



Dear Groves Families:

As the second trimester comes to an end, my thoughts turn to the dread that often seeps into student minds as final exams approach. Frantic studying, sleep deprivation and needless worrying can become overwhelming for some students. To combat such issues there are many resources that offer logical strategies for navigating final exam week. Below are some of the best tips that I have researched and witnessed throughout the years. Please read and share them with your student(s).

Create a study plan or guide in writing. Organizing study periods and referring to a written plan empowers students and makes the process less daunting.

Use any teacher provided study guide/review. Add in material you anticipate will be covered on each exam. Be sure to ask your teachers questions if you are uncertain.

Prioritize study material. First review what you are certain will be covered on each exam then review other information.

Compare notes with your classmates but only work in study groups if it suits your individual learning style best.

Quiz yourself.

Eat and sleep well and stay hydrated to keep your mind and body chemistry in top condition. (Caffeine is not a substitute for sleep.)

Parents and guardians remember to recognize and support your student(s) effort(s).

Although final exam week may go down fast, it does not have to do so furiously. May each Groves student prioritize, prepare and perform to his or her best when approaching and taking exams. Remember our teachers and staff believe in you!

Go Falcons!  
Jim Moll  
Interim Principal

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## General Announcements

Exam Prep / Exam Week / Trimester 3

The schedule for final exam week and the beginning of Trimester 3 follows along with information about the Baldwin Library's Exam Cram event.

### *Tuesday, March 3*

Half day morning (a.m.) for students

Classes start at 7:30 a.m. and school dismisses at 11:00 a.m.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Class time</i>	<i>Shuttle Departs</i>
		7:15
1st	7:30-8:08	8:08
2nd	8:13- 8:51	8:51
3rd	8:56-9:34	9:34
4th	9:39-10:17	10:17
5th	10:22-11:00	10:55

### *Trimester 2 Final Exam Schedule*

#### *Wednesday, March 4*

Classes start at 7:30 a.m. and school dismisses at 11:00 a.m.

<i>Exam</i>	<i>Exam Time</i>	<i>Shuttle Departs</i>
1st hour	7:30-9:05*	9:10
2nd hour	9:25-11:00	11:05

Bus pickup at 11:05

#### *Thursday, March 5*

Classes start at 7:30 a.m. and school dismisses at 11:00 a.m.

<i>Exam</i>	<i>Exam Time</i>	<i>Shuttle Departs</i>
3rd hour	7:30 - 9:05*	9:10
4th hour	9:25 - 11:00	11:05

Bus pickup at 11:05

#### *Friday, March 6*

Classes start at 7:30 a.m. and school dismisses at 9:05 a.m.

<i>Exam</i>	<i>Exam Time</i>	<i>Shuttle Departs</i>
5th Hour	7:30-9:05	9:10

Bus pickup at 9:10 a.m.  
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#### *Monday, March 9*

Half Day Classes start at 11:00 a.m. and dismiss at 2:50 p.m.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Class time</i>	<i>Shuttle Departs</i>
		10:45
1st	11:00-11:42	11:42
2nd	11:47-12:29	12:29
3rd	12:34-1:16	1:16
4th	1:21-2:03	2:03
5th	2:08-2:50	2:45

#### *Tuesday, March 10*

No X-Block

Students follow the Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule.

This Saturday, February 29, the Baldwin Library will host Exam Cram. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., students studying can take a break to hang out with PAWS therapy dogs. After closing (8:30 p.m.), high school students will have the whole library to themselves! Pizza will be provided. Video games will be set up for study breaks. Registration is not required.

*Don't Forget to Vote on Tuesday, March 10!*

Voters will be asked to consider a bond proposal for Birmingham Public Schools. The bond proposal up for consideration would provide funding for brick-and-mortar improvements and enhancements and cannot be used for salaries and benefits. The bond proposal seeks to keep the general fund dollars focused on classrooms, while dedicating bond funds to vital capital needs throughout the District. If approved, the annual debt millage is expected to remain at or below the annual debt millage of 3.80 mills levied in 2019. The bond proposal authorizes the issuance of \$195 million of bonds over three series through 2026. We hope that you'll head to the polls on March 10, bring a friend or neighbor or bring a new voter with you! If you have a new voter in your household, or if you haven't already registered to vote yet, learn how to register: [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote) Learn more about the bond proposal at: <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/bond2020>.

*Advanced Placement (AP) Exams*

The firm deadline to register and pay for taking 2020 AP exams is Saturday 2/29. Total Registration, our online AP exam payment processing/registration service, will charge \$98 per exam. Students need only pay for the exams selected as *yes* to take in their College Board classroom account. They should not pay for any exams listed as *no* or *undecided*. Registering students require an AP Classroom Join Code to register/pay for an exam. Students' AP teachers provided 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>

Any exam not paid for through Total Registration by Saturday, 2/29 will incur an automatic \$40 cancellation fee from the College Board and will not be ordered.

Please direct any questions to Mr. Hurns in the counseling office ([nhurns@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:nhurns@birmingham.k12.mi.us)).

*Visitation Protocol*

This week, our building security and front office team began implementing stricter visitation measures (listed below). These steps ensure that our building remains a safe and secure environment every day.

Each visitor must sign in on the register located in the security room.

Each visitor is asked the reason for visiting.

If security personnel are not satisfied or comfortable allowing a visitor to enter the building, a call is placed to the receptionist's desk to seek administrator assistance.

Every approved visitor is directed to the main office.

Each visitor is issued a badge to be worn in a visible manner.

Staff at the receptionist desk will ask visitors to wait for their escorts and then notify respective classrooms or visitation areas.

