Wegher’s Words of Wisdom

Tuesday is the start of 2nd Semester! The change of semesters provides all of us with a fresh start. The opportunity for those that have done well to continue on their path, and for those that have struggled to hit the refresh button. All of us, at some point or another in our lives, have needed to hit that refresh button. For school purposes, this means a fresh start on classes, tardies, grades, etc. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this opportunity and start off on the right foot.

“Rocket Power” has arrived! “Rocket Power” is the title of the new John Glenn High School expectations. Posters have been going up in classrooms and everywhere around the building. On Monday 1/29/19 and Tuesday 1/30/19, members of the Student Advisory will be presenting the new expectations to students in their English classes. The Student Advisory wrote 99% of what is in the expectations. We felt it was best for them to explain to their fellow classmates exactly why they chose the words that are in our expectations.

To coincide with the introduction of “Rocket Power,” there are some other changes coming at JG. First, I am excited to introduce the “Shooting Stars” program. Every week, I am going to pick an expectation from “Rocket Power” as a focus. I will communicate about that expectation through announcements at school and in “The Mercury.” Teachers will nominate students who are exceeding the expectation for the week to the office. On Fridays, I will draw ten nominated students to be recognized for going above and beyond. In addition to the recognition, those students will be rewarded with special privileges for the next week of school. This
program will help reinforce the expectations with positivity. I am excited to get it going. It will start sometime after the Student Advisory visits. Stay tuned!

There are also some new policies and procedures that will be starting after the Student Advisory visits. First, all students will need their ID to receive a hall pass from their teacher. In fact, their ID will become their hall pass when we put a label on the back that teachers will fill out for a student to exit the classroom. Students will receive 16 passes for the semester on the label. Students will have to use those passes wisely. This will add another layer of having a secure building for our students. If your student has lost their ID, replacements cost $5 and can be purchased in the office. We will provide time for students to take care of any of those needs before this policy is enforced.

Second, we are clarifying where and when it is acceptable to use electronics. All areas of the school will be classified as color coded zones for electronic use. The classifications are:

- **Red Zone:** No electronics permitted. This would apply to all restrooms and locker rooms. This also applies to classrooms unless otherwise directed by a staff member.
- **Yellow Zone:** Electronics permitted only for educational purposes or at the discretion of a staff member.
- **Green Zone:** Electronics allowed to be used in a safe and responsible manner. This includes hallways and cafeteria. For safety purposes, students must only use one ear bud/earphone, and no speakers/phone speakers. This is so we know that all students can hear announcements in the case of an emergency.
Thank you for all of your support in these changes. They have all been developed with a focus on making JG a secure building where all are safe and comfortable to learn.

I know that this has been lengthier than normal, but I do have a couple more topics to cover. We have had an unusual increase in poor sportsmanship on the part of our spectators at home contests as of late. It is in “Rocket Power” that we should “respect yourself, others, and all property.” More importantly we need to exceed the expectations as laid out by the MHSAA in their “Expect Good Sportsmanship” program. All facets of society work much better when we treat each other with consideration and kindness. Here are a couple of audio reminders from the MHSAA on the subject:


Finally, a reminder about safely dropping off and picking up students for arrival and dismissal times. It is illegal and extremely dangerous to drop off students from the turn lane on Marquette. The Westland PD will issue tickets for such incidents. Also, when picking up students, the left lane in the parking lot along Marquette is a through lane. It is used for emergency vehicles. Please be considerate and do not park in that lane.

Thank you and remember to show your Rocket Pride in all that you do!

Mike Wegher
Principal
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Senior Class Transmission
All the pre-ordered yard signs and parent t-shirts have been delivered to your student. We plan on doing another pre-order this spring. Stay tuned for details.

Transmissions From the Wayne-Westland Community
On Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9:15AM – 1:00PM, the Westland Public Library is offering a FREE full-length practice SAT to get your students in Grades 9th – 12th prepared for the real test in April. As you know, taking a practice SAT is a great way for students to get familiar with the format, figure out their strengths and weaknesses, and pinpoint exactly where to

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focus to get the best results. The practice test will be provided and administered by Sylvan Learning of Livonia and will take roughly 3 hours to complete. The tests will then be graded and results will be mailed to the participants for review.

Registration is required. To register, students can visit the library, call the library at 734-326-6123 or register online at http://westlandlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. There is space for 50 students. Participants must arrive on time or admittance to the practice test will not be allowed.

Points of Rocket Pride
JGHS DECA chapter members earned a total of 26 medals at the District Conference on January 11 at EMU. Eighteen students qualified for the State Career Development Conference and will represent John Glenn in Detroit on March 8-10. We have three additional students who have qualified for the state conference. Congratulate Leah Kennedy, Jessica Traxler, and Jade Elder (WMHS).

Congratulation to Joe Moon IV for being nominated for the Detroit Free Press Boys’ Basketball Player of the Week! He broke a 53 year old school record last Friday when he scored 44 pts. in the game against Belleville. He is also well on his way to setting a John Glenn record for most points in a career. Unfortunately, Joe came second in the voting by less than 100 votes, 3102 to 3010. Regardless, it is an amazing accomplishment that we can all be proud of.

Transmission from Student Council
Coming Home Dance

The Coming Home charity dance is coming up on March 2nd, 2019!

All proceeds from this dance will benefit the American Cancer Society. Tickets will go on sale in February, and more information regarding theme and other details will be forthcoming.

Voting for themes will be sent to student school email addresses. You must be logged into your student Google account for the voting to work correctly. Voting will close on Wednesday 1/23/19.

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Transmission from The Gantry
To stay up-to-date on the latest happenings of The Gantry, John Glenn's student ran school store, follow us on social media.
Facebook The Gantry at John Glenn @JGGantry
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Transmission from Athletics
Congratulations to our Rocket Wrestlers for going 7-0 and winning the KLAA East Division Title. The wrestling team will take on Brighton for the KLAA Dual Meet League Championship next Wednesday, January 23rd at Brighton HS.

The Boys & Girls Bowling Teams are currently undefeated in the KLAA East Division as well and well on their way to KLAA East Division Championships. Overall, the Girls Bowling Team is undefeated in league matches and they look to extend their lead in the division tonight against Dearborn HS at Merri-Bowl Lanes.

Please check out the John Glenn Athletics website at www.johnglennrockets.com for upcoming contests.

Future Missions
1/21/19: No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/22/19: Start of 2nd Semester
1/24/19: Tutoring at 5:30 in the IMC
1/28/19: Report Cards sent home during 6th Hour
1/31/19: Tutoring at 5:30 in the IMC
1/31/19: Last Day to Order Yearbooks for $70
2/6/19: 8th Grade Parent Night from 5:30 to 7:00
2/6/19: Elective Expo from 5:30 to 7:00 in Gym 1
2/7/19: Tutoring at 5:30 in the IMC
2/14/19: Tutoring at 5:30 in the IMC
2/18/19 - 2/22/19: Mid-Winter Recess-No School
2/25/19: School Resumes