



WYLIE E. GROVES HIGH SCHOOL

Inspiring all learners to positively impact their world.



Hello Groves Families!

Welcome to the week before mid-winter break. As we move toward a well-deserved week off, please be aware of a few scheduling items:

Thursday, 2/13- no x-block, classes begin at 7:30 a.m.

Friday, 2/14- early dismissal, students released at 11 a.m.

Please note that morning tardiness is a growing concern. Be sure your student(s) leaves home with plenty of time to travel to school.

During my first week as interim principal, I was continually reminded that Groves is a wonderful place to learn and that high school students are a joy to be around. I appreciate the warm greetings and friendliness shown to me, which is a testament to the positive culture here.

Go Falcons!

Jim Moll

Interim Principal

Academic Achievement

The American Scholastic Press Association (ASPAA) awarded the *Scriptor 2* first place in this year's national competition twice: *National First Place with Special Merit*; *Overall Best High School General Magazine for 2019*. Magazines that win *National First Place with Special Merit* go on to serve as models for other high schools nationwide that wish to enter next year's competition. In a congratulatory letter to the *Scriptor* staff, the ASPAA judges wrote:

Not only have you mastered the elements of a well-designed magazine but you have published excellent works from your diverse school population. *The Scriptor* is a model for those up-and-coming magazines and an inspiration for those students across the country that haven't quite aced this level of writing and design. *The Scriptor* is an excellent publication, which deserves *First Place with Special Merit* in the annual American Scholastic Press Association's Magazine Competition. Creating a magazine teaches students the fundamentals of publishing and a variety of writing modes, proofreading and editing skills, concepts of design and composition while promoting a community of young writers, thereby promoting esteem and school-wide status. Your magazine shows the superior efforts of talented and

creative writers, artists, photographers, layout/graphics designers, staff members, contributors, and advisers.

Please congratulate the following newspaper students whose instrumental work earned the Scriptor these national awards:

Hope Tushman
Jacob Ellenbogen
Nicole Bastian
Nikki Barnas
Lily Russel
Jake Stollman
Briyanna Moore
Kate Karaskiewicz
Eve Wasvary
Jacob Flaherty
Phillip Bradbury
Charlise Keck
Joey Llope
Isaac Michaels
Gabriel Gamlin
Lauren Eshelby
Blair Chernow
Ethan Marcus
Caden Meyers
Damon Muegge
Ella Russell
Grace Silcox
Kaitlyn Williams
Annika Paluda
Myrkia Maguire
Ari Tiles
Becca Woodrow
Gabby Bumbaugh
Ryan Duffy
Kylie Cohen
Ethan Lulkin
Joelle Allen
Issac Michaels
Ross Sauter
Kiran Krishnan
Lydia Rolf
Rocco Prindle
Sydney Yates
Annie Chernow
Anderson Cabble
Chadwick Cole
Stavi Pano
Draque William
Kate Silverman
Erin Parker
Paris Allen

RJ Carrel
Emily Wyszynsk
Margaret Anderson
Ellie Kroll
Caroline Kondak
Drew Weider
Lily Warnica
Alex Flores
Kalli Gaggos
Kate Potoscky
Roni Blank
Elsie Melinger
Charlie Iverson
Marie Morris.

Kudos to **Senior Nikki Barnas** for her recognition by the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association, in *A Cut Above: The Best in Student Media*. Her article, published first by *The Scriptor* last year, entitled *Groves' Sailors Dispel Stereotypes* was republished in the highly acclaimed Michigan State University-based magazine. To read it and others click here: <http://acutabove.mipamsu.org/?cat=4>

Kudos to Varsity debaters **Senior Sathvik Rajagopalan** and **Sophomore Ben Glick** for winning their first four consecutive rounds at a multiple-state Varsity tournament recently held at Evanston Township High School, Illinois.

General Announcements

Count Day

This Wednesday, February 12 is the second official student Count Day for Groves. The count taken on Wednesday helps determine the amount of spring funding Groves will receive from the State. For this reason, the Groves administration kindly asks parents to refrain from excusing students that day for reasons other than illness.

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.

Senior All Night Party (SANP) Information

Congratulations **Laura Hegener**, mother of **Senior Charlise Keck**, for receiving an \$100 windfall as the most recent SANP lottery winner. There are still plenty of chances for others to win. Weekly drawings will take place through May 20. \$20 tickets can be purchased in the front office. The next drawing takes place Wednesday, February 12.

To reach a ticket sellout, parents of senior students are encouraged to purchase or sell three tickets each. The following committee members can offer more information about the raffle:

Ashley Adelman at adelmanash@gmail.com

Kathy Barnas at kathybarnas@comcast.net

Noelle Davis at 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).

Lost and Found

Students who have misplaced items such as clothing, backpacks, water bottles and other school gear should check out the lost and found area just outside the main office no later than Friday, February 14. Small items such as glasses are kept in the main office. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Career & Counseling Corner

New to the [Scholarships Web page](#):

Last year, 51 students were awarded \$1,000 scholarships through the Michigan Realtors Scholarship Fund. This year, applicants must apply online no later than Monday, March 16. Visit:

<https://www.RealtorScholarshipFund.com>. Applicants also must submit their transcripts and ACT or SAT scores (if available) by email to: RealtorScholarshipFund@gmail.com.

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

Athletic Announcements

Girls Basketball Senior Night is February 11 at 7:00 p.m. Come out and celebrate our **Seniors Ellie Ruprich, Bryani Johnson and Daija Green** as their team takes on Royal Oak.

Interested in Birmingham Unified Gymnastics (BUG)? Come cheer the team on at the 2020 Great Lakes League Gymnastics Championship. This league match will be held at Groves on February 12 and begins at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free to district residents. The girls water polo team will host a meeting on February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Room G2. Interested girls and their parents are welcome. No experience is necessary to play. Contact Margaret Brooks at margaret.g.brooks@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about the team or the meet.

Community Service Announcements

The next Interact Club meeting is Tuesday, February 11 in the school planning conference room. All students are welcome to come and learn more about the Club and its next service event, hosting a Mardi Gras party for the residents of Arden Courts Memory Care facility located in Bingham Farms (February 25). For more information see Mrs. Mahle in the office. Many thanks to the following Groves ambassadors and ninth graders who graciously hosted guest students for a day during January:

Liv Chapman

Gillian Emerick

Owen Higley

Max Kramer
Lily Krut
Gigi Maki
Kyle Maynard
Diego McIntyre
Emerson Mousseau
Malena Price
Ava Tanner-Emerson.

Coming Up Soon...

2/13 Thursday, no x-block
2/14 Friday, early dismissal
2/17–21 Monday-Friday, mid-winter recess
2/24 Monday, classes resume.

Thank you,
Jim Moll
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