

# Greenville Central



High School Newsletter — October 2011

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back for another exciting year at Greenville High School. Despite our delayed opening, our students, faculty, and staff have transitioned back to the school year seamlessly.

Our annual Homecoming festivities provided many of us with fond memories and much applesauce in the face. Students and staff had fun enjoying the break from the rain and participating in our activities that Friday afternoon. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our High School's Student Council members and their Advisor, Chris Lochner, for their coordination of this annual tradition.

The five-week progress report period is upon us quickly. We encourage all students to take advantage of our after school offerings. This schedule is embedded in this newsletter for your review. Parents are strongly encouraged to sign up for our School Tool parent portal. This technology enables you to monitor your child's success and communicate with faculty if questions arise. With your participation and support, we are confident that your children will achieve excellence this coming year.

Believe it or not, our fall sport season is nearing completion. Our Spartan athletes have achieved success and are now gearing up for Sectional play. We are looking forward to their continued success. Our winter sports season is right around the corner. Students are encouraged to sign up through their PE classes for a winter sport. We hope to see you in the coming weeks supporting our student athletes.

We appreciate the parental support and student behavior regarding our new expectations regarding hats. Our code of conduct prohibits them from being worn in our school buildings. Students have also done a fine job transitioning back to classes and adjusting their use of electronic devices. We have limited areas where these devices can be accessed. Both of these expectations align with our High School's focus on teaching and modeling respectful behaviors for our students.

We look forward to seeing you out and about over the next few weeks. Please do not hesitate to give us a call if you have any questions or suggestions for improvement.

Until we speak again, enjoy the fall foliage!

## Guidance News

The following are guidelines for Seniors to follow for the month of October:

- Review your transcript with your counselor.
- Attend College representative meetings.
- Ask for recommendations from teachers, counselors and community members.
- Begin filling out college applications.
- Further develop essays for your applications.
- Complete your extra curricular form.

Also, please take note of important dates for our Guidance Office below:

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** – A representative from SUNY Potsdam visited the Guidance Office to speak with interested students.

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** – Juniors took the PSAT exam proctored by our Guidance Office.  
- The United States Marine Corp visited our school during lunch periods

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Hudson Valley Community College was in the Guidance Office for an Instant Admit Day.

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** – A representative from Mount Ida College visited our students during lunch periods to answer questions and provide information.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Lyndon State College in Vermont will be here to visit our students.  
Columbia Greene Community College will be here for an Instant Admit Day.

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** – Both the Sage Colleges and Cooper Union College will visit our school to speak with interested students.

### Greenville Goes Green

Early this past spring, the students in Mrs. FitzGerald's high school class decided that they wanted to plant vegetables. We decided, as a class, that we would plant tomatoes. We used the greenhouse to start our tomatoes from seed. When the plants were mature enough and the weather was warm, we planted our tomato plants in the community garden, located in the back of the high school. Some students from Mrs. Kehrers' plant science class planted basil in the garden as well. Over the summer, Malcolm Neal took on the tremendous responsibility of caring for the fast growing plants. He weeded, staked, and watered the plants nearly everyday for the entire summer. As a result of his hard work, he and his family enjoyed the tomatoes. The basil was ready for harvest when we returned from summer vacation. We cut down the basil and gave it to Mr. Ventura, Supervisor of Food Service, to use in spaghetti sauce and he made a dressing for the salad as well. Mr. Ventura said that fresh herbs are so much better than dried herbs. He was so grateful. Thank you to all of the people who made it possible for this project to be so successful.

Submitted by: Sue Evans, Teaching Assistant

Malcolm is shown below with a successful crop of tomatoes.

