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School Board Meetings

The upcoming Garner-Hayfield-Ventura School Board meetings will be held as follows:

- Monday, April 12, 2021, 6:30pm
- Monday, May 10, 2021, 6:30pm

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HAPPENINGS

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- Monday, June 14, 2021, 6:30pm
- Monday, July 12, 2021, 6:30pm

The meetings will be held in the high school media center. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten Round-Up

At GHV, we invite all aspiring kindergarteners to Round-Up. Your child will spend time with several of our outstanding teachers, we will be providing parents and guardians an online "Parent University" with a few staff members at a future time. We will provide you with information on what to expect as your child attends TK or Kindergarten.

This year we will be hosting Kindergarten Round-Up on April 15 and 16. We are going to try to keep our GHV AM preschool students grouped together with their GHV AM preschool friends; our GHV PM preschool students together with their preschool friends; our Redeemer preschool students together with their preschool friends; and Little Lambs preschool students together with their preschool friends.

For those of you who are new to GHV, or if your child has not attended preschool, we will schedule a time at a later date. Please give us a call to put your child's name on our list.

Here are the official dates & times for Kindergarten Round-Up:

- Thursday, April 15, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Miss Kristi's Morning Section at GHV
- Thursday, April 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Miss Kristi's Afternoon Section at GHV
- Friday, April 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Redeemer Preschool
- Friday, April 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Little Lambs Preschool

If you have a child that will be in Kindergarten this fall, please call the Elementary School, **641.923.2831**, if you have not already done so.

No TK or Kindergarten During Round-Up

For the current year kindergarten students, there will be **NO REGULAR TK or KINDERGARTEN CLASSES** on the days of Round-Up, **APRIL 15 and APRIL 16**.

GHV Google Accounts for Seniors

By Brenda Haag

GHV Google accounts for graduating seniors will remain open until August 13. Seniors are encouraged to open a personal Google account. Please choose to name your account in a professional manner as you may share it with prospective employers or colleges. Seniors can begin transferring important data from their school account to their personal account at any time. Our 2021 graduates should also update e-mail addresses for any services linked to their school Google accounts, such as Netflix. For questions regarding your GHV Google account, please contact Brenda Haag at <u>bhaag@ghvschools.org</u>.

New Immunization Requirements! (7th & 12th Graders)

The Iowa Department of Public Health made changes to the Iowa Immunization Law beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. This change requires that all students entering 7th grade have both a Meningococcal Immunization and a TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis/Whooping Cough) booster before school starts this fall. All students entering 12th grade must have a Meningococcal Immunization before school starts this fall.



Pertussis (whooping cough) is a very contagious disease that causes violent coughing fits that make it hard to breathe. Meningococcal disease is a life threatening illness that is caused by bacteria that infects the brain, blood, and spinal cord. It easily spreads in crowded settings.

Financial Aid Presentation for GHV Juniors (Class of 2022)

By Angie Bierle

Understanding the Financial Aid Process will be presented for junior students and parents on Tuesday, March 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. This year, our Financial Aid Information Night will be a virtual event. Junior parents and students will learn about the financial aid process, the forms that will need to be completed, the different types of financial assistance available, and where they can go for help. The virtual program will provide useful information on how and when to get started with the financial aid process.

The information will include:

- Completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Important deadlines
- Types of financial assistance available
- Scholarships and scams
- Helpful tips
- Where to go for additional help

A representative from the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) will present the latest financial aid information. ICAN is a division of Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation (a private, not-for-profit corporation). Its mission is to provide free information, assistance, counseling and support to college-bound students and their families as they plan for college and apply for financial aid.

To register for this presentation, go to: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8W2AbrjgTpOE5BLAt7PSVg. The presentation will be recorded, so if you are unable to attend the live event, it will be available for viewing at a later date.

What:	Financial Aid Information Night
When:	Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Where:	Virtual Presentation

June 15th Deadline for Henschen Scholarship Applications!

The Scholarship Committee of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church in Garner announces the applications for the William Henschen Scholarship are due **June 15, 2021** for the 2021-2022 school year.

College students and graduates of the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District, who reside within the GHV Community School District or have been open-enrolled in the GHV School District for 4 years prior to graduation, are invited to apply for the scholarship. (Maybe add something that indicates if they have been open-enrolled into the GHV School District for at least four years prior to graduation, they are also eligible. Students who are uncertain about attending college in the fall are encouraged to apply.

