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Wegher’s Words of Wisdom
Thank you to everyone who came out to conferences this week. Hopefully everyone had productive conversations that will lead to more success in the 2nd Marking Period. I really thank everyone for coming out considering the abnormally early start to winter this year. I know that I have never seen a Snow Day called this early in my career or the record low temperatures that followed.

As a reminder, the school district does communicate school cancellations through robocalls, emails, and communication to local media outlets. If you are not receiving notifications, please come in and make sure that your contact information at the school is up to date. In addition to the district communication, I typically try to send an email as well from John Glenn.

This year, we have really focused on policies that ensure that students are in class and ready to learn. The use of Tardy Sweeps has had quite an effect. Overall tardies have decreased by 20% from this time last year, certain hours have decreased from between 29% to 56%. However, there are two hours where we can do better yet. 4th Hour has only decreased by 8% and that does not include students who are not in the cafeteria by the required time. On Wednesday 11/20/19, we will begin 4th Hour Tardy Sweeps. These sweeps will apply to students who are not in the cafeteria on time as well. These will be handled exactly like our other Tardy Sweeps. Our other concern is 1st Hour where tardiness has actually increased by 9%. Please talk to your students about the importance of waking up early enough to make it to school on time. Data shows that a correlation absolutely exists between missing instruction and being successful in school. Often times students that are late to 1st Hour are not a couple of minutes late; typically those students miss a significant amount of time which will have a bearing on their success in their 1st Hour class. As always, we appreciate your support in working with your students on this matter. Only by working together will we ever truly succeed.

Please remember to visit our John Glenn Facebook page. Mrs. Gidley is updating it constantly with great information from many different sources.

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

Mike Wegher
Principal
John Glenn High School

Shooting Stars
Congratulations to our Shooting Stars winners for this week! These are students

36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185
who set an example to others of how to best
go above and beyond our Rocket Power
expectations.

- Dennis Draper
- Bassit Fijabi
- Donis Franklin
- Sasha Lux
- Arionne Massey
- Gavin Meek
- Ethan Ortiz
- Jacob Shirley
- Nathaniel Teague
- Kaleb Williams

These students received rewards that
included Gantry cookies, John Glenn
accessories, and every student's favorite, 5
minute early dismissal at the end of the day.
Encourage your student to set an example
for others, and we will see their name in
future editions!

Senior Class Transmission
The senior class is selling Class of 2020
graduate lawn signs! They are $20 with no
pre-order necessary. Signs will be available
at purchase. They will be sold in Mrs.
Favorite’s classroom or in Mrs. Norton’s
classroom.

Cap and Gown Forms are available in the
Main Office for students who missed the
informational meetings..

Student Council Transmission
Thank you to everyone who participated
in the Blood Drive on Friday!

Transmission From the
Wayne-Westland Community
The Westland Public Library is looking for
input from the community on how to
improve their services. Please take the time
to give them feedback at the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Westland
LibrarySurvey
Transmission From Thursday

Night Tutoring

Thursday Night Tutoring
from
5:30 - 7:30 pm in the IMC
Get help in English, Math, Science, and more!
Computers are available for school work.

JGHS ID REQUIRED!!!!

Semester 1 dates:

September 26
October 3
October 17
November 7
November 21
December 12
December 19
January 9

All school rules apply!

Counseling Department Transmission

The Counseling Department has a brand new website that is designed to meet the needs of all of our students and parents as well. Please visit the following link for all things from the Counseling Department:

https://sites.google.com/wwcsd.net/jgcounseling/home

Transmission From The Gantry

'Tis the season to give back! The Gantry is holding a canned food drive to give our thanks to our community. During the week of November 18 - 22, bring in as many cans as you can and redeem a prize from the Gantry. Happy Thanksgiving!

Feel free to follow @jggantry on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat to stay updated on upcoming deals and promotion.

Points of Pride

On Saturday 11/9/19, Mr. Cooper took a group of over 100 John Glenn High School students to the University of Michigan for a STEM Day event. It was an amazing opportunity for our JG students and a huge thank you to Mr. Cooper for working on this project!

It's back! The John Glenn Literary Magazine, renamed Gravity. We are looking for members. Are you an artist or writer and want to create something that will last forever? Meet in Mrs. Grimm's room #112 Thursday, October 24th after school for our first meeting.

On Monday 11/11/19, the JROTC Rocket Battalion will be hosted its annual Veteran’s Day Ceremony in the IMC at 11:00 AM.
Thank you to all who braved the snow storm to participate in this annual event! Thank you to Sgt. Bickford for all of your work towards honoring our veterans.

Transmission from Athletics

Are you interested in participating in a winter sport at John Glenn? If so, our winter sports season is starting up and we encourage each student to get involved in a sport or extracurricular activity at John Glenn.

