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Wegher’s Words of Wisdom
First of all, thank you for helping us get off to a great start for 2nd Semester. I was very pleased with how well students checked their Student Connect for their schedules. It was a great opportunity to use technology to make the school experience more efficient. Now, we need to build off of that experience and have students use that same tool to check on their grades so that they can advocate for themselves with a “voice” in their education. After all, that may just be one of our Rocket Power expectations.

In the spirit of starting off on the right foot, we have started off with a new emphasis on Tardy Sweeps, and it is already paying off. We ask for everyone’s help in making sure that students serve a detention if they receive one. I dedicate to you that we have now added another level of communication when a student receives a detention for a Tardy Sweep from our Parent Coordinator. When students do not serve these detentions, it will catch up to them in the form of In School Suspension, so let’s work together and not allow these minor infractions rise to that level.

One of the other items we need students to rededicate themselves to, in regards to our expectations, is the wearing of hoods. We have allowed other forms of non-distracting and appropriate headwear this year, but made it quite clear that hoods are not allowed at anytime. This rule exists for safety purposes. Hoods help to obscure identities which allows our school to then be less safe. Please remind your students on the importance of this distinction. On our end, repeated offenders will be subject to disciplinary consequences.

Finally, I have spent much of my last week reviewing data on student success from the 1st Semester, especially in the 9th Grade. Our 9th Grade students have now had their first taste of the high school experience. Many have shined, but a large segment struggled. I implore all of us to what we can to help those students improve this semester. Data shows that the 9th Grade experience is a determining factor for success throughout the rest of the high school experience. We need to help those that our struggling before they reach a point where they feel that recovery is impossible. That time is now. Parents, please dedicate yourselves to checking regularly with your students on how they are doing, and if you have concerns, communicate with their teachers. Please regularly check Parent Connect to see how your students are doing in classes. Please make sure that your students are present in class and ready to learn. On our end, we are looking at this data, and we are dedicating ourselves to improving and adding additional support interventions to help those struggling students. As I always stress, we will only

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make change and improvement when we work together as a community.

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 the weeks Shooting Stars winners:

- Jerrell Barnett
- Nicole Dinco
- Jonah Hamm
- Stevie Henry
- AJ Organ
- Cody Roe
- Hannah Trosper
- Treasure Waller
- Desmond Whitney
- Jaydin Woodruff

**Senior Class Transmission**
Are you feeling hungry? Don't want to cook dinner on a Monday? Come join the class of 2020 at Texas Roadhouse (Westland) on Monday, January 27, from 4-10pm to support their fundraising. Just show the flyer and 10% of your food bill will be donated to the John Glenn class of 2020. But wait, there's dessert! Our members will also be holding a bake sale during this time, AT the restaurant! Come out and support your seniors with good food.

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.
Transmission from Student Council

ARE YOU READY ROCKET NATION???? FOR THE SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOWDOWN OF THE DECADE….RIVALZ WEEK!!!!!

Rivalz Week will be a week full of school spirit contests against our crosstown rivals the Zeebs of Wayne Memorial. Contests will range from spirit theme dress days, to most amount of twitter posts showing-off your daily spirit gear to the school with the most attendance at the Freshman and JV basketball games on Thursday at JG.

Three major events will be taking place towards the end of the week.

First on Wednesday - during 5th hour we will be doing a Miracle Minute supporting Wayne Westlands Family Resource Center. The school that raises the most amount of money will earn spirit points.

On Thursday, we will be hosting the very first War Games here at John Glenn. War games are a friendly competition of pep rally style games of our winter sports athletes vs. Wayne Memorial winter sports athletes. In order to attend and root on your fellow Rockets, you must purchase a ticket for $10 at lunch - ONLY 100 tickets will be sold. DO NOT WAIT - - Ticket sales start tomorrow!!!!

Along with your ticket to the War Games, you will receive a FREE ticket to cheer on
your favorite John Glenn staff members as they knockout the Wayne Memorial teachers in a friendly game of Dodgeball on Friday at Wayne Memorial starting at 4:00. If you did not get a War games ticket, tickets to Dodgeball will be sold at the door for $3. The school who has the highest attendance at this event will receive spirit points.

After the dodgeball games, head over to Alumni gym to watch your girls and boys basketball teams bring home a victory. At half-time of the girls game, we will be presenting the Family Resource Center with a check for the money raised from the Miracle Minute, War games and Dodgeball. In addition we will be awarding the school with a trophy for winning the school spirit showdown of the decade.

To honor this event will have t-shirts on sale at all lunches for $10. As of now t-shirts are pre-order only. We hope to have an extra supply but size will not be guaranteed.

Whew!!! Got it all??? We hope everyone has a fun time showing off their Rocket pride during the week. Beat the ZEEBS!!!

If you have any questions, see a Leadership Student or follow the Launchpad on Twitter and now TikTok @jghslaunchpad.

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

Please follow us on all social media platforms @jggantry for our latest promotions and to stay up-to-date on store
events. Hint, hint. Happy Holidays to our Rocket Community! See you in 2020!

