

Groves High School eNEWS 9-6-19

Dear Groves Families,

We had a great first week of school. Students were excited to see old friends and they appeared ready to embark on a brand new adventure. Sophomore students are no longer wide-eyed freshman trying to figure out what high school has to offer. Freshman students are no longer the “big people” on campus like in the middle school. Juniors and Seniors have increased their conversations about coursework requirements for college or other post-secondary endeavors. There was a certain excitement in the air.

It was the same for our teachers who spent the first days building a classroom community and getting to know each student. Our teachers have spent a lot of time in professional development discussing ways to connect with students. We know that no significant learning comes without a significant relationship. It is important that each student at Groves has a connection with at least one or more adult at school. Through ice breaker activities, positive bulletin boards, and student inventories, teachers are working to connect with students.

On Wednesday, each grade-level participated in a class meeting. This is a time when students learn about the expectations for the year. These meetings, led by the grade-level Assistant Principal, was a presentation on how to receive academic help, attendance, dress code, parking, discipline, and how school counselors can help beyond working with students' schedules. Additionally, students were reintroduced to the GROVES Way which is our expectations on how we will treat each other in school. The GROVES Way signifies giving back to the community, keeping an open mindset, respecting others, valuing your environment, empowering yourself, and supporting others. Our school community continues to strive in these areas by continuing to make this a part of our language and fabric of our school.

Again, it was a wonderful start of the school year. Please continue the conversation with your child on how to make the most of this time. We appreciate parents as partners and look forward to seeing you on Curriculum Night.

Sincerely,

Dr. Embekka Roberson

Curriculum Night- Thursday, September 12th

On Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. we will have our 1st trimester Curriculum Night. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to learn about the curriculum. As well, please join the PTA at 6:15 for refreshments in the Commons Area. For more information, please see the attached form.

Birmingham Robotics Team

The Birmingham Robotics team, Automation Nation, will have their kickoff meeting for the 2019-20 season on Tuesday, September 10th in the Seaholm Makerspace, room C103, at 6:30 pm. Come see the renovated facilities and learn more about the Robotics team. Contact Mr. Simms if unable to attend, bsimms@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

Powder Puff Game Information

The annual Powder Puff game will occur on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. Please help us get our 11th grade and 12th grade students involved. Forms were distributed at Junior and Senior registration to girls interested in playing. For more information, students should attend an informational session in the Little Theatre after school on Tuesday, September 3.

Students must turn in their registration forms, proof of physical, and player's fee (\$20) before they can practice. All physicals should be turned into Mrs. Righter in the athletic office, and the registration forms and money should be turned in to Mr. Stukey (juniors) or Mr. Wickersham (seniors).

The juniors' first practice is on Tuesday, Sept. 10, and the seniors' first practice is on Saturday, Sept. 14. Thanks in advance and we hope to see you at the game.

Groves Directory - Act Now To Be Included!

We are excited to announce that we will be using Membership Toolkit for our Directory and Communications starting with the 2019-2020 school year.

We invite you to visit <https://groveshs.membershiptoolkit.com> to see everything your PTA/PTO has to offer this year. Once you create a Membership Toolkit Account, you will have access to the Directory. Here's what you need to do:

Go to <https://groveshs.membershiptoolkit.com>. Click on the Register/Login button. If you already have an account with another organization that uses Membership Toolkit you can use the same email and password to login. You can then proceed to the numbered steps below. Select "Create Account" and fill in the name, email, and password information. Click "verify my email" and then check your email for a link to complete the process. The link expires in 2 hours. If you do not receive the email, check your spam or junk folders. Once you have verified your email address, log back in and finish the registration process. Complete the Parent/Family and Student Information. Complete the Directory/Publish Preferences.

Once the Primary Account is set up, the Primary User can "invite" other email addresses to access his/her account. This allows the Secondary User to have their own login information, but still have access to the family account.

Questions? - Please don't hesitate to contact us at grovesptsadirectory@gmail.com.

Advanced Placement Exams

According to College Board, there are new change for Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. Please see below for the following changes:

Parents and students should understand that:
Exams are now ordered in the fall.

Students must decide about taking AP Exams in the fall, so that the AP coordinator can submit the school's exam order by the preferred (October 4, 2019) or final (November 15, 2019, 11:59 p.m. ET) deadlines. It is possible to request an exam after the final deadline until the spring course orders and fall order changes deadline (March 13, 2020, 11:59 p.m. ET), but an additional late order fee of \$40 per exam will apply.