Forms are available at the GHV High School. Forms are also available at the Clear Lake Bank and Trust and Reliance State Bank in Garner. The deadline to accept applications is June 15, 2021. Please submit applications early to avoid missing the acceptance date. Official college transcripts should be submitted immediately following the completion of the spring term. All official college transcripts are due July 15, 2021.

Questions can be directed to **Wendell and Brenda Davison**, 2325 290th St, Garner, IA 50438 or by phone **641.927.4421**. Please remember to turn in your **application by June 15, 2021**, and transcripts by **July 15, 2021**. No reminder phone calls will be made.

Prom 2021

We are so excited for Prom 2021! This year's prom will be held **Saturday, April 24th** at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake. This year's prom theme is "The Roaring 20's".

The parents and students of the junior class, along with the help and support of the school and community have been working hard to create an amazing prom for our students and their dates. The night will consist of a grand march, dance, food, prizes, and entertainment. All events will take place at the Surf Ballroom. The grand march will begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission to the grand march is yet to be determined because of occupancy limitations at the Surf at this time. The dance will follow the grand march, along with periodic contests and prizes, a mentalist for entertainment, and plenty of snacks will be provided as well. There are many fabulous prizes in store including smartwatches, smart TVs, a dorm fridge, various gift cards, and much more! The activities will end at 1:00 a.m. and the students will be dismissed.



Let's Get Healthy Hancock County!

Live Healthy Iowa and Hancock County Wellness Coalition will be holding a Wellness Health Fair with a 5K run/walk and a 1K kid's run at Lion's Park in Britt on May 1.

Registration for the run/walk begins at 7:00 a.m. at the Lion's Park shelter house located at 740 3rd St SW in Britt (across from West Hancock High School).

5K is at 8:00 a.m.
 Kid's 1K is at 9:00 a.m.
 Fun walk at 10:00 a.m.

Health Fair will run from 8:00-11:00 a.m. and will include fun, healthy activities for all ages as well as local vendors!

Title One Reading Family Fun Night

By Mrs. Dodd and Mrs. Haes

All families of Title One Reading and Reading Recovery students are invited to join us on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021** at **5:00 p.m.** at the Elementary School media center for a family fun night. Many exciting activities are planned including reading games, reader's theater, read aloud time, and snacks. Also, a time will be reserved for parents to meet with us to discuss strategies to help their child with reading and to offer suggestions and feedback about the Title One/ Reading Recovery programs. Come and enjoy a fun-filled night of reading!

7th & 8th Grade Mixed Choir

7&8 Grade Mixed Choir presented their Winter Concert on **March 2nd**. This group had been working hard to get their music ready. The songs included "O Sifuni Mungu" which is a song featuring a bit of Swahili! It also featured small groups and soloists including Jaelyn Anderson, Jessa Heitland, Kinley Humphrey, Megan Kumsher, Nataly Lattimore, Macie Lau, Brittany Lester, Madi Renner, Emma Schmidt & Olivia Stromer. We followed this up with a Bass Choir favorite, "Jonah," featuring our Bass Clef singers. Next was the full choir song, "Like the Beat of a Drum," followed by the Treble Choir song, "Sisi ni moja" which means "We Are One." The choir finished up their first LIVE performance of the year with the spiritual, "Witness."



High School Choirs

The high school choirs presented their Awesome 80s Pops Concert to a live audience on **February 16th**. This concert featured music favorites from the 1980s. The Freshman/Sophomore Mixed Choir presented a medley called 80s Dance Party, which included songs like "Material Girl" and "Thriller." This choir also sang the Toto song, "Africa," and the Bon Jovi classic, "Living On a Prayer."

Soloists and small groups were featured throughout, and included the following students:

Madison Barrett Caitlyn Bjoraker Kenedee Frayne Ali Hess Carly Joynt Wyatt Haubrich Ty Groom Madison Linahon Irene Link Aerick Mary

Emily Martinson Myah Nessett Ben Stinnett



Special soloists also performed. Those soloists were Emily Martinson, singing "Wind Beneath My Wings," and Caitlyn Bjoraker singing, "Grandpa, Tell Me 'Bout the Good Old Days."

