

Hello Grassfield Families,

We have a lot going on as we move into spring!

The PTSA will be holding their Annual BINGO Night in the GFHS cafeteria March 1st. All proceeds will be donated to the 2019 After Prom. Tickets are available to purchase in the main office or at the door. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the games will start at 6:30pm. The cost is \$20.00 to play 20 BINGO games. We will have Jackpot games, 50/50 raffles, treats to eat and a Vendor Fair. Please plan to attend this family event and help raise money for the class of 2019 After Prom.

We concluded Black History Month with a viewing of the award winning *The Hate U Give*. Other activities this month included a trivia contest, media clips of celebrated African Americans, performances of Atumpan and steel drums during One Lunch, and the inaugural meeting of next year's Multicultural Club.

Student scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year is in full swing. Scheduling Verification Letters will be sent home March 7. Please check your child's proposed schedule carefully and return the letter by March 11.

The Student Council Association is pleased to host the 10th Annual Laps for Lymphoma Walk. This event raises awareness as well as funds to aid in the search for a cure. Over the years, and with the help of the community, we have raised \$165,000.00 to donate to the Lymphoma Research Foundation. The event will be held on Saturday, March 30. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. and the walk starts at 3:00 p.m., rain or shine. Registration is \$20.00 and includes a lymphoma awareness t-shirt. Please register or donate directly through our event's website. Follow the link below to donate/register:

<http://support.lymphoma.org/LapsForLymphoma>

Students may also register during all lunches March 18-March 22. See Grassfield's webpage for more information on registration.

Grizzlies Giving Back Service Week is a Community of Excellence tradition at Grassfield High School. Students are encouraged to participate in the following service projects:

Monday, March 25 – Peanut butter, Jerky, Protein bars, Sunflower seeds, Candy Department for We Care Marines (Rho Kappa)

Tuesday, March 26 – Art Supplies for CHKD (Art Club/US Club)

Wednesday, March 27– Cat Supplies for Cat Rescue Inc. (Anchor)

Thursday, March 28 – UNO, Connect 4, Small LED flashlight with batteries, Coffee tumbler, Gum/Tic Tacs/Mints, Hard cover Journals for Roc Solid (Dalia)

Friday, March 29 – tissues, hand sanitizer, and baby wipes for Chesapeake Education Foundation (Educators Rising)

Saturday, March 30 – Laps for Lymphoma (SCA)

AP Test Registration Letters will be distributed March 12. Students may register and pay for AP exams from **March 19 through March 22**. Registrations will be accepted in front of the Forum between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., during all lunches, and through Grassfield's OSP (online school payments) link on the school website. No exam fees will be collected after March 22.

All second semester English 11 students and re-testers will take the online Writing SOL Test March 19 – 28 (multiple choice and short paper). This verified credit is required for both the standard and advanced

diploma. **Writing SOL study sessions will be held March 5, 7, 12, and 14** from 3:50 p.m.–4:30 p.m. at the school. Please encourage your child to attend these preparation sessions to ensure the best performance on the test.

Please continue to monitor your child's attendance in each class to ensure he/she does not exceed the maximum allowable absences (in most classes: 9 days). The Attendance Exam Exemption is also a powerful incentive for good attendance. The Extended Day Program is available for students to bank time. Students must make every effort to attend extended day to be considered for any extenuating circumstances. The extended day schedule is available here: <https://cpschools.com/gfh/wp-content/uploads/sites/65/2019/02/Spring-2019-Extended-day-teacher-location-list.pdf>

Parents and fans can follow spring sports at Grassfield High School by downloading the “r-school Activity Scheduler” app on their mobile device. Get all the schedules, game results, alerts and cancellations on your phone with this easy to use app.

Spring sports begin March 12. Come out and support Grizzly soccer, softball, baseball, track and field, and tennis.

Study Hall is held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:45 p.m. -- 4:30 p.m. in rooms 114 and 115. Subject area teachers will be available during this time to assist students with homework and content questions. Students who stay for study hall can ride the study hall bus at 4:30 p.m.