If a student chooses to cancel an exam after November 15 or does not take an exam that was ordered for them, the school will be charged \$40 for the exam.

Students will have access to more AP practice and feedback resources.

For more information, please contact your student's counselor.

Counseling, College & Career Center News

College Visits to Groves: [Click here for a full calendar](#) updates daily.

Considering a Law Career?

The Youth Law Conference is a one-day event that educates high school juniors and seniors about career options in the legal profession, the general legal process, provides tools for better decision-making, and features a variety of legal issues as they pertain to the students. The Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA) and volunteer attorneys will deliver an engaging program tailored to the interests and issues of teenagers. Tuesday, November 12, 2019 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Management Education Center 811 West Square Lake Rd., Troy, Michigan. Registration documents can be obtained from Mrs. Kondak.

Career Readiness Seminar

Oakland Schools is sponsoring a Career Readiness Seminar, centered on Advanced Manufacturing. HOSTED by FRIMO, Inc. Location: 50685 Century Court Wixom, MI 48393 Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 Time: 6:00 -

8:00 pm (Open House - Tours offered every 15 to 30 min.) Register and Information::

www.tinyurl.com/OSCRFRIMO

On-campus College Exploration

Students seriously considering Denison University:

[Dialogue with Denison](#) is a fully-funded fly-in program on their campus November 2-4. Applications are due Tuesday, October 1, and decisions will be released in mid-October. Click the link for a full description -- see Mrs. Kondak for more details.

Grand Valley Laker Days:

October 4 and November 2, 2019. Find out more at www.gvsu.edu/visit

Scholarships

Register to participate in the **Central Michigan Centralis Scholarship Award** program. Earn a full-ride; full tuition or a \$5000 Merit scholarship. Two dates are available: October 26 & November 9.

Centralis Scholar Award (Full-Ride) - Awarded to 20 students. Covers 100 percent of tuition, fees, room and board, and a \$5000 study away award. Its current four-year value is nearly \$100,000.

Centralis Gold Award (Full-Tuition) - Awarded to 80 students. Covers 100 percent tuition* and a \$5000 study away award. Its current four-year value is approximately \$58,000.

Centralis Maroon Award - Awarded to 50 students. In addition to a student's top earned merit scholarship, Maroon recipients are admitted to the Honors Program and receive a \$5,000 study away award. Minimum Criteria: 3.7 high school GPA and a 27 ACT/1260 SAT. Limited exceptions to these criteria may be permitted. For information on alternate criteria please visit cmich.edu/centralis.

The deadline to register is one week before each competition date. Information can be found at:

<https://www.cmich.edu/admissions/undergrad/visit/pages/centralis.aspx>

Jobs for Teens

An after-school licensed driver is needed for two students, one at Bingham Farms and another at Berkshire. Students need to be dropped off at sports practices, etc.. See Mrs. Kondak for more details.

Community Events

Volunteer at Your Local BPS Kids' Club

Give back, earn community service hours and spend time with friends on Thursday, September 25, December 10, and April 24. Spend a few hours with elementary students at various BPS elementary schools. We will make a simple craft, play with the children and have fun! School ends at 11:00 a.m. on these particular days.

Volunteer from 12:30-2:30pm

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4cafa62da4fa7-half>

Vote for Groves Student LaNiece Galloway

Groves student LaNiece Galloway, 12th grade, is competing in "America's Got Talent" as a part of the Detroit Youth Choir (DYC). On Tuesday, September 10th, the DYC will once again perform on America's Got Talent.

Last week, enthusiasm and votes from metro-Detroiters helped push the Detroit Youth Choir through to the semi-finals. Now the choir is just one step away from the finale! They can get there with our help. Let's do what Metro Detroiters do best – support one another. Watch and vote for the Detroit Youth Choir, Tuesday, September 10th at 8 p.m., on WDIV-Local 4.

Varsity Women's Golf

The Groves Women's Varsity Golf Team started their season off with a fantastic second place finish in the OAA League Tournament at Farmington Hills Golf Club on August 20th.

Medalist for the tournament was Team Captain Chloe Collon with a 79. Teammates Riley Sauter (87), Monica Inda (93), Eve Collon (95), Laila Brooks (97) and Lily Warnica (99) helped secure the second place finish. Great start Groves Golf!