Impulse was next on the roster with their Jazz Choir contest songs, "Voice Dance," and "New York State of Mind." Soloists for New York State of Mind were Abbey Case, Eric Heitland, and Brandon Brown, all GHV seniors.



Brandon then joined Sophomore, Carly Joynt, with a song that hinted at the development of video game music called, "Don't Think Twice."

The Junior/Senior Concert Choir presented their own "Awesome 80s" medley which included songs like "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," "Mickey," and "Walk Like an Egyptian." The singers followed up with a Treble Clef Choir performance of "True Colors", and a Bass Clef Choir performance of "Carry On My Wayward Son."

Soloists and duets were performed throughout by Abbey Case, Chloe Frank, Eric Heitland, Kenadie Lau, Liz Richardson, Brennan Swartout & Sam Wood. And we can't forget our "cheerleaders" for "Mickey," Lorelei Cash, Shelby Howke, Nick Rivera and Sam Wood! Or our very own "Mickey," Braden Renner!



The Concert Choir ended this special, first-time live performance by singing Billy Joel's song, "And So It Goes," in a completely dark auditorium, surrounding their audience! The soloists for this song were Brennan Swartout and Sam Wood.





Congratulations to the Impulse choir! They participated in the State Jazz Choir contest this year by submitting a video to judges who then gave them a rating of 1, 2 or 3. Impulse received a 2 rating this year, even though they had to work through Covid restrictions! Way to go! Impulse members include:

Seniors: Brandon Brown, Abbey Case, and Eric Heitland

Juniors: Chloe Frank, Kenadie Lau, Braden Renner, Liz Richardson, Brennan Swartout, and Sam Wood

Sophomores: Caitlyn Bjoraker, Sam Dodd, Carly Joynt, and Aerick Mary

Impulse also really enjoyed the chance to sing and dance with the elementary students at their 50s Dance party!

GHV High School Important Events

There are two very important events just around the corner for GHV high schoolers. The first is **Prom**, a night of dressing up, dancing, and having fun with friends. This event is exciting and creates wonderful memories that last a lifetime, unless teen alcohol or drug use is involved. **Parents**, talk to your kids. Be sure you encourage responsible behavior with friends and good decision making. This is a night you want to talk about with your son or daughter for years to come!

Here are some tips for parents to help your teen have a safe and memorable prom night:

- Discuss prom night rules with your teen. Have a copy of the prom night schedule with the prom's start and end times.
- Have the details of any pre-and post-prom events.
- Be sure to include the dangers of drinking and driving in your conversation with your teen.
- Be clear about your expectations, including your disapproval of underage drinking or attending parties that will be serving alcohol to minors.
- Make sure your teen has a fully charged cell phone for the night in case of an emergency.
- Establish check-in times for your teen during prom night.
- If your teen needs help because their driver has been drinking or they are in an uncomfortable situation, encourage them to call you no questions asked. It is better to be safe than sorry.
- Be sure to encourage your teen to have fun and enjoy their night!



Graduation is the other important milestone that will be here for our GHV seniors in just a few short weeks. We encourage parents and families of senior students to provide a party that does not involve drinking. Help make this time a celebration of your student's accomplishments with the focus on them and does not include alcohol.

Senior parents are invited to pick up a yard sign declaring their graduation ceremony is alcohol free. Displaying this sign is one way to promote a positive message about safe and healthy celebrations for our youth. Signs will be available for pick up during Senior Awards Day or by contacting the Allies for Substance Abuse office at **641-843-3863 extension 108**, or by emailing <u>director@asap4hc.com</u>.

Substitute Paraprofessionals & Custodial Staff NEEDED

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura CSD is looking for paraprofessional and custodial substitutes. For a paraprofessional substitute, no specific certification is required. We invite any age, male or female, to apply. Hours will vary depending on which area you are subbing. If you think this could be for you, please call and inquire at any of our buildings.

Custodial staff hours and building will vary, depending on the need. We invite anyone that may be interested to contact Kris Hanson, *Director of Maintenance*, at 641.923.2718.