Listed below are the winter sports that are currently offered and contact information for the coaches:

Boys Basketball

- **Head Coach**: Jerret Smith
  
  *(SmithJm@wwcsd.net)*

Tryouts begin on Monday (*November 18*) at 5:30 AM and after school at 3:00. The morning workout is not mandatory but an extra opportunity for prospective athletes to showcase their skills. Coaches are excited about the hard work that has been put in during the offseason and look forward to a successful season.
Girls Basketball

- **Head Coach**: Derrick Jordan

Tryouts started this week but we are still looking for more girls that are interested in participating. Practices take place each day from 4:00-6:00 in the main gym. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Coach Jordan. The first game will take place on December 6th @ Romulus HS.

Bowling (Boys/Girls)

- **Head Coach (Boys)**: Ralph Cabildo ([rc@djandvideo.com](mailto:rc@djandvideo.com))
- **Head Coach (Girls)**: Tom Oddi ([oddite@wwcsd.net](mailto:oddite@wwcsd.net))

Practices begin for both Boys & Girls Bowling on Monday, November 18th. Our Bowling Program at JG is coming off of another successful season, where both teams qualified for the MHSAA State Championships and won the KLAA League Championship. The Girls Bowling Team made it the MHSAA Division 1 Semifinal and the Boys Bowling Team made it to the quarterfinals and several individual bowlers also qualified for the MHSAA Championships. Both teams look to improve upon their final standings from last year and return most of the starters from last year.

Bowling practices and home matches take place at Town N’ Country Bowling alley.

Competitive Cheer

- **Head Coach**: Brittany Hylton ([jghscoachbrittany@gmail.com](mailto:jghscoachbrittany@gmail.com))

Tryouts started this week for Competitive Cheer and practices will take place each day in Gym #4 from 5:00-8:00. So far, nearly 50 girls have participated in the tryout, which is a big increase from last season. Last year, the Competitive Cheer Program earned Academic All State Honors, for their combined team GPA. Coaches are excited about all the work that the girls have put in during the offseason and anticipate a successful year!

Boys Swimming & Diving

- **Head Coach**: Bob Harding ([hardingfish@comcast.net](mailto:hardingfish@comcast.net))

Practice begin for Boys Swimming & Diving on November 25th. Like Competitive Cheer, Boys Swimming & Diving Team expects to see an increase in the number of participants this season and look forward to a great year and hope to have some MHSAA State Qualifiers. If you are interested in swimming this winter, contact Coach Harding or stop by after school in the pool area.

Wrestling

- **Head Coach**: Bill Polk ([polkw@wwcsd.net](mailto:polkw@wwcsd.net))

Practices begin for the Wrestling Team on Monday, November 18th, after school until 5:00. There have been nearly 70 students
showing up to the offseason wrestling conditioning program each day after school. The JG Wrestling Team is coming off of another excellent season and won several tournaments and made it to the MHSAA Semifinals in Division 1 last winter. Each year, there are several MHSAA All State Wrestlers and the team also earned Academic All State Honors.

If you are interested in participating in any of these sports, please reach out to the coaches via email or stop by the Athletic Office and speak with Mrs. Aho or Mr. Schambers. As a reminder, in order to participate in athletics, students must have a valid physical on file *(dated on or after 4/15/19)* and must have completed the online registration, which can be found at [www.johnglennrockets.com](http://www.johnglennrockets.com)

Good luck to all of our JG Winter Sports Teams and student athletes!

Go Rockets!

**Future Missions**

11/21/19: Macho Volleyball at 6:30 PM in Gym 5

11/21/19: Tutoring at 5:30 in the IMC

11/25/19: Yale representative visit at 8:15 AM

11/27/19: ½ Day for Students

11/28/19 - 11/29/19: No School for Thanksgiving Recess

12/4/19: Academic Letter Ceremony at Stockmeyer at 7:00

12/5/19: Choir Concert at Stockmeyer at 7:00 PM

12/11/19: Band Concert at Stockmeyer at 7:00 PM

12/12/19: Tutoring in the IMC

12/19/19: Tutoring in the IMC
Final Exam Survival Kit

Finals week, January 13 - January 17, will be here before we know it. Because this can be a stressful time of the year, the Class of 2023 will be creating “survival” kits to be delivered to your child on the first day of finals. These kits will include:

★ a bottle of water
★ a stress ball
★ mints
★ pack of Goldfish
★ pack of fruit snacks
★ an eraser
★ pencils
★ a motivational quote
★ a personalized message from you

Each kit will cost $5, and all profits will go towards John Glenn Class of 2023.

Order forms and money can be brought to the main office or room 109 at Glenn, attention, Ms. Nimmerguth. Please return all forms by Tuesday, January 7.

Student’s Name:
___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Student’s 2nd hour teacher:
________________________________________________________________________________________

Personal Message:

36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185