judy Murrell at 248.203.5281 if interested.

### **Coming Up Soon...**

2/17–21 Monday-Friday, mid-winter recess

2/24 Monday, classes resume.

2/25 and 2/27, Tuesday and Thursday, X-block is on.

Thank you,  
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