GHV PS-8th and Paraprofessional Substitutes -Connie Hackenmiller - 641.923.7124 GHV HS Substitutes – Beth Hawe - 641.923.2632 Nurse Substitutes – Bonnie Hiscocks - 641.924.2355 Food Service Substitutes – Kathy Zobrist - 641.924.2356 Maintenance Substitutes – Kris Hanson - 641.923.2718 Transportation Substitutes - Kevin Hanson - 641.923.2431

All new substitutes will need to stop at the Superintendent's Office for a background check and to fill out employment paperwork. Thanks!

Non-Discrimination Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator: **Jim Haag**, *GHV High School Principal*, 605 Lyon Street, Garner, lowa 50438, 641.923.2632, jhaag@ghvschools.org.





Impaired Driving: Talk With Your Kids

Impaired driving remains an issue that affects Americans every day. On average, three in five people will be involved in a crash due to impaired driving in their lifetime.¹ Impaired driving can have serious consequences, including injury and death. In 2016, 10,497 people died in crashes caused by alcoholimpaired driving, accounting for 28 percent of all traffic-related deaths in the United States.² Additionally, drugs other than alcohol are involved in about 16 percent of motor vehicle crashes.³

Impaired driving is entirely preventable. Know the facts, and talk with your kids about the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs:

- About one in four teen car crashes involves an underage drinking driver.⁴
- Every day about 800 people are injured in a drunk-driving crash.⁵
- Every day in America, another 29 people die as a result of drunk-driving crashes. That's one person every 50 minutes.⁶

• Marijuana use is increasing, and 13 percent of weekend nighttime drivers have marijuana in their system.⁷



 Marijuana users were about 25 percent more likely to be involved in a crash than drivers with no evidence of marijuana use.²

Keeping Your Kids Safe

The most effective way to stop impaired driving is to prevent it from happening in the first place. Use the following tips when talking with your kids about drunk and drug-impaired driving.

Don't Wait for the "Right" Time—It's always a good time to talk to your kids about the dangers of impaired driving. Here are some common situations you can take advantage of to discuss drunk and drugimpaired driving:

- When your child asks to borrow the car;
- When you're at the dinner table together;
- When your child asks if he or she can ride with a friend to school/a concert/a party;
- When you're running weekend errands;
- When you're at the grocery store; and
- When you and your child are in the car together.

Reinforce Expectations—Make sure your children know what you expect from them when it comes to impaired driving. Let them know it's never okay to get behind the wheel of a motor vehicle while under the influence, and that getting in a car with someone who has been drinking or using drugs is also dangerous.

Help Them Build an Exit Plan—Some kids may not know what to do if a friend or family member who is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs offers them a ride. Explain to your child that it's okay to say no, and help them think through an exit strategy. For example, you can suggest:

- Calling a rideshare service or taxi;
- Calling a relative or friend for a ride home;
- Staying the night at their current location; and
- Convincing the person under the influence not to drive. Mention that drunk and drug-impaired driving is illegal and unsafe and suggest they find another way home.

Show Them You Care—Kids are more likely to listen when they know you're on

their side. Make sure they know that you're talking to them about impaired driving because you care about their safety, not because you assume they would ever drive drunk or drug-impaired driving.

Additional Resources

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's "Talk. They Hear You."[®] Campaign aims to equip parents and caregivers with the knowledge and resources they need to talk with their children under the age of 21 about alcohol and other drugs. Visit <u>www.underagedrinking.samhsa.</u> <u>gov</u> for additional resources to help you get the conversation started.