Teachers, hall monitors or students will escort visitors to their destinations.

Upon visit end, the hosting staff member will call the main office to arrange for the visitor to be escorted back to the main office or out of the building.

Please note that parents checking students in or out of school will be directed to the attendance office. Finally, all food deliveries will be restricted to posted hours and inspected by security personnel.

*Senior All Night Party (SANP) Information*

Seniors 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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## Academic Achievement

Recently, Seniors Isabelle Borr and Kyla Hurns participated in the Future Leaders of Michigan Senate Shadow Program 2020 with Sen. Rosemary Bayer. Borr and Hurns learned about state government first hand as they shadowed the senator and her staff, attended meetings and committee hearings and toured the Capitol building. The girls are pictured in this edition's lead photo with Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist and Senator Bayer.)

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## Athletic Achievement

### *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 appropriate 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 Baldridge / [bbaldridge@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:bbaldridge@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*

On February 13, away against Stoney Creek High School, the Freshman and JV team won while the Varsity came up shy. On February 18, home against Troy High school, freshman suffered its first loss ending an impressive undefeated run. The JV team won and the Varsity team again lost a close one. On February 21, home against Rochester Adams, the Freshman and JV teams came up a bit short, but the Varsity pulled out an exciting victory! Come out and support Groves Boys Basketball away at Southfield A & T on February 28.

### *Boys Birmingham Unified Hockey*

Before midwinter break, the Birmingham Unified Boys Hockey team, played in charity games helping to raise more than \$5,000 to help establish the Apap Foundation. Named for Paul Apap, who recently died of ALS, this new Foundation will help defray healthcare cost of patients living with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Apap was a long time hockey supporter and BHA coach. He is credited with starting the Birmingham Liberty hockey travel program, and his son is the captain of the Michigan State Hockey team. Good work on and off the ice BU!

### *Girls Birmingham Unified Gymnastics*

In mid-January, Birmingham Unified Gymnastics (BUG) hosted the Great Lakes Gymnastics League Meet. *Division I* medalists included: Seniors Madeline Brooks and Natasha Boes and Freshman Zoe Carter-Anthony. *Division II* medalists included: Seniors Amelia Givens and Rachel Flannery and Sophomore Elana Stebbins.

Madeline Brooks was honored as the *League Senior of the Year* for overall excellence during her high school career. Zoe Carter-Anthony was selected to the *All League Second Team* for bars. Finally, Carlotta Biasco, Madeline Brooks, Chloe Raznik, Ava Delgado, Rachel Flannery, Angela Gach, Amelia Givens, Lauren Morris, Abbie Solotorow, Sirena Tan, and Payton

Winquist also were named to the *League All-Academic Team*. Kudos to BUG team!

#### *Boys Swimming*

Thanks to all in the Groves community who voted (repeatedly) for members of our boys swim team in the *WDIV 4Frenzy Fan Choice Awards*. It was a clean sweep for Coach Ricky Forrest, Jackson Gugni, freestyle, and the Groves 400 Free Relay Team. Kudos to our hardworking team and dedicated coach as supported by fantastic parents! Check out the fanfare here: <https://www.clickondetroit.com/4frenzy/2020/02/18/4frenzy-winter-2020-winners/#/gallery?group=334699>

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#### College and Career Counseling

##### *Save the Date for Junior Parent Night.*

Parents and juniors are encouraged to attend an informational meeting about the college application and acceptance process scheduled Tuesday, March 17 beginning 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The evening presentation will offer helpful information and tips for applying to schools, accepting school offers and seeking financial aid. This will include a handy timeline for senior year. The Groves Counseling department, an Oakland University financial aid representative and a University of Michigan admissions representative will contribute to the presentation

##### *Financial Aid Update*

An impressive 56.29 percent or 170 Groves students have submitted FAFSAs for the fall of 2020!

##### *Scholarships Update*

Students with exceptional oratorical skills are encouraged to enter the *Optimist Oratorical Contest* sponsored by the Birmingham Optimist Club and Optimist International. Please see Mrs. Kondak for entry specifics. This year's topic is: *Just iMagine a World without Boundaries*. The deadline for application is Monday, March 30, 2020. Financial awards include: \$500 (local), \$2,500 (state) and \$22,500 (national).

To apply for the *2020 Metro Bureau Thomas D. McLennan Scholarship* download the [2020 Metro Bureau Scholarship application](#) or pick up an application from Mrs. Kondak. 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>.

Beverly Hills Lions Club scholarship applications are now available in the College and Career Center. Applicants must be a resident of Beverly Hills, Michigan.

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## Community Service Announcements

### *Interact Club*

Kudos Interact Club for visiting with the residents of Alden Court Memory Care facility to celebrate Mardi Gras. Time was well spent as quite a few smiles spread across resident faces while they enjoyed interacting with this caring crew of students.

*Pictured above left to right in top row:* Carter Stocker, Leah Zeman, Kate Potocsky, Greta Wilms, Ally Hutchison, Evann Oleshansky, Ryan Le, Bryan Tran, Carlos McIntyre, *bottom row:* Samantha Mantua, Kylee Haddad, Aria Oleshansky (also present, not pictured Bella Ciagne).

Form a team and register for the *World Down Syndrome Day Sock Hop* to support the essential programs and services provided by Gigi's Playhouse. The event will 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>

If you can't make the dance, keep the vibe buzzing at Griffin Claw Brewing Company in Birmingham where a portion of the restaurant's proceeds that day will benefit Gigi's.

Thanks for reading!

James Moll

Interim Principal

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