ACCESS Advisor—Mrs. Meghan Moorehouse is available to help all seniors apply for financial aid and to provide college counseling to all students. Appointments can be made through email at Meghan.Moorhouse@cpschools.com

Seniors: The ACCESS Scholarship application is now available. Go to www.accesscollege.org to complete the application or see Mrs. Moorhouse for a copy.

Seniors: If you have not completed the FAFSA, you can still do so at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. While the deadline for state-based financial aid was March 1, federal financial aid is still available. See Mrs. Moorhouse with questions, for help filing the FAFSA, or for help comparing financial aid offers that you receive.

Juniors: It's not too late to sign up for Khan Academy SAT Prep! This free, online tool gives you personalized SAT practice (using your most recent (P)SAT test). If you're already using Khan Academy, signing up allows you to earn prizes such as a movie ticket, candy, and a chance to win a \$300 VISA gift card and \$5000 scholarship (based on total practice time in junior year). Permission slips available in the front office.

SENIOR NEWS

Please visit the Grassfield website for more complete information on the following Senior events:

For graduating Seniors: All seniors need to stop by the appropriate table (A-G, H-O, P-Z) at lunch March 4-8 to verify the name that will go on their diploma. If you do not go to lunch, please stop by the tables at some point during the week to verify your name.

Graduation announcements will be mailed directly to students' homes this year.

Cap and Gowns are scheduled for delivery April 23 and 24 during lunch period. Seniors can pick them up at the concession stand.

Grassfield High School's Senior Prom: Save the date, Class of 2019! *An Enchanted Evening* will be held Saturday May 18, from 7:30 – 11:00 p.m. The event will take place at Hilton Norfolk THE MAIN, 100 E. Main St., Norfolk, VA. Tickets are \$60.00 for Grassfield students and \$70 for guests who are not Grassfield students. A completed permission slip, paid class dues, and all outstanding school obligations must be cleared before a ticket can be purchased. Ticket sale dates will be announced soon.

Students are invited to attend After Prom at Grassfield High School beginning at 11:00 p.m.-3:00 a.m. Students do not have to attend Prom to attend After Prom and admission is free. Activities include a DJ, inflatable bouncy rides, prizes, BINGO, and everyone's favorite, the Senior slide show.

Celebrate your Grizzly graduate with a yard sign for only \$25.00. The order form is live and orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 3. Forms are on the senior website, sent through Remind, and in the main office.

Board of Education Civics Seal applications are being accepted for the Virginia Department of Education Civics Seal. Applications can be found on the senior class website. Applications are due to Mrs. Hammers (D105) by Friday, April 12 at noon.

The Class of 2019 will celebrate their Graduation Ceremony Friday, June 14 at 12:45 p.m. at the ODU Ted Constant Convocation Center. All graduates will receive 10 tickets for the event at the first scheduled graduation practice (graduation practice schedule TBA). Be on the lookout for an informational letter that will be posted to our school website in late April/early May with more graduation information.

Thank you very much!

Mrs. Beth Pallister
Assistant Principal for Instruction

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

March 4- End of Marking Period 5
March 7-2019-2020 Course Verification Forms Distributed
March 11-2019-2020 Course Verification Forms Due
March 19-28-Writing SOL Test (Multiple Choice and Short Paper- English 11)
March 25-March 30- Grizzlies Giving Back Week
March 30-Laps for Lymphoma
April 5-End of Marking Period 6
April 5-Early Release Day (1:38 p.m.)
April 15-19-Spring Break
May 6-May 17-AP Testing
May 15-June 10-SOL Testing (all non-writing subjects)
May 18-Senior Prom
May 22-STEM Academic Awards
May 27-Memorial Day
May 29-Senior Academic Awards
May 30-Junior Academic Awards
June 13-End of MP 8 Last day of school!

June 14-Class of 2019 Graduation (ODU Ted Constant Center 12:45 p.m.)