

GRAY-NEW GLOUCESTER  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

PARENTS as PARTNERS  
NEWSLETTER



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**#4 09/10**

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*Dates to remember:*  
10/26/09 Early release

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**Picture Retakes**

Picture retake day will be on Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>. Students must bring in the unwanted packets to exchange for a new one. Makeup photos for students who were absent on the first picture day should have an order form with them. Order forms are available in the office.

**NJHS News**

NJHS has started up again! We are proud to announce our members and officers. Our members are: James Alt, Nolan Aube, Brandon Buck, Heather Chapman, Grace Ferguson, Audrey Garcia, Mitchell Giles, Emily Hanson, Brianna Heisler, Anna Knapp, Angelina LaCarrubba, Jacob LaCerde, Carolyn Liziewski, Jesse Lowell, Jesse MacDonald, Casey Myhaver, Elyssa Pennell, Paul Phillips, Julia Ritter, Mikayla Trafford, and Silas Philips. Our officers are James Alt, President; Grace Ferguson, Vice President; Carolyn Liziewski, Treasurer; and Casey Myahver, secretary. The National Junior Honor Society is a service group that helps out the community in and out of school. This year we will be doing Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Baskets for families in need.  
-James Alt, President

**Middle School SIT Review and Feedback Meeting**

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 A.M. Parents are invited to review the proposed 09-10 School Improvement Plan and provide feedback on this year's goals for the Middle School. We ask that parents who plan to attend this meeting RSVP by calling the Middle School office at 657-4994 before the end of the day on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Any parent who is unable to attend the meeting but would like to review the plan should contact the Middle School office to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent teacher conferences will be the week of November 2nd, with the common night being Thursday the 5th. Please watch for notices regarding specific times and dates teams will be holding conferences. Report Cards for the first quarter will be distributed at this time. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the main office at 657-4994 or your child's team teachers directly.

**October Dance**

The October dance will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. All school rules apply including dress and behavior expectations. We ask that students arrive as close to 6:30 as possible and be picked up promptly at 9:00. Admission to dances is \$5.00.

**WinterKids**

Applications for the WinterKids program are available for parents of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders to pick up in the main office and online at [www.winterkids.org](http://www.winterkids.org). WinterKids is a program that provides Maine children the opportunity to enjoy winter outdoor recreation activities at a free or reduced cost.

### **Patriot Parents News**

The Patriot Parents (formerly PTSA) will be having a potluck dinner for the teachers on November 5th (Thursday) for conferences, but we need your help. If you would like to make or buy food for this, please contact Josie Mann at 657-6462. We are also looking for drinks, cups, paper plates, etc. I look forward to hearing from you.

### **Holiday Assistance**

The holiday assistance coordinators of New Gloucester and Gray work with area businesses, church groups, organizations and individuals in an effort to make the holiday season brighter for families in need. If you feel you need assistance this year please obtain one of the forms from the office; fill it out and return it to the school. The forms are also available in the town office or public library.

### **Social for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

The first 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade social of the year will be held November 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-4. Permission slips will be distributed on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Students must return the permission slip to attend. Students will need to be picked up promptly at 4 o'clock.

### **Dismissal Reminder**

We have implemented a new dismissal procedure for the end of the day. We ask parents wishing to dismiss and pick-up their students at the end of the day to do so prior to 1:45. Office staff will be stationed at a desk outside the main office entrance to sign students out. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this effort.

### **Hannaford Helps Schools**

We are registered with Hannaford in Gray for their "Hannaford Helps Schools" program. If you purchase participating products you will receive a certain number of "school dollars" with your receipt. These "school dollars" can be deposited in the collection tower at Hannaford in Gray, or if you shop at other Hannaford locations, you can turn the "school dollars" into the Middle School office and we will get them to the Gray store for collection. More details of this program are available at [www.hannaford.com/hhs](http://www.hannaford.com/hhs) or you can pick up a flyer in our office. The deadline for earning Hannaford "school dollars" is December 6, 2009. All funds collected from this program will go towards Middle School activities.

### **Math Team News**

Practices have begun for all grade levels, 5-8. We gather on Mondays (non-holiday, non-early dismissal) from 2:15-4:15 in room 209. Since this is a long time period, students should plan to bring a healthy snack. All students are welcome to join at any point in the school year and they may work around other commitments.

The teams go to meets in 5/6 and 7/8 groupings and the following dates and locations have been confirmed:

Thursday, October 29	5/6 meet at the Portland Expo
Thursday, December 10	7/8 meet at Middle School of the Kennebunk's
January ?????	7/8 meet at ?????
Friday, January 15	5/6 meet at Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland
March ?????	7/8 meet at ?????
Tuesday, March 16	5/6 meet at Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland
Tuesday, May 4	5/6/7/8 meet at the Portland Expo.

\*\*The January and March 7/8 meet dates and locations are TBA.\*\*

### **Practices for the next couple of months are as follows:**

September 28	November 16
October 5	November 23
October 19	November 30
November 2	December 7
November 9	December 21.

2010 dates will be announced later.