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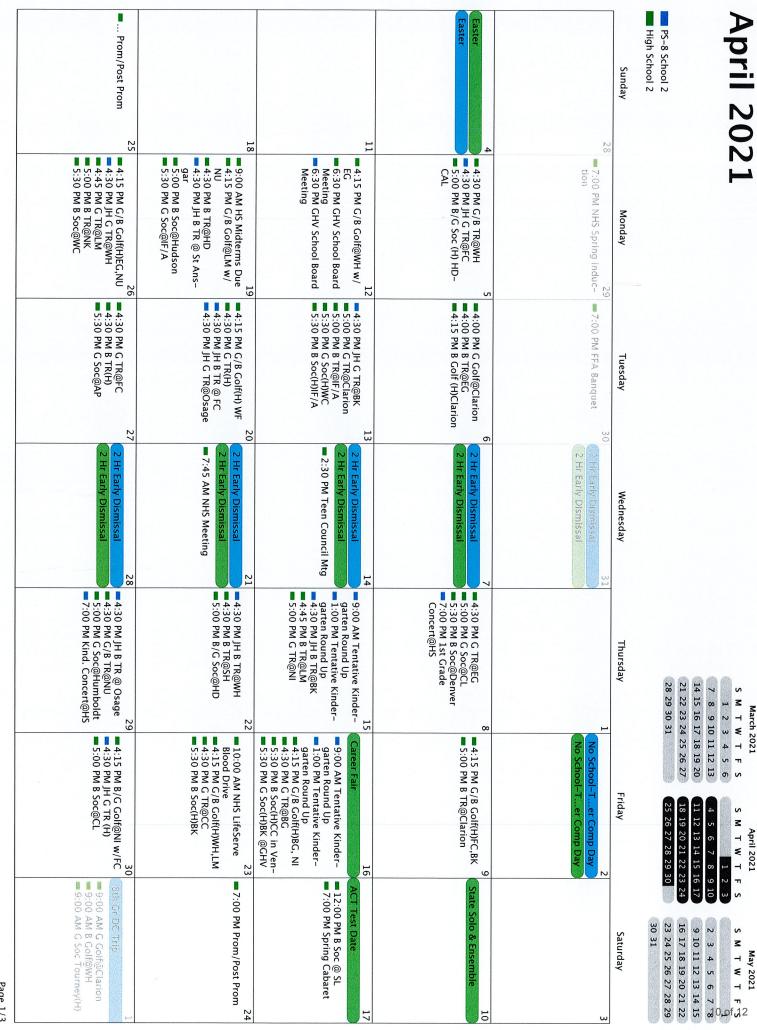
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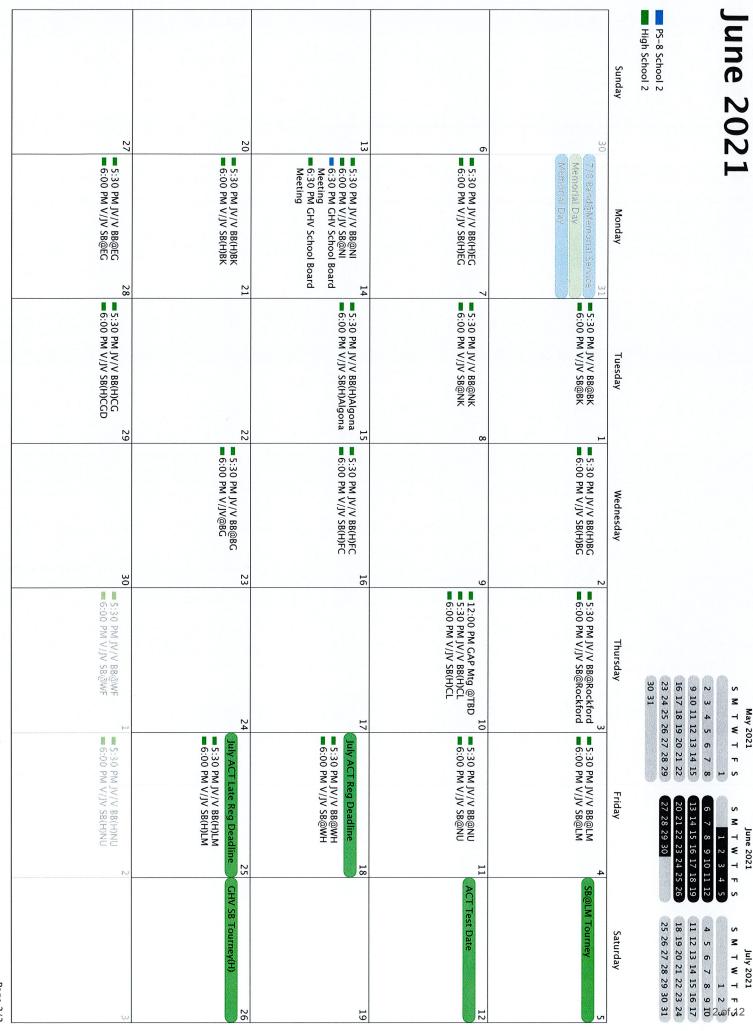
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