**Points of Pride**

Coach Polk has been proud to share the successes that many of his past athletes our now experiencing in their post high school experiences. Please follow the following links to also share in the pride of these Rocket alums:


“Another Rocket doing well at the next level! Jordon Brandon (2X State Finalist and State Champion) is wrestling for Wartburg College in Iowa. Saturday his team became national champs winning the national dual meet Championship! In the 1/4 finals the dual came down to Jordon to advance and he won 12-4. In the semi Finals he defeated the #3 ranked heavyweight in the nation! And in the finals he won again remaining undefeated on the season. This young man has been through a lot and has persevered to keep doing what he loves. He was a challenging young kid when he came to JG. Now, a few years later he is figuring it out and turning into a fine young man.” --From Coach Polk

“One of our own! 2018 grad Anthony Gibson! Big things happening in his red shirt freshman year!! #7 on the list of Top 10 Division 1 performances of the week! Huskies over the Chips.”--From Coach Polk
Transmission from Athletics

9th Grade Boys Basketball:

From Coach Jordan:

“On Friday the 17th our basketball team won their first basketball game in a long time. I was very happy and impressed with the teams synergy and performance to formulate our plays and complete them with integrity and sportsmanship to pull off their first win.

While our team isn't the biggest, in fact the smallest in our conference the size has no bearing on our heart, dedication and discipline in and outside the classroom.

The team deserves amazing recognition for their hard work and dedication to John Glenn High School. These freshmen will soon be our future graduates and the outstanding performers in our advanced sports, and with the amazing hard work they're completing, John Glenn will manifest to a stronger athletic program in the future.”

Unified Basketball:

Yesterday, our Unified Basketball Team had their first game vs. Belleville HS. It was exciting and a great opportunity for many of our students that have not had the chance to participate in organized sports.

I would like to invite all of you to attend our next home Unified Basketball Game, which will take place on Tuesday, February 4th vs. Livonia Franklin. The game will be in the main gym and will take place before our Girls Basketball Team takes on Franklin. The Unified Basketball Game will begin at 4:00.

Coach Hardin, Justin Hart and Lauryn Hardy have done a fantastic job and it would be nice to have a large crowd in attendance to support the team.

Upcoming Schedule:

- Monday, January 27 @ Churchill - 4:00
- Tuesday, February 4 vs. Franklin - 4:00
- Monday, February 10 @ Howell (Parker MS - 4:00)
- Thursday, February 20 @ Novi (KLAA Unified Tournament - 4:00)

Wrestling:

The Rocket Wrestling Team won the KLAA East Division after going 7-0 in division duel meets. The KLAA Championship Conference Crossover will take place this...
Wednesday (1/29) at 5:30 at John Glenn. We will be taking on Hartland and Brighton.

Go Rockets!

**Future Missions**
1/27/20: Report Cards Sent Home

1/30/20: Tutoring in the IMC @ 5:30

2/4/20: Early Release Day

2/5/20: Elective Expo (During the Day for Students Only)

2/5/20: Counselor Visits to Stevenson for 8th to 9th Grade Transition

2/5/20: AP Night

2/6/20: Tutoring in the IMC @ 5:30

2/7/20: WM vs. JG Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball at Wayne Memorial

2/13/20: Tutoring in the IMC @ 5:30

2/17/20 - 2/21/20: No School for Mid-Winter Break
2/24/20: School Resumes
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RIVALZ: WAR WEEK

MIB: MEN IN BLACK MONDAY
Post a picture on Twitter showing off your spirit gear, use the hashtag #jgrivalz
During ALL Lunches:
Check in @ the RIVALZ spirit gear table
Get your Rivalz: War Week shirt $10
Purchase your WAR games & Dodgeball tickets for $10

WORKOUT WEDNESDAY
Post a picture on Twitter showing off your spirit gear, use the hashtag #jgrivalz
During ALL Lunches:
Check in @ the RIVALZ spirit gear table
Get your Rivalz: War Week shirt $10
Purchase WAR games & Dodgeball tickets for $10
5TH hr - MIRACLE MINUTE - bring your loose change and bills to 5th hour
All proceeds will be donated to WM Family Resource Center.

TACTICAL TUESDAY
Post a picture on Twitter showing off your spirit gear, use the hashtag #jgrivalz
During ALL Lunches:
Check in @ the Rivalz spirit gear table
Get your Rivalz: War Week shirt $10
WAR games & Dodgeball tickets for $10

RIVALZ T-SHIRT WAR GAMES THURSDAY
Post a picture on Twitter showing off your spirit gear, use the hashtag #jgrivalz
During ALL Lunches:
Check in at the RIVALZ spirit gear table
Get your Rivalz: War Week shirt $10
Purchase WAR games & Dodgeball tickets for $10
WAR GAMES - 5TH & 6TH hours
9th Boys B-ball @ JG 4:00
JV Girls & Boys B-ball @ JG 5:30, 7:00

Red, White, and Blue Friday
Post a picture on Twitter showing off your spirit gear, use the hashtag #jgrivalz
During ALL Lunches: Check in at the RIVALZ spirit gear table
Get your Rivalz: War Week shirt $10
Dodgeball Game @ 4:00 Wayne Memorial old gym - tickets sold @ door for $3
V Girls & Boys B-ball @ WM - Alumni 5:30, 7:00
Rivalz: War Week Winner awarded trophy @ halftime of girls game.
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