The Groves Varsity Team placed 8th out of 17 teams in the The Troy Invitational at Twin Lakes Golf Club on August 22nd. Representing Groves was Chloe Collon (79), Monica Inda (98), Riley Sauter (101), Laila Brooks (101) and Lily Warnica (107). Congratulations to the team as it was a tough golf course! Congratulations to Chloe for a 4th place individual overall medal!

The Groves Varsity team of Lily Warnica, Sydney Yates, Olivia Yates, Sara Carlton played a difficult match against Seaholm at Lincoln Hills Golf Course on August 28th. Unfortunately, Seaholm took home the win.

On August 29th the Varsity team of Chloe Collon (83), Riley Sauter (91), Eve Collon (93), Laila Brooks (97) and Monica Inda (98) finished in 8th place out of 18 teams in the tournament at Huron Meadows Golf Club. Chloe Collon took home a top 10 individual medal.

Junior Varsity Women's Golf

The Junior Varsity Women's Golf Team started their season on August 22nd in the Early Bird Tournament at Lincoln Hills Golf Course. Coach Tom Kaufman was proud of his players as they had a great first tournament. Playing for Groves was Sara Carlton (40), Leyton Brooks (45), Kate Vanderweele (51) and Hollis LePage (65). Sara Carlton was medalist for the tournament with a low round of 40. Congratulations Junior Varsity!

On August 27th the Junior Varsity team of Sara Carlton, Aarani Balendran, Kate Vanderweele, Rayna Mahadevan and Ayana Odom Foxworth played a difficult match against Seaholm. It was close but unfortunately Seaholm took home the win.

On August 28th the Junior Varsity team visited Crystal Lake Golf course for a match against Notre Dame Prep. Playing for Groves was Leyton Brooks, Rayna Mahadevan, Ellie Kroll, Evann Oleshansky, Bethany Miller and Milan Farr. Great job Groves.

Girls Swim and Dive Team 2019

The Girls Swim and Dive team is off and running with four new senior captains, 12 new team members to round out their 40 member roster, three new coaches and a lot of excitement!

Welcome Coaches **Laura Searle** (1989 Groves Graduate and member of the 1988 Groves State Championship Swim Team), **Matt Deighan** (All American at Wayne State & Head Coach of the Wayne State men's and women's swim teams from 1993-1997) and **Erin Carpenter** (1986 Groves Graduate and swim team member & Atlantis master swimmer).

The girls are 1 – 1 in their season. In the home opener, they lost a close, down to the wire meet against Cranbrook, defending D3 State Champions, 94 – 92 but came back with a vengeance on Thursday, September 5th and beat Detroit Country Day 116 – 69.

Both these meets saw a lot of great swims! We already have 5 swimmers with **nine** Individual State cuts, all **three** of our Relay teams made State cuts and there were **five** County Meet cuts as well.

Congratulations to the following swimmers:

Senior Captain Nikki Barnas (200 and 500 Free State Cut)

Senior Captain Nicole Bastian (100 Breast State Cut)

Sophomore Karen Austin (200 IM, 100 and 200 Free State Cuts and 100 Fly County Cut)

Sophomore Pauline Izydorek (100 Fly State Cut and 50 Free County Cut)

Senior Captain Kiran Krishnan (100 Fly County Cut)

Sophomore Madison Helmick (50 Free and 100 Backstroke State Cuts along & 100 and 200 Free County Cuts)

Relay Teams:

200 Medley (Eden Sherman, Nicole Bastian, Kiran Krishnan and Pauline Izydorek)

200 Free (Maya Goel, Karen Austin, Nikki Barnas, and Madison Helmick)

400 Free (Pauline Izydorek, Nikki Barnas, Madison Helmick and Karen Austin)

Our **Divers** have made a BIG splash as well and we welcomed Lauren Deighan and Gabby Saenz to the line-up this year. Senior Ellie Chalifoux continues to show us her expert diving skills by taking first place in both meets. Following her lead was Sophomore Ellie Deighan, Freshman Lauren Deighan and Sophomore Gabby Saenz. Way to go girls!

GREAT JOB EVERYONE! ROLL TIDE!

NEXT HOME MEET: Saturday, September 14th vs Mercy at 10:00 a.m.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, September 9

Another Great Day at Groves

Tuesday, September 10

X-block Day

*Birmingham African-American Network Meeting
@ Education and Administration Center*

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11

Another Great Day at Groves

Thursday, September 12

X-Block Day

Curriculum Night

6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 13

Fighting Falcon Dance (after the